

Biblical Wonders In The Sky

Commentary for June 1, 2021 — Significant Sights and Signs, Past and Future

"UFOs In Antiquity" is the article for June 2021. Read first the "[June 2021 Newsletter](#)." UFOs are flying objects that are unidentified. They are seen easier at night if they are luminescent. They are usually not "lights" when seen in daytime. In our day and age, very few people look at the skies at all. The Bible talks about many "wonders in the sky." Some are listed below:

Signs In the Heavens. The heavens and the earth were created in Genesis 1:1, but light was created on Day 1 (verses 2–5). Where did the light come from? From God, who has light within Him as the apostle John wrote, "**God is light**" (1 John 1:5). The Sun, Moon, and stars were created, and their light was "turned on" on Day 4 (Genesis 1:14–19).

Fire From Heaven. The first instance was when a "**a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp**" went between the sacrifice Abram made to confirm his covenant with YHWH (Genesis 15:17). YHWH "**rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire**" (Genesis 19:24; Luke 17:29–30). "**The fire of God is fallen from heaven**" destroyed sheep and servants (Job 1:16).

David's Sacrifice to God to confirm their covenant, and He "**answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering**" (1 Chronicles 21:26). Later, at the Temple dedication in Jerusalem, Solomon made a sacrifice and when he finished his prayer, "**the fire came down from heaven,**" to show God's acceptance (2 Chronicles 7:1).

Fire Came Down. Two times "**... there came down fire from heaven**" (2 Kings 1:10, 12), each killing a unit of 51 soldiers, sent by King Ahaziah of Judah to arrest the prophet Elijah.

A Fiery Chariot for Elijah. Later "**a chariot of fire, and horses of fire**" came and caught up Elijah, who "**went up by a whirlwind into heaven,**" meaning the first heaven (2 Kings 2:11).

Jeremiah and Signs of Heaven. Jeremiah wrote about unusual things occurring during the time of his prophetic ministry, during the last years of the Kingdom of Judah:

"Thus says YHWH, 'Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.'"

• **Jeremiah 10:2**

What were the "**signs**" Jeremiah wrote about? We do not know, but they disturbed the people, who refused to listen to God's prophets. "**Dismayed**" means to be *alarmed*, or *worried*.

A Prophecy in Joel. God tells how He will get the world's attention. Joel 2:30 says:

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of YHWH come."

Darius of Persia; Signs and Wonders in Heaven. After Judah, Jerusalem, and the Temple were destroyed, in the time of Daniel, King Darius wrote to all his subjects:

“King Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth ... the **God of Daniel: for he is the living God ... He delivers and rescues, and he works signs and wonders in heaven** and in earth, [He] who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”

• *Daniel 6:25–27*

What was happening in the heavens when Darius sent Daniel to the lions? I do not know.

The Sign of Jesus’ Birth in Heaven. We are given a precise “time stamp” of the sun, moon, and stars at the birth of Christ — This alignment occurred on September 11, 3 BC.¹

“And there appeared **a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.**”

• *Revelation 12:1–2*

Shepherds, an Angel and the Heavenly Host (Luke 2:8–20). An “angel of the Lord” heralded the birth of Jesus to shepherds near Bethlehem. Then angels sang of God’s glory:

“Suddenly there was **with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host** praising God, and saying, ‘**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.**’ And it came to pass, as **the angels were gone away from them into heaven ...**”

• *Luke 2:13–15*

Pharisees Demand a Sign. In Matthew 16:1 (and Mark 8:11; Luke 11:6) the Pharisees challenged Jesus to show them “**a sign from heaven.**” Heaven is singular in the Greek, and it probably means a sign in the sky. Jesus answered in Matthew 16:4 that the only sign He would give them shall be the “**sign of Jonah**” — dying and made alive again.

Predictions for Before Christ’s Return. Jesus spoke to His disciples of when He would return, “**then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven**” (Matthew 24:30). It would be visible to all the world. Peter at Pentecost said, as Jesus ascended to heaven, He would return from heaven the same way to the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:1, 9–11).

Jesus, Speaking Before His Crucifixion. Jesus at the Temple spoke of the time before His return, Jesus to the people and His disciples (Luke 20:43). They asked, “**what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?**” (Luke 21:7), referring to the Kingdom of God (Luke 21:31). Jesus told of a time when “**great signs shall there be from heaven**” (Luke 21:11). He later spoke of His return when “**... the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs** [1] **in the sun,** and [2] **in the moon,** and [3] **in the stars ...**” (Luke 21:24–25).

Peter Speaking at the First Pentecost. He told what God would do:

“**And I will show wonders in heaven above ... The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE that great and notable day of the Lord come.**”

• *Acts 2:19–20, referencing Joel 2:30 above*

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¹ Dr. Ernest Martin’s book, [The Star That Astonished the World](#) tells of other signs after Christ’s birth.