

How This Weekend's Meteor Shower Symbolized Christ's Triumph Over Evil

On August 11, the sun entered the constellation Leo (The Lion), where the Teshuvah Eclipse will occur on August 21.

Leo is the twelfth and final chapter of the Star Bible. It follows the first 10 chapters of the Star Bible dealing with the promise of Christ's coming, His first coming, and His Second Coming, more or less running from Genesis to Revelation, and the eleventh chapter, Cancer (the holding place), which pictures the believers at home in heaven with God. Leo pictures a lion, representing Christ, the Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5), which is tearing a serpent (the constellation Hydra), representing Satan and his followers, into pieces. Leo's bright star Regulus (treading underfoot) reminds us that Christ will put all of His enemies under His feet (1 Cor. 15:25). Two other constellations associated with Leo complete the picture of judgment, Corvus (the raven), shown eating the flesh of the snake, and Crater (the cup) as the cup of God's wrath poured out on the snake. This is a picture of God's judgment, commonly known as hell.

The great American eclipse of Aug. 21 comes on the first day of Teshuvah, the 40-day Jewish season of repentance that ends on the Day of Atonement. During the eclipse, the moon, which symbolizes the believers (Ps. 89:37), moves into the sun, which symbolizes Christ (Ps. 19), to create a picture of unity in Christ. This picture reinforces the literal meaning of Teshuvah: to return to the presence of God. On the Earth, the moon's shadow will create an area of darkness reminiscent of the darkness of the Day of the Lord (Amos 5:20), a reminder to the unbelievers of God's judgment. Thus, Teshuvah eclipses are both an invitation to return to God and a warning of judgment.

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Teshuvah eclipses can occur either in Cancer, picturing the believers in God's presence, or in Leo, representing God's judgment. The Aug. 21 eclipse will occur inside of Leo, just 1.5 degrees from Regulus (treading under foot), which will be visible during totality. The fact that the eclipse occurs in the judgment constellation of Leo in close proximity to the star Regulus, which shows Christ's victory over evil, must be taken as a strong warning to repent or face judgment.

In preparation for the Teshuvah eclipse, adding to the warning of judgment, there was a very active meteor shower known as the Perseid meteor shower on Aug. 12 and 13. The shower is named after the constellation from which it comes, Perseus (the breaker), which is a picture of Christ's triumph over evil. Think of them as a celestial fireworks show as the heavens tune up for the Teshuvah eclipse. {eoa}

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