

## Blood Moons

The “blood moons” prophecy is a theory originating with, and taught by Pastors John Hagee and Mark Biltz, which states that the tetrad, meaning four blood moons, which occur between April 2014 and September 2015 are a sign of the end times. We should not be dismayed or concerned at such signs.

- *Jeremiah 10:2 Thus says the LORD: do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them.*

Pastor John Hagee has written a bestselling book entitled;

“Four Blood Moons – something is about to change, in astronomical terms”

Two of these blood moons have already taken place this year. Their dates were: April 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 which was just possible to be seen from parts of the UK, and the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2014, which was mainly visible in the USA and Asia. The final two occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 being visible in the USA, Eastern Asia and Australia, and the final blood moon on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 is *the only one visible from Israel* and is also fully visible from the UK, barring our usual cloudy skies. I checked out these facts from the NASA website:

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OH2014.html#LE2014Apr15T>.

Diagrams are given so that you can see if you are able to view the lunar eclipse.

Blood moon teaching is *only a theory*, which came about through the failed prophecies of Mark Biltz, who predicted that the tribulation would commence in 2008 and that the second coming of Jesus would occur in the autumn of 2015. How cavalier of Mark Biltz to ruin his credibility with a false prophecy of the tribulation and second coming, when Jesus stated in the gospel of Mark, that no one knows the time of His return except the Father.

- *Mark 13:32 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

Trying to make a name for yourself is neither a good idea or a God idea!

Scripture is our only rule and measure as to what is to take place here on earth. God who knows the end from the beginning has spoken thus;

- *Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.*

So then, what do we see in the scriptures regarding blood moons?

- *Joel 2:30-31 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars 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.*
- *Acts 2:19-20 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapour 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.*

- Revelation 6:12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the *sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

These are the only three scriptures, which speak of blood moons. The scripture from Acts is obviously taken from the book of Joel, which says it all; that these events come directly before the Day of the Lord. If we read on in Revelation chapter six it closes with this scripture;

- Revelation 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?

Jesus tells us that there shall be great signs from heaven.

- Luke 21:11b And there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

Notice, that when the moon turns to blood red, the Sun also turns to blackness. These two signs go together in all the three occasions of their use, directly proceeding the Day of the Lord. The cause of blackened sun and blood moon is – a great earthquake as above in Revelation 6:12.

- Revelation 16:18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
- Isaiah 13:9-10 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; *the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.*
- Isaiah 13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.

### What is it that causes a blood moon?

The cause of a blood moon is fully understood to be the optical effect of the Rayleigh scattering of sunlight on charged particles in the atmosphere, which also cause red sunsets, as well as the blue colour of the sky, and the yellow gold of the sun; it is a natural phenomenon discovered by the British physicist Lord Rayleigh. You can read all about it on Wikipedia – whatever did we do before Wikipedia?

Israel has a calendar, given by God, based on the cycles of the moon, which is why these blood moons occur on important Jewish festivals. All Jewish months are around 29 days long. For instance today, on the Jewish calendar, is the 16<sup>th</sup> of Tishri in the year 5775. Our Gregorian calendar reads 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2014. The Jews have an ecclesiastical calendar, which starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nisan, and a civil calendar which starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishri, (the seventh month from Nisan) – The 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishri is Rosh Hashanah, which is the Jewish New Year, and also, according to the Jews, the anniversary of the creation of Adam and the coronation of God as King. You can read what significance you like into that!

The sighting of the new moon, meaning the thin crescent moon, in Israel marks the beginning of the month. Full moons occur about 14 days from the sighting of the new moon, halfway into the 29.53 day lunar cycle.

- Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the LORD.
- Zechariah 14:5b-7 Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD– neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light.
- Zechariah 14:9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be– The LORD is one, and His name one.

Well, we do not know when the Lord will come, but it is certain that He will come, and if we are in the time of the signs, then let us make sure that the signs of the times are in **the book**.

The book written by John Hagee may be a fictional rabbit trail, and prove to be, as the title of William Shakespeare’s famous play, “Much ado about nothing”. It might sound plausible, but unless it measures up to and agrees with the Word of God – bin!

However, God has given us the celestial orbs for signs and seasons, and there is no doubt that the moon shall turn to blood and the sun shall be darkened before that great and terrible Day of the Lord come upon us.

- Genesis 1:14 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.

Therefore watch and be ready.

- Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
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