

Q5: What Scriptures is Athanasius referring to when he writes - "He it is who was crucified with the sun and moon as witnesses"?

Isaiah 13:9-13 -

9 Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy the sinners of it out of it.

10 For the stars of the sky and the constellations of it shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause its light to shine.

11 I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity: and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more rare than fine gold, even a man than the pure gold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of its place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Joel 2:10-13 -

10 The earth quakes before them. The heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.

11 The Lord thunders his voice before his army; For his forces are very great; For he is strong who obeys his command; For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome, and who can endure it?

12 "Yet even now," says the Lord, "turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."

13 Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord, your God; For he is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity.

Amos 8:9-12 -

9 "It will happen in that day," says the Lord God, "that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.

10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will make you wear sackcloth on all your bodies, and baldness on every head. I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come," says the Lord God, "that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

12 They will wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they will run back and forth to seek the word of the Lord, and will not find it.

On the 14th of Nisan, the Passover, the day of Christ's crucifixion, darkening the sun and the moon took place: Was it a solar eclipse, or something else?

Matthew 27:45 -

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

Mark 15:33 -

33 When the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Luke 23:44-46 -

44 It was now about the sixth hour and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

45 The sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

46 Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" Having said this, he breathed his last.