

# It Might Be Today

## Solar Storms

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 solar storms. They are of interest to us as students of Bible prophecy because the Bible predicts devastating changes in the stellar heavens as a characteristic of the last days. On the Day of Pentecost in the Book of Acts the apostle Peter quoted the Old Testament prophet Joel and said, “I will show wonders in the heavens...”

During the Great Tribulation the sun in our solar system is described variously as being darkened but also being given power to “scorch men with fire” (Revelation 16:8).

In the Gospel of Luke we read,

Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

We need to be careful pointing to the stellar heavens, and even the sun, since there are always cyclical changes going on.

What’s interesting, however, is that it’s not so much Bible-believing Christians pointing to the sun as it is scientists warning of apocalyptic events in the very near future.

On August 26th YahooNews.com posted a story titled, *Massive solar storm to hit Earth in 2012 with 'force of 100million bombs.*<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

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<sup>1</sup> [http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20100826/981/tsc-massive-solar-storm-to-hit-earth-in\\_1.html?printer=1](http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20100826/981/tsc-massive-solar-storm-to-hit-earth-in_1.html?printer=1)

Astronomers are predicting that a massive solar storm... is to strike our planet in 2012 with a force of 100 million hydrogen bombs.

Several US media outlets have reported that NASA was warning the massive flare this month was just a precursor to a massive solar storm building that had the potential to wipe out the entire planet's power grid.

Despite its rebuttal, NASA's been watching out for this storm since 2006 and reports from the US this week claim the storms could hit on that most Hollywood of disaster dates - 2012.

"The... consensus among general astronomers (and certainly solar astronomers) is that this coming Solar maximum... will be the most violent in 100 years," [said] astronomy lecturer and columnist Dave Reneke.

No one really knows what effect the 2012-2013 Solar Max will have on today's digital-reliant society.

Dr Richard Fisher, director of NASA's Heliophysics division, told Reneke the super storm would hit like "a bolt of lightning," causing catastrophic consequences for the world's health, emergency services and national security unless precautions are taken.

The reason for the concern comes as the sun enters a phase known as Solar Cycle 24.

... the blast will have the equivalent energy of 100 million hydrogen bombs. "We know it is coming but we don't know how bad it is going to be," Fisher told Reneke.

"Systems will just not work. The flares change the magnetic field on the Earth and it's rapid, just like a lightning bolt. That's the solar effect," he added.

According to David Hathaway of the Marshall Space Flight Center, Solar Cycle 24 began in 2008 when "a reversed-polarity sunspot appeared... Solar cycles usually take a few years to build from solar minimum... to Solar Max, expected in 2011 or 2012."<sup>2</sup>

Mitch Battros of Earth Changes Media writes,

... today, you will find no one who argues earth changing events are escalating, but this was not always the case. As early as five years ago one would be hard pressed to find a scientific body or research team to make public announcements earth changing events are on a sharp rise. Natural events such as earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes, tornadoes, snowstorms, and droughts are increasing. The term "freak weather" is now

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<sup>2</sup> [http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2008/10jan\\_solarcycle24/](http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2008/10jan_solarcycle24/)

used often when reporting various forms of storm activity... Our ancestors have been telling us of 'this time' for centuries. Science is just now catching up.

None of these reports are from Christians. These are scientists, not pastors. Nevertheless they just sound like the predictions in the Bible of changes, terrifying changes, in the heaven's above and especially the sun.

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.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.  
***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***