In antiquity, the Cetus constellation was known as the "sea monster", after that it was known as the "whale constellation". See Illustration.

So, by my understanding, when the prophesy in Amos 8:7-10 was fulfilled beginning at noon, the sun would have quickly gone down at first, right down the throat of the sea monster and right into the belly. I took the atmosphere away so that you could clearly see the position of the constellation shortly after noon on that day. (Reference: stellarium 0.9.1 software, Date April 3, 33. Jerusalem; File too big to place here.) So, in other words, since the Savior's Birth was signaled by a sign from heaven (star of Bethlehem), by my understanding, the Savior's Death was signaled by two heavenly signs. The sign of Jonah (Matt. 12:40), and also the mid-afternoon sunset caused by the fulfillment of prophesy in Amos 8:7-10.

My response to a reply regarding this understanding:

Thank you. I had three notes of interest regarding your reply.

1. In Amos 8:7 the Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob that He would never forget their works. These works in my opinion were not good works, for then why would the land tremble for good works, and why would everyone be mourning. So, I believe that these works were sinful in nature. My question to you is if the Lord would never forget their works at this point in time, and your belief is that this prophesy is yet to be fulfilled until the Second Coming of Christ, how do you interpret the Lord's Words in Jeremiah 31:31-34? Specifically, His Words in verse 34 "...and their sin I will remember no more." Hebrews 10:15-18 also supports the Text in Jeremiah.

2. In Amos 8:10 the Lord states that He will make the mourning, like mourning for an only *son* ... This mourning is also spoken of in Zechariah 12:10 "... then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only *son*"...

3. In Matthew 12:39, Jesus said, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." In Mark 8:12, Jesus said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." Since Jesus cannot lie, how could He have given them a sign, yet not given them a sign? These two verses support my thesis. The sign of the prophet Jonah was given to them at that time just as Jesus had promised, and no sign was given to that generation. In other words, the Cetus constellation was there for them to see, but it was impossible for them to see it. Jesus never said that another generation wouldn't be able to understand the sign given to them on that day. Hence, with our technology and knowledge of the movement of the stars and planets, God has made this sign of Jonah known to this generation.

Glory be to God in the Highest.

In Christ's Service,
David Behrens