

1 Red Moon Rising

2 In the News

- Yesterday . . . , while minding my own business, I struck up a conversation with someone who was very interested in what I had to say about falling objects from the sky.
- No, I wasn't talking about my flying experience and some of my not so perfect landings.
- What I was talking about was what everyone yesterday was hearing and seeing on the news.
- I was talking about the meteor that blew up over Russia—injuring about 1,100 people, and on the same day an asteroid the size of a football field barely missed the earth on a close flyby.
- So what we have in one day is two unrelated astrological events filling the news and getting everyone to wonder what is going on.

3 Headlines

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== Meteor Explosion

== Asteroid Near Miss!

5 Whew!

- This morning in an USA Today article, three reporters by the names Gary Strauss, Dan Vergano, and Todd Halvorson, reflected on what would have happened, if 2012 DA14 had actually hit the earth.
- According to the article, the asteroid would have crashed with the equivalent of 2.4 million tons of dynamite, creating a disaster of regional proportions.
- The energy of such a hit would be 1,000 times more powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.
- It would be similar to the 1908 asteroid explosion over Tunguska, Siberia, which flattened 750 square miles of forest and knocked down 80 million trees over an area covering 830 square miles.
- To give you a sense of proportion, Fayette County is 286 square miles. Rhode Island is 1,212 sq. miles.

6 Tunguska

7 Armageddon the Movie

- How many remember the science fiction disaster drama movie, Armageddon?
- While not critically acclaimed, it was an international box-office success and was the highest-grossing film of 1998.
- The basic plot of the movie was to save the earth from a giant asteroid heading to destroy the earth.
- They accomplish this by sending up deep-sea oil drillers quickly trained as astronauts in a Space Shuttle to plant a nuclear weapon on the asteroid and blow it up.
- Everyone is happy, except the asteroid and everyone who just paid \$7 to watch the movie.

8 Deep Impact

- Deep Impact was another science fiction disaster film about an asteroid hitting the earth.
- In this movie, a teenage amateur astronomer discovers an unusual object near the stars Mizar and Alcor at a star party in Richmond, Virginia.

- It turns out to be a comet, but this time nothing man does stops the comet. In fact, it breaks in two.
- One part of the comet crashes into the Atlantic Ocean and creates a megatsunami, while the other half hits western Canada and creates a cloud of dust that blocks most of the sun for two years.
- Those who survive do so by hiding in the limestone caves of the Ozark's.

9 Shooting Stars

- A meteor or "shooting star" is the visible streak of light from a meteoroid or micrometeoroid, heated and glowing from entering the Earth's atmosphere, as it sheds glowing material in its wake.
- Millions of meteors occur in the Earth's atmosphere daily. Most meteoroids that cause meteors are about the size of a pebble.

10 Dinosaur Extinction

- One of the most popular theories on how the dinosaurs became extinct is the Asteroid Theory.
- According to this theory a large asteroid or comet collided with Earth about 65 million years ago.
- Scientists think that such a large collision would throw so much dust into the air that sunlight would not be able to shine and plants and animals would die.
- The dramatic changes in climate that resulted from this huge collision were too much for the dinosaurs and they were not able to survive.

11 Asteroid Collision

- If a large asteroid could hit the earth and kick up so much dirt and debris to obscure the sun where all the dinosaurs die as a result, what would happen if a smaller asteroid would hit the earth?
- Would the sun only be partially obscured? Would we still be able to see the moon? What about the stars?

12 Asteroid Collision

- When the moon rises at sunset and sunrise, it appears redish because the reflective sunlight has to pass through more of the atmosphere.
- The same thing happens when large volumes of dust and smoke are thrown up into the sky when a volcano erupts.
- The atmosphere is more dense and "bluer" photons become scattered and "redder" photons (those with longer wavelengths) are able to pass to our vision.
- So when you see a "Red Moon" and its not at sunrise or sunset, it either means a volcano has erupted, so something similar.

13 Sun, Moon, & Stars

- Often overlooked in the Bible is a description of something happening to the sun, moon, and stars.
- It is an event that is mentioned several times both in the Old Testament and New Testament.
- Interestingly enough, its context is always concerning the Day of the Lord and Jesus' Second Coming.
- In fact, only in our generation are we now able to properly interpret what is actually happening.

14 Biblical Prophecies

- Before them [army of the Lord] the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? (Joel 2:10–11 NIV)

15 Biblical Prophecies

- As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” (Matt 24:3 NIV)
 - First of all, Jesus tells them there will be a period of wars and rumors of wars, but don’t be alarmed.
 - However, once they see the “abomination of desolation,” they should run and hide as there will be a great persecution that will break out.
 - People will betray each other and many will turn from the faith.
 - Then Jesus says, “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.’ (Matt 24:29 NIV)

16 Biblical Prophecies

- “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn.
- They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.
- And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matt 24:30–31 NIV)

17 Biblical Prophecies

- “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.
- Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.
- At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:25–28 NIV)

18 The Golden Censer

- Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.
- The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel’s hand.
- Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. (Rev 8:3–5 NIV)

19 7 Seals, Trumpets & Bowls

- The Seven Seals are like chapters, each record a specific part of the total story.
 - Seals 1 – 4, The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (Birth Pangs)
 - Seal 5 – The Great Persecution (Jews & Christians in Middle East)

- Seal 6 – Rapture, and Astrological Events (Sun, Moon, and Stars)
- Seal 7 – The Day of the Lord, and Battle of Armageddon.
- The Seven Trumpets are judgments poured out on all the earth.
- The Seven Bowls are judgments poured out on the kingdom of the Antichrist.
- It is my opinion, the first 4 Trumpets and the first 5 Bowls are recording the effects or results of the same event.

20 Trumpets and Bowls

21 The Sixth Seal

- I watched as he opened the Sixth Seal.
 - There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.
 - The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.
 - Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
 - They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” (Rev 6:12–17 NIV)

22 Summary

- Both science, pop culture and the events of this week suggest that the earth is vulnerable to meteor strikes.
- In fact, the Bible suggest there will be something in the future that will be so cataclysmic that $\frac{1}{3}$ of every living creature is going to be killed.
- It will be such a huge event that the sun will be partially obscured, the moon will appear red, and none of the stars at night will shine.
- However, for those of us who remain faithful to God and overcome the trials of life, there will be much grace.
- For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Th 5:9 NIV)
- We will escape all these things through the Blessed Hope!

23 Conclusion

- My main purpose tonight is not to scare everyone, but to encourage everyone to let the peace of God rule in your hearts.
- The greatest asset to have when going through any trial is not money, friends, or anything else, it is having God’s peace in our heart.
- Discontent and anxiety are faith destroyers and open us up to all kinds of foolish choices and actions that make matters worse not better.
- So let us let the peace of God rule in our lives by perfecting our relationship with the Lord and with others.
- For if we do so, faith will arise and our confidence in the Lord as well, where trials and tribulations don’t scare us because we know God is with us.
- If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31 NIV)

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