

What Happened the Last Time 2 Eclipses Formed a Giant 'X' Over the New Madrid Fault Zone?

Could it be possible that history is about to repeat itself?

On April 8, the Great American Eclipse of 2024 will complete the giant X over America that the Great American Eclipse of 2017 started. Meanwhile, the Devil Comet will be racing through our solar system for the first time in 71 years.

Most of you already know all this. But what is not widely known is that we have seen this same pattern before.

In 1811, a solar eclipse finished the giant X over the heartland of America that a solar eclipse in 1806 had started, and meanwhile, Tecumseh's Comet was making headlines all over the nation as it raced through the heavens. Approximately three months after the giant X over America was completed, cataclysmic earthquakes began erupting along the New Madrid fault.

A lot of you are not familiar with this, so let me take it one step at a time.

A remarkable total solar eclipse crossed the entire continental United States from the West coast to the East coast on June 16, 1806:

On June 16, 1806, a total solar eclipse crossed the North America from Baja California to Massachusetts. This was a long duration eclipse with nearly 5 minutes totality at the point of greatest eclipse. While the western United States was sparsely populated, this eclipse did pass over Ohio,

Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

That was the first half of the giant “X” over America in the early 1800s.

The second half was formed by the path of a “ring of fire” solar eclipse that took place on Sept. 17, 1811.

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This eclipse was so widely anticipated that even Thomas Jefferson wrote about it.

But in 1811, when the solar eclipse that occurred on Constitution Day was visible in central Virginia, that is exactly what Thomas Jefferson did.

On September 17, he diligently recorded his observations in his weather journal. He noted the times when the moon first “contacted” the sun, when the annulus (ring shape) formed, when the annulus broke, and when the contact ended. He also indicated the central time of the contact and the central time of the annulus. According to Jefferson’s observations, the entire event lasted 3 hours, 15 minutes, and 34 seconds.

The paths of those two eclipses intersected in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio: “The 1806 and 1811 eclipses cross in Cleveland, which was founded in 1796. It is not a Hepton Cross, and one of the eclipses is annular, but it’s still probably the most pronounced US cross until our current ones.”

Approximately three months after the eclipse of 1811 completed the giant X over America, the New Madrid fault zone started to go absolutely nuts.

To this day, we have never seen earthquakes of such

destructive power in the continental United States:

The New Madrid earthquakes were the biggest earthquakes in American history. They occurred in the central Mississippi Valley, but were felt as far away as New York City, Boston, Montreal, and Washington D.C. President James Madison and his wife Dolly felt them in the White House. Church bells rang in Boston. From December 16, 1811 through March of 1812 there were over 2,000 earthquakes in the central Midwest, and between 6,000-10,000 earthquakes in the Bootheel of Missouri where New Madrid is located near the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

In the known history of the world, no other earthquakes have lasted so long or produced so much evidence of damage as the New Madrid earthquakes. Three of the earthquakes are on the list of America's top earthquakes: the first one on December 16, 1811, a magnitude of 8.1 on the Richter scale; the second on January 23, 1812, at 7.8; and the third on February 7, 1812, at as much as 8.8 magnitude.

According to the USGS, at one point the geography of the region became so distorted by seismic activity that the Mississippi River actually began to flow backward temporarily:

In the winter of 1811 and 1812, the New Madrid seismic zone generated a sequence of earthquakes that lasted for several months and included three very large earthquakes estimated to be between magnitude 7 and 8. The three largest 1811-1812 earthquakes destroyed several settlements along the Mississippi River, caused minor structural damage as far away as Cincinnati, Ohio, and St. Louis, Missouri, and were felt as far away as Hartford, Connecticut, Charleston, South Carolina, and New Orleans, Louisiana. In the New Madrid region, the earthquakes dramatically affected the landscape. They caused bank failures along the Mississippi River, landslides along Chickasaw Bluffs in Kentucky and Tennessee,

and uplift and subsidence of large tracts of land in the Mississippi River floodplain. One such uplift related to faulting near New Madrid, Missouri, temporarily forced the Mississippi River to flow backwards. In addition, the earthquakes liquefied subsurface sediment over a large area and at great distances resulting in ground fissuring and violent venting of water and sediment. One account of this phenomena stated that the Pemiscot Bayou “blew up for a distance of nearly fifty miles.”

These earthquakes opened up enormous fissures in the ground.

Some of them were up to five miles long, and most of the crevices “ran from north to south.”

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That is a very interesting detail.

Just before the earthquakes started, Tecumseh’s Comet made a spectacular appearance: “The earthquakes were preceded by the appearance of a great comet, which was visible around the globe for seventeen months, and was at its brightest during the earthquakes. The comet, with an orbit of 3,065 years, was last seen during the time of Ramses II in Egypt. In 1811-1812, it was called ‘Tecumseh’s Comet’ (or ‘Napoleon’s Comet’ in Europe).”

Here in 2024, the “Devil Comet” has made a spectacular appearance just before the Great American Eclipse of 2024 finishes the giant X over America that the Great American Eclipse of 2017 started.

Interestingly, CBS News is reporting that large numbers of Americans will be flocking to an area in southern Illinois where the paths of the Great American Eclipse of 2024 and the

Great American Eclipse of 2017 intersect.

While many are likely to head as far south as possible, some of the biggest cities in the Midwest are likely to fuel day-of migration to spots in Missouri and Illinois, many of them likely seeing a total eclipse for the second time in a decade. A small zone centered around Carbondale, Illinois, was along the path of totality in 2017, and will be once again this month.

For a lot of these people, the Great American Eclipse of 2024 will be a wonderful opportunity to party.

As the most ominous sign in the entire history of our country passes over our heads, they will be celebrating.

But the last time we saw a giant X over the heartland of America, it certainly wasn't anything to celebrate.

Scientists tell us it is just a matter of time before cataclysmic earthquakes erupt along the New Madrid fault zone once again, and when that time arrives the death and destruction that we will witness will be off the charts.

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