

Hi John and Doves,
Herewith **PART 3 Cont'd**, of my study re. **The Generation that sees... the Celestial signs**.
Blessings,
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The fig trees of Israel and the end time generation — Part Three - Continued

Part One: Introduction... Combining scriptures re **The Signs of His Coming... and the Generation that sees...**
[The fig trees of Israel, and the end time generation \(fivedoves.com\)](#) April 28, 2024.

Part Two: ...**The tribulation of those days**, and what Jesus meant by ... **the green wood and the dry...**
[The fig trees of Israel and the end time generation — Part Two \(fivedoves.com\)](#) May 5, 2024

Part Three: ...**The Sorrows...** the **fearful sights and great signs** from heaven... **The celestial signs** (Part 1)
[TheFigTree Part3.pdf \(fivedoves.com\)](#) 31 May 2024

Part Three, Cont'd... **The celestial signs** (Part 2) below...

Note: On a single page, accompanying Part One of this study, I have collated the three Gospel records of what Jesus said about the signs preceding His Parousia/Second Coming. I suggest that you print out the fixed/scanned page (colour print), containing the scriptures on which these studies are based, and keep it on hand as we explore the highlighted/coloured topics on that sheet, which signify Christ's return.

At the close of **Part Three** of this study, I indicated that I wanted to do more research on the topic of **the fearful sights and great signs** foretold by Jesus, which would **shake the powers of heaven** before **the sign of the Son of Man appears in heaven**, followed by **His [Second] Coming in the clouds with great power and glory**. So here is Part Three continued...

The Generation that sees... the Celestial signs:

*Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.
Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so. Then God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. (Genesis 1:3, 14–19)*

The key point taken from these verses is that **God made the lights** (Sun, Moon and Stars) and placed them in the heavens for a purpose; that purpose was to provide **signs and seasons, days and years, and give light on the earth**. I'm sure we can all be glad about that, or we wouldn't be here!

So, we are all very familiar with our days, nights and years, and the different seasons that occur on our planet (thanks to the tilt of its axis), which bring spring, summer, autumn and winter seasons to our attention, in which to grow, ripen, and harvest the fruitfulness of the birds in the sky, the beasts and plants in the fields, and the fish in the seas that surround us and keep us alive, (followed by a winter season of rest and hibernation), for some! However, many people are not so familiar with the larger cycles of time and the repetitive signs and seasons that occur far, far away in the heavens, which have a greater influence on our planet than most of us are aware:

1. 25th Solar Cycle: A most noticeable one is the regular cycle of sunspot activity that takes place every eleven years or so. This cycle that began with the minimum period in December 2019,

has produced an increasing number of sunspots during the advancing maximum period, which recently caused the **Aurora Borealis** (Northern lights in the North Pole hemisphere) and the **Aurora Australis** (Southern lights in the South Pole hemisphere), which originated from Sunspot AR 3664, on May 10–13. These auroras reached unusually low latitudes (below 30° MLAT, magnetic latitude) following a series of **X-class Solar Flares** and **Coronal Mass Ejections**, [CME's] on the Sun that flew into space, lighting up our skies in magnificent colourful displays. The powerful solar winds radiating from these blasts, carried charged particles (ions) from the Sun that struck the earth's magnetic field, producing red, green-yellow, orange, blue and purple illuminations as they smashed into oxygen and nitrogen atoms floating at various heights in our atmosphere. [Aurora \(nationalgeographic.org\)](https://www.nationalgeographic.org) Hence, on May 10 → with only about 36 hours maximum warning about the incoming solar wind, vulnerable electrical grids were able to be taken out of service, until the G.5 class Great Solar Storm of May 2024 had abated.

A similar effect on our magnetosphere is produced by the occasional **Coronal Holes** [Coronal Holes | NOAA / NWS Space Weather Prediction Center](https://www.noaa.gov) that appear on the sun's surface under UV light, (mostly during Solar minimum periods), as cool dark areas with less dense plasma. They usually emerge at the Solar Poles, from where the powerful Solar Wind flows faster to generate minor to moderate Solar Storms. Larger black Coronal Holes spreading toward the Sun's equator can last for months during several rotations. Further auroras—resulting from Sunspots, Solar Flares, or possible Super-flares (x 1,000 stronger), and CME's—are expected to target the earth this year and next, as the Sun moves into its solar maximum period, and turns around during its 27 day rotation.

In this connection, on Friday, May 17, 2024, [SpaceWeather.com -- News and information about meteor showers, solar flares, auroras, and near-Earth asteroids](https://www.spaceweather.com) posted a chart showing 500 years of Aurora Storms that have occurred—below 30° MLAT—compared to the Great G.5 Storm on May 10. One of the strongest recorded Solar Storms occurred on September 1, 1859, known as **The Carrington Event**; when auroras covered the planet and were seen in Cuba and Hawaii; people said they could read their newspapers at night. Other notable auroras have appeared periodically: August 4, 1972 (Illinois); March 13, 1989 (Quebec); G.5 class storm in October 2003; December 2005; and again in 2012. With the world's current emphasis on replacing fossil fuels with electric energy to slow global warming, our civilization may be courting a disaster of its own making, by relying on this vulnerable source of power to run our eftpos machines (Electronic transfer of funds at point of sale); ATM (Automated teller machines); EV (Electric Vehicle) charging stations; and G.P.S. (Global Positioning Systems) that have wide applications, and coordinate the positions of satellites in space.

2. **Eclipse Cycle:** Another cycle of celestial signs (with which we are familiar), which repeats every eighteen years and eleven days is the **Eclipse Cycle (Saros)** that can continue for many years—via a retrograde (imprecise position) at the end of each series—before a fresh Eclipse Cycle begins yet another round. The effects of this cycle are seen in our regular Eclipses of the Sun and the Moon that can be calculated and charted to the precise moment in time and place on the globe. (See separate sheet: **Coming Eclipses in the Middle East—visible in Jerusalem.**)

3. **Precessional cycle:** In addition, there is also a great precessional cycle of 25,800 years. A Public Domain (free to download) book called **The Witness of the Stars** by E.W. Bullinger, which was written prior to WWI (therefore it lacks modern history), explores the celestial signs in the Zodiac constellations—comparing their meaning with Biblical revelation—concluding that:

...the daily difference between the movement of the sun and of the stars leads the sun back very nearly to conjunction with the same star as it was twelve months earlier, and gives us the cycle of the year. The slight difference in the sun's position relative to the stars at the end of the year, finally leads the sun back to the same star at the same time

of the year, viz., at the spring equinox, and gives us the great precessional cycle of 25,800 years! [The Witness of the Stars by E. W. Bullinger | Project Gutenberg](#)

4. Long or short-period comets, and heavenly bodies like asteroids: There are also a very large number of heavenly bodies that travel through time and space for tens of thousands of years, which periodically reappear as naked-eye objects to the mortals living on the earth. In my own lifetime I have seen [Haley's comet \(1986\)](#), [Hale-Bopp \(1996\)](#), [McNaught \(2007\)](#), and wondered... as 21 fragments of Comet [Shoemaker-Levy](#) slammed into Jupiter's atmosphere in 1994! Recently the [Comet Pons-Brooks](#), (with its closest approach to the Sun on April 21) had its tail suffer a *disconnect* event as a result of the strong Solar Wind during the recent Solar Storm.

In this class of heavenly bodies we should also include the **PHA's (Potential Hazardous Asteroids)** that pass near the earth, numbering 2,349 at present, but newly identified ones are added to the long list all the time. Some of these—varying in size from 2 to 100's of meters in diameter—are only viewed (belatedly) as they fly inside the moon's orbit and closely bypass the earth. Asteroids (known to number a million or more, usually move around the Sun in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter), but some fall to earth as **meteorites**. Regular **meteorite showers** of cosmic debris (known as **meteoroids** or **shooting stars**) arise when the earth's orbit travels through the dust trails left in space by historic comets. Some major meteor showers have been catalogued for centuries, e.g., Perseids (Aug. 12), Leonids (Nov. 17), Geminids (Dec. 14). [List of meteor showers - Wikipedia](#)

Perhaps within this category we should also include historical activities by other even larger objects (within our own Solar System and Milky Way Galaxy), like the [Supernova](#) (sighted by the Chinese in 5 BC); the spectacular [Planetary conjunction](#) between Jupiter and Saturn in 7 BC (which may have heralded Christ's birth); and the [current studies](#) by astronomers of the previously recorded **Cosmic explosion (Nova) in T Coronae Borealis**, that is expected to reoccur this year, when the **Nova** will appear as a naked-eye object [between now and September 2024](#). This is caused by an accretion of material from a *companion star* to a *white dwarf* (during an 80 year cycle) in a system called **T Coronae Borealis**, (part of a constellation called **Northern Crown**), which is expected to be visible for a few days before it fades away to begin a new cycle. [NASA: Exploding Star Will Be Visible To The Naked Eye — How To Find It \(forbes.com\)](#)

Could this brief **Nova** be regarded as a [sign of the coming King](#)—centred in the **Northern Crown**—if it happens to coincide with any other unexpected or dire events happening on the earth, or predicted celestial phenomena like the [Partial Lunar Eclipse across the Middle East on 18 September 2024](#), that will be seen in Jerusalem at 9:44 pm on that date?

5. There is also God's own special 'cyclical calendar' of time: These cycles are frequently described in the scriptures as: 'appointed times' or 'times appointed' or 'appointed season' or 'fullness of time' in God's great calendar of historical earthly events. The word used in scripture is Strong's Hebrew word No. 4150 '**moed**' which refers to **sacred days** and **festivals** in the Hebrew Calendar. This word '**moed**' is used in the two scriptures below to indicate that God has an appointed time for latter day events to occur, before His Kingdom is established on the earth.

In the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be. (Dan. 8:19)

For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. (Habakkuk 2:3)

There are many other scriptures (with some references duplicated below), which describe such phenomena as being connected to [end time events and judgements](#), which the prophetic books have warned us about for millennia. Thus, in accord with Jesus' list of celestial signs in Mark 13:24–27:

The sun will be darkened... cf. [Isaiah 4:28, 13:10](#); [Joel 2:31, 3:15](#); [Amos 8:9–10](#); [Rev. 6:12, 8:12, 9:2](#).
The moon will not give its light... [Isaiah 13:10, 24:23](#); [Ezek. 32:7](#); [Joel 2:31, 3:15](#); [Rev. 6:12, 8:12](#).
The stars of heaven will fall... [Ezek. 32:7](#); [Joel 3:15](#); [Rev 6:13, 8:7, 10–12, 12:4](#).

The effects from these heavenly phenomena on the earth (cf. Mark 13:24) will result in:

Distress of nations, with perplexity... [Rev. 6:15, 14:8–11](#);
The sea and the waves roaring... [Hosea 4:3](#); [Luke 21:25b](#); [Rev. 6:14, 7:1–3, 8:8–9, 16:3–4](#).
Men's hearts failing them from fear... [Rev. 9:5–6, 18–21](#).
And the expectation of those things coming on the earth... [Rev. 6:15–17; 16:2–11](#); [Zech. 5:1–4](#).
Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn... [Jere. 4:28](#); [Hosea 4:3](#); [Amos 8:7–10](#); [Zech. 12:10–14](#).

6. **The powers in the heavens will be shaken**: While this additional phrase may refer to the previously mentioned signs (via the references above), it may also indicate an **unusual disturbance in the heavenly visible bodies**. Thus, while some references describe cataclysmic events that will occur on **The Day of the Lord**; others are associated with a **mighty wind** that may emanate either from a Coronal Hole, Sunspots or Solar Storm; while other signs may occur within the layers of our atmosphere, **i.e., immediately above the earth**, rather than occurring in some far-off galactic zone.

In the Old Testament vernacular, similar phrases were assigned to **great upheavals, or war amongst the nations**, whereas today, this phrase could easily be applied to **the technological powers in the near-earth heavens** where various nations have put thousands of satellites into orbit circling our globe, where collisions are possible and repercussion is inevitable! Whether such events occur near or far, seen or unseen, inescapable solar events can actually **shake the powers in the heavens!** For instance—via a modern interpretation—the prophetic words below have recently been fulfilled:

And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. (Rev. 6:13)

Of late, Elon Musk has bewailed the fact that the recent **CME's** (Coronal Mass Ejections) and **Solar Flares** that stirred up the magnetic field around our planet, producing the strong auroras (May 11–12, 2024), also generated a **severe and mighty solar wind** that caused 'atmospheric drag' on his SpaceX rocket, thus preventing many of his '**Starlink**' satellites from reaching their intended orbit, which later **fell from the heavens to burn up in the earth's atmosphere**. [Elon Musk's SpaceX Says It Lost 40 Starlink Satellites to Solar Storm \(businessinsider.com\)](#)

However, when we look at the list of **celestial signs** (mentioned by Jesus in Mark 13:24–27), we find that they are book-ended by **'those days' of tribulation**, and by the **sign of the Son of Man appearing in heaven**. So, perhaps **the things that will shake the powers in the heavens** should not be limited to individual or naturally reoccurring events marked on earth's calendar, but they should be viewed as a mixture or agglomeration of dire happenings on earth (e.g., warfare), simultaneously occurring with events high above the five layers of our atmosphere—reaching to 1,000 Ks—where disasters can also pile up during a time of intense celestial disturbance. (Note: the **air** surrounding our planet is only about 60 miles thick, while our **breathable air** only extends to about 3 miles.)

In this context, a further media report dated May 23, 2024, stated that Russia had put an **anti-satellite weapon into space**. One does not need an overactive imagination, to understand that a weapon would not require much of a collision or explosion among the 6,542 satellites (Jan. 2021) in orbit around the planet—only 40% of which are operational—to disturb their synchronised orbits; thus **shaking the powers in the heavens** while casting pieces of space debris—resembling **flaming stars**—to fall onto the earth! (Cf. NASA's Skylab Space Station falling to earth on July 11, 1979.)

A recent example of a 'possible dove-tailing' of celestial signs was projected for **Comet Pons Brooks** which was expected to become a bright, naked-eye, object during the **Total Solar Eclipse** across the

United States on April 8, 2024. It did not eventuate, but seeing a phenomenon like a visible Comet in daylight hours would have been strikingly astonishing in the eerie darkness and silence of a total eclipse.

Note: In relation to what Jesus said ...*the stars of heaven will fall...* [Mark 13:24–27], the word for *stars* cannot be taken literally to mean **the stars that shine light-years away from earth**, which cannot possibly fall to earth during its present orbit; so we must apply this word to some other extremely bright lights that appear to be stars falling downward. The Greek word used for *star* is Strong's Greek word No. 792 *astēr*, the same word used in Rev 1:20 for **angels**, and in Rev. 6:13; 8:12; 12:1, 4, for **stars in the heavens**; a similar word *astron* usually refers to constellations (Luke 21:25; Acts 27:20). Furthermore, the word *astēr* forms the basis for our word **asteroid**, (meaning a minor planet) some of which do indeed fall from the heavens into earth's atmosphere and burn up as **shooting stars**, or land as **meteorites**.

Alternatively, compare Jesus' statement ...*the stars of heaven will fall...* with the televised images of **the flares** that the Israeli Airforce dropped over Gaza in October 2023 as part of Israel's retaliatory bombing in response to Hamas' brutal attack on October 7; these **flares** looked exactly like **very bright stars from heaven** falling slowly down to earth.

6. The Sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven: It should be noted that there is no clear indication given in the scriptures as to what this **Sign** is, or what it could be! Most Bible theologians seem to think that the **Sign of the Son of Man** refers to the actual 'Coming of The Lord in the air, in the clouds' as promised by the Angels to His Disciples in Acts 1:9–11.

For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. (Luke 17:24)

Therefore, they do not regard it as a preliminary or preceding **Sign** that will appear in the heavens, either as a warning, or as a promise to mankind.

Whatever the **Sign of the Son of Man**, is... or isn't, we shall recognise it when it occurs, if we are watching for His return!

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This topic , **The Sign of the Son of Man** will be continued in **Part Four** of this study about **The Fig trees of Israel and the end time Generation**, where we will also examine **The Day of the Lord**, as outlined in many scriptures.

In connection with the above **Celestial Signs**, see my additional PDF sheet (posted separately) called: **Total Solar Eclipses across Saudi Arabia – 2027, 2034** showing the passage of two Solar Eclipses that form a gigantic cross (X) over Mecca, Medina and Jeddah (Port), in Saudi Arabia on **August 2, 2027**, and again on **March 20, 2034**, which I have associated with the **darkness** that is poured out on the **throne of the beast** by the fifth angel in Rev. 16:10, thus projecting that two naturally occurring **celestial signs** with dire ramifications for this particular territory, will be poured out in the Middle East.

Maranatha (so come, Lord Jesus)  
Blessings to all,  
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