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**THE COMING FOUR BLOOD MOONS – THEIR SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE**

**11Peter 3:3,4,9** ‘Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers and mockers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the Fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance.’

**11Timothy 3:1-5** We are to know the times in which we live – this is a complete description of our days. ‘As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the day of the coming of the Son of Man.’ **Luke 17:26**

**Matthew 16:33** ‘….but can you not discern the signs of the times?’

**Matthew 24:36,44** ‘But of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.’ We will not know the exact day and hour of His return, but God has given us signs – clues – as to the time of His return.

**Luke 21:25-28** ‘There will be signs in the sun, in the moon and in the stars, and upon the earth, great distress of nations – with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them with fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.’

In the full scope of Christian history, we need an understanding of our Gentile position. The Jewish people have been and are God’s chosen people. Gentiles, you and me, have been grafted into the vine, Jesus Christ. To correctly understand heavenly signs and wonders, we need to connect with our Jewish roots. We should be grateful for and show support for the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. Why?

**1) Genesis 12:3** ‘I will bless those who bless you and I will curse him who curses you.’ This is the Abrahamic covenant, and it remains unchanged today. God’s covenants are never broken – God is not a man who lies, neither the son of man who needs to repent.

**2) Psalm 122:6** ‘Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; and may they prosper who love you.’ This is a command and not just a request. From this city – the New Jerusalem – Christ will rule this planet earth and of His kingdom there will be no end. **Isaiah 9:7 Luke 1:33**

**3) Isaiah 62:6** ‘I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord do not keep silent.’ We are instructed to speak up and defend Israel when they are slandered and attacked by their enemies.

**4) Romans 15:27** ‘For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things (the Jewish people) their duty (the Gentiles) is also to minister to them (the Jews) in material things.’ What spiritual things? Jesus – ‘For salvation is of the Jews.’ **John 4:22** The Bible came to us through the Jews, as did the Patriarchs, the OT prophets, the 12 disciples and Paul – all of whom are our examples and teachers.

**Joel 2:30,31** ‘I will show wonders in the heavens and the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.’

**Acts 2:19,20** ‘I will show wonders in the heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.’ What does ‘moon into blood’ refer to? NASA gave the name ‘blood moon’. They occur during a total lunar eclipse: the moon does not actually turn into blood, but it looks blood red. Read Jesus words again in **Luke 21:25,27,28** ‘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 seas and the waves roaring. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.’

**Matthew 24:29,30** ‘Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.’ **Genesis 1:14** ‘And the Lord said, let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.’

God uses the sun, moon and stars as a sign or signal to mankind of coming events. What is God trying to say today? The history of the world is about to change forever. God is sending us messages and speaking to us in the heavens, using the 4 blood moons – but are we listening? Have blood moons ever appeared before and what was their significance? The sun moon and stars are unmistakably connected to Israel and Bible prophecy. God has sovereignly arranged the sun and the moon to perfectly align them to form a tetrad or four consecutive appearances of blood moons. Tetrads linked to Jewish history have happened three times during the past 500 years. And it is about to happen a fourth time.

Some terms. A) A lunar eclipse – when the earth’s shadow blocks the sun’s light, which otherwise reflects off of the moon. A total lunar eclipse is when the earth’s shadow completely covers the moon. It turns a red during a total eclipse of the moon – the red moon appears when other colors are blocked by the earth’s atmosphere, but only red light filters through.

B) A solar eclipse occurs when the moon comes between the earth and the sun, during a phase of the new moon.. The moon passes directly between the sun and the earth, creating a shadow on the earth’s surface. As we read in **Joel 2:30,31** and in **Acts 2:19,20** the Bible clearly describes both blood moons and a solar eclipse. Blood moons linked to Jewish history has happened 3 times in the past 500 years and are extremely rare. God always sends a warning before He sends judgment – so what earth shaking event is about to happen? **The truth is that the** **rapture – the catching away of the people of the Lord – is coming, and soon!** Jesus, in **Luke 21:36** said, ‘Watch therefore, and pray always that you be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.’ We need to be watching, waiting and expecting His glorious appearance. ‘To those who eagerly await for Him, He will appear a second time.’ **Hebrews 9:28 1Corinthians 15:52 1Thessalonians 4:17** The King is coming!! The rapture is Christ’s celebration over death, hell and the grave, all defeated by Him when He died on the cross and rose again! Therein lies our great hope – we shall also rise again and live for eternity with Him.

**Revelations 21:22** ‘….and the street of the city was pure gold.’

**Revelations 2:10** ‘….and I will give you a crown of life.’

**John 3:16** ‘….shall have everlasting life.’

These are literal descriptions of our eternal future. We must watch for, know the signs, and wait in expectancy for His return. It is a rare occurrence when science, the scriptures and human history all line up with each other.

**IN 1948** – Israel’s rebirth as a nation with land as promised Abraham. There was a total lunar eclipse in 1948, signaling an incredible earth changing event, fulfilling the prophecy of **Ezekiel 36: 24,28** ‘For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem, in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men, and they shall know that I am the Lord.’

4 blood moons occurred: Passover feast – April 13, 1949 Feast of Tabernacles – October 7, 1949 Passover – April 2, 1950 Feast of Tabernacles – Sept 26, 1950

**Significance** – The Jews returned to their covenant land of Israel. The series of blood moons coincided with the Jewish feasts, signaling the fulfillment and restoration of their beloved land. **Ezekiel 36**

**IN 1967-68** – This is known as the 7 day war and the defeat of the surrounding 5 Arab nations gathered to destroy Israel. The 4 blood moons appeared once more on the Jewish holidays/feasts. Passover – April 24 Feast of Tabernacles – Oct 18, 1967 Passover – April 13, 1968 Feast of Tabernacles – Oct 6, 1968

**Significance** – After the 7 day war, Israel now possessed the City of Jerusalem for the first time in 1900 years.

**IN 2014, 2015 – TODAY** – there is about to be the appearance of 4 blood moons once again. Passover – April 15,2014 Feast of Tabernacles – October 8, 2014 Passover – April 4, 2015 Feast of Tabernacles – Sept 28, 2015 A total eclipse will take place on March 20, 2015

So what is **the prophetic significance** of the coming four blood moons? This is the only tetrad (four blood moons) that will align itself with the Feasts of the Lord for another 1,000 years, should the world tarry – as estimated by man. What are the common denominators of these 3 historic events? 1) They all centered on events related to the Jewish people, occurring on the exact dates of the feasts of the Lord. So the next blood moons will hold significance for Israel and the Jews. All efforts to remove the Jews from their land will fail. God Himself will defend Israel and Israel will prevail victoriously. 2) As Believers, we need to look up for our redemption is about to take place! **Matthew 24:33,34** ‘So likewise, when you shall see these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass until all these things be fulfilled.’ We are that generation! Are you ready? **Luke 21:28** ‘Lift up your hearts, because your redemption draws nigh!’

The blood moon occurrences are not a coincidence; God is orchestrating the signs in the heavens to alert us and make us aware of the days in which we live. Something big is coming that will change the world forever. Are we awake, alert, listening and watching, and understanding the signs of our time? This does not mean that the rapture (catching away) is going to happen during the time of the blood moons – that could happen at any moment! Get ready to leave this earth! The King is coming with great power and great glory! This is the ‘coming of the day of the Lord’ for those who are prepared.  **Luke 21:25-28** ‘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; men’s hearts failing them with fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh.’ Amen, even so come quickly, Lord Jesus.

What should we do? What should our response be to the coming event of the 4 blood moons?

* Increase our intensity of witnessing; bring the lost to Jesus.
* Lay aside all useless involvements that so easily beset us, redeem the remaining time we have, and avoid all time wasters and distractions from what is really important – our personal relationship with God, and those who are lost and dying and going to an eternal, burning hell.
* Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem; pray for God’s will to be done – in our lives and in the nations.