

Signs in the Heavens: The Morning Star

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LOOK UP!

Venus is shining like a beacon in the predawn sky.

The ‘morning star’—currently at its greatest separation from the Sun—will not appear like this again until 2025, and even then, not at the same brightness or altitude.

Seeing that the Morning Star is a symbol of the coming Jesus (Rev. 22), it is interesting to consider the planet’s movements during this prophetic season:

On September 19, the day of the Revelation 12 alignment, Venus reached its highest level of brightness while in the Constellation Cancer, the sign that depicts the heavenly home prepared for the Church–Bride (John 14:2).

On September 25, the Day of Atonement, when the Jubilee year is declared, Venus entered the Constellation Leo, the sign that depicts Jesus as the returning Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

A month later, still in Leo, Venus reached its highest altitude in the morning sky. The biblical date was Cheshvan 10, seven days before the anniversary of Noah’s Flood (Gen. 7:4).

On November 3, around the Flood anniversary, Venus enters Virgo, the sign that depicts God’s people as virgins (Matt. 25). At this time, the morning star is near the end of its peak brightness and altitude for the 2023–24 apparition, but still dazzling at a mag -4.4. and 44° above the horizon.

Incidentally, on the same day, Jupiter, the ‘King Planet,’ is at its closest point to Earth for 2023 and thus the brightest ‘star’ in the *evening* sky. Fascinating to note is that Jupiter’s last near approach in 2022 occurred on the Feast of Trumpets, and was reportedly the King Planet’s nearest visit in 70 years. In Jeremiah, God says to the Jews in captivity: “After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and ... cause you to return [home]” (Jer. 29:10).

On November 9, a week after the Flood-anniversary, Venus will meet up with the Moon, a symbol of the Bride, in what is called a lunar occultation. The occultation, during which Venus temporarily disappears behind the Moon, occurs in Virgo and will be visible in Israel, the Middle East, and the part of Europe (Ukraine–Russia) currently embroiled in war. Other areas will not see an occultation of Venus but instead a close conjunction with the Moon.

Finally, on April 7, 2024—two days before the biblical year ends—Venus will again meet up with the Moon, but this time in the Constellation Pisces, the sign of the fishes that depicts God’s people in captivity or bondage. Significantly, this occultation occurs a day before the much anticipated American Eclipse, the last in a series of three solar eclipses that crisscross the US between 2017 and 2024.

Here are some reasons the American eclipses are considered biblical:

- The three eclipses encompass a seven-year span. Biblically, the number seven signifies completion or a period of warning ahead of judgment (Gen. 7; 41; Josh. 6).
- The paths of the three eclipses intersect to form the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the Aleph and the Tav, thus inscribing a type of ‘signature’ of God, who is the “first and the last” (Rev. 22), across the US. Moreover, the letter Tav, or ‘X,’ by itself denotes completion, or an end. (Click on the link for an image: <https://tinyurl.com/33afnswt>).
- The 2024 American eclipse marks the end of a calculated Jubilee year. This is significant because the US is uniquely founded on the biblical principle of “liberty,” or Jubilee. It is also the only nation comprised of 50 states, the number of Jubilee.
- The ‘X’ formed by the 2024 eclipse is centered on a location in Southern Illinois called “Little Egypt.” Egypt is a symbol of bondage, or release from bondage, in Scripture.
- Like the lunar occultation of Venus a day earlier, the 2024 eclipse occurs in Pisces, the sign of God’s people in captivity or bondage. What’s more, the eclipse occurs precisely on the ‘Band’ that binds the fish pointed toward Aquarius, the water bearer. Seven days later, the Sun crosses the Band that binds the fish pointed toward Andromeda, the ‘chained woman.’

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Venus will not again appear as the morning star until 2025.

The planet’s dazzling appearance this year evokes the following eschatological themes:

- A home prepared for the Church–Bride.
- Jesus’ coming.
- Jubilee.
- A wedding.
- Release from bondage.

Scripture says the heavens speak to us:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge” (Ps. 19:1, 2).

The message of the morning star, shining brightly in the eastern sky, seems to be that The Morning Star, Jesus, is coming soon:

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End ... I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star” (Rev. 22:12, 13, 16).

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

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NOTES:

1. 2023 Venus apparition: <https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20231024> 11 100
2. 2025 Venus apparition: <https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20250531> 11 102
3. For more on 2023's Revelation 12 alignment, see the recent studies posted here: <https://www.theseasonofreturn.com/articles>
4. Constellation Cancer meaning: <http://www.bible-study-lessons.com/Cancer.html>
5. Venus's greatest brightness 2023: <https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/venus-brightest-greatest-brilliance-greatest-illuminated-extent-2/#:~:text=Bottom%20line%3A%20Venus%20will%20be,February%20and%20April%20of%202025>.
6. Venus's peak altitude 2023: <https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20231024> 11 100
7. Jupiter's nearest approach 2023: <https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/jupiter-at-opposition-closest-brightest-best/>
8. Jupiter's nearest approach 2022: <https://www.sciencetimes.com/articles/39662/20220901/how-to-see-jupiter-s-closest-encounter-with-earth-once-in-70-years.htm>
9. November 2023 lunar occultation of Venus: <https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20231109> 16 100

10. Constellation Pisces meaning: <http://www.bible-study-lessons.com/Pisces.html>

11. April 2024 lunar occultation of Venus: https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20240407_16_100

12. Jubilee calculation:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/5d9d83c6cb9944c5994d2473b600ad24/THE%20YEAR%20OF%20REDEMPTION%20-%20WHY%20MILLIONS%20WILL%20SOON%20GO%20MISSING%20rev%20b.pdf>

13. America, the Jubilee Nation:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/586bfffdeac4dc1b1448ea3c5c9b49b/ECLIPSE%20SIGNS%20JUBILEE%20AND%20AMERICAS%20PROPHETIC%20DESTINY.pdf>

14. To appreciate the improbability of the 2017 and 2024 American eclipses crossing paths at the location known as “Little Egypt,” consider that on average a given location on earth sees a total solar eclipse only once every 375 years. Yet, America’s Little Egypt will see two total solar eclipses in the span of only seven years.

15. Constellation Aquarius meaning: <http://www.bible-study-lessons.com/Aquarius.html>

16. During the 2024 Venus occultation and eclipse in Pisces, a minor planet named “4220 Flood” will also be in Pisces. In Scripture, a “flood” is a metaphor for end-times judgment (Dan. 9:26; Rev. 12:15).