

Christians Prepare for Great American Eclipse of 2024

Excitement is building across America in anticipation of the Great American Eclipse of April 8, 2024. Hotel rooms along the path of the eclipse from Texas to Maine are already reserved. Museums and planetariums are planning events. There are also outdoor events such as rock concerts scheduled. And over 100 million Americans living in or near the path of totality will experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. It will be another 20 years before an eclipse crosses America.

On April 8, the moon will gradually begin to cover the sun, creating a smaller and smaller crescent sun. Be sure to watch this phase of the eclipse through special eclipse glasses or welders' glass to avoid eye damage. Then, on a 100-mile-wide path, the moon will totally cover the sun. The sky will turn dark, the stars will shine and the outer atmosphere of the sun, the corona, will be visible. It will be an awe-inspiring sight.

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One Christian group, the American Wake Up Call, says the awe-inspiring eclipse is designed by God to get our attention. Founder Ron Allen says, "God uses signs in the heavens like the rainbow to remind us of His promise not to flood the earth and the star of Bethlehem to announce the birth of Jesus. The prophet Joel and the apostle Peter point to eclipses as prophetic signs marking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and salvation. We should use this eclipse as a focal point for prayer and outreach to our communities."

Over 1,000 churches and prayer groups joined the American Wake Up Call to pray for repentance and healing our land during the

Oct. 14, 2023, solar eclipse that ran from Oregon to Texas. Since that time God has shed light on hidden sins in the church and government and has revealed a dark strain of antisemitism in our society. America stands in the valley of decision, whether we will follow God and choose life or continue on the path to destruction.

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The American Wake Up Call believes God wants to give America a second chance and has sent the eclipse as a sign for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and salvations. Leading up to the eclipse, Christians are encouraged to continue praying for repentance and healing the land. Then, on Monday, April 8, the eclipse will pass overhead in the early afternoon. Some pastors will open their churches and some prayer groups will meet just before the eclipse. Individuals are encouraged to take a late lunch break, fasting lunch to pray and share their faith during the eclipse. This will also be a great time to host a community outreach event.

Ron Allen says, "God knows how to get His own publicity. Don't miss this chance to introduce people to the artist who created the spectacle. Come join us on April 8." {eo}

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Ron Allen is a Christian businessman who is active in ministries spreading a message of reconciliation to God, to men and between believers. He is the founder of American Wake Up Call.