

THE PLANET VENUS – THE PROPHETS

There are almost no references in Scripture to planets or their meanings. An important exception is Venus. Peter writes: “**And we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you will do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**” (2 Peter 1:19). In the sky there is only one ‘Morning Star’. Venus has the distinction that it is so bright it is visible even after dawn. As the Sun rises in its strength all other stars and planets fade away but Venus remains visible in the early morning sky. Peter makes the clear connection between the planet Venus and the sure word of prophecy. Even before we examine any of the scientific measurements of the planet Venus, based on the above Bible reference alone we can designate the spiritual meaning of the planet Venus to be: “**3rd Witness of God: The Prophets**”.



Surface as seen by radar through the clouds

Mass relative to Earth: 81.53% (inverse 1.23)

Volume relative to Earth: 85.67% (inverse: 1.17)

Surface Area relative to Earth: 90.18% (inverse: 1.11)

Distance from Sun relative to Earth: 72.33% (inverse 1.38)

Orbit: 224.7 days (sidereal) **Rotation:** -243.0 days (sider.)

Axial Tilt: 177.3° (or 182.7°) **Inclination:** 3.39° (to ecliptic)

Eccentricity of Orbit: 1.01 (Aphelion / Perihelion)

Power of Gravity relative to Earth: 90.4% (inverse 1.11)

Venus as a planet has exceptional features. It has an atmosphere of almost pure carbon dioxide. Above this layer there is another higher atmosphere of sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid. The whiteness of the upper atmosphere of Venus causes reflection of 90% of the Sun’s light. This is what makes Venus appear so bright in the Earth’s sky. The atmospheric pressure on the surface of Venus is 92 times as great as the Earth, equivalent to the pressure at a depth of 1 kilometer below the ocean. Due to the greenhouse effect, the temperature on the surface of Venus is hotter than your oven (462°C). Venus is highly tilted: almost 180° over on its side relative to the Sun. The rotation of Venus is retrograde, in other words it turns clockwise compared to the orbit of Venus around the Sun which is counter-clockwise. Venus is not the only planet that turns in an opposite direction to its orbit, the other is Uranus. Venus also possesses the tallest mountain on any planet in the Solar System: Mount Maxwell, which rises an incredible 11 km above the surface. Venus contains 167 volcanoes over 100km across. In comparison there is only one that big on Earth (Hawaii). Venus has over 1,000 impact craters evenly distributed across its surface. The craters are between 3 km and 280 km in diameter. Finally, the

powerful winds of Venus move up to 60 times the speed of the planet's rotation. In comparison, the winds on Earth move up to 10% to 20% of the Earth's rotational speed.

The spiritual meaning for Venus is "**3rd Witness of God: The Prophets**". The characteristics of the planet line up with this interpretation. Venus is the 3rd object in the solar system and **3** means "**Truth**". Venus reflects the light of the Sun almost perfectly. Starting with the assumption the Sun is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and sunlight is a symbol of the truth, this lines up with the duty of a prophet: to tell the truth of God. The message of prophets often appears with warnings of judgment. What are some of the judgments of God that prophets announce? Burning sulfur (Genesis 19:24); Scorching heat (Rev. 16:9); Meteor impact (Rev. 8:8); Scattering to the winds (Ezekiel 5:10); and Earthquakes (Rev. 6:12). All these physical phenomena are present in the geographic characteristics of Venus. Note: Although the Bible never mentions volcanoes, the effects of volcanoes are recorded: earthquakes, darkened sky (from ash), falling molten rocks, etc.

The spiritual numbers in the scientific dimensions of planet Venus:

- Number of planet surfaces to cover the Earth: **1.11** which means "**Fear of the Lord**" (**111**)
- Planet orbital plane relative to ecliptic of the Sun: **3.39** which means "**Truth**"(**3**) of "**Resurrection of the Saints**" (**113**)¹
- Distances to the Sun equal to the Earth distance to Sun: **1.38** which means "**Truth**"(**3**) of "**Resurrection**"(**46**)²
- Force of gravity at the surface relative to the force of gravity at the Earth's surface: **1.11** which means "**Fear of the Lord**"
- Volume of Earth divided by the volume of Venus: **1.17** which means "**Religious But Not Redeemed**" (**117**)
- Mass of Earth divided by the mass of Venus: **1.23** which means "**Show No Mercy**" (**123**)
- Number of days for the planet Venus to orbit the Sun: **225** which means "**Weakness**" (**5**) of "**Preservation**" (**45**)³
- Number of days for Venus to rotate 360° on it's axis: **243** which means "**Truth**"(**3**) of the "**Holy Angels**"(**81**)⁴. Note: **243** = **3** to the **7th** power. In this sense **243** means "**Truth**"(**3**) **TO** "**The End**"(**7**) or "**Truth**"(**3**) **OF** "**The End**"(**7**)
- Eccentricity of Venus's orbit (farthest distance to the Sun / nearest distance to the Sun): **1.01** which means "**Rebellion Destroyed**" (**101**)

¹ 3 x 113 = 339

² 3 x 46 = 138

³ 5 x 45 = 225

⁴ 3 x 81 = 243

- Venus's axial tilt: **183°** which means "**Truth**" (**3**) of "**Messiah**" (**61**)

The scientific numbers related to the dimensions of Venus paint a picture of Bible prophets in terms of the messages they deliver to their audiences. If a person claims to be a prophet and contradicts this description we would know they are not speaking for God (Deut. 18: 15-22 & 13:1-3).

The messages of the prophets described above fall into two categories:

(1) Prophecy of Blessings: (Morning Star)

- Truth of the Resurrection** – Jesus is Risen! Hallelujah! He is Risen Indeed!
- Truth of the Resurrection of the Saints** – We will rise again, just as the Lord Jesus rose
- Truth of the Messiah** - A holy one comes first be a sin offering and second to establish a righteous kingdom on earth and in heaven
- Truth to the End** – God will honor all his promises to his holy flock of believers

(2) Prophecy of Judgments: (Evening Star)

- Fear of the Lord** – live in awe of God, he meters out punishment for sin
- Impatience** – the Lord is longsuffering, but it has an end in some cases
- Show No Mercy** – God is Judge: completely impartial – punishing all sin severely
- Weakness of Preservation** – the Lord will not uphold sinners in the last judgment
- Rebellion Destroyed** – the Lord will destroy those who work actively against him
- Religious But Not Redeemed** – religion cannot save anyone from their sins, only Jesus' blood removes sins
- Truth of The End** – The last days will see the fearsome judgment of God

The 'Morning Star', the planet Venus, speaks the message of the resurrection. As all Christians know, Christ rose from the dead early in the morning on Easter Monday. The bright appearance of Venus in the morning sky speaks of the hope of the resurrection, the coming of the new day when we receive our resurrection bodies and rise up to be with the Lord forever.

Every 548 days, Venus changes from being the 'Morning Star', visible after sunrise, to being the 'Evening Star', visible before sunset. After another 548 days, it changes back to being the 'Morning Star' again. In its capacity of 'Evening Star', Venus speaks the message of the coming of darkness and judgment as described in the Prophecy of Judgments above.