Asteroid 'King' and the Feast of Trumpets

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THE Feast of Trumpets is called Yom Hamelech, or "Day of the King."

The title derives from the Jewish belief that Trumpets is the day on which God created the Universe and was crowned its King.

In view of the kingly theme, it is striking that on the eve of this year's Feast of Trumpets, October 3, an asteroid named "2305 King" will enter the constellation Virgo, the virgin or bride.

Interesting to note about 2305 King:

- It was discovered in a Sabbatical year, 1980, during the Feast of Trumpets.
- Before entering Virgo at the forthcoming Feast of Trumpets, it will have spent the summer lingering in Leo, the sign of the coming King.
- The asteroid's assigned number, 2305, has a kingly connotation: Strong's #2305 Greek is the word *theiotés*, referring to the "Godhead."

Significantly, other signs occurring around this year's Feast of Trumpets have a kingly theme as well:

COMET TSUCHINSHAN-ATLAS

On October 4, the Feast of Trumpets, a super bright comet named "Tsuchinshan—ATLAS" will enter Virgo. The name Tsuchinshan means "Purple Mountain." Since purple is associated with Jesus' Kingship, and mountains represent kingdoms, the name "Purple Mountain" evokes the Kingdom of God.

RING ECLIPSE

On the eve of the Feast of Trumpets, October 2, an annular "ring" solar eclipse—also in Virgo—will be viewable from only one location: Easter Island. Since the ring is a wedding symbol, and Easter is synonymous with resurrection, the ring eclipse in Virgo evokes the Rapture, or Wedding of the King.

THE CROWN

While the exact date is unknown, scientists calculate that around the end of September (Feast of Trumpets), a nova explosion will become visible in the Crown constellation, shining for several days as its brightest star.

The nova—star, sparkling like a jewel in the heavenly Crown at the Feast of Trumpets, evokes Jesus' kingship (Rev. 14:14). It also recalls a passage in Zechariah where believers are compared to jewels in the Lord's crown at His return:

"Then the LORD will appear ... [He] will sound the trumpet [and will] will save his people on that day ... They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown" (Zech. 9:14, 16).

Furthermore, the sparkling Crown evokes the imperishable crowns awarded at the King's coming: the Crown of rejoicing, the Crown of Righteousness, the Crown of Glory, and the Crown of Life (1 Cor. 9:24, 25; 1 Thess. 2:19; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 2:10).

Our next and final Trumpets sign does not have an overtly royal theme, but it is fascinating nonetheless.

SECOND MOON

Scripture says that in the last days, people will have prophetic dreams (Acts 2:17, 18).

Going back at least a decade, people in the watchman community have been having <u>dreams about "two moons"</u> at the time of the Rapture.

It is thus significant that in August, we began seeing a flood of news stories about Earth gaining a second moon. According to scientists, on September 29, a few days before the Feast of Trumpets, the planet's gravitational pull will draw in a 33-foot diameter asteroid named 2024 PT5, which will orbit Earth as a second "mini-moon" for eight weeks.

Adding to the significance, mini-moons are extremely rare: small asteroids are typically pulled into Earth's orbit only about once every 10 to 20 years, and the current one, 2024 PT5, is only the fifth ever to be detected.

Some would argue that the mini-moon does not correspond to the rapture dreams, as it is only a tiny asteroid. But Scripture is brimming with examples of symbolism in dreams (Gen. 37, 40, 41; Dan. 2, 4, 7). Besides, what better way to convey that an asteroid mini-moon will be circling Earth at the time of the Rapture than a dream about two moons?

Whether the mini-moon is a sign of the Rapture or not, it is a remarkable coincidence that following years of two-moon rapture dreams, on the eve of the Feast of Trumpets, Earth is set to gain a rare second moon.

Finally, while on the subject of the moon, here is another coincidence related to this year's Feast of Trumpets. According to the precise moon phase calculations, the 3% crescent that marks the beginning of the festival occurs when the new moon is exactly 1.53 days old. This is striking because "153" is the number of fish "caught up" and brought to the Lord—a picture of the Rapture (John 21). Moreover, this coincidence occurs at no other Feast of Trumpets in the 17-year span between 2015 and 2031. A fluke? Perhaps. Or perhaps the God who "numbers even the hairs on our heads" is employing all means to confirm that the catching away is near.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The forthcoming Feast of Trumpets, or Day of the King, will see:

- An asteroid named King enter Virgo.
- A comet named Purple Mountain (God's Kingdom) enter Virgo.
- A wedding ring eclipse in Virgo.
- A nova explosion in the Crown constellation.
- A rare second moon, and a "153" crescent.

Significantly, the above convergence includes every type of major heavenly body—the Sun, the Moon, the stars, a comet and asteroids—indicating that the Lord is employing all means to send signs at this Feast of Trumpets.

What's more, three of the signs occur in Virgo, the constellation associated with "great" signs (Rev. 12).

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 this year's Trumpets signs is that the King is coming.

Soon!

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NOTES:

1. Asteroid "King," named after Martin Luther King Jr., was discovered on a Friday, September 12, during the Feast of Trumpets.

https://www.hebcal.com/converter?gd=12&gm=9&gy=1980&g2h=1

- 2. Feast of Trumpets 2024 begins on a Friday, October 4, when the new moon is 1.53 days old. https://www.calendar-12.com/moon_calendar/2024/october#google_vignette
- 3. The color purple is associated with Kingship and the office of the High Priest (Mark 15:17; Ex. 39:1; Heb. 4:14).
- 4. God's Kingdom is likened to a "mountain" (Dan. 2:35).
- 5. Ring eclipse visible from Easter Island: https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/chile/easter-island?iso=20241002#:~:text=This%20annular%20solar%20eclipse%20is,strip%20on%20the%20Earth's%20surface.
- 6. The name Easter Island was given by the island's first recorded European visitor, the Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen, who encountered it on Easter Sunday in 1722.
- 7. Nova explosion in the Crown constellation: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/a-nova-explosion-may-soon-be-visible-in-the-night-sky-heres-where-and-when-to-look
- 8. That the Crown constellation symbolizes the crowns awarded to believers is supported by its various features:
 - The seven stars that comprise the Crown correspond to the seven Churches (Rev. 1, 2).
 - The Crown is a subdivision of Libra, the constellation whose "balance scales" point to the judgment seat of Christ at the end of the Church Age (2 Cor. 5:10; Luke 12:48).
 - The Crown is located above the constellation Serpens, the enemy, which is orientated to appear as if he is reaching up to take the Crown. Jesus tells the Church, "Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown" (Rev. 3:11).
- 9. Two-moon headlines:

USA Today: 'Earth is about to get a second mini-moon': https://www.usatoday.com/story/graphics/2024/09/19/asteroid-mini-moon-2024-pt5/75260498007/

ABC News: 'Earth is getting a second moon for a limited time beginning the end of September': https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Living/asteroid-enter-earths-orbit-temporarily-mini-moon/story?id=113853998#:~:text=The%20Earth%20is%20getting%20a,moon%2C%22%20according%20to%20astronomers.

Independent UK: 'Earth to get a second moon this month, scientists reveal': https://www.independent.co.uk/space/earth-new-mini-moon-asteroid-b2617840.html

10. Two-moon rapture dreams:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgcgVuXLZu8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dyD8WKHf6k

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSeXeez5dv8

- 11. It is significant that the mini-moon is 33 feet in diameter. King Jesus was 33 years old at the time of His resurrection. Strong's #33 Greek is the word *age*, which means "come! Or "come now!"
- 12. Each year during the Feast of Trumpets, the constellation Virgo is clothed with the Sun, and the Moon is under her feet, an alignment that is called a "great sign" in Revelation 12.