



Prophecy in Perspective

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Our Times - Prophecy in current events

Many of us are already aware of how Iran has been developing means to delivering and detonating an EMP (Electro Magnetic Pulse) weapon over the United States, Israel or any place they so desire. This kind of a weapon could disable our nation's computer networks and electronic and electrical grid from coast to coast practically in an instant. But this kind of an attack can theoretically occur through the activity of the sun. Current solar flare activity has scientists, and many others concerned about the potential for setting the United States, as well as other technologically dependent countries, back for decades.

Over and over in the Bible we read of God's clear warning to nations who abuse Israel and who promote false religions and promote or tolerate immorality. In the United States we are seeing horrible abuses against God, His Word and against His people, both Christians and Israelis. The recent public scandals, combined with the daily tornado out breaks across the mid-west have many wondering if God is trying to get our attention. I believe He is! In addition to these events, and with recent developments of activity on the surface of the sun, see the report below, Christians have reason to be more expectant than ever that the coming of the Lord is drawing near.

Solar EPMS, Over 100 Million Could Die in the U. S. Alone

WASHINGTON – The sun has kicked into high gear and produced four so-called X-class solar flares over the past week from a solar spot that is expected to come more into alignment with Earth as the sun's activity peaks this year and next.

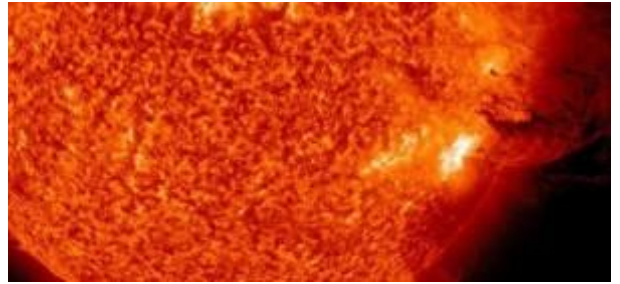
The intense solar storms are expected to last as long as until 2020. Until now, the sun has remained relatively dormant, but with four X-class eruptions in one week, it is beginning to reach its "solar storm maximum" in this latest 11-year cycle of activity. Scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Solar Dynamics Observatory say that the latest eruptions are the first X-class flares that the sun has produced in this cycle.

Of the four X-class flares, the first registered at X1.2, scientists said. It was the weakest, but as the week continued, more powerful flares registered at X3.2, which scientists say has been the strongest of the year. The numbers assigned to the flares correlate to their strength. An X2, for example, is twice as intense as an X1, while an X3 is three times as intense.

The strongest flare recorded during the sun's 11-year cycle was an X6.9. This occurred on August 9, 2011. The second strongest was an X5.4 on March 7, 2012. The sun is going through Solar Cycle 24, which began in January 2008. So far during Solar Cycle 24 there have been 19 X-class solar flares, scientists say.

Along with the radiation from the flares, there also is a coronal mass ejection, or CME. During a CME, billions of tons of highly charged particles are ejected to interact with Earth's magnetic field, causing radio blackouts and the shutdown or destruction of vulnerable electrical grid systems and sensitive electronic components.

The initial X-class flares came from the same active sunspot region, which scientists identify as AR-1748. They say it was away from the Earth, although it is possible that their effects could "just glance the Earth's magnetic field." As it was, it caused some radio blackout, scientists said.



While the flares spewing from this sunspot went off into space, the AR-1748 is rotating more in alignment with Earth, scientists say.

Scientists said that an increased number of solar flares are expected as the sun approaches its peak of high activity. The Space Weather Prediction Center said that upcoming solar activity is expected to be moderate, with a 50 percent probability of more X-class flares erupting in the weeks ahead.

Because the United States and other Western countries are technologically based societies, with critical infrastructures run by electronics, the increase in space weather activity takes on a high level of importance.

For one thing, the U.S. national grid system is vulnerable in its own right.

But with an electromagnetic pulse, or EMP, generated from the sun's flares – some of which can be up to 10 times the size of the Earth – the unprotected grid, including transformers, electrical components and automated control systems that everyone takes for granted in their everyday lives, could either be severely damaged or fried, taking months if not years to replace. NASA estimates that a direct hit to Earth from one of these enormous flares would have a catastrophic impact on the nation's critical infrastructures over a very wide geographical area.

In the first year alone, NASA estimates, such a disaster could cost just the U.S. upwards of \$2 trillion. It also would take from four to 10 years to recover – if that even would be possible – and affect the lives of some 160 million people, threatening starvation and death.

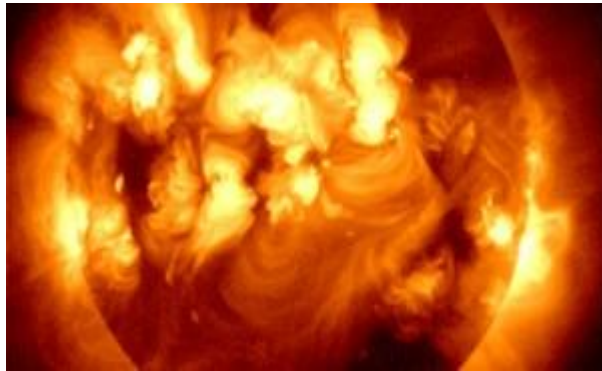
Some EMP experts say that such a catastrophic event could wipe out America's urban centers, due to their total dependency on critical infrastructures for electricity, communications, food and water delivery, oil and gas, transportation, automated banking and financial institutions and even emergency services.

The experts say grocery stores, for example, would have their shelves cleared in a matter of hours due to the panic that would sweep the population. Normally, grocery stores carry a maximum of three days of products before being restocked. However, restocking would come to a halt due to the inability of trucks to function, with fueling stations unable to pump the fuel needed to run the vehicles.

Automated control devices that regulate the flow of oil and natural gas through the hundreds of thousands of miles of pipelines that crisscross the nation would be tripped, causing geographically widespread secondary fires and explosions.

Such an event would not just occur out in a remote field. Fires and explosions also could occur under streets and even into people's houses. The inability of fire and medical emergency services to respond would result in further disastrous consequences for the population.

Because automated systems ensure fresh water delivery, all filtering and sewage systems in the urban setting would face the high prospect shutting down, leading to disease such as cholera and dysentery. In addition, there would be little likelihood of medical attention because the hospitals and first responders' emergency equipment which rely on electronics and communications equipment may no longer function.



Hospitals would have backup generators. However, if the generators have electrical starters, they might not function at all. Others may run on gasoline or diesel and only function for as long as there is fuel, which would need to be trucked in by vehicles with automated starters.

NASA estimates that as many as 350 of the large, customized transformers, which maintain a power supply across the nation and are only produced abroad, would be destroyed.

Because they are expensive – some costing as much as \$20 million a copy – utilities don't keep spares on hand. They could take years to replace, especially if a number of technologically dependent countries' transformers are affected by a direct solar flare impact. (World Net Daily, "Worst Case EMP Scenario? Half in U.S. Dead," By F. Michael Maloof, 5-5-13)

Bible prophecy assures us that God intends to visit judgment upon sinful and rebellious man during the tribulation period in the form of searing and scorching heat. Revelation 16:8-9 says, **"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."** It seems that God can speak to America and other rebellious nations as often and as clearly as He wills, but the wicked refuse to repent or to give God glory.

The Bible has many indications through prophecy that God intends to use the sun to bring the present earth under His scorching judgment. Malachi predicts: **"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Malachi 4:1).** One day, the Lord will prove to the entire world that He is the righteous judge through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God will bring the worldly systems of man's power and rebellion to a decisive end at the return of Jesus Christ. Isaiah stated: **"Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left" (Isaiah 24:6).** Peter declares that in the latter days more and more people will scorn the idea of the Lord Jesus Christ coming back to the earth and they will declare, upon their learned false science and philosophy (Colossians 2:8) that all things will continue as they always have. Peter states: **"knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation'" (2 Peter 3:3-4).** Notice that the cause of the mockery in the latter days will be their lusts.

Never has man's lusts for sin and immorality been more pronounced, bold and deliberate. In the latter days, men will be lovers of themselves, (2 Timothy 3:1) and so extensive will be their lusts, they will actually desire one another, same sex, over natural (God created) affections for the opposite sex. It has been made clear by at least one promoter of the so called "gay" lifestyle that "gay marriage" is not the goal, but the complete destruction of marriage itself. The Apostle Paul expresses the full extent of latter day immorality when he writes at the very beginning of the book of Romans: **"This is why God delivered them over to degrading**

passions. For even their females exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. The males in the same way also left natural relations with females and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Males committed shameless acts with males and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error" (Romans 1:26-27). God's "delivering them over," does not mean that He approves of their deeds, but that He allows them up to a certain point and will allow also the "appropriate penalty" of their sinful activities. Basket ball player, Jason Collins has announced that he is a homosexual and now, I believe according to plan, all the announcers and fellow athletes, who are admired by impressionable young men and women will certainly be influenced to reject what the Bible clearly teaches on this subject. Jesus has warned of the consequences of promoting with children as good what God has declared as sin: **"But what if someone leads one of these little ones who believe in me to sin? If he does, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and be drowned at the bottom of the sea" (Matthew 18:6).**

I certainly believe that current climactic and political situations and events are directed by a sovereign God who knows just how and when to speak. But the question is, Will we listen? The certainty of these future events are already declared by the Word of God. Therefore, believers today should take particular notice of the climatic changes that are taking place before our eyes today and sound the warning to the lost and to other Christians who have grown complacent. God is on His throne, the earth is His footstool (Isaiah 66:1). God will and even now, is judging sin. This is why He sent Jesus to die for us. Anyone can be saved and forgiven by trusting in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. But, remember, Jesus did not save us **to sin**, but **from sin!** Are you born again? Are you living for the Lord? Are you witnessing for Him? Are you watching for His return?

"The Anger of the Lord Will Not Turn Back"

The Lord has a purpose in revealing His anger in the Latter days. While many today deny that God is angry at sin, and while many have even redefined sin practically out of existence, the Bible is very clear about both God's anger and about sin. In fact, the title for this article is a direct quote from the Prophet Jeremiah 23:20 which states: **"The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly."** There are at least two very important things that we should realize from this one verse: *First*, God is angry at sin and He will carry out His judgment against



An unusual outbreak of tornadoes devastate areas of Oklahoma (US News)

both sin and sinners. *Second*, God will make known much more clearly how He will unfold His plans for the world in the latter days. In other words, many prophetic Scriptures that were not so clear at the time when they were first given to the prophets will become clearer as the latter days develop.

Daniel writes in 12:4 of his prophetic book that he was told: **"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."** As time goes on, I believe we can expect prophetic events to occur in more and more rapid succession. This is apparently occurring today!

We can observe the rapid unfolding of political events in America, in the Middle-East, and Israel. In America we see the amazingly rapid and simultaneous events exposing the confusion and satanic power grab of leftist leaders in the Benghazi cover-up, the IRS scandal in their targeting pro-life Tea Party and Jewish organizations, and the violating of the AP reporter's rights by the government's obtaining illegal information on the reporters. The recent reports of the Russians making ship-killing missiles available to Syria, the tragic outbreak of tornadoes in Texas and Oklahoma, and the general rise in violence through leftism and atheism against the

unborn and those already born and who were cruelly murdered by Gosnell and others! But, then President Obama, in a recent speech, was also enthusiastic in encouraging Planned Parenthood, America's leading industry of death, to carry on in their gruesome work of abortion. Humanist-Socialist-Leftism is truly the worst killer-cult of world history, matching the days of iniquity just prior to the time of Noah. The list goes on and on that enumerates the events and the massive rise of violence against the innocent around the world. Then there is the incredible spiritual deception that is growing everywhere and bringing religious and satanic confusion into prominence before us. (1 Timothy 4:1f; Revelation 17) These are evidences of God's judgment. And the rise of these occurrences and events certainly should make us more and more aware of the approach of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ!



President Obama speaking to and praising Planned Parenthood
(CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP)

Paul makes clear in Romans 1:18 that God's wrath is very active today and is showing itself as the coming of the Lord draws near: ***"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness..."*** Since Jesus said that the latter days would be like the days of Noah, when sin was running rampant and was subduing the entire world in ungodliness, we can see in these present days the fulfillment of this warning (Matthew 24:37). Through the prophecy of Daniel in chapter 2 of his book, he stated to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, that the Lord revealed four distinct empires that would exist from his day down to today, the latter-day. These empires were:

Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Today, globalization is now forming the latter-day form of the occult Roman Empire over which the Antichrist will seek to rule for seven years. Then, as Daniel related, the Lord would return and fill the earth with His victory, rule and presence (Daniel 2:24-36). Daniel said: ***"But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days" (Daniel 2:28).***

Jesus gave many insights and details of the days prior to His return in Matthew 24. As I said, the days of Noah are very significant for our understanding and interpreting the times we are in the now. We are witnessing the exponential growth of wickedness and rebellion in these days. The evil arising through godless leftist and Islamic-Socialist leadership in America alone is truly demonic in its current manifestations. These are predicted manifestations of violence, deception, confusion, and growing ignorance of the masses to God's truth of the Bible and their increasing gullibility to false and lying political leaders such as we are seeing today. Jesus said in Matthew 24:37-44, ***"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."***

This prediction covers the days leading up to the great tribulation, and includes the great tribulation itself. The great tribulation will begin only after the rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). It will be a time of great and irresistible judgment by God upon the wicked on the earth (Revelation 6-18). At the coming of

the Lord, **“one will be taken and the other left.”** This refers to those who will be taken away in judgment at the close of the tribulation period and at the return of the Lord to Jerusalem. Those who will be left will be among the ones who will refuse the deceptions of the coming Antichrist and who will also refuse his mark: 666 (Revelation 13:18). These will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ during the tribulation period or at the close of it at His return to the earth (Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1-6).

God is real, and His prophetic word will be fulfilled to the letter! God will judge sin! But today, He makes forgiveness available through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The shed blood of Jesus Christ for your sins will turn back God’s anger against your sin and against you, whom He must judge, unless a substitute pays your debt in your place. If you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior (John 1:12) then He will apply His payment, as your substitute, to you. But you must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ! There is no other way! (John 14:6) If you will believe that He is the Son of God who died on the cross for your sins and rose from the dead to give you new life; if you ask Him, He will forgive you and He will come into your heart and make you a brand new creation! 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”** God loves you, and does not want any sinner to come into judgment, but into salvation through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16-17). Trust Him as your Savior, live for Him, serve Him and watch for His return. He can come at any moment! (Posted on May 18, 2013 by prophecyinperspective.com)

~Please Pray~

At the writing of this edition of Prophecy in Perspective the news is coming in of the great devastation brought through the day's outbreak of tornadoes in Oklahoma. So far, 51 are reported killed with more expected. Among these are some elementary school children who were not able to get away to safety in time. Please pray for these families who are grieving that the Lord will comfort them and pray for strength and wisdom for the responders. Pray that God will graciously enable the doctors to save lives. Pray that America will see revival through the prayers of God's faithful!

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