

# Taurid Meteor Swarm 2019

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*“The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea” (Rev. 8:7, 8).*

ADDING to the convergence of biblical signs this summer, Earth is making an unusually close approach to a dense stream of meteoroids called the Taurids.

Earth nears the Taurid stream twice every year, once in late October and once in late June. This year’s passage, however, will bring our planet to within 18 million miles of the center of the meteor swarm, the closest approach in the nearly 60-year period from 1975 to 2032.

While June’s Beta Taurids are typically not impressive as most of the activity occurs during daylight hours, the nearness of the swarm this year has some predicting that bright fireballs may be visible even during the daytime.

Maximum activity will occur around June 28–29.

Most of the meteoroids within the Taurid swarm are small. However, scientists say some very large boulders lurk among the debris cloud. It’s believed that an estimated 200-600 foot object that came hurtling from space to explode in the atmosphere above Siberia in 1908 came from the Taurids. The so-called “Tunguska event” leveled 80 million trees over an 800-square-mile area and was the largest impact event in Earth’s recorded history.

Such an impact is considered a once-in-a-thousand-year occurrence; though experts say that passing so near a dense cluster of meteoroids as we are this summer changes the odds significantly and heightens the possibility of a cluster of large impacts over a short period of time.

Is it coincidence that Earth’s unusually near approach to a meteor stream originating from Taurus—the constellation picturing the Lord coming in wrath to punish His enemies—comes at a time when the stage is utterly set for the Bible’s Judgment Day to begin?

At present—

- Iran’s attacks on tankers and a US drone have further heightened tensions in the Middle East and brought the US and Iran to the brink of a shooting war (Matt. 24:6; Jer. 51:11).
- Record-breaking disease outbreaks, crop failures, and earthquake swarms are happening worldwide (Matt. 24:7).

- A major plan to bring peace and security to the Middle East is ready to be unveiled at the appropriate time (1 Thess. 5:3).
- Soaring financial markets and record low unemployment have people buying, selling, planting, building, and marrying (Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17: 28-29).
- Because June is designated “Pride Month,” cities around the globe are celebrating the sin that brought judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah (Luke 17:28-30).

All of the above is happening during the harvest season following Israel’s prophetic 70th year and on the heels of the 49th year since Jerusalem began to be rebuilt in spring 1969 (Jer. 29:10; Dan. 9:25)

Jesus said we would see the day approaching (1 Thess. 5:4; Heb 10:25).

He also said no one knows the day (Matt. 24:36-44).

So keep watch!

#### NOTES:

1. June 30, 2019, also marks the fourth anniversary of the reappearance of the Bethlehem Star for the first time in two millennia in 2015.

2. For more on the biblical and prophetic significance of the constellation Taurus, see E.W. Bullinger.

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