



## DANGERS IN VIEWING



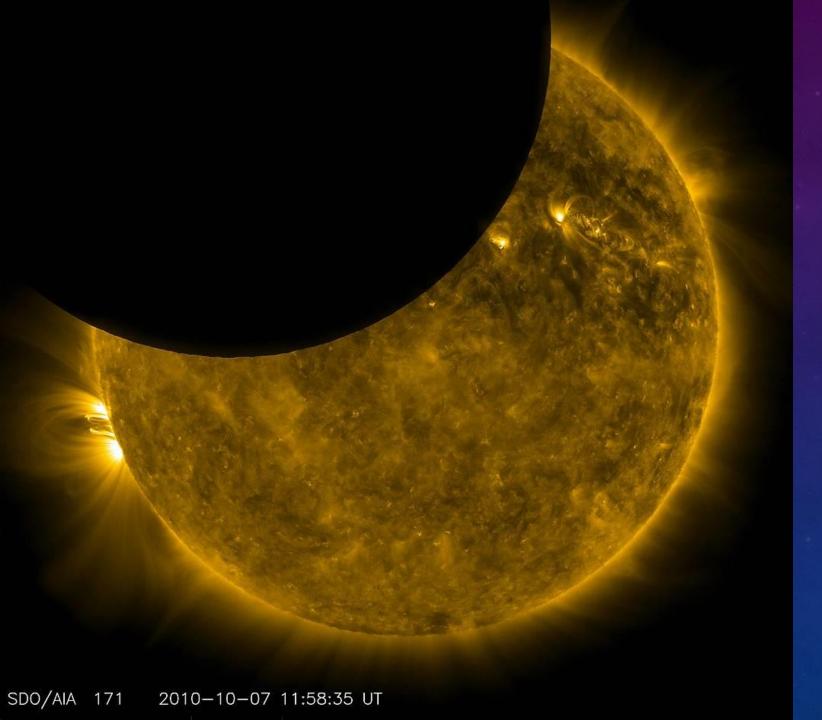


## A SOLAR ECLIPSE

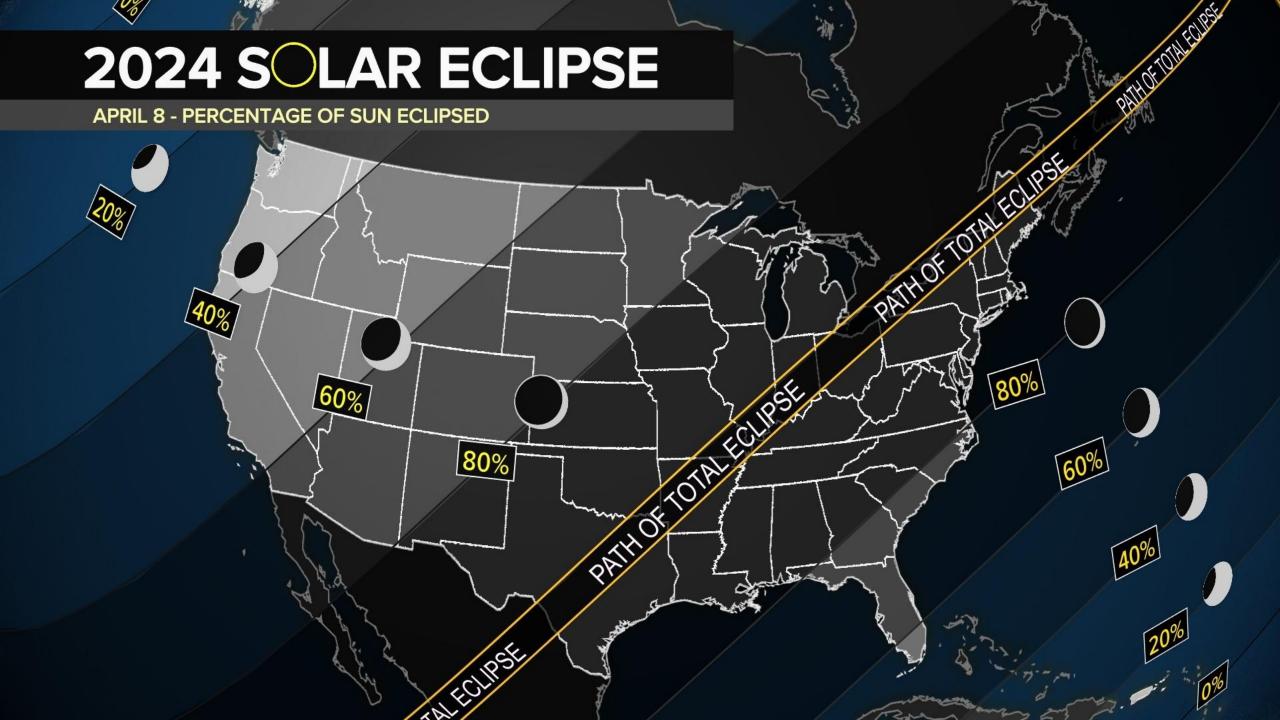


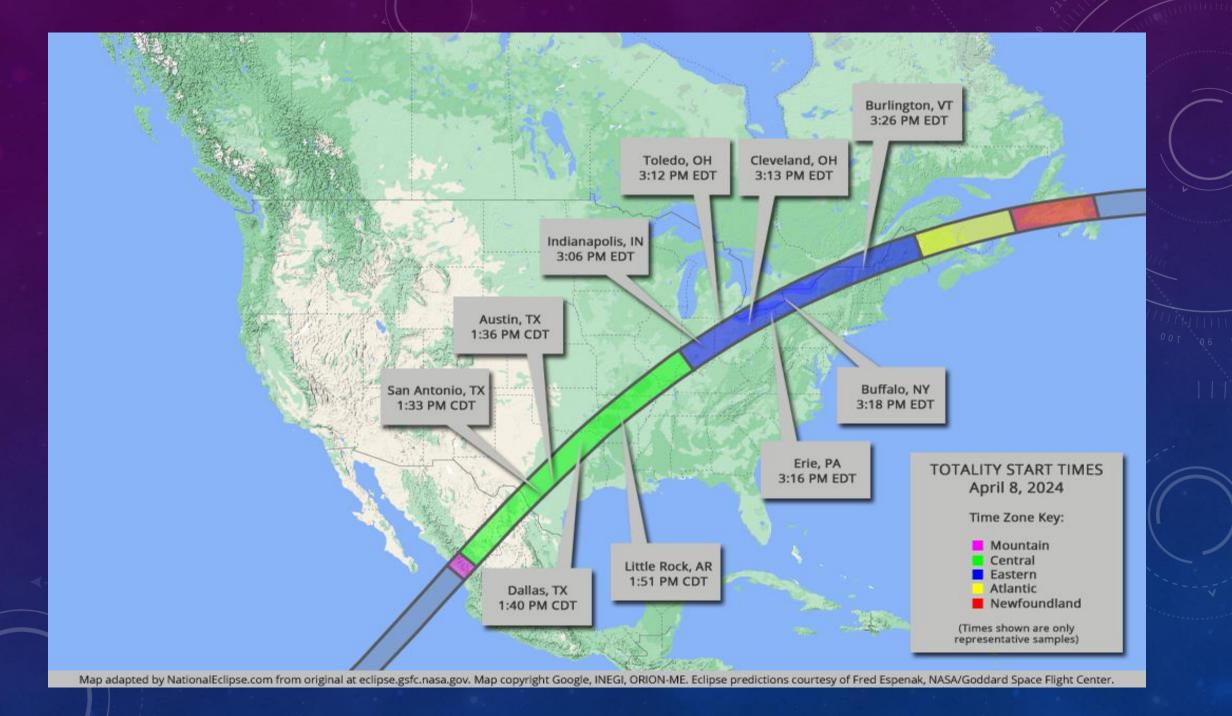
## WHAT IS A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE?

A solar eclipse occurs when the Earth, sun, and moon align in such a way that the moon's shadow falls across the surface of the Earth. From Earth, you will see the moon moving in front of the sun. A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon is in the right position to completely block out the sun's light. Those who are in the path of totality — the area from which the total solar eclipse is visible — will experience daytime darkness.



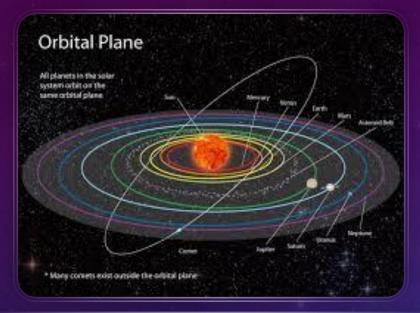
- "A total solar eclipse happens somewhere on Earth about once every 18 months. But because Earth's surface is mostly ocean, most eclipses are visible over land for only a short time, if at all.
- On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross the United States from Texas to Maine. If you've never seen a total solar eclipse before, you're in for a treat. During this celestial phenomenon, the moon blocks out the sun's light over a narrow strip of the Earth, resulting in eerie daytime darkness for a few minutes.







• Exo 20:11 "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day;"





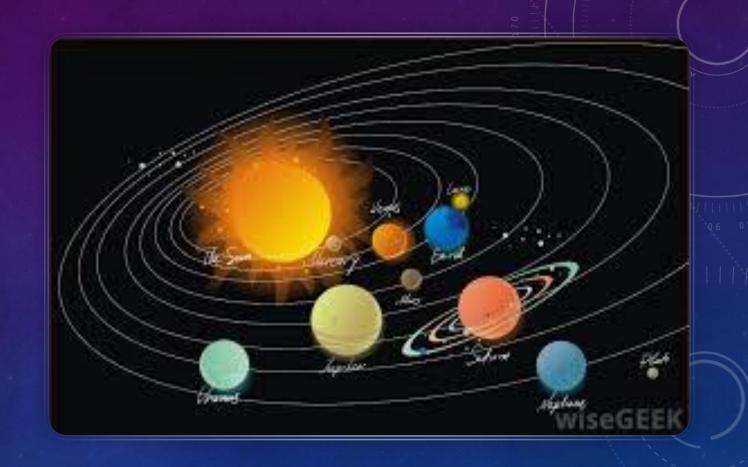
• Neh 9:6 "You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them And the heavenly host bows down before You."

• Psa 33:6 "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host."

• <u>Isa 45:12</u> "It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands And I ordained all their host.



- Jer 10:12 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.
- Jer 32:17 "Ah Lord GOD!
  Behold, You have made the
  heavens and the earth by
  Your great power and by
  Your outstretched arm!
  Nothing is too difficult for
  You,"





"THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD, AND THE SKY ABOVE PROCLAIMS HIS HANDIWORK. DAY TO DAY POURS OUT SPEECH, AND NIGHT TO NIGHT REVEALS KNOWLEDGE. V. 6 ITS RISING IS FROM THE END OF THE HEAVENS, AND ITS CIRCUIT TO THE END OF THEM, AND THERE IS NOTHING HIDDEN FROM ITS HEAT." (PS. 19)

### DEPENDABLE AND RELIABLE



- The sun rises in the east and sets in the west—always.
- The earth turns on its axis and cycles through its "day" at the same speed every time—always.
- The dependable clockwork precision of the tides regulates much of our life—always.
- The seasons come and go, the planting and harvesting follow each other dependably.

- Romans 1:20 "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."
- Rev. 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

## GOD'S UNIVERSE

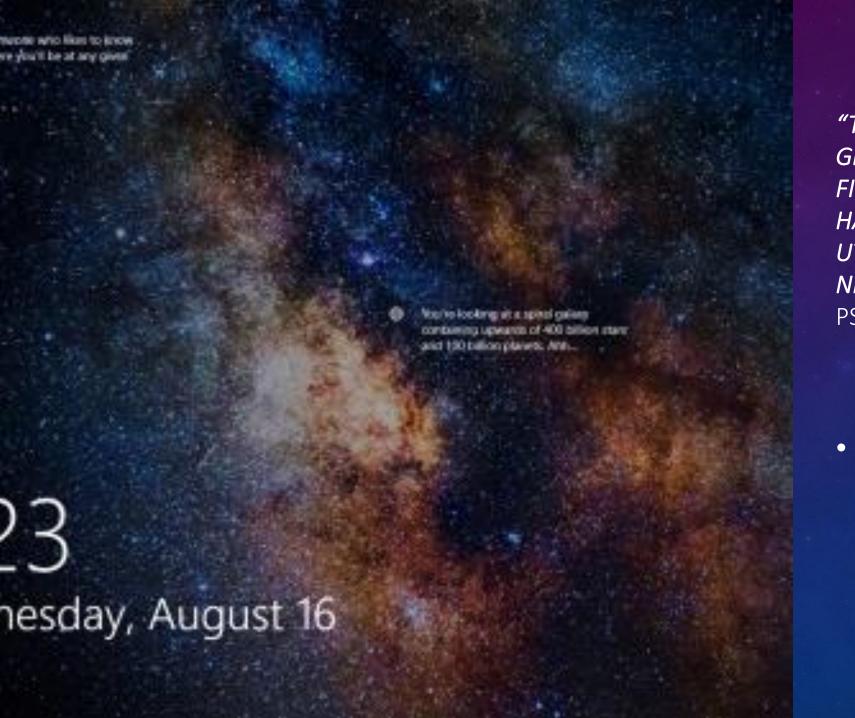




• 1 Cor. 15:41 "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory."

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 "You're looking at a spiral galaxy containing upwards of 400 billion stars and 100 billion planets."



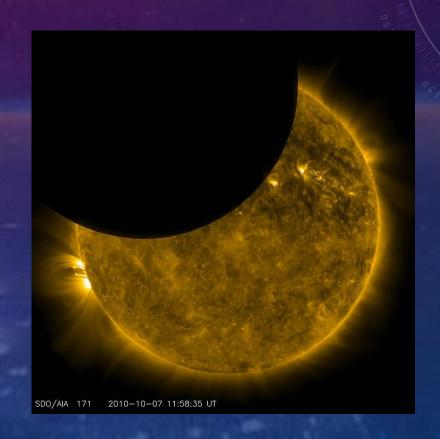
## CELESTIAL COINCIDENCE?

- "When the Moon moves in front of the Sun on April 8th, it will completely obscure the Sun's bright face. This happens because of a <u>celestial coincidence</u> though the Sun is about 400 times wider than the Moon, the Moon on April 8th will be about 400 times closer to us, making their apparent size in the sky almost equal. In fact, the Moon will appear slightly larger than the Sun to us, allowing it to totally obscure the Sun for more than two and a half minutes in some locations."
- https://www.nasa.gov/



## SUN'S POWER IS TEMPORARY

- Psa 72:5 "Let them fear You while the sun *endures*, And as long as the moon, throughout all generations."
- Psa 104:19 "He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting."



- Deu 4:19 "And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven."
- <u>Deu 17:3</u> "and has gone and served other gods and **worshiped them**, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded,"

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• Jer 8:2 "They will spread them out to the sun, the moon and to all the host of heaven, which they have loved and which they have served, and which they have gone after and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped."



### GREATER GLORY OF THE SON

• John 1:1 – 5 " In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

 Hebrews 1:3 "And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

### THE SON: CREATOR OF THE SUN

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."

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• Col 1:17 "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Col 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven."

#### POWERFUL WORKING OF GOD

"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits
of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness
of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head
of all rule and authority." (Col. 2:8 – 10)

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• "In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead." (Col. 2:11 – 12)

