

## 1 BLOOD MOON HYPOTHESIS

- Is God trying to get our attention?

## 2 Introduction

- If you haven't head it already, this year starts the beginning of several astrological events that some are saying are pointing to the fulfillment of major eschatological biblical prophecies.
- In other words, things are going to happening in the heavenlies—starting this year that many are saying point to the return of Jesus Christ.
- While this may seem hard to believe, it is true.
- For the past several years, it has been the talk of the Internet and several prominent church leaders have written books all outlining that in 2014 and again in 2015 major lunar eclipses will occur on important Jewish holidays.

## 3 Lunar Tetrad

- The dates of these full lunar eclipses are as follows.
  - April 15th, 2014 (Passover - Nissan 15th)
  - October 8th, 2014 (Tabernacles/Sukkot - Tishrei 15th)
  - April 4th, 2015 (Passover - Nissan 15th)
  - September 28, 2015 (Tabernacles/Sukkot - Tishrei 15th)
- Since the time of Christ, these tetrad or four lunar eclipses appearing on Passover and Tabernacles have only happened seven times before.
- According to some, in each of these occurrences major historical events have occurred that have directly impacted the Jewish people and at times Christians as well.

## 4 Historical Occurrences

- 162 -163 AD
- 795 - 796 AD
- 842 - 843 AD
- 860 - 861 AD
- 1493 - 1494 AD
- 1949 - 1950 AD
- 1967 - 1968 AD
- 2014 - 2015 AD

## 5 Red or Blood Moons

- A lunar eclipse occurs when the earth's shadow (the umbra) falls on the moon. If the earth's shadow completely covers the moon, it is a total eclipse.
- Total eclipses often appear red because the earth's atmosphere is scattering out shorter-wave light (greens through violet) leaving mostly longer-wave light (red, orange, and yellow)
- This is also why sunsets and sunrises generally are red, and why most lunar eclipses are red as well.
- However, not until recently have we referred to a lunar eclipse as "blood moon."

## 6 **Total Lunar Eclipse**

## 7 **Mark Blitz**

- The initial and most prominent person behind the promotion of the "Blood Moon" theory is Mark Blitz of El Shaddai Ministries.
- El Shaddai ministry is a Hebrew roots resource and teaching ministry near Tacoma, Washington.
- It is Blitz's main theory that the "blood moons" of 2014 and 2015 will be the fulfillment of Joel 2:31.

## 8 **Joel 2:31**

## 9 **Pastor John Hagee**

- Another individual who has become quite vocal on this theory is John Hagee.
- John Hagee is founder and senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, which is a non-denominational megachurch with more than 20,000 active members.
- Recently, he has written the book, *Four Blood Moons: something is about to change* and has been interviewed on this subject by FOXNews, Glenn Beck, and others.
- While not directly saying the Blood Moon Tetrad is going to fulfill Joel 2:31, he does however leave room for his readers to reach that conclusion.

## 10 **Implications**

- What John Hagee and several others are saying is that these lunar eclipses that will occur on both Passover and the feast of Tabernacles for the next two years may very well be the fulfillment of Joel 2:31.
- Since Joel 2:31 is associated with the rapture of the saints (1 Thes. 4:16-17), then next year on September 28—during the feast of Tabernacles, Christians might very well be caught up to be with the Lord.
- For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.  
(1 Th 4:16-17 NIV)

## 11 **Analysis**

- Considering the implications let us analyze this teaching and see whether it is deserving of our attention.
- So then, let us look the following . . .
  - Do the other occurrences of Blood Moon tetrads also contain significant historical information about the nation of Israel?
  - Is a lunar eclipse the best description of what is going on in Joel 2:31?

## 12 **Historical Overview**

## 13 **Analysis**

- During the 20th-Century, there were 230 lunar eclipses, of which 37 happened on the same day as Passover or Tabernacles (Sukkot). So then it is not unusual for there to be an eclipse on one of these holy days.
- What is unusual is that this would happen for two years in a row.
- But to say that these Blood Moon tetrads is a sign through which God speaks seems to be a little bit of an exaggeration.
- Out of seven historical occurrences for the past 2000 years, only one Blood Moon tetrad suggest such a significant comparison or link.

## 14 **Blood Moon Prophecy**

- Surrounding the “Blood Moon” description in the book of Joel there are several other things which are also mentioned.
  - Both the sun and moon will be darkened. (Joel 2:10)
  - Stars won’t shine. (Joel 2:10)
  - Wonders in the heaven and the earth. (Joel 2:30)
  - Blood, fire, and billows of smoke. (Joel 2:30)

## 15 **Blood Moon Prophecy**

- In speaking about the same thing, Isaiah says, The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. (Is. 13:6-11 NIV)
- Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matt 24:29–31 NIV)

## 16 **Blood Moon Prophecy**

- In the book of Revelation this same event is also described.

- I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. (Rev. 6:12-14 NIV)

## 17 **Blood Moon Prophecy**

- So then, does a lunar eclipse best describe what is going on in Joel and the many other prophecies in the Bible describing such wonders in the heaven and on the earth?
- In other words, what best describes the following . . .
  - Giant earthquake that shakes the whole earth.
  - Causing death and billows of smoke.
  - Sun, moon, and stars become darkened and partially hinder from sight. Moon actually appears red.

## 18 **The Golden Censer**

- In the book of Revelation, there is a scene where all the martyred saints ask the Lord when He is going to avenge their blood.
- Soon afterwards an angel takes a golden censer, which is filled with their prayers and hurls it at the earth.
- Once it hits its mark, there are peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake on the earth.

## 19 **Blood Moon Prophecy**

- According to the Seventh Seal in the book of Revelation what causes all this destruction is a mountain (also called a great star) named Wormwood that falls out of the sky all ablaze and hits the earth.
- It causes so much destruction that 1/3 of earth is killed and kicks up so much debris that the sun is darkened, the moon appears red, and many of the stars are hidden from sight and obscured.
- So then, what best describes this event?
  - A lunar eclipse, or
  - Something else

## 20 **Something Else?**

## 21 **Summary**

- The Blood Moon tetrad theory to me is nothing to be excited about.
- Only one of the past seven tetrads has any spiritual or historical significance.
- Furthermore, issues with the moon is only one among several apocalyptic events of the last days, which will proceed the Day of the Lord and be simultaneous with the rapture.

- Associated with it will be a great earthquake, death, smoke, which will cause the sun, moon, and stars to be partially obscured.
- To just focus on the moon and ignore the other signs is a mistake and can cause us to focus on things like lunar eclipses instead of other possibilities.

## 22 **Conclusion**

- While the world will be totally unprepared for the Lord's coming and it will catch them as a thief in the night, it should not be like that for us.
- As the Apostle Paul says, But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness (1 Th 5:4-5 NIV)
- So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. (1 Th 5:6 NIV)
- If you want to have spiritual discernment for the last days, walk in the light and you'll have the light of life guiding you into all truth.