

What Does the April 8 Eclipse Mean?

“... And God said, “Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs ...” (Gen. 1:14).

On Monday, Apr. 8, 2024, the United States will witness the third total eclipse within a seven-year period. This is the first time in over 1,000 years that any nation has seen something like this. The paths of the three eclipses over our beloved nation form the Hebrew letters that represent the first and last letters of the alphabet ... the beginning and the end ... the Alpha and the Omega ... which is also one of the names the Lord God gives for Himself (Rev. 1:8).

Could God be giving us a sign from the sky? Is He giving us a heads-up warning that time is running out for our nation? In a significant way, God is the Alpha of the United States of America. He is our beginning. We were founded as “one nation under God.” Is He now putting us on notice that He is also our Omega? Is He warning us that the end is near for America as we have known her?

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While I don't know the answer to those questions, I do know everything means something.

Jesus prophesied that right before the end there would be signs in the sky that include the sun being darkened (Matt. 24:29). The Old Testament prophet Joel declared the same thing (Joel 2:31). Are we near the end as a nation?

But His warning carries with it implied hope.

God would not warn us if there was not opportunity to change depending on our response to it. Like Nineveh of old, could God be giving us a warning of impending warning followed by a window of time to turn away from our sin and return to Him (Jonah 3:1-10)?

While the eclipse is a fascinating natural phenomenon that deserves our attention, I don't want to miss the sign from heaven that it also may be. If it is a warning, how will you and I wish we had responded to it when the end comes? I believe it's time to get right with God as a nation. Now. The prophet Joel, quoted above, says it best as he implored his nation: "... Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in kindness but that He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing ..." (Joel 2:13-14)

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It's also time to get right with God as individuals. If that's your desire, pray this simple prayer:

Dear God,

I want to get right with You. I acknowledge that I have done wrong things, and I'm sorry. I have turned away from You and gone my own way. I ask You to forgive me. I now turn to You. I claim the death of Your Son, Jesus, as Your sacrifice for my sin and wrongdoing. I receive the eternal life He rose from the grave to give me. I surrender the control of my life to Him. I invite Him to come into my heart, and choose to follow Him from this day forward, all the way to heaven.

Amen

If enough of us prayed that prayer, we could save our nation.

But even if you are the only one who responds to God's heavenly sign by getting right with Him, you may not prevent the end from coming, but regardless of what happens, you will be safe ... forever!

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