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Lev 23:23-29 Ten days before day of atonement, warning trumpets were blown to remind Israel of the approaching judgment day.

This practice is still followed by the Orthodox Jews as the following statements will prove. In September, 1892, a Jewish paper in San Francisco called The Jewish Exponent announced that before the issuing of the next number, the seventh month and day of atonement would come. It then said, "The sounds of the Shofar (trumpet) are to be heard every morning in the Orthodox synagogues advising preparation for the final judgment."

In 1902, Rabbi Isidore Myer of San Francisco said, "While crossing the threshold of time from one year to another, the Israelite is summoned by the voice of the trumpet to scrutinize his actions of the past year while he stands tremblingly before the all-seeing eye of eternal Justice sitting on the throne of Judgment."

Luke 21:25-27; Mark 13:24-26 Likewise Jesus promised signs to warn us of the approach of the judgment and second coming of Christ.

May 19, 1780 the sun was darkened prior to the beginning of the "Time of the End."

"On the night of November 13, 1833, a tempest of falling stars broke over the earth. The sky was scored in every direction with shining tracks and illuminated with majestic fireballs." =Clark's History of Astronomy in the 19th Century, p. 328.

A writer for the Baltimore Patriot said, "I sprang to the window and beheld the stars descending in torrents as rapid and numerous as I ever saw flakes of snow or drops of rain in the midst of storm."

Rev 6: 13 The stars would fly off from common center. A correspondent writing for the N. Y. Journal said, "The stars did not fall as ripe fruit falls, but like the unripe fig, which at first refuses to leave the branch, and when it does break its hold flies straight off. Were I to hunt through nature for a simile, I could not find one so apt as the one used by the prophet; 'even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind.' " -- N. Y. Journal , Nov. 14, 1833.

"I witnessed this gorgeous spectacle and was awestruck. It was not without the suggestion that it might be the harbinger of the coming of the Son of man." -- My Bondage and My Freedom, by F.A. Douglass .

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"We pronounce the raining fire which we saw on Wednesday morning last, an awful type, a sure forerunner, a merciful sign of an awful day fast hurrying upon us." -- An article in the Old Countryman of New York.

The Kansas City Times of November 20, 1930 said, "The year 1833 was long known in the U. S. as 'The year the stars fell.' It was the greatest shower of meteors that was ever recorded in history. A three hour bombardment that seemed the prelude to the judgment struck awe and terror into all observers."

Amos 3:7; Isa 42:9 God always forewarns of coming events. In harmony with this promise about 10 years before the beginning of the heavenly judgment in 1844 he startled the world with the falling stars and prepared the minds of the people to listen to the judgment message that was heralded in all the world.

Matt 24:23-44; Luke 21:34-36; I Thes 5:1-6 In spite of all warnings only a few will be prepared for His coming.

Matt 16:1-3; Luke 19:41-44 May God help us not to be like those whom Jesus rebuked for not discerning the signs of our times.