

Moon-Jupiter Conjunction

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JUPITER, the “King Planet,” will be closer to Earth than at any other time of year during the month of June.

While the solar system’s largest planet will be closest near the middle of the month, one should be able to spot it, along with some of its larger moons, with nothing more than a pair of binoculars as it enters its period of opposition on June 10.

In addition to Jupiter being at its closest distance to Earth, it will appear to meet up with the Full Moon on June 16. Using the Starry Night astronomical program with the viewing location set to Jerusalem, one can see the Moon approach and seemingly touch the King Planet in the Constellation Ophiuchus, the “Serpent Holder,” or “Restrainer,” as darkness settles in around 9:00 pm Sunday evening.

While no one knows the day of the Lord’s return, this heavenly sign is a reminder that the Church in its fullness, symbolized by the full moon, will one day meet her King-Bridegroom in the heavens. With the force that restrains the serpent, the Holy Spirit, removed from earth, the human embodiment of evil Scripture calls the “man of sin” will emerge to take his place on the prophetic stage (2 Thess. 2).

A once-in-history convergence of prophetic signs and timelines suggests this day is near.

That the “King” is nearest to us in June, the month of the Bible’s Harvest Festival, is a reminder that today, before Judgment Day arrives, is the time to seek the Lord.

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near” (Isa. 55:6).

LINKS:

<https://abcnews.go.com/.../jupiter-close-earth-month-p.../story...>

https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20190616_19_100

<https://earthsky.org/?p=260673>

NOTES:

1. The Moon as a symbol of the Church: In Song of Solomon the Gentile/Shulamite maid (symbolizing 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

2. June 2019 corresponds to the biblical month of Sivan and the Bible's "Festival of Harvest," also known as the Feast of weeks or Pentecost (Lev. 23; Ex 23:16).