

Astronomers amazed at dazzling comet

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This link from my friend Olli-Pekka. In ancient times comets were once thought to be the harbingers of doom, signalling an end to the reign of kings and bringing with them the promise of plagues and pestilence. Much of the superstition surrounding comets may have disappeared with the increase in scientific knowledge, but the heavens are still capturing the minds of many in our world today. A comet in the constellation of Perseus is causing quite a fuss. [Comet Holmes](#)

remained virtually undetectable until October 24th, when it increased in brightness by a million times within the space of a few hours. The comet can now be seen by the naked eye, and its dust cloud continues to

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to where it is now half the diameter of the moon.

□ **Quote:** *"The comet, which follows an unusual orbit between Mars and Jupiter, is a million times brighter than normal, according to Sky and Telescope Magazine. Comet Holmes has undergone a dramatic, and unexplained, increase in size. It is now visible easily to the naked eye as a brilliant ball in the north east night sky. Its sudden activity -- the comet began its outburst Oct. 24 -- has captured the imagination of amateur astronomers around the world, including Ottawa's Shane Finnigan. On every clear night for the past week, sometimes past midnight, Mr. Finnigan has been in his backyard, watching the comet through his 120-millimetre telescope. "It just keeps getting bigger and bigger," said Mr. Finnigan, 43, a member of the Ottawa Valley Astronomy and Observers Group. "This is the talk of everybody in astronomy right now because it's quite an unusual comet."*

The book of Genesis tells us that the heavens were created to mark signs, seasons, days and years (Genesis 1:14). We have a few signs already mentioned in the Scriptures, for example the Magi saw "His star" in the east, announcing the birth of the King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2). The Lord also states that the days prior to His Second Coming would be characterized by signs in the heavens.

Luke 21:25-26

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; 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 powers of heaven shall be shaken.

The thought just occurred to me... Just as the Lord's birth was marked by a dramatic event in

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the heavens - the appearance of a new star or perhaps supernova as some have thought, perhaps the Lord's Second Coming to earth will also be marked by a similar event in the heavens. Following the time of Jacob's trouble, the Lord states in Matthew 24:30 that there shall appear the "sign of the Son of Man" in heaven. And when those dwelling on earth witness this sign, they will realize that the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is at hand. Whatever that sign is, it seems it will be clearly distinguishable to those on earth as being "His sign". And then shall all the tribes of earth mourn. Why? Because He is coming back to judge the world in righteousness, and they have left it too late. Present day events reveal to us how close we are to Christ's Second Coming to the earth. But I believe there remains no prophecy to be fulfilled before Christ's coming to the air for His Church. Are you part of the Bride of Christ? Have your sins been forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ? Don't leave it too late.

Matthew 25:10-12

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and **they that were ready** went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

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