

## UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

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As I arose today to finish this article on unusual occurrences, I heard that the Pope had resigned; the first pope to do so in over 600 years. As I was adding this latest development to the article, RAI Italian TV announced that lightning struck the Dome of Peter's Basilica after the pope announced his resignation. Photographers captured this photo of the event.



L'immagine del giorno è di Alessandro Di Meo, fotografo dell'agenzia Ansa. Il fotoreporter è riuscito a catturare la caduta di un fulmine sulla cupola di San Pietro proprio nel giorno dell'annuncio delle dimissioni di papa Benedetto XVI.

Translation: The image of the day is by Alessandro Di Meo, photographer of the Ansa agency. The photographers managed to capture the fall of lightning on the dome of St. Peter on the day of the announcement of the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

The bible speaks of disastrous things to occur in the city of seven hills in the last days. There is a prophecy I'm sure you've all heard of from Malachy, a Catholic Archbishop who is considered a saint by the Catholic Church, concerning the popes. He is not a prophet in the bible, but his predictions have been uncannily correct. According to him, the next leader of the Roman Catholic Church will be the last one, who will be called Peter the Roman.

Here is what Malachy said, *"In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Petrus Romanus (Peter the Roman), who will feed his flock amid many tribulations, after which the seven-hilled city will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people. The End."*

No pope to date has ever chosen the name of Peter out of respect for Peter, the Apostle. Two of the cardinals that could be in the running as a replacement have Peter in their name: Peter Turkson from Ghana, and Tarcisio Pietro (Peter) Evasio Bertone from Italy. Bertone currently serves as Cardinal Secretary of State and Camerlengo (Chamberlain). I've heard him referred to as the Pope's right-hand man. The Chamberlain is the one who must be in charge until a new pope is named.

Malachy always used "descriptions" of popes, not actual names. So, could it be that this new pope will not take the name of Peter? Since Tarcisio Pietro Evasio Bertone was born in Romano Canavese in Italy, this would be an adequate description of him. What an interesting name! Tarcisio sounds like the Tartus or Tarshish mentioned in the bible many times. Some have said it refers to the place where Paul, the Apostle was born, which is the present day Turkey. Evasio means "escapees." Several visions of popes and other Catholic visionaries have spoken of seeing a pope that will flee Rome with his surviving priests. I'll speak more of this in a minute.

Turkson may have eliminated himself by speaking publicly about wanting to be pope. This has always been considered taboo and a sure reason not to be elected. Could it be that Turkson is doing this because he doesn't really want to be the pope? Few really seek this position due to the extraordinary demands of the office. Also, he's had some controversy surrounding him for speaking out against the Muslims. And these days, they seem to be held in higher regard than Christians.

There have been a few popes or Catholic visionaries over the centuries who saw such things as the last pope coinciding with a great comet, merging of all religions, horrible tribulation, and it being the very last days when Christ will return.

Pope Pius X, who reigned from 1903 to 1914 had the following terrifying vision:

In 1909, in the midst of an audience with members of the Franciscan order, he seemed to fall into a trance. Moments passed, then his eyes sprung open and he jumped to his feet. **"What I have seen is terrifying!" he cried out. "Will I be the one, or will it be a successor?** What is certain is that the Pope will leave Rome and, in leaving the Vatican, he will have to pass over the dead bodies of his priests!"

His vision was similar to the reported third prophecy of Fatima. Later, shortly before he died, he saw another vision: **"I have seen one of my successors, of the same name**, who was fleeing over the bodies of his brethren. He will take refuge in some hiding place; but after a brief respite, he will die a cruel death. Respect for God has disappeared from human hearts. They wish to efface even God's memory. This perversity is nothing less than the beginning of the last days of the world."

Could this mean the new pope will take the name of Pius? We will soon see how this all plays out.



1. Hurricane Sandy in October 2012 affected 24 states and caused great devastation.
2. Winter Tornadoes raked through parts of southern Mississippi and southwestern Alabama on Feb. 10, 2013.
3. February 2013 Northeastern Winter Snow Storm dropped as much as 40 inches of snow with hurricane-force winds.

Eyewitness video: <http://www.weather.com/news/tornadoes-hattiesburg-damage-map-20130211>

Natural disasters have been steadily increasing in frequency and intensity for quite awhile now. I read the news on raptureready.com., and not a day goes by now when there isn't an earthquake somewhere that makes the news, or records are broken with droughts, heat, cold, snow, floods, tornadoes, etc. - and in diverse places, as the bible says would happen. For the sake of time and space, I'm just going to concentrate on recent weather events.

We all know the disastrous results from Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. That storm became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record as measured by diameter, with winds spanning 1,100 miles.

We've already had two large tornado outbreaks this winter, which is not a time when you usually expect them. There was the Christmas tornado outbreak of 2012 with 30 tornadoes confirmed by the National Weather Service in five states, from Texas to North Carolina. The winter tornado outbreak on Jan 29-30, 2013 dropped at least 48 tornadoes from Oklahoma to Georgia. Early indications suggest it was the third largest January tornado outbreak on record, behind the 2008 and 1999 outbreak sequences. There have been some rather significant winter tornado outbreaks since 1950.

The Solomon Islands have had three large earthquakes in the past several days. The largest registered 8.0, which struck northeast of Australia. The Santa Cruz Islands can't seem to stop having one quake after another. Besides the one in the Santa Cruz Islands today, earthquakes were reported today in Trinidad and in the Turkish part of the Aegean Sea. But, like I said, earthquakes are in the news daily now.

On Feb. 8, 2013 a severe winter storm in the northeastern U.S. and Canada dropped as much as 40 inches of snow.



1. Total solar eclipse just before the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. June 2011 total lunar eclipse "Blood moon"
3. Asteroid half a football field wide to whizz by Earth Feb. 15, 2013 on closest approach in history for object this size.

Muslims consider blood moons to be lucky for them. There are those who believe that total lunar eclipses are bad for Israel (their calendar goes by phases of the moon), and total solar eclipses are bad for the nations (Gentiles, whose calendar goes by the solar year). They say the same thing about comets. The bible does lend credence to these beliefs.

***Jesus said, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; and the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: For the very powers of the \*heavens shall be shaken." Luke 21: 25-26.***

(\*According to Hal Lindsey, the original Greek is translated as "solar system.")

***"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord." Acts 2:20***

***"Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night." Revelation 8: 8-12***

There are usually two to four eclipses per year. However, in 2011 there were six: four solar and two lunar. The last one that year was on December 10. It was a total lunar eclipse that occurred over Israel right at sunset, just when their Shabbat (Sabbath) began. It was visible from all of Asia and Australia, seen as the moon was rising over Eastern Europe and the Middle East. This was called a rare event. Eight days later the Arab Spring uprisings began, which spread throughout the Middle East until the fall of 2011.

In January 2011 when the Egyptian revolution began, I'll never forget the footage that was captured on a live TV news broadcast of a ghostly ancient rider and horse.



Video (start from 1:17 to view horse and rider) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWQKOj9Sxkg>

Now, here at the beginning of 2013, Egypt is taking to the streets again in protest of the new president. They toppled President Mubarak in 2011. He was later replaced with a president from the infamous Muslim Brotherhood. All I have to say is, "Be careful what you ask for..."

A set of four fairly rare lunar eclipses called a tetrad will occur between 2014 and 2015. There will also be two solar eclipses. What makes the tetrad of four lunar eclipses plus the two solar eclipses even more rare is that each one of them will occur on a Holy Feast day appointed by God (Leviticus 23:2) - and they will occur during the Jewish (seventh) Sabbatical year.

Speaking of feast days, Israel has an amazing pattern of significant events occurring throughout their history on these same days that share the same theme.

Video about the coming eclipses: <http://youtu.be/8QXc6BdRIOQ>



The Great Comet of 1680 over Rotterdam by Lieve Verschuier

Now we're suddenly hearing about not one, but two comets to appear in 2013 that are supposed to be pretty spectacular, if they don't fizzle out first. One will be in the spring and one in the fall. Comet Ison may provide us with a most dazzling display (the tail is said to be 40,000 miles long) and will occur this fall and arrive at the sun on Thanksgiving Day, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Some think it may be the return of the Great Comet of 1680.



Image 1: Fish-eye lens view of the northern lights mid July 2004 in Canada

Image 2: Frederic Church 1865 painting "Aurora Borealis." His inspiration may have been Great Auroral Storm of 1859.

Scientists say that the sun has been acting up in a way not seen in a long time. Dr. David Hathaway of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center has been quoted as saying, *"What we are witnessing is something unlike anything we've seen in 100 years."*

The sun's recent solar "minimum" period was less active than it's been in 100 years. According to science.com, the sun has been out of sync since about the turn of this 21<sup>st</sup> century. Astronomers using the Hubble Telescope very frequently describe their observations as unusual. NASA predicted that solar activity would be more active than usual from 2011 through 2013.

They say that Coronal Mass Ejections (CME's) may bathe the earth in cosmic rays, which would cause Northern Lights to be seen much farther south. I remember my grandparents talking about such an occurrence of the aurora borealis (Northern Lights) in 1938, right before Hitler began WWII.

Scientists are concerned that these CME's will damage the U.S. electrical grid. They say the upcoming solar storm maximum could be as big as the 1859 Carrington Event, which caused outages of telegraph networks.

Here is a description of The Carrington Event from Wikipedia.com: *"On September 1–2, 1859, this largest recorded geomagnetic storm occurred. Auroras were seen around the world, even over the Caribbean; those over the Rocky Mountains were so bright that their glow awoke gold miners, who began preparing breakfast because they thought it was morning. People who happened to be awake in the northeastern US could read a newspaper by the aurora's light."*

*Telegraph systems all over Europe and North America failed, in some cases shocking telegraph operators. Telegraph pylons threw sparks and telegraph paper spontaneously caught fire. Some telegraph systems continued to send and receive messages despite having been disconnected from their power supplies.*

*On September 3, 1859, the Baltimore American and Commercial Advertiser reported, "Those who happened to be out late on Thursday night had an opportunity of witnessing another magnificent display of the auroral lights. The phenomenon was very similar to the display on Sunday night, though at times the light was, if possible, more brilliant, and the prismatic hues more varied and gorgeous. The light*



*appeared to cover the whole firmament, apparently like a luminous cloud, through which the stars of the larger magnitude indistinctly shone. The light was greater than that of the moon at its full, but had an indescribable softness and delicacy that seemed to envelop everything upon which it rested.”*

Since early 2011 I've been hearing reports of strange unexplained groans coming from somewhere in or over the earth. Whether it has anything to do with the maximum solar flares, northern lights, magnetic field changes, or whatever, I don't know. But, I do know this is the first I've heard of such sounds being heard by people all over the world. Some of these were captured on video. The sounds have caused copycats to come out of the woodwork, leading many to discount them. But NASA calls them a natural source of radio waves and posts some interesting sounds coming from space.

[http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2001/ast19jan\\_1/](http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2001/ast19jan_1/)

University of Saskatchewan physics professor Jean-Pierre St. Maurice told CTV that it's electromagnetic noise emitted from auroras and radiation belts.

Geoscientist David Deming from the University of Oklahoma, who wrote about a phenomenon called The Hum, which he referred to as “a mysterious and untraceable sound that is heard in certain locations around the world by two to ten per cent of the population.”

Geophysicist, Dr. Dr. Elchin Khalilo had this to say about the sounds from the sky or the earth: “In both cases, even though the causes of acoustic-gravity waves are of a quite understandable geophysical nature, they are indicative of the expected significant increase in solar activity and the geodynamic activity of our planet. There is no doubt that processes in the core rule the internal energy of our planet, therefore, we should expect by the end of 2012 a sharp rise in strong earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and extreme weather events with peak levels in 2013 – 2014.”

If these sounds are real, why are we hearing them now when we haven't before? It reminds me of the scripture in Romans 8:22, “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2110523/Whats-causing-mysterious-sounds-coming-sky-loud-set-car-alarms.html#axzz2KYFiDuff>



At the start of 2011 there was a sudden massive die-off of animals all over the world.

- Thousands of redwing blackbirds fell from the sky in Bebe, Arkansas

- Tens of thousands of dead drum fish washed up on shore along a 20-mile stretch of the Arkansas River.
- 450 redwing blackbirds fell from the sky onto a highway outside Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Millions of fish washed up on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.
- Thousands of dead fish floated to the surface of a creek in Florida.
- 200 American coots fell from the sky in Texas.
- Thousands of devil crabs washed up along the coast of England near Kent.
- A massive snapper fish kill was reported along the coast of New Zealand.
- 15 tons of dead fish washed ashore in Brazil.
- Hundreds of jackdaw birds fell from the sky in a city in Sweden.
- Thousands of white turtle doves with strange bluish-tinged beaks fell from the sky in Italy.
- Dozens of pigeons fell over a small field in Quebec, Canada.

We've all heard about the disappearing bee population. According to National Geographic "1 of every 3 bites of food we take comes from a pollinated plant or an animal that depends on bee pollination. And yet, since the mid-2000s, bees have been mysteriously vanishing."

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2012/12/28/how-are-dying-bees-affecting-our-lives/>

All you have to do is research online to see that these animal die-offs are still occurring in unusual numbers. Strangely enough, Israel in recent years has taken an interest in saving the population of vultures, which have been dwindling in numbers. Due to their efforts, vultures are now on the rise in Israel again. Who would want to have a lot of vultures around, and why? Could it be that God is causing them to do this, since these creatures will be needed when Christ returns and destroys the armies that have come against Israel? The bible says in Revelation 19:17, ***"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, 'Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God...'"***

Jesus said that the generation that would see the first sign (Israel's rebirth as a nation) would be the generation that would see the last sign, which is the return of Christ to the earth, coming in great power and glory.

First He gave His disciples many of the signs of His coming that would all appear in the same timeframe. He then told them the Parable of the Fig Tree.

***"Now learn the parable from the fig tree (represents Israel in the bible): when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place." Matthew 24: 32-34***

For the past 3000 years, an "average" lifespan has been 70 years. Psalm 90:10 "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years..."

Everything seems to be coming together as predicted in the bible that would occur in the last days.

- Israel became a nation again by a miracle from God and is under His Divine protection. Here is just one of many scriptures that point to this last day event: ***"I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them, says the LORD your God."***

**Amos 9:15.** Unfortunately, the world is not heeding the warning God gives to those who curse Israel. We are all seeing the results of this mistake coming to pass, as it has to all nations who have hurt Israel in the past. [www.bibleprobe.com/greatsign.htm](http://www.bibleprobe.com/greatsign.htm)

- Russia has risen up as an enemy of Israel, just as Ezekiel predicted.
- Iran is developing a nuclear weapon they say they will use against Israel the moment they get it ready.
- Russia and Iran are united and will come together in an attempt to destroy Israel. ***“Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog (modern Russia), before their eyes.” Ezekiel 38: 15-16***
- China, who was already the greatest power in Asia, has just been announced on the news as the now greatest economic power in the world. They’ve been building a superhighway that will ultimately lead to Israel that is only used by military vehicles. The Book of Revelation tells us it will lead 200 million Asians into a war that breaks out in the Middle East and turns into Armageddon. ***“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.” Revelation 16:12***  
***“The number of mounted troops was 200 million; I heard their number.” Revelation 9: 16***
- It looks as though the European Union will be the Revived Roman Empire. The Book of Daniel describes this empire from which the antichrist will arise. [www.raptureready.com/featured/gillette/bg47.html](http://www.raptureready.com/featured/gillette/bg47.html)
- America is not mentioned in the bible as being a great world power in the last days, and we are seeing its unfortunate decline.
- The real powers that be are determined to create The New World Order; the one-world government the bible predicts. <http://www.gotquestions.org/one-world-government.html> }

Jesus said, ***“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Luke 21:28***

We Christians are witnessing signs of the tribulation beginning, so how much closer must the Rapture of the church be?

***“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.” Revelation 1:3***

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