

The Day the Earth Stood Still

Is this really possible? Remember the old movie by that name starring Michael Rennie and Patricia Neal? In the movie, Earth was visited by a space policeman with the message we were never to use our nuclear weapons against any planet, otherwise Earth would be destroyed. In order to get the attention of all the countries on earth and get his message across, he changed the magnetic fields of earth for thirty minutes to prove there was a power strong enough to destroy Earth. There seems to be no end to man's imagination when it comes to keeping us entertained. Sometimes man's imagination runs amuck when he starts to believe such fictional things are factual - such as spaceships, little green men, or life on other planets. The old cliché "Facts are stranger than fiction" comes to mind. Well could this be a fact the Earth actually stood still for a day?

An alien coming to Earth and making it stand still cannot happen, but there is a similar actual event and it is recorded in Joshua 10: 12-14. *At that time Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the valley Aijalon." And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. There has been no day like it before or since, when the Lord obeyed the voice of a man, for the Lord fought for Israel.*

Sometimes, I think we forget the awesome power of God and His ability to work His will through us today. Because of Joshua's unwavering faith and his willingness to do what God required of him, he received his reward in the end. Joshua stated, *But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord* (Joshua 24:15) and his example is one we should adopt. May God give us the ability to use this example to govern our lives so we may obtain our reward in the end.

For the elders,
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