

Comet Nishimura: What Are the Odds?

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ONE of the reasons Comet Nishimura is garnering so much attention in prophecy circles is the name of its discoverer, Hideo Nishimura.

The name Hideo means “excellent man,” “hero,” or “husband man.” This is significant because Jesus is referred to as the “goodman,” “mighty man,” or “husband,” who is returning on the appointed day (Prov. 7:19, 20).

The name Nishimura means “to go west.” This is significant because Jesus’ return is said to be as lightning flashes from “east to west” (Matt. 24:27).

Also, the Gematria value of the name Hideo Nishimura is 153, corresponding to the 153 fish, symbolic of Christians, who are “caught up” and brought before the Lord (John 21).

So, in the name Hideo Nishimura we have a picture of Jesus returning at the appointed time, and an allusion to the Rapture.

The other reason prophecy watchers are excited about Comet Nishimura is that it is going to reach maximum brightness as it passes through the Constellation Virgo, during the Feasts of Trumpets, as an astronomical alignment mirroring the “Revelation 12 Sign” is occurring (see notes for details).

This remarkable concurrence begs the question: What are the odds that a man named Hideo Nishimura would discover the comet involved? Answer: extremely slim, especially given that most comets are detected by automated surveys.

In a just-posted NYT article, Vishnu Reddy, the planetary scientist who received the discovery alert about Comet Nishimura, said he was surprised that an amateur observer had found it:

“‘The era of some random individual finding comets is thought to be long gone,’ Dr. Reddy said, because most comets are detected by automated surveys conducted by professionally run observatories on Earth and in space But when astronomers dug through past data, they found observations that included Comet Nishimura but which, for some reason, had not set off their automated systems.”

For “some reason,” the comet now known as Nishimura did not set off the automated systems. According to the Times article, one explanation is that professionally managed telescopes are based in the Southwest, where viewing is not optimum in late summer, when the comet was discovered.

Another explanation, which I tend to favor, is that God chose Hideo Nishimura to discover the comet, which last passed near earth in 1588.

In view of the multiple coincidences associated with Comet Nishimura, I decided to look up the Strong's (biblical index) word associated with the number 1588. Strong's #1588 is the Greek word "*eklektos*," referring to one who is "chosen out by God for the rendering of special service to Him."

What are the odds?

NOTES:

1. Four reasons "signs in the heavens" are biblical.

- God made the constellations: "He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south" (Job 9:9).
- Stars were made for signs: "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times" (Gen. 1:14).
- The stars and constellations reveal God's plan of redemption: "The heavens declare the glory of God ... Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth" (Ps. 19:1-4)
- Jesus said His return would be heralded by "signs in the stars" (Luke 21:26).

2. New York Times Article: Don't Miss Comet Nishimura This Weekend, a Once-in-a-Lifetime View

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/08/science/comet-nishimura.html>

3. Strong's #1588: <https://biblehub.com/greek/1588.htm>

4. More on Comet Nishimura and the mid-September alignment by T.W. Tramm:

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