

# It Might Be Today

## SPACE WEATHER

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

This week I want to talk about significant, historic changes in what scientists call “space weather.”

It has prophetic significance because the Bible indicates there will be changes in the weather and unusual phenomena in the stellar heavens, especially during the seven-years of the Great Tribulation. The sun, for example, is described as being given “power... to scorch men with fire” (Revelation 16:8).

Quoting from the Old Testament book of Joel, the apostle Peter told the crowd on the Day of Pentecost,

Acts 2:19 I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

Acts 2:20 THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD.

Jesus spoke of a time in which there would be “great signs from heaven” (Luke 21:11).

On June 4th, the NASA website posted a story titled, *As the Sun Awakens, NASA Keeps a Wary Eye on Space Weather*.<sup>1</sup> The opening sentence caught my attention: “Earth and space are about to come into contact **in a way that's new to human history.**”

Excerpts:

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<sup>1</sup> [http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2010/04jun\\_swef/](http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2010/04jun_swef/)

Richard Fisher, head of NASA's Heliophysics Division, explains what it's all about: "The sun is waking up from a deep slumber, and in the next few years we expect to see much higher levels of solar activity. At the same time, our technological society has developed an unprecedented sensitivity to solar storms. The intersection of these two issues is what we're getting together to discuss."

The National Academy of Sciences framed the problem two years ago in a landmark report entitled "Severe Space Weather Events - Societal and Economic Impacts." It noted how people of the 21st-century rely on high-tech systems for the basics of daily life. Smart power grids, GPS navigation, air travel, financial services and emergency radio communications can all be knocked out by intense solar activity. A century-class solar storm, the Academy warned, could cause twenty times more economic damage than Hurricane Katrina.

"I believe we're on the threshold of a new era in which space weather can be as influential in our daily lives as ordinary terrestrial weather," Fisher concludes.

Fox News picked-up on the story. On June 10th they posted a story titled, *Electronic Armageddon? Congress Worries That Solar Flares Could Spell Disaster.*<sup>2</sup>

Excerpts:

High-energy electric pulses from the sun could surge to Earth and cripple our electrical grid for years, causing billions in damages, government officials and scientists worry.

The House is so concerned that the Energy and Commerce committee voted unanimously 47 to 0 to approve a bill allocating \$100 million to protect the energy grid from this rare but potentially devastating occurrence.

The Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense Act, or H.R. 5026, aims "to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities."

As always we are not predicting anything; we are just reporting the news. But this is exactly the kind of news you'd expect if our world were trending towards the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. You'd be hearing about potentially historic, unprecedented changes in the stellar heavens. And that is exactly what you see happening.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/06/10/electronic-armageddon-solar-flares-disaster/?test=latestnews>

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Nothing needs to be fulfilled before the Lord can return for us. We are only waiting for Him - and His coming is always imminent.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***