

God's Heavenly Signs: Reflecting on the Virgo Alignment of 2023

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WITH a new year upon us, it's time to reflect on events of the previous year.

One of the most significant events of 2023, in my view, is an alignment that occurred in the Constellation Virgo.

The alignment was heralded by the appearance of a previously unobserved comet, a dazzling green fireball called "Nishimura," which might also be called the "wedding comet."

Here is why:

- Comet Nishimura was discovered just prior to the month of Elul, also called the "month of the bride."
- Comet Nishimura was first sighted in the Constellation Gemini, the sign that depicts the biblical wedding union.
- Astronomers calculate that Comet Nishimura last visited Earth 435 years ago. Strong's Greek #435 is the word "*anér*," meaning "betrothed or future husband." Strong's Hebrew #435 is the word "Elul," the aforementioned month of the bride.
- The first name of Comet Nishimura's discoverer, Hideo, means "husband man," reminding us of Jesus, the "husband" who returns at the appointed time (Prov. 7:19, 20). The last name of the comet's discoverer, Nishimura, means "to go west," reminding us of the Lord's swift coming, like lightning flashing from "east to west" (Matt. 24:27).
- The Gematria value of the name Hideo Nishimura is 153, the same number of fish who are "caught up" and brought to the Lord, a picture of the Rapture (John 21).
- Comet Nishimura's last fly-by was in a Sabbatical year, 1588, exactly sixty-two Sabbatical weeks ago. In Daniel's Weeks Prophecy, "sixty-two weeks" precede Messiah the Prince (9:25).
- Comet Nishimura entered the Constellation Leo, the sign that depicts Jesus as the returning Lion, seven days before the Feast of Trumpets.

- On the eve of Trumpets, Nishimura crossed over the star at the very end of Leo’s tail, “Denebola,” whose name means “the Judge or Lord who is coming.”
- On the Feast of Trumpets, Comet Nishimura entered the Constellation Virgo—a picture of a woman, virgin, or bridesmaid (Matt. 25:1)—where it reached perihelion, or maximum brightness.
- After illuminating Virgo on the Feast of Trumpets, Comet Nishimura swept toward the hand of the woman that holds a sheaf of wheat, before exiting the sign on the last day of summer, September 23.

The timely visit of the “wedding comet” seemed orchestrated to draw attention to Virgo, where a biblical alignment was occurring.

REVELATION 12 ALIGNMENT

Each year around the Feast of Trumpets, Virgo is visited by the Sun and Moon, an alignment described in Revelation 12:

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet ... She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth” (Rev. 12:1, 2).

Seeing that the “Revelation 12 Sign” depicts a woman giving birth, it is striking that during 2023’s occurrence, precisely at the Feast of Trumpets, a minor planet, or asteroid, named “4580 Child” exited the belly area of Virgo—an astronomical ‘birth.’

Besides the timely birth during the Feast of Trumpets, asteroid Child has other biblical connections and connotations:

- Nine months prior to the birth of asteroid Child, in December 2022, an asteroid named “3241 Yeshuhua” (Yeshua—Jesus) passed through the reproductive area of Virgo, signifying a Divine conception. This is significant because many scholars believe that Jesus was actually conceived by the Holy Spirit in December.
- In Revelation chapter 12, the birth of the child occurs as a great “red dragon” stands nearby, ready to devour the newborn (v. 4). While asteroid Child was exiting the belly of Virgo last fall, Mars, the “Red Planet” associated with dragons, was hovering nearby.
- Asteroid Child was discovered in 1989 by Astronomer Jack B. Child. Coincidentally, Jack Child’s initials are “JC,” a moniker for Jesus Christ. But the truly remarkable thing is that a man with the last name Child happened to discover the asteroid that exits the belly of Virgo during the Revelation 12 alignment. What are the odds?

- The identifying number of asteroid Child is 4580. Strong's Greek #4580 is the word "second" and refers to a man named "Secundus," a travelling companion of Paul from the Church at Thessalonica (Acts 20:4). This is significant because Paul's second letter to the Church at Thessalonica—2 Thessalonians 2—begins by addressing the timing of the Rapture: "Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him" (v. 1).

Finally, it is important to note that 2023 is the *only* year between 2015 and 2030 that asteroid Child exits the belly of Virgo during the Revelation 12 alignment. This is significant because in Revelation 12, the birth of the child precedes the Tribulation period.

Speaking of the Tribulation, a pair of asteroids found in Virgo at this time likewise signal that it is near.

JUBILEE ASTEROIDS

Days ahead of last fall's Revelation 12 alignment, a pair of asteroids entered the Constellation Virgo, where they will linger for the rest of 2023, and during spring–summer (April through August) of 2024.

The first asteroid, which happens to be 50th in order of the roughly 150,000 minor planets discovered, is named "50 Virginia." Asteroid 50 Virginia's appearance in the Revelation 12 alignment is noteworthy for two reasons. First, 50 is the number of Jubilee (Lev. 25:9, 10). Second, the name Virginia means "virgin," as in the Constellation Virgo, or the "virgins" who go out to meet the Bridegroom (Matt. 25:1).

The second Jubilee-themed asteroid is named "652 Jubilatrix." Strong's #652, is the Greek word *apostolos*, and means "messenger," or "one who is sent." The name Jubilatrix means "Jubilee," and was assigned the asteroid to honor the Diamond Jubilee of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph in 1907.

Adding to the Jubilee theme—and this is particularly incredible—asteroid Jubilatrix was discovered exactly 50 years after asteroid 50 Virginia was first sighted in the fall of 1857.

Thus, we have two Jubilee-themed asteroids, discovered 50 years apart, appearing together in Virgo just before the Revelation 12 alignment and the fall festival season, during which the Jubilee is declared (Lev. 25:9, 10).

Making this Jubilee-convergence even more mind-blowing is the fact that it occurs in what is calculated to be a Jubilee year: 2023–24!

Our final featured element of the Virgo alignment has a name that similarly signifies the end of the Age.

ASTEROID 6000 UNITED NATIONS

Just ahead of last fall's Feast of Trumpets, an asteroid named "6000 United Nations" exited the belly area of Virgo, denoting a birth or new beginning.

With the timely birth of asteroid 6000 United Nations in view, it is interesting to note that:

- Three weeks later, on the 50th (jubilee) anniversary of Israel's last major war in 1973, Hamas launched the deadliest attack against Jews since the Holocaust, igniting a new and perilous period of conflict in the Middle East. On a related note, it is uncanny that asteroid 6000 United Nations was discovered in Cheshvan, the same month that the UN Organization was founded, in Sabbatical year 1987, the same year Hamas was founded.
- Asteroid 6000 United Nations is named after the organization whose mission is to maintain international "peace and security" (1 Thess. 5:1–3) and which is presently pressuring Israel to make peace with Hamas.
- The number assigned to asteroid "6000 United Nations" (6000) points to the Day of the Lord and Jubilee at the 6,000th year.
- The birth of asteroid 6000 United Nations coincided with a special UN summit to mark the beginning of "seven years of accelerated, transformative action," to achieve a set of international goals by 2030. Moreover, the UN's seven years of transformative action begin in the first year of a Sabbatical week and calculated Jubilee (Dan. 9:24–27).

Having detailed the main elements of last fall's Virgo alignment, let's recap.

SUMMARY

The Virgo alignment of 2023 was a multifaceted biblical sign, with the following interrelated themes:

- The Virgin–Bride.
- The returning Husband.
- The Rapture–Wedding.
- A new beginning.
- Jubilee.
- The Day of the Lord.

- Peace and security.
- Judgment.
- Tribulation.

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 2023’s Virgo alignment is that Jesus is on His way. While no one knows exactly when He will arrive, circumstances suggests that it may be soon:

- 2023–24 is a calculated Jubilee year (Dan. 9:25).
- Israel is in its first major war in 50 years, a multifront conflict that threatens to broaden (Zech. 12:2, 3).
- The UN’s call for “peace and security” is growing louder by the day (1 Thess. 5:3).

Could 2024 be the year?

Let us just say, it seems more than possible.

NOTES:

1. While Strong’s numbers are not considered inspired and, therefore, do not carry the same weight as Scripture, they are nonetheless noteworthy when they harmonize with Scripture.

2. Asteroids, because of their small size relative to the major planets, are called “minor planets.” While the two designations are used interchangeably, the term asteroid is more widely recognized by the general public.

3. Both Jubilee asteroids (50 Virginia and Jubilatrix) exit Virgo in January 2024 to enter Libra, the judgment sign. The two asteroids subsequently re-enter Virgo in April, and then exit the sign for a second time in August 2024. The pair, which apparently travel together, will not appear again in the Virgo/Revelation 12 alignment until 2027.

4. According to Daniel's Weeks Prophecy, Messiah the prince will appear seven Sabbatical weeks, or one Jubilee period, after a restoration of Jerusalem:

"From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the prince comes, there will be seven weeks" (Dan. 9:25).

The only modern restoration of Jerusalem occurred in June 1967, when the Jews regained control of the Holy City for the first time in millennia. Counting seven weeks from the start of the first Sabbatical week after the modern restoration of Jerusalem, which is 1974, the Jubilee begins in 2023 and ends in 2024.*

*There are two ways the Jubilee is reckoned: Some count the year from the "first month" in the spring (Ex. 12). Others count from when the Jubilee is declared in the fall (Lev. 25:9, 10).

5. Concerning the reckoning of Sabbatical years, it is important to note that there are two accepted chronologies, which differ by a single year. The first chronology, associated with Benedict Zuckermann, has the most recent Sabbatical year ending in 2022. The second chronology, associated with Ben Zion Wacholder, has the most recent Sabbatical year ending in 2023. <https://www.pickle-publishing.com/papers/sabbatical-years-table.htm>

6. In view of the fact that the Israel– Hamas War began in a calculated Jubilee year, it is fascinating to note that after 49 days of war, Israel observed a cease fire on the condition that 50 Israeli hostages be released to their families. The agreement to return 50 hostages after 49 days points to the Jubilee, the 50th year in which captives are allowed to return to their families (Lev. 25:10).

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/hostage-deal-reached-hamas-release-50-israelis-rcna126146>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/cease-fire-begins-in-gaza-setting-stage-for-hostage-release-and-aid-delivery>

7. More details on the Virgo alignment of 2023, by T.W. Tramm:

September's Biblical Sign – Comet Nishimura

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Signs in the Heavens: Asteroid (6000) United Nations

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