

Mid-June Convergence

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THE approaching June 16 marks the convergence of six key prophetic elements.

1. SUNDAY

Biblically, Sunday is “resurrection day” as Jesus rose from the dead early on a Sunday morning (Mark 16:9).

Sunday is also the day on which the Apostle John was spiritually caught up to heaven at the sound of a “voice like a trumpet” (Rev. 1:10; 4:1).

2. SUMMER IS NEAR

Less than a week after spring’s final Sunday, June 21 marks the solstice and the beginning of summer.

In Matthew’s parable of the fig tree, “summer” is a metaphor for the end of the age (Matt. 24:32).

3. BIBLICAL PENTECOST

Counting seven-weeks from the day after the Sabbath following Passover as prescribed in Leviticus, this year’s Pentecost, or Feast of Weeks, lands on June 16.

Pentecost celebrates the wheat harvest (Ex. 34:22).

Prophetically, the wheat harvest represents the harvest of believers at the end of the age (Mark 4:26, 27, 29; Rev. 14:15; Matt. 13:39).

4. THE FULL MOON

Biblically, the full moon is associated with the feasts of the Lord and the sounding of the ram’s horn, or trumpet (Ps. 81:3).

The full moon is also the time when the goodman, or ruler, of the house is expected to return (Prov. 7:19, 20).

5. JUPITER/FULL- MOON CONJUNCTION

God uses the stars and planets for “signs” to mark appointed times and to “reveal knowledge” (Gen. 1:11; Ps. 19: 1, 2).

On June 16, the Full Moon and Jupiter will come into close conjunction in the Constellation Ophiuchus.

Typologically, the Moon symbolizes the Church. The Planet Jupiter, a.k.a. the King Planet, symbolizes Messiah. The Constellation Ophiuchus pictures the Serpent Holder, or Restrainer.

At the time of the conjunction, Jupiter will be nearer the Earth than at any other time of year.

The closest phase of conjunction will occur during the evening of the 16th in Jerusalem, the time when the biblical day ends and the next one begins (Gen. 1:5).

6. ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETHLEHEM STAR

June 17 marks the Gregorian anniversary of the Venus-Jupiter conjunction, or “Bethlehem Star,” which signaled the birth of Messiah in 2 BC.

SUMMARY

To summarize, we have the following occurring at once:

- A Jupiter-Moon conjunction; during the full Moon, while Jupiter is at its nearest.
- The final Sunday before summer.
- The Pentecost harvest festival.
- The Gregorian anniversary of the Bethlehem Star.

The prophetic themes embodied in this convergence are—

- Resurrection.
- A catching up to heaven.

- Summer is near.
- The harvest.
- Fullness.
- An appointed time.
- The trumpet blast.
- The return of the goodman.
- A meeting of the Church and Messiah in the heavens.
- A birth proclaimed by a sign.

Additionally, the above is taking place during the harvest season following Israel's 70th year since 1948 and on the heels of the 49th year since Jerusalem began to be rebuilt in spring 1969 (Jer. 29:10; Dan. 9:25)

Having highlighted this remarkable convergence, we understand that a coming together of prophetic signs and timelines doesn't necessarily mean the event alluded to, in this case the Rapture, is going to occur at this time. Oftentimes a convergence is simply a convergence, a sign or marker pointing forward.

Besides, Jesus says he is coming at an hour we think not (Matt. 24:44).

Such a rare and profound convergence is, however, intended to get our attention.

Therefore, look up!

The heavens are declaring to everyone who has ears to hear: "The King is on His way!"

NOTES:

1. The correct reckoning of Pentecost has long been a matter of debate. The reckoning method that best corresponds to Scripture in this researcher's opinion is that the seven-weeks should be counted from the day after

the regular weekly Sabbath following Passover. Since 2019's Passover coincided with the weekly (Saturday) Sabbath spanning April 19-20, the Sabbath following Passover is April 27. Counting seven weeks from this date we arrive at Sunday June 16.

<https://www.nehemiaswall.com/truth-shavuot>

<https://www.nehemiaswall.com/counting-omer>

2. 25 Ways Pentecost Foreshadows the Rapture:

http://www.theseasonofreturn.com/25_WAYS_PENTECOST_FORESHADOWS_THE_RAPTURE_rev_a.pdf

3. The moon as a symbol of the Church: In Song of Solomon the Gentile/Shulammite maid, symbolic of the Church, is compared to the moon: "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee" (Song 6:10, 13). The spiritual parallel between the Church and the moon is that the full moon, as bright and beautiful as it is, has no brilliance of its own. It relies entirely upon the sun, which is a picture of Christ (Ps. 84:11; 19:4, 5), for its light. Without the sun, the moon has no light. Likewise, man has no light of his own. We were created in the image of God to reflect His brilliance and glory (Gen. 1:27). When we turn to face the majesty of God, when we surrender to Him and seek Him with all our hearts, we reflect His glory (Matt. 5:14). The Moon Bride: http://www.theopenscroll.com/when_cometh/moon_bride.htm

4. Jupiter/Full-Moon conjunction: Viewing the conjunction via the Starry Night astronomical program, the closest phase begins about the end of astronomical twilight in Jerusalem (9:25 pm), as darkness falls.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/astronomical-twilight.html>

https://abcnews.go.com/US/jupiter-close-earth-month-planet-largest-moons-visible/story?id=63530831&fbclid=IwAR2Dt38Tv-vK0vn29_L4F4z7hVDtJUK84I9QqDmv5zjqPpTMXGyg2PMDmyc

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5. Bethlehem Star: The closest phase of the Venus-Jupiter conjunction (Bethlehem Star) in 2 BC began about 9:15 pm Jerusalem time as the two planets drew to within 36 arc seconds (0.01 degree) of each other.

<https://www.space.com/33866-venus-jupiter-conjunction-star-of-bethlehem.html>

6. Israel's 70th year since 1948 began in spring 2018 and ended spring 2019. We are thus currently, as of June 2019, in the harvest season following Israel's 70th year. "After seventy years are accomplished ... I will remember you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place" (Jer. 29:10).

FULL SCRIPTURES CITED:

"On the Lord's Day [Sunday] I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet and the voice ... said, 'Come up here'" (Rev. 1:10; 4:1).

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer [the end of the age] is near" (Matt. 24:32).

“Celebrate the Festival of Weeks [Pentecost] with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest” (Ex. 34:22).

“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground the seed sprouts and grows as soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come” (Mark 4:26, 27, 29).

“Then another angel came out of the temple, crying out in a loud voice to the One seated on the cloud, ‘Swing Your sickle and reap, because the time has come to harvest; for the crop of the earth is ripe’” (Rev. 14:15).

“The [wheat] harvest is the end of the age” (Matt. 13:39).

“Blow the ram’s horn [trumpet] at the ... full moon, on our feast day (Ps. 81:3).

“The goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: He has taken a bag of money with him; He will come home at the full moon” (Prov. 7:19, 20).

“And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times’” (Gen. 1:11).

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge” (Ps. 19: 1, 2).

“And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day” (Gen. 1:5).

“For thus saith the LORD: After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will remember you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place” (Jer. 29:10).

“From the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks [49 years]” (Dan. 9:25).

“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him” (Matt. 24:44).