“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, *with perplexity* the sea and the waves roaring;”
—Luke 21:25

While sidewalks crackle in the summer heat, NASA scientists are keeping a close eye on the sun. It is almost spotless, a sign that the Sun may have reached solar minimum. Scientists are now watching for the first spot of the new solar cycle to appear.