

Mountain-Size Asteroid to Fly by Earth: How NASA Will Watch

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Compare the title of this article with the following prophecy from Revelation:

Then the second angel sounded: And something like a **great mountain** burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Revelation 8:8-9 NKJV

Could it be that God is forewarning of another “mountain-size asteroid” out there with our name on it? If so, is the Bible predicting that it will impact the “sea” (possibly the Mediterranean Sea) causing one-third of living creatures (fish and man) and one-third of the ships to be destroyed as a result of this asteroid impact? It appears so, and we should take warning. The reader is encouraged to listen to our recent teaching on [Revelation 8:12-9:12](#) for a more detailed analysis of this prophecy.



← An artist's concept of a near-Earth asteroid flying close to Earth. (ESA / P. Carril)

A mountain-size asteroid will zoom past Earth Monday, marking the closest pass by such a large space rock until 2027.

[Asteroid 2004 BL86](#), which is about 1,800 feet wide, will come within 745,000 miles of our planet Monday — about three times the distance between Earth and the moon. While this flyby poses no threat to Earth, it does present a rare opportunity to get a good look at a near-Earth asteroid, NASA officials say.

Scientists are eager to study 2004 BL86 to pinpoint its orbit, observe its surface and even look for moons. The plan is to track the fast-moving asteroid using the 230-foot dish-shaped Goldstone antenna at NASA's Deep Space Network in California, as well as the 1,000-foot Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. These radio dishes will beam microwave signals at the asteroid, which will then bounce off the target and return to Earth. [[Photos: Potentially Dangerous Asteroids](#)]

"For objects that get this close, that are this large, the radar observations are really analogous to a spacecraft flyby in terms of the caliber of the data that we can get," said Lance Benner of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, who is the principal investigator for the Goldstone observations of the asteroid.

The resulting black-and-white images can reveal unprecedented details about asteroids, whereas most ground-based telescopes would see only a point of light. But the first item on the team's checklist will be to nail the space rock's location in space and time. This will enable a better understanding of the object's orbit and its future motion, scientists say.

Even though 2004 BL86 poses no threat to Earth for the foreseeable future, it's still a good idea to keep a close eye on the asteroid, Benner said. "Really..."

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