

Israel at War, and Signs in the Heavens: Jesus Is Coming Soon

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As a student of eschatology, I am continually amazed at how Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in our time.

But never more than now.

A few weeks ago, we witnessed a remarkable sign in the heavens, an astronomical alignment mirroring the “Sign of the Woman” in travail in Revelation 12.

And now, the nation symbolized by the woman—Israel—is at war for the first time in 50 years.

The surprise attack by Hamas is being called:

“The worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust.”

“The greatest intelligence failure in Israeli history.”

“Israel’s 9/11.”

To date, more than 1,300 Israelis have been killed, 3,000 wounded, and scores taken hostage. Many civilians, including the elderly, women, children and infants, have been brutally beaten, raped, burned, and beheaded by the barbaric attackers.

As Israel prepares to invade Gaza, missiles and mortars fired from Lebanon and Syria, and threats from other Islamic factions are raising concerns about a multi-front war.

Needless to say, the war unfolding in Israel marks a dramatic escalation of the “birth pains” signaling Jesus’ soon return (Matt. 24:6–8).

Understanding that “God is in the details,” here are some other indications that the war is prophetic:

LIKE A FLOOD

The attack on Israel is being called “Operation Al-Aqsa Flood.” Al Aqsa is the Arabic name given the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, ground zero for the culmination of Bible prophecy (Zech. 12;2; Dan. 9:24–27). Moreover, a “flood” is a metaphor for judgment being poured out in the last days:

“The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined” (Dan. 9:26).

“The serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood” (Rev. 12:15).

The demonic ‘flood’ unleashed by Hamas caught Israel by surprise, echoing another end-times passage about a flood:

“In the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:38, 39).

PEACE AND SECURITY

A major reason Hamas (Iran) attacked Israel was to derail ongoing peace talks between the Jewish state and Saudi Arabia. Iran views the Saudis as “apostates,” enemies of “true Islam,” and their cozying up to Israel as an obstacle to Iranian hegemony in the region. Thus, while Israel was talking about “peace and security,” destruction came upon them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman (1 Thess. 5: 1–3).

RIPE FOR JUDGMENT

The attack on Israel happened on the final day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the festival that celebrates the ingathering of the summer’s produce (Deut. 16:13). Prophetically, the fruit harvest is when Israel faces judgment (Amos 8:1, 2; Mic. 7:1, 2 CSB; Jer. 8:20 NET CEV).

THE WOMAN IN TRAVAIL

As mentioned earlier, Israel was attacked on the heels of a major sign in the heavens. The September alignment in Virgo, which mirrored the “Sign of the Woman” in travail in Revelation 12, conveyed that the Rapture and Judgment Day are imminent. For details around this multifaceted sign, please see the links in the notes section.

JUBILEE

The current war in Israel began 50 years, to-the-day, after the nation’s last major conflict, the Yom Kippur War of 1973. What’s more, the seven Sabbatical “weeks” between 1973 and 2023 comprise a Jubilee period, making 2023 a Jubilee. The Jubilee is the year of redemption for those who know Jesus, but marks the beginning of judgment for those who do not (Isa. 63:1–4).

AMERICAN ECLIPSES

The attack on Israel occurred seven days ahead of another biblical sign. On Saturday, October 14, an annular “ring” solar eclipse will occur in the left-hand (ring-finger) area of the constellation Virgo. Significantly, the eclipse is the second of three “American eclipses” viewable from the US between 2017 and 2024.

Here are some reasons the trio of American eclipses is prophetic:

- 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,” across the US (Rev. 22:13). Moreover, the Tav, or “X,” drawn by the eclipses signifies an end, or something being cancelled. (Click [here](#) for an image).
- The first (2017) eclipse occurred on the first day of Elul, the month associated with repentance. The second (2023) eclipse occurs on the first day of Cheshvan, the month of judgment. The third and final (2024) eclipse occurs on the first day of Nisan, the month of new beginnings.

Another noteworthy aspect of the eclipse-signs relates to an asteroid, or minor planet, named 4220 Flood. During this weekend’s eclipse, asteroid 4220 Flood will be in the Constellation Aquarius, the sign that depicts the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days (Joel 2:28–31). During the next and final American eclipse in 2024, asteroid 4220 Flood will be near the Sun and Moon in the Constellation Pisces, the sign that depicts God’s people in captivity, or hiding from the enemy.

Thus, in the above signs, we have a picture of two types of floods: an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the enemy pursuing God’s people like a flood (Rev. 12:15).

It gets more interesting. With the American eclipses and asteroid 4220 Flood in view, it is significant that in Strong’s Hebrew Concordance, #4220 is the word *meach*, meaning “wealthy,” “fat,” or “rich.” America, where the eclipses are viewable, is home to the largest Jewish population outside Israel and, specifically, the descendants of the Tribe of Ephraim. In Scripture, Ephraim boasts that his wealth makes him immune to judgment:

“I am very rich; I have become wealthy. With all my wealth they will not find in me any iniquity or sin” (Hos. 12:8).

But God says Ephraim will not escape judgment:

“Ephraim has aroused his bitter anger; his Lord will leave on him the guilt of his bloodshed and will repay him for his contempt” (v. 14).

“The guilt of Ephraim is stored up, his sins are kept on record. Pains as of a woman in childbirth come to him, but he is a child without wisdom; when the time arrives, he doesn’t have the sense to come out of the womb” (Hos. 13:12, 13).

While signs in the heavens do not enable one to predict the future, the general message of the eclipses and asteroid Flood seems to be that America (Ephraim) is ripe for judgment, and that something is about to occur that will unleash a flood of suffering and evil, but also a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jews in the US and Israel.

As we watch and wait to see what God has in store, let us pray for the Jews already facing an onslaught of evil. May many come to know Jesus sooner rather than later, and escape all that is coming upon the world.

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NOTES:

1. More on the 2023 “Sign of the Woman”:

September’s Biblical Sign – Comet Nishimura

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/9dcc31d913da41559da088d32dcc7b1a/SEPTEMBERS%20BIBLICAL%20SIGN%20-%20COMET%20NISHIMURA.pdf>

Asteroid “Child” and the Great Sign

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/898d89ae585a4f548ec0be5eb7acd884/ASTEROID%20CHILD%20AND%20THE%20GREAT%20SIGN.pdf>

Signs in the Heavens – The Coming Lion

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/0bc99e5b65b243f0b83edd7ca513b6a2/SIGNS%20IN%20THE%20HEAVENS%20-%20THE%20COMING%20LION.pdf>

Comet Nishimura – What Are the Odds?

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Comet Nishimura and the Month of the Bride

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Signs in the Heavens: Asteroid (6000) United Nations

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Signs in the Heavens: Asteroid (50) "Virgin"

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/b2615b10e34a4e488de40e8a67acc882/SIGNS%20IN%20THE%20HEAVENS%20-%20ASTEROID%2050%20VIRGINIA%20rev%20a.pdf>

Signs in the Heavens: Jubilee Confirmation?

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/e4f05d27bcd74385bfff6a344c125aba/Signs%20in%20the%20Heavens%20-%20Jubilee%20Confirmation%20rev%20a.pdf>

2. 2023 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>

3. The day before the final American eclipse in 2024, the Moon will occult Venus, the planet that symbolizes Jesus as the bright morning star (Rev. 22:16).

https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20240407_16_100

4. Asteroid 4220 Flood:

<https://www.universeguide.com/asteroid/7457/flood>

5. Constellation Aquarius meaning:

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

6. Constellation Pisces meaning:

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

7. Between 2015 and 2030, asteroid 4220 Flood is found in Aquarius in only two years: during most of 2023 and again in spring and fall of 2028.

8. Asteroid 4220 Flood was discovered exactly five Sabbatical weeks ago, in Sabbatical year 1987–88. Coincidentally, an asteroid named “6000 United Nations,” which was part of this year’s “Sign of the Woman,” was discovered in October–Cheshvan of the same year, 1987–88.

9. At the time of this year’s October 14 eclipse, asteroid 4220 Flood will be in conjunction with the star in Aquarius named Albulan, a name that means “the two swallows.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epsilon_Aquarii#:~:text=%CE%B5%20Aquarii%20\(Latinised%20to%20Epsilon,%2C%20meaning%20%22the%20swallower%22.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epsilon_Aquarii#:~:text=%CE%B5%20Aquarii%20(Latinised%20to%20Epsilon,%2C%20meaning%20%22the%20swallower%22.)

10. More on the American eclipses and the US as Ephraim:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/586bffddeac4dc1b1448ea3c5c9b49b/ECLIPSE%20SIGNS%20JUBILEE%20AND%20AMERICAS%20PROPHETIC%20DESTINY.pdf>