

Signs of the End of the Age Signs In the Sun, Moon and Stars, Part 2

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Jesus said there would be signs in the heavens above indicating that, among other things, the powers of the heavens are shaken. We understand that to be the demonic being thrown out of the heavens and the configuration of the stars of the heavens will, on one level, tell us when this will be. We saw in the previous broadcast that **Revelation 12:1** and following gives us a very vivid picture painted in the stars of when this would happen. We reminisced about the fact that great events such as the birth of Christ were heralded by the configuration of the stars—something as significant as that, but also leading us to the understanding that there is a star—the wise men saw it 2000 years ago, and they called it “his star,” the “Desired of the ages.” It was a new star that appeared in the constellation Virgo.

This is literally the sign of the Son of Man, it is His star; it is the one associated with him. In the constellation Comah, the “Desired of the ages,” his new star, appeared as prophesied in **Numbers, chapter 24, verse 17**, “A new star will arise out of Jacob.” (Inserted – actual verse—“ **I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.**” – **Numbers 24:17a**) When they saw it the ancients knew that it was his star so they came to worship him. We will see his star again as He comes; it will be the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. So the importance of understanding the message that God puts up in his billboard in the sky is critical, but there are other signs that this billboard presents to us and one of these great signs is the completed work in the earth of the Holy Spirit by producing the result of a purified people: literally, the man child. Man and child in juxtaposition—child, in the sense that it is new, like Adam a new creation; man, in that it is fully grown. So we know like Adam who was created fully grown, when the man child is revealed he will be fully grown. Child in the sense that he is new, an original complete creation; man in the sense that he is mature, functional, glorious.

The enemy will seek to destroy such a one as this, as he always has. He sought to destroy righteous Abel; he sought to destroy the children in hope of destroying Moses. He once again destroyed the children in the hope of destroying Christ. It is his pattern; it is how

he does things. So people who simply don't believe these things, I wonder whether they actually believe the Bible? Or it may be that we are so far removed from the truths that the Bible speaks that the Bible has become more or less a book of mythology and not the Chronicle of the Truth. By the sheer repetitive references to the same themes, God is trying to tell us what the devil does and how he does it and why he does it. So when the thing that God has nurtured in secret all these millennia is finally ready to be revealed, if the enemy is on the earth what do we know that he will do? He will seek to kill it at its newest appearance. That's how he does things.

Now the heavens declare this event, the woman and the child, the story continues because this is the story: the woman and the child—Virgo and Comah, the “desired One,” and the virgin. Then an enormous red dragon positions himself, the enemy positions himself to destroy that which God has newly released. That is his story; it is how he does war with God, it is one of the ways he seeks to frustrate the purposes of God in the earth. The fascinating reference to his tail, or his influence—his tail or his train—draws a third of the stars of the heavens. Now this is actually a reference to the influence of the evil one in his ability to seduce and draw to his cause a third of the angels in heaven, for you see the angels are also referred to as stars.

In the natural heavens we see the symbol as stars, but in the invisible heavens—the heavens that are real, populated by the demonic but not presently visible to the humans—his tail draws a third of the stars of the heavens and “flings them to the earth.” (Inserted – actual verse—**“Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.” – Revelation 12:3,4a**) So when this event is occurring, out of the heavens will come the demonic forces known as “stars,” flung to the earth. There may or may not be a meteor shower in the heavens, but what is certain is that the demonic will come out of the heavens and perhaps it is the very appearing of them in the atmosphere above the earth that will be this sign interpreted as the stars falling to the earth.

But here we have the reference of the matter in the book of **Revelation**, the **9 th chapter**, and the beauty of this passage is that it unequivocally ties “angels” and “stars” together. **“The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.”** (Inserted – **Revelation 9:1**) Now this couldn't possibly be an asteroid (That's one of the two meanings of the Greek term “asteros”. One of the meanings is “asteroid” and the other meaning is “angel.”) This angel, or this “star”—asteros—has been given a key to the shaft of the Abyss.

The name of this angel is found in **verse 11**. What comes out of the Abyss has over them as their king, the angel of the Abyss, “...whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in

Greek it is Apollyon.” (Inserted – actual verse—**“They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.”** – **Revelation 9:11**) Before I get any further into this particular sign—I’ll mark it—I want to show you something. Jesus spoke of signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and He said, “The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.” (Inserted – actual verse—**“Immediately after the distress of those days ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’”** – **Matthew 24:29**)

This sign in the heavens is referred to in the book of **Acts**—it’s a quote from the book of **Joel**. In the book of **Acts, chapter 2, verse 17**, it speaks of the last days, and Peter says, “ ‘In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit and your sons and your daughters will prophesy.’” (Inserted – actual verse—**“Some however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.’”** – **Acts 2:13-17**) So the last days began at that point because sons and daughters prophesied, but it is clear that this passage that Peter quoted was not completely fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, though Peter quoted the passage to explain what was happening on the day of Pentecost.

You see the apostles began to preach and the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit together with the ones who were with them and they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. When this was noised abroad the multitude came together and they said, “Oh, these guys have been drinking early, filled with new wine.” And the apostles said, “No, we haven’t been drinking. This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel.” And they quote **Joel**, where God says, “I will pour out my Spirit.” But I am saying that the passage that was quoted had more fulfillment than that [which] took place right there, right then on the day of Pentecost. Why? Because it says, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.” Present here at this day were only Jews.

Now in Biblical parlance, there are two types of flesh: there is Jew and there is Gentile. This is not the day when the Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles. So even though Peter quotes this Scripture, the Scripture itself was not completely fulfilled on that day. There are elements of this Scripture that not only would need to be fulfilled subsequently but would be fulfilled ultimately at the end of the age. For example, when did the Holy Spirit fall on the Gentiles? In **Acts 10**, [at] the house of Cornelius. And Peter, recounting the matter to the unbelieving Jewish brethren in Jerusalem, said to them as proof, “When I saw that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them (the household of Cornelius) as on us

(referencing this very passage at the beginning) then who was I to resist God?” (Inserted – actual verse—“ **‘As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?’**” – Acts 11:15-17)

So we know that this Scripture was subsequently fulfilled of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon Jew and Gentile but here is the part that hasn’t yet been fulfilled: “ **‘I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.’**” This is critically important: blood, fire and billows of smoke. “ **‘The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’**” (Inserted – Acts 2:19-21) Now here it says, “The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood. There will blood and fire and billows of smoke.”

Now let’s go back to **Revelation 9** where we were reading. Before we do, let me ask you this question: What have you ever heard as the explanation for the smoke by which the sun and the moon are obscured? You’ve heard various offerings such as: perhaps a nuclear exchange that throws debris into the upper atmosphere causing darkness, or you’ve heard perhaps a volcano like Krakatau erupting and throwing debris into the upper atmosphere. None of these are remotely true. They sound good to the rational mind but they are not what the Bible says.

The Bible specifically tells us where the smoke comes from that darkens the sun and when you see it, then the sign in the heavens is perfectly clear because the sign in the heavens of the darkened sun means something. It means that a timing has been reached, a timing mark has been reached, and it is indicating an actual occurrence. Here is what it indicates: **Revelation 9** says, “...a star had fallen from the sky to the earth.” We see that this is not an asteroid because the star was given a key to the shaft of the Abyss. This is an angel. You can’t put a key on an asteroid; that’s about all you could do with it if you could do anything with it. This star is given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. **Verse 2**, “When he opened” (and it is referred to as a “he”) this star “opened the Abyss.”

This Abyss, in the Greek, is where the demons did not want for Jesus to send them. Do you remember when Jesus encountered the demons in the country of the Gadarenes and He demanded to know who they were and they said, “Leave us alone. Have you come here to torment us before the time?” And then they begged him... they begged him not to send them to the Abyss. (Inserted – actual verse—“**For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, ‘What is your**

name?’ ‘Legion,’ he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.” – Luke 8:29-31)

The Abyss is variously described as a place where angels—fallen angels—are bound in chains in darkness waiting the day. So even these demons requested permission to go into the hogs rather than to be sent to the Abyss. That’s how terrifying the Abyss is, even for the demons. But here is this incredible revelation: “So he takes the key and he opens the Abyss.” When he opens the Abyss look at what happens: “**...smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.**” (Inserted – **Revelation 9:2b**) What is one of the great signs in the sun and the moon? The sun will be darkened and the moon will be turned to blood.

According to the passage we read in **Acts 2**, in the sky [there will be] “blood and fire and billows of smoke.” Where does this smoke come from and it says, “and the sun is darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.” Where does this smoke come from? The theory that has been put out by popular preachers has been: nuclear exchange or the eruption of a volcano. That’s not true. The Scriptures say that the smoke comes—the smoke that darkens the sun, that causes the moon not to give its light—billows out of the Abyss when it is opened. Now that tells us two very, very important things. First is that this is the connection between the dimensions. The demons that are thrown out of the heavens—the second heavens where they are—get to our world, which is another dimension... how? Through the Abyss. How do you know that?

Where does the smoke come from that darkens the sun? It comes from the Abyss. What does it darken? It darkens the sun in our world. You see? The mouth of the Abyss opens to our world. It is the connection between their world—the world of the demonic, the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms—it is the connection between their world and our world. It is called the Abyss. It is sometimes translated: “hell,” though the word is different from Hades. The word is tartarus and it historically refers in Scripture to the place of confinement of evil spirits. Until the Abyss is opened, they cannot come as freely into our world.

But the fact that the mouth of the Abyss is in our world—in the upper heavens of our world—is clear because when it is opened the smoke comes out and it obscures our sun... it obscures our moon. That is how it gets into the upper atmosphere. That is where the smoke comes from and it tells us at once that the opening facilitates the coming of the demonic from their realm into our world. “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth because the devil has gone down to you and he is filled with fury because he knows his time is short.” (Inserted – actual verse—**“But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” – Revelation 12:12b**)

And the other thing it tells us is that when this Abyss opens, when you see the smoke in the heavens, that is the indication that the time has come for the demonic to be thrown into the earth, and that's not going to be a time of months where this happens, it is immediately. The smoke that obscures the sun is the precursor—it is what happens when you open the lid—it is the precursor to the demonic being expelled and that is what the next line in **Revelation 9** tells us, **“And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.”** (Inserted – **Revelation 9:3**)

Now these are not locusts in the ordinary meaning of the term “locusts.” Have you ever seen locusts swarm across the land? They pitch... they pitch forward, simulating the way that stars would appear if they were falling out of the heavens. So we may actually see something that looks like a meteor shower that accompanies the darkening sun and moon. But whether we do or we don't, the sign in the heavens when the sun and the moon are darkened—that sign tells us unequivocally that literally the day has come when the Abyss has been opened and the demonic now ushers forth upon the earth.

The manner of their coming is like swarming; it is like locusts swarming, but the description of these creatures leaves no doubt in our minds that they are not “regulation-sized” locusts. For here it says, **verse 7, “The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle.”** That's a pretty big locust: a horse strapped down with a saddle and all of the armament that historically is put upon a horse for battle. **“On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold...”** I believe that where the Scriptures talk about some of these ancient creatures in heaven having crowns of gold that they cast down before the Lord, now these are tarnished crowns. That's why it says, “looking something like gold,” because naturally gold doesn't tarnish. It is the indication of their former estate, though they are no longer there. **“The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.”** Are you still thinking these are locusts?

Human faces, hair like the hair of a woman, teeth like lions' teeth, they had breastplates of iron and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots into battle. (Inserted – actual verse—**“The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months.”** – **Revelation 9:7-10**)

We know that angels are referred to in manifestation in this earth as having wings. Do you remember the story, the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz as recorded in **Isaiah 6**, “It

was the year that King Uzziah died,” and Isaiah said, “I saw the Lord high and lifted up and his train filled the temple.” And before him the cherubs flew and they called to each other and with two wings—two of their six wings—they covered their faces. With two of their six wings they covered their feet and with two they did fly. These were six-winged angels—a specific reference to angels and wings in the Scriptures. (Inserted – actual verse—**“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.” – Isaiah 6:1,2)**

These are the fallen creatures. The king over them, this star, is the angel of the Abyss. That is the language, the use of “star” and “angel” interchangeably. Signs in the sun, the moon and the stars... indicating what? Indicating the readiness of the child—the man child, the huiós tou Theóu, the mature sons of God—the readiness of their appearing on the earth. The whole creation is waiting for that. In fashion, like the birth of Christ, the virgin—this man child coming out of the virgin—and as in both the case of Moses at the time of his birth and Jesus at the time of his birth—the dragon comes to try to destroy the child in his newly arrived state. But help is given to the child in every case because then comes the power and the authority and the kingdom of our God and the glory and might of our Christ. Why? Because out of the heavens the stars fall—the demonic spirits are cast out into the earth. They come into the earth via the entrance of the Abyss. That entrance is in our heavens because the smoke that comes out of it obscures our sun, our moon.

But these creatures come not from our realm, they come from another dimension. They are the fallen ones who have been fallen and in that state of being fallen since the time of the original war when they were thrown out of heaven. They are now in the second heaven; they originally were in the first heaven where they waited before God (or the third heaven if you look at it from the standpoint of humans... the highest of the heavens.) They are now in the second heavens and when it is time for them to come into the earth they will make their entrances into the earth through the Abyss. The sign that this is so is that the smoke that comes out of the Abyss will be seen in our world, obscuring our sun, obscuring our moon.

These are not obscure prophecies. These are things spoken by Jesus himself, and Peter, and Joel, and Paul and John. The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. Jesus said, “I will show signs in the heavens above and on the earth below. The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give her light. All of these things are spoken of as what are the indications of the heavens: signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. At the very conclusion he says that the beast will arise with seven heads and ten horns. This is the description of the enemy’s rule over the earth. We want to explore that. I hope that you will join me as we do so. I’m Sam Soleyn, God bless you.

Scripture References:

Numbers 24:17a

Revelation 12:3,4a

Revelation 9:1-3

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Matthew 24:29

Acts 2:13-17

Acts 11:15-17

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Luke 8:29-31

Revelation 12:12b

Revelation 9:7-10

Isaiah 6:1,2