

Solar Storm: A Biblical Sign of the Times?

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A week ago, a series of solar flares and coronal mass ejections from the sun created a stunning show of green, red and purple light across the Northern Hemisphere.

While the rare auroral outburst delighted skywatchers worldwide, the solar eruptions that caused it portend a forthcoming biblical judgment:

“The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire” (Rev. 16:8).

As I detail in my 2014 book ‘The Coming Days of Awe,’ the scorching of people by the Sun likely refers to powerful solar flares striking Earth. A cloud of charged particles colliding with the planet’s magnetic field could destroy satellites and electrical grids, decommissioning everything from cell phones to automobiles and airplanes. Whole countries or continents could be in the dark for months or possibly years.

With no access to basic provisions, millions would die. And in the scramble to survive, chaos would ensue.

But things could get even worse. If a solar flare were to strike Earth while its protective magnetic field is severely weakened or collapsed—a phenomenon known to occur when the planet’s magnetic poles flip—the Sun’s powerful radiation would penetrate the upper atmosphere, exposing people to intense ultraviolet light and cosmic rays raining down from deep space.

There is no SPF high enough to protect from cosmic radiation, which can cause radiation sickness, affect the central nervous system and cause cancer.

With the above nightmare scenario in view—a period of extreme solar activity without the protection of the magnetic field—here are three reasons the recent solar storm is ominous:

1. A SURPRISINGLY ACTIVE SUN

The recent solar storm occurs as the Sun is nearing the peak of an eleven-year cycle called the solar maximum. What is peculiar is that the last solar maximum in 2014 was the weakest in a century, and one of the four weakest on record, causing scientists to forecast an even weaker one this time. But rather than being weak, as predicted, the current solar maximum is showing signs that it could be an exceptionally strong one: Twice the number of sunspots forecast have already been observed, along with an uptick in the most powerful X-class solar flares. The

barrage of large solar flares and coronal mass ejections that generated the recent auroral outburst reached the highest level on the geomagnetic storm scale—an “extreme” rating of G5—creating the strongest solar storm to reach Earth in 20 years, and one of the strongest displays of auroras in the past 500 years.

And experts say that even more powerful storms could be coming. Since it is during the declining phase of the solar cycle, after the peak, that larger and more magnetically complex sunspots tend to emerge—the ones more prone to trigger powerful solar flares—we could see strong auroral displays until 2028.

Notably, the sunspots that emerge during the declining phase (circa 2028) tend to be closer to the Sun’s equator and thus more in line with the orbital plane of Earth. This means that 3–4 years from now, Earth will be in the direct line of fire for a scorching solar eruption.

2. A WEAKENING MAGNETIC FIELD

Recent studies show that Earth’s magnetic field is losing an alarming 5% of its strength annually. Scientists are not sure what is causing the rapid decrease, but this pattern is thought to occur when the planet’s magnetic poles are about to flip.

At the same time, the migration of the North magnetic pole has sped up from its normal rate of about 9 miles per year in the 1990s, to about 40 miles per year—another indication that Earth’s poles are about to flip.

Not to worry, though, says NASA, as geological evidence shows that pole reversals occur gradually, over hundreds or even thousands of years. The problem with this calculation is that it is based on an erroneous evolutionary timeline that assumes Earth is billions of years old. When the data is interpreted in view of the biblical timeline, we understand that pole reversals occur rapidly, in as little as hours or days.

Significantly, geological evidence such as misaligned magnetic orientations in lava flows, shows that Earth’s poles flipped during a global cataclysm. But more than just the poles flipping, evidence such as fossilized plants and animals found at the wrong latitudes indicates that the planet’s crust actually shifted around the molten core, altering the latitudinal position of the land masses. According to scientists who hold a biblical view, this shifting of the crust, or “axial pole shift,” occurred during the Flood of Noah.

Chilling to consider is that Scripture predicts a future tilting of the globe, “as in the days of Noah” (Matt. 24:37). Isaiah describes Earth being moved exceedingly, turned upside down, and reeling to and fro (Isa. 13:13; 24:1, 19, 20). Luke and Revelation describe roaring seas, strange tides, the heavens receding like a scroll, and every landmass being moved out of its place (Luke 21: 25, 26 NLT; Rev. 6:14). These phenomena collectively describe an axial pole shift.

The rapid weakening of the magnetic field is a sign that the end-times pole shift is imminent. When it occurs, Earth will intermittently be left with no protective shield, allowing the Sun to “scorch” people, as foretold in Revelation.

3. TIMING

The final and most important feature of the recent solar storm is the timing. The auroral outburst that awed observers worldwide occurred:

- Amid a slew of other biblical signs.
- On the eve of Israel's 76th birthday.
- In the first year of a seven-year Sabbatical week.
- In a calculated Jubilee year.

With the prophetic convergence in view, it seems we have not just witnessed an historic solar storm, but the beginnings of the ultimate one.

SUMMARY AND FINAL WORD

Jesus said there would be "signs in the sun" in the last days.

The timing and nature of the recent solar storm suggest that it is a precursor of the ultimate solar judgment.

When Earth is struck by a solar flare, perhaps at a moment when the protective magnetic field is collapsed, it will bring untold suffering upon humanity.

The good news is that there is a Way to avoid this suffering. To escape the judgment reserved for a God-rejecting world, call on Jesus' name. Believe in your heart that He is the Son of God who died for your sins and was raised from the dead, and you will be saved (Rom. 10:13; 1 Thess. 5:9).

Do it today.

Time is running out.

NOTES:

1. Solar storm links:

How NASA Tracked the Most Intense Solar Storm in Decades:

<https://science.nasa.gov/science-research/heliophysics/how-nasa-tracked-the-most-intense-solar-storm-in-decades/>

Why powerful solar storms may continue into 2028:

<https://www.space.com/why-auroras-will-be-at-their-best-next-few-years-solar-cycle-25>

Earth's magnetic field is overdue for a flip. Should we be worried?:

<https://www.sciencefocus.com/planet-earth/earth-magnetic-field>

Earth's Waning Magnet: <https://www.science.org/content/article/earths-waning-magnet>

Earth's magnetic field can change 10 times faster than previously thought:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/07/200706094136.htm>

2. The most powerful solar flare of the recent storm—a massive X8.7—occurred on May 14, the birthday of the modern State of Israel:

<https://www.space.com/sun-solar-flare-sunspot-ar3664-x88-class-may-14-2024>

3. Sabbatical-year chronology (see “WH” for Wacholder): <https://www.pickle-publishing.com/papers/sabbatical-years-table.htm?fbclid=IwAR3w8wt5aLHv60nhTQFRn4Mv5mqYMtrI0IaYbgIT7WVvt8kgolrTRRpSX9Y>

4. 2024 Jubilee calculation:

There have been exactly 70 Jubilee periods since the Israelites first entered the Promised Land and began counting the 49-year cycle:

$1407 \text{ BC} + 70 \text{ Jubilees (3,430 years)} = 2024$

The 2024 Jubilee calculation is corroborated by Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy:

“From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the prince comes, there will be seven sevens” [one Jubilee period] (Dan. 9:25).

According to Daniel, a Jubilee period begins after the Jews begin rebuilding Jerusalem. Since the Jews began rebuilding in 1967–70, the count of “seven sevens,” or one Jubilee period, begins at the first Sabbatical week after that, which is 1974:

$1974 + 49 \text{ years} = 2023 + 1 \text{ (Jubilee)} = 2024$

A third indication that 2024 is a Jubilee is the fact that the preceding Sabbatical year (Hebrew 5782) is divisible by 49, a characteristic unique to Sabbatical years preceding Jubilees.