



The Zion Letter

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The Blood Red Moons of 2014-2015

Part I

As my friend Pastor Larry Cole said, "We are not living in the signs of the times. We are living in the times of the signs..." Early on the morning of October 8th, just before sunrise here in Tennessee, a blood red moon (total lunar eclipse) took place. On that same night of October 8th, the Biblical Feast of Sukkot /Tabernacles began. This was the second blood red moon of a tetrad, which is four consecutive blood red moons occurring in sequence. Interestingly, this year's tetrad is only one of four tetrads to occur in about 500 years! What's even more interesting is that **all** of these blood red moon tetrads took place on Biblical/Jewish holidays. This year, the first blood moon took place on the first day of Passover. The second took place on Sukkot, and the third and the fourth will follow suit (Passover and Sukkot) in 2015. The big question is, "What is the significance of the blood red moons?"

It is an interesting fact to note that in the scriptures, the moon turns to blood AFTER many terrible judgments. In Joel 2:31, we are told that **"the Sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes..."** Yet many terrible things happen in Joel chapter 1 & 2, before the blood red moon is mentioned. Take a few minutes and read these chapters. Also in Matthew 24:29-30 we read, **"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light (a lunar eclipse/same as a blood moon), and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then**

all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory." So according to both Jesus and Joel in their messages on the Last Days, one of the last prophetic markers of the return of the Messiah is the appearance of the blood red moon. I'm sure many are wondering if this year's occurrence of the blood red moon is the one mentioned in the Bible.

Three key points about the Biblical blood red moon:

1. The blood red moon mentioned in Matthew is different from the lunar eclipses we are seeing now because the sun is darkened. In the tetrads we are experiencing, it is the sun's light that reflects around the earth that causes the blood red color of the moon. **2.** Matthew's blood red moon occurs **after** a time of tribulation (judgment/trouble on earth). Many

"tribulations" have occurred throughout history, and many are associated in some way with the Jewish people. Furthermore, the world and America seem to have experienced judgments and minor tribulations in recent

years, yet it is pretty clear we have not entered the end-time tribulation mentioned in the Bible. **3.** Matthew's blood red moon immediately precedes and in fact heralds the Second Coming of the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) and is only one occurrence... not a tetrad occurrence of the heavenly phenomenon!

My general understanding of the tetrad blood moons is that all tetrads in history are in fact heralds or sign



posts, pointing to and prophetic of the final blood red moon spoken of in Matthew, Mark, Joel and Revelation. Though they are not identical in nature to the final event, they certainly are clear reminders of the future spectacular event of the Messiah's return. Nevertheless, one cannot escape the emphasis of judgment that surrounds the blood moon passages in scripture.



Members of the Islam State of Iraq and Shaam (Syria) – ISIS
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Let us take a look at the blood red moon of Revelation chapter six: ***“I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood,” Revelation 6:12.*** Read Revelation Chapter 6 and you will see that tribulation and judgment have already befallen the earth and its people by the time the final blood red moon occurs. In fact, it is after the famous ***“Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”*** and their terrible judgments upon the earth that the blood red moon appears in the book of Revelation.

Tetrads - Markers of Judgment and Return:

Is it possible that all the craziness going on in the world just this year, such as the rise of bloody ISIS and the outbreak of Ebola, are connected to the blood red moons? There definitely seems to be an up-tick in world wide conflict and danger this year brought on by seemingly demonic and ruthless forces, so let's look at the previous blood red moons and see what happened.

The tetrad blood red moon of 1492 came after the Jews were expelled from Spain on July 30th of the same year during the Spanish Inquisition. That "tribulation event" of the Spanish Inquisition had negative apocalyptic repercussions for a long period of time and caused great anguish to Jews. Nevertheless, during this turbulent time in history, Jews were given safe haven in the New World, and were able to establish the first significant and lasting community of Jews in Israel in a little town called Safed. This foothold community was the anchor for future migrations of Jews to the Holy Land.

In 1949 the tetrad of blood moons began four years after the Holocaust ended. In total, 60 million people which was about 2.5% of the world's entire population perished during World War 2 including 6 million Jews. Nevertheless, surrounding this destruction of life was the rebirth of the State of Israel and the opening of the floodgates of emigration of Jews back to the Holy Land.

The next tetrad took place in 1968, which marked another era of upheaval, change of society, and a rash of deadly wars including the Vietnam War and the 6 Day War. Conversely, 1967 began a most glorious season



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rael when Jerusalem was taken and the Temple Mount was secured into the custody of the Jewish State of Israel. Emigration to Israel by Jews from the four corners of the earth became a phenomena that only the Bible could have predicted. More importantly, this season began the first major revival of Jewish people since the revival in Jerusalem recounted in Acts 2, resulting in the modern existence of the Messianic Jewish Community which is thriving in Israel and represented in nearly every major Jewish population center around the world.

I believe that the blood red moons taking place this year and previously throughout history are primarily reminders of the Second Coming of the Messiah. Secondly they are predictive of the gathering of all God's people to Him, which includes the gathering of the Jewish people back to Israel. In fact the Jewish people **must be gathered to Israel before the spiritual gathering or "rapture" occurs.** The reason is because the Jews are appointed to be a part of the royal coronation ceremony and to receive the inheritance of the land and as serve as guardians of the dwelling place of the Messiah. Ezekiel talks about the future role of the Jews in **Ezekiel 40:15, “But the priests, who are Levites and**

descendants of Zadok and who faithfully carried out the duties of my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near to minister before me; they are to stand before me to offer sacrifices of fat and blood, declares the Sovereign Lord. They alone are to enter my sanctuary; they alone are to come near my table to minister before me and perform my service.” In addition, there are over 700 scriptures in the Bible where God promises the Land of Canaan to His chosen people and commands or encourages them to return to the Land of Israel in the last days. Read Ezekiel chapters 20, 36, 37 and Jeremiah 16:14.

Lastly, the pre-trib blood moons are not predictive of judgment, but rather signposts of seasons of judgement for the world which always culminate in Jews returning to Israel. Judgment is always associated with the blood moons, and there is always some connection to the Jewish people. The number four is associated in scripture with "the four corners of the earth" and prophetically refers to the world in general or has to do with the nations of the world. There is a global significance attached prophetically with the number four. Each tetrad consists of four occurrences of the blood red moon. To me, this speaks of global judgment of the nations, and it also speaks of the Jewish people coming out from the four corners of the earth just as the scripture says.

These last 14 years have brought us the September 11th catastrophe, the Iraq wars and Al Qaeda, the stock market crash, the US border crisis, the rise of ISIS, the spread of Ebola, and the constant threat of nuclear war from Iran and Russia. What about the recent beheadings and mass murder of Christians, the instability of Egypt, Libya, Syria, and now Iraq. Much is going on this very year, and I believe we need to keep our eyes open, because the season of judgment is not over folks. But let's not get too pessimistic, because if the pattern continues to hold, we are going to see a supernatural release of a new flood of Jewish people going back to Israel. Just today we received news that the Supreme Court of the Knesset has overturned a 20 year ruling that has banned Jewish believers from obtaining citizenship on account of their faith. This is a huge victory, and I believe we are on the brink of one of the most exciting seasons in history where Israel will be built up and strengthened, yet humbled with many coming to salvation in preparation to greet the Messiah!

Why Three Tetrads in 70 Years?

In Genesis 41, Joseph interpreted the Pharaoh's dreams about seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh had the same dream twice in a row. Joseph addressed this when he said, *“Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about,”*



Gen 41:32. I believe that the repetition of three tetrads since 1948 on Biblical Feast days is a sign in of itself. The sign is that the Second Coming of Yeshua the Messiah is right around the corner. Get ready!

Blood Red Moons and THE BLOOD RED MOON:

The tetrads (series of consecutive blood red moons) are not the same as “THE BLOOD RED MOON” of Joel 2, Matthew 24, Revelation 6, etc... They are shadows of the once and final blood red moon to come. The difference is that there will be no sun light given on the day of “THE FINAL BLOOD RED MOON.” It will be the light of the SON OF MAN coming in the clouds and His glory that will send refractory light around the earth causing the blood red color of the moon. The precursor blood red

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moons on the other hand, are lit by the sun's light as it comes around the earth and reflects onto the moon. As I said before, on the day of "THE BLOOD RED MOON" of the Bible, there will be no sunlight.

The continuing wars, pestilence (disease), persecution of Jews and Christians, and the rise of Al Qaeda, ISIS and conflicts between nations seem to be amalgamating into a "perfect storm", a demonic manifestation of an ever-increasing spiritual battle. Along side the ever increasing physical/spiritual battle, is the ever increasing frequency of the occurrences of heavenly signs of the blood red moon. In fact we are in the midst of the third tetrad in seventy years! We have never seen such a statistically rare celestial phenomenon linked with the Biblical calendar repeat itself over such a short period of time. I believe we are seeing the beginning crescendo of spiritual forces, both righteous and unrighteous, that will ultimately culminate in the return of the Western Jews to Israel and the return of THE JEW of ALL JEWS, The Messiah, the King of Kings, whose name is Yeshua, to Jerusalem, the center of Israel and the center of the world. Yeshua/Jesus said, ***"But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near," Luke 21:28.***

In Yeshua's love,
Rabbi Joe Bell

P.S. Stay tuned for Part II of the Blood Red Moons!