

## Do Blood Moons Mean Anything?

Blood moons are getting a lot of attention in the media, even from the secular media. During a total lunar eclipse the moon's entire surface turns red thus the term Blood Moon. The fact that four consecutive total lunar eclipses are occurring in the next 18 months (lunar tetrad) arouses our curiosity. But even more importantly they occur on Jewish holidays which creates even greater interest. The secular media completely ignores the fact that Jewish holidays are involved. But we know that God has worked on Jewish holidays in the past. Jesus died on Passover, rose from the dead on the Feast of First Fruits, and the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost.

The media recognizes astrology to some extent. April 13-26 is the most important time of the year for new-age astrologers. Satanic worshippers believe that the "forces" are vigorously at work in this particular period of time. They think these forces are busy casting spells, delivering curses, and influencing unsuspecting people. This belief connected with a blood moon and the major sign of the Grand Cardinal Cross at the same time are hugely invigorating to the mystics. Supposedly, the Grand Cardinal Cross is formed when certain planets align with certain stars to form a cross. Satanists believe that the Grand Cardinal Cross is very meaningful especially this year since it is occurring in late April.

I believe that astrologers have completely corrupted the legitimate signs that God gave to the early patriarchs in the stars. So we certainly do not condone or put any trust in modern astrology. But on the other hand, Satan and his demons may know more than we think.

The pre-biblical book of Enoch among others seems to outline some fairly reliable historical concepts describing how the 12 constellations give a beautiful gospel message. Enoch wrote this ancient manuscript before Moses wrote the Pentateuch (first 5 books of the Bible) in 1500 BC. (The book of Enoch is quoted in Jude 14-15 and copies have recently been found). There is little evidence of inspired Scripture prior to 1500 BC. Prior to written-Scripture, God apparently spoke mostly through direct revelation, personal appearances, His Holy Spirit, but also through heavenly bodies – *"Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs** and seasons, and for days and years."* (Gen. 1:14). The book of Job and Amos mention several constellations by name. The Magi were led on an 800 miles, 45 day journey to Jerusalem by the star(s). In modern times, the Rabbis can tell what month it is by observing the appropriate constellation on the horizon before sun-up.

Blood moons are mentioned in Joel, Acts, and Revelation, so we know they play an important role in the end-times. The blood moons that are described in these passages seem to occur during the tribulation after the Church-body has been caught up to heaven. However Jesus spoke about birth pains suggesting that some of these signs may begin earlier in a smaller way. History shows that the blood moon tetrads have occurred close to critical times in Israel's history e.g., 1492 in the Spanish Inquisition (Columbus, now thought to be a Jew, apparently started looking for a place to accommodate displaced Jews in that same year); blood moons also occurred close to 1948 when Israel became a nation; and again in 1967 when Israel captured all of Jerusalem. So the coming tetrad may have some significance and portend difficult times ahead. This is especially true since we have many other signs that demonstrate we are in the end-time scenario. It is apparent that even secular society has a feeling that there is something ominous ahead and

are far more aware of the possible significance of blood moons than before. So the Lord may be using the blood moons to get their attention so His Holy Spirit can work in their hearts. He may be telling them they need Jesus because judgment lies just ahead.

A blood moon occurred on the night of Dec. 21, 2010. It received very little attention in the media. But the brutal Arab Spring revolts started the week following and continued for many months. This is something to remember since it serves as an example that blood moons may be significant in our times.

Interestingly, John Kerry gave Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) a 9-month deadline to come to an agreement. That 9-month period ends on April 30 which coincides with all the other indicators. This may have significance as noted below.

Kerry has essentially thrown in the towel and has given up on his peace keeping efforts with Israel and the PA. He insisted through the whole process that Israel retreat to the pre-1967 borders which divides Jerusalem in half and makes East Jerusalem the PA's capitol city. Since the Temple Mount is in East Jerusalem, it would be taken away from Israel if they retreat to the pre-1967 borders. Kerry and the Obama administration still hold to the view that Israel must retreat to the pre-1967 borders thus dividing Jerusalem. Unfortunately the rest of the world agrees much to their peril.

This is what Joel had to say about dividing the land of Israel. *"For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land."* (Joel 3:2). It is bad enough to divide His land but taking the Temple Mount away from Israel is anathema. The Temple Mount is called "My holy mountain" all through the O.T. The Lord is very jealous over His holy mountain i.e., Mount Moriah where Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac which later became the place where the Son of God was crucified. How dare anyone give the Temple Mount to a heathen nation where it will be desecrated. Kerry along with the rest of the USA administration are completely oblivious of the spiritual ramifications involved in their political shenanigans. Maybe this is why the blood moons occurred over North America instead of Israel. In fact all four blood moons in the tetrad occur over North American and are not visible in Europe, Asia and Africa. The Lord may be warning us that we've stepped over the line and we're heading for some very difficult times.

One party in this conspiracy that understands the significance of the Temple Mount very well is Satan and the forces of evil. No wonder the PA's demands that Israel must agree to East Jerusalem becoming the PA capitol before they will engage in any further peace negotiations. Satan began his evil plan in the dark ages when the Muslim Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa mosque were built on the Temple Mount. Muslims claim that Mohammad ascended to heaven from the Temple Mount on his horse named Balaq. As we speak, muslims are rioting and throwing rocks at Jews who wish to worship on the Temple Mount even on Passover, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

Let's bring the following concepts together:

- This blood moon tetrad is very rare but even more importantly it occurs on Jewish holy days which has been shown to have historical significance;
- In this same time frame, an April 30 deadline was given to Israel and the PA by Kerry to complete a peace agreement which appears to have encountered a disheartening finish;
- USA negotiators have insisted that Jerusalem be divided thus taking the Temple Mount away from Israel and making it the capitol city of the PA further desecrating the Lord's holy mountain;
- Late April is a highly important time period according to demonically inspired astrologists and this may be why the secular world is reacting with mystical fervor;
- The occurrence of the "Grand Cardinal Cross" of planets incites New Age Satanists.
- Just maybe the Lord is starting to bring the church-age to a conclusion and then pour out His wrath on an unbelieving world that is on a rapid spiritual, moral, ethical and political decline.

Only the Lord knows the time table and exactly how He will fulfill His purposes. But it's obvious that we all need to be ready.

Those who have received and believe in the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world can look forward to His glorious appearing. (John 1:11-13, 29).

We have covered some interesting thoughts but we must remember the Lord is in sovereign control and will move exactly as He wishes in His own time frame. It seems more and more obvious that we are in times leading up to the tribulation in the near future. Most prophecy scholars believe the Scriptures teach that all born-again believers will be raptured before the 7-year tribulation begins. Are we ready for that moment?

In the meantime, "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart...*" (Prov. 3:5).

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