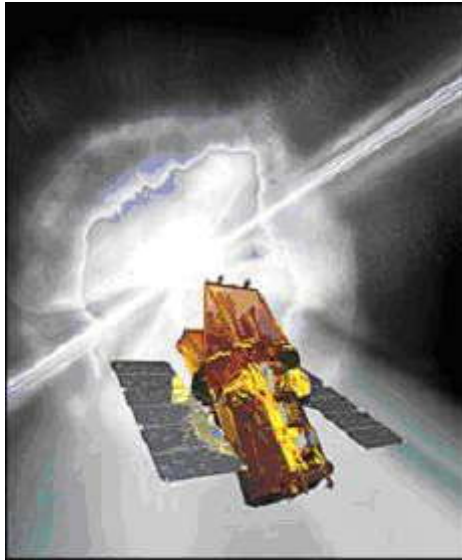


HUGE STAR-QUAKE ROCKS MILKY WAY



“And there will be great signs from heaven ... and there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars.”

(Luke 21:11, 25)

ASTRONOMERS say they have been stunned by the amount of energy released in a star explosion on the far side of our galaxy, 50,000 light-years away.

The blast occurred on the surface of an exotic kind of star - a super-magnetic neutron star. The flash of radiation on 27 December was so powerful that it bounced off the Moon and lit up the Earth's atmosphere.

The explosion overwhelmed satellites and space-borne telescopes, but caused no harm to the earth. If it had happened within 10 light-years of us, the scientists say, it would have literally fried the planet.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime event,” said Dr Rob Fender, of Southampton University, UK. “We figure that it's probably the biggest explosion observed by humans within our galaxy since Johannes Kepler saw his supernova in 1604.”

One calculation has the giant flare unleashing about 10,000 trillion trillion watts. Or as Dr Fender said: “We have observed an object only 20 km across, on the other side of our galaxy, releasing more energy in a tenth of a second than the Sun emits in 100,000 years.”

The energy burst was not visible to humans, and the gamma rays were blocked by the Earth's atmosphere as they rushed by. But NASA's new observatory - named Swift for its speedy pivoting and pointing - is among the instruments that detected the flare. It was launched last November to probe the workings of black holes.

The initial burst of high-energy radiation subsided quickly but there continues to be an afterglow at longer radio wavelengths. “We may go on observing this radio source for much of this year,” Dr Fender said. BBC /18 Feb. 05

What an awesome event! What power - even though most of us did not see it, or even hear about it!

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of Him, and the Son of Man that You visit and inspect Him?”

(Psalm 8:3-4)

The universe out there, however, is not only awesome in its beauty; it is also violent. And the above is just one report of many signs in the sky.

My dear reader, look at these two prophecies regarding coming upheavals in the universe in the endtimes:

“At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, “once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heavens.”

(Hebrews 12:26. Also in Haggai 2:6)

“Men’s hearts will faint from terror, being apprehensive of what is coming upon the world; for the very powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

(Luke 21:26-27)

My dear reader, as I come to the end of this issue which has focused on alarming events on the earth, and in the universe, and that has quoted many prophecies concerning these endtimes, I echo the urgency and exhortations of the Scriptures:

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost ...

“Seek YHWH while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to YHWH, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

(Isaiah 55:1, 6-7)

“And *there is* no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Saviour. *There is* no one besides Me. Turn *and* look to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:21-22)

My dear reader, if you have not yet received God’s pardon for your sins; if you have not yet received the salvation of God; if you do not know the Messiah, Jesus, as your personal Saviour, will you please call to Him while there is time – while He is still calling you?

“For YHWH, the Almighty God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (His one-and-only, unique) Son, so that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“For when we were still weak, **the Messiah at the right time died for the ungodly.** Now very rarely will someone die *even* for a righteous man, though possibly for a good man someone might even have the courage to die. But **God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, the Messiah died for us .”** (Romans 5:6-8)

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance, that **the Messiah died for our sins**, according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Yes, when the Lord Jesus died on the cross, He paid the penalty for your sins. And now He is calling you to Himself, to receive His pardon, and His gift of eternal life. My reader,

“We are ambassadors for Messiah; *it’s as though* God was *right here personally* appealing through us. We implore *you* on behalf of the Messiah; **be reconciled to God!** He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God ... **now is ‘the well-accepted time’; now is ‘The Day of Salvation’ .”**

(2 Corinthians 5:20-21. 6:2)

Reader, the way of salvation is so simple that a child can understand it. Jesus is the Saviour, who paid our penalty. We need to turn from our past life, and believe in Him – to ask Him for salvation, and to trust Him to save us this very moment.

“If you confess with your mouth Y’shua as LORD – the Son and manifestation of YHWH the Eternal Deity - and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart man believes, *resulting* in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, *resulting* in salvation. For the Scripture says, whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.”
(Romans 10:9-11)

My reader, if you have not yet received Jesus as your Saviour, will you pray to Him right now. Don’t procrastinate – don’t put off your decision. Receive Him today. Pray in words like the following. Pray sincerely, deliberately, and with faith in the Saviour.

DECISION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I come just as I am, a sinner, condemned by my sin. I believe that You love me and have provided a way for me to receive Your pardon for my sins. I believe that Jesus is that Way, and that He paid the penalty of my sins when He died on the cross. I believe He is the Saviour, and that He rose from the dead. I believe that He is the living Saviour.

Lord Jesus, I receive You as my Saviour, and Master. Take over my life, I pray, and make me what You want me to be. Be my strength and my life; and Master, keep me in Your powerful hands until the day You return to take me to the Father’s House.

Thank You Master for Your love and great sacrifice. Thank You Father for Your salvation; thank You for making me Your child. Thank You, Amen.

Signeddate

Reader, if this is your prayer today I would love to hear from you. Write to me, Don Stanton, at an address in front cover. And Yahweh bless and keep you.

A FINAL WORD TO ALL BELIEVERS

“Be careful how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming *and making the most of* the time - *buying up each opportunity*, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of YHWH the LORD is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that *leads to unrestrained behaviour, to a breakdown of morals and to wastage*. Instead **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”
(Ephesians 5:15-18)

“... awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Master, Y’shua the Messiah.” (1 Corinthians 1:7)