

# Blood Moons

## Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs

Based on book by Pastor Mark Biltz – 2014 DVD by World Net Daily ([WND](#))

As time grows closer to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth, God is opening the curtain to reveal the mysteries of biblical end-time prophetic signs. Mark Biltz, pastor of [El Shaddai Ministries](#), has published his personal discoveries in his book and on DVD. This document has been developed to assist in understanding and discussion. – Al Goff

## Why did God create the Sun and Moon?

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**;<sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth;” and it was so (Gen. 1:14-15).<sup>1</sup>

**Signs** ( אֹתוֹת , ōwth) – symbol, token, mark, promissory note, pledge, omen

**Seasons** ( מועֵד , mōed) – appointed time, solemn assembly, feast (holiday)

**Days** ( יָמִים , yōm) – like Sabbaths & feast days

**Years** ( שָׁנָה , shawnah 8140 - שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂר , shawneh 8141) – like Shemitah & Jubilee

## The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm 19:1-6)

Biblical astronomy – It’s all about God!

### Sun and Moon stopped! (Joshua 10)

Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”<sup>13</sup> So **the sun stood still, and the moon stopped**, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.<sup>14</sup> And there has been no day like that, before it or after it that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel. (Joshua 10:12-14)

### Hezekiah’s Life extended and the Sun’s Shadow moved Backward (2 Ki. 20, Is. 38)

And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying,<sup>5</sup> “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.<sup>6</sup> And **I will add to your days fifteen years**. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.” (2 Ki. 20:4-6) So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the Lord, and **He brought the shadow ten degrees backward**, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz. (2 Ki. 20:11)

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture references are from the New King James Version (NKJV) of the Holy Bible.

## God's Calendar

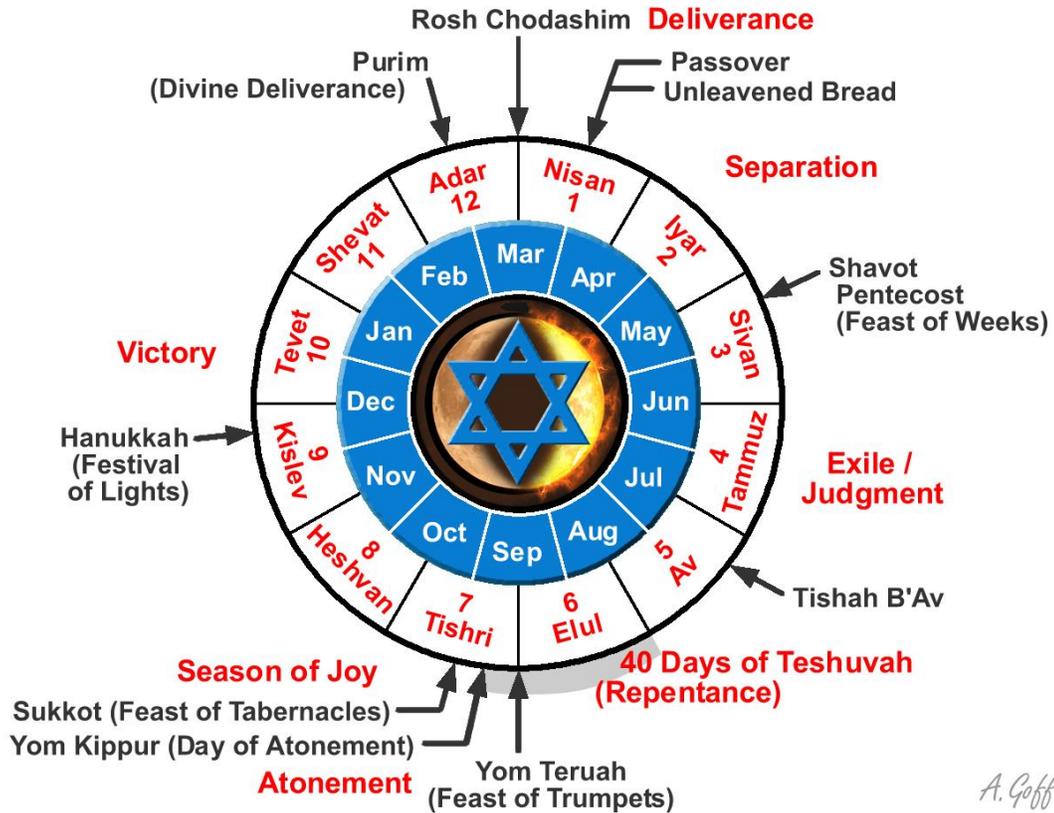
**Julian Calendar** (Julius Caesar introduced it in 46 BC) based on the sun.

**Gregorian Calendar** (Pope Gregory XIII introduced it in 1582) is based on the sun.

**Islamic (Hijri) Calendar** (used primarily for religious purposes) is based on the moon.

**Biblical (Jewish) Calendar** is based on the sun, the moon, and the rotation of the earth.

- God's scheduled appointments
- Key to understanding feast days, biblical calendar and signs!



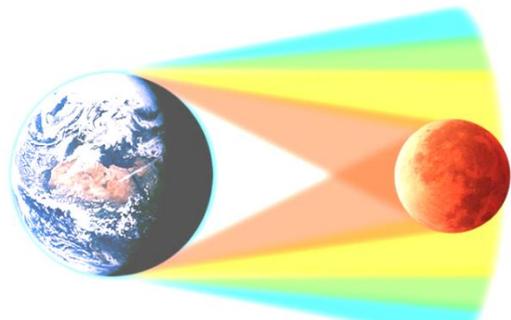
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See more about this at <http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Calendar/calendar.html> and <http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm>.

## Why does the Moon turn Red?

A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly behind the earth into its **umbra** (shadow). This full moon does not happen often because of the tilt and elliptical path of the moon's orbit.

Within the umbra, there is no direct solar radiation. However, because of the sun's large size and its light is so intense, orange- and red-colored sunlight is filtered and refracted by the earth's atmosphere and is projected onto the moon.



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## Significance of the Blood Moons

The occurrence of four blood moons in a row is called a “**Tetrad.**” There have been nine tetrads since the first century AD. The following shows the dates and significant events of the last three Tetrads. *Go to Appendix A for a detailed list of the ten occurrences.*

1949-1950	War with Arabs after Israel became a State in May 1948.
1967-1968	Israel recaptures Jerusalem & Temple Mount during the Six-Day War.
2014-2015	Tetrad, culminating in the Fall 2015 Super Blood Moon.

## What’s the Big Deal about Israel & Jerusalem?

- Jerusalem is where God placed His Name (Deut. 12:5, Ezra 6:12)
- Where Jesus ascended and will return to rule and to reign (Zech. 14:4, Acts 1:10-11)
- Israel is God’s chosen root and source of biblical history (Ezekiel 20:5)
- Abraham, Isaac & Jacob buried in the West Bank City of Hebron (Gen. 23:8-17, 25:9, 49:31)
- “The battle in the last days will be Satan’s final attempt against Israel to spoil God’s plan.”
- “Muslims are working on Satan’s behalf”

## Blood Moons from the Jewish Mindset

Prophecy should point us to Yeshua/Jesus. "...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev 19:10). In Joel 3 comes an eschatological prophecy, in which God proclaims the return of His people, Israel, to the Promised Land, and of a great war. It proclaims:

“**The sun and moon will grow dark**, and the stars will diminish their brightness.  
The Lord also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem;  
The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people,  
and the strength of the children of Israel.” (Joel 3:15-16)

The Talmud can be equated to a Jewish study Bible, containing teachings and opinions of thousands of rabbis on a variety of subjects. Regarding eclipses, it is written: “During the time the sun is stricken, it is a bad omen for idolaters. During the time that the moon is stricken, it is a bad omen for the Jewish people” (Sukkah 29a). In 2015, there will be both blood moons and solar eclipses!

### Shemittah Year ends Sep. 23, 2015



## The Divine Appointments

- Holy Convocations (Formal Meetings, Awards Ceremony), Hebrew - Midra
- Lambs were sacrificed on Passover at the Ninth Hour (3 PM).  
This correlates to the time when the Lamb of God, Yeshua, died (Mk 15:34-37).
- Feast of Unleavened Bread appears to represent Yeshua's burial.
- Feast of First Fruits points to Yeshua's resurrection.
- Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) represents the pouring out of the Holy Spirit.  
[Pastor Biltz notes that the Jews were the first Pentecostals.]
- The Fall Feasts (Trumpets, Succoth) point to a time of return and ingathering.

## The Sign of the Hebrew Language

Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet is a picture with meaning. When we put these letters together, they form a word, but they also form a story within the word!



- Aleph – Ox (A)
- Beth – Tent (B, V)
- Gimel – Camel (G, GH)
- Daleth – Door (D)
- Hey – Window (H)
- Vav – Nail (U, V, W)
- Zain – Sword (Z)
- Cheth – Fence (Ch)
- Teth – Serpent (T)
- Yod – Hand (I, Y, J)
- Kaph – Palm (K, Kh)



- Lamed – Ox-goad (L)
- Mem – Water (M)
- Nun (Noon) – Fish (N)
- Samekh – Prop (S)
- Ayin – Eye (Aa)
- Peh – Mouth (P, Ph)
- Tzadik – Fish hook (Tz)
- Qoph – Ear (Q)
- Reysh – Head (R)
- Shin – Tooth (Sh)
- Tav – Cross (Th)

**Zion**  
(City of David, Jerusalem)

צִיּוֹן

	<b>tzadik</b> Fish hook; harvest, need
	<b>yood</b> Hand, Closed hand; a deed, to make
	<b>vav</b> Nail; to secure, "and"
	<b>noon</b> Fish, Moving; activity, life

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Hebrew is read from right to left. The picture language shows us something interesting: the first letter is a “fish hook,” and the last letter represents a fish darting through water--so we have the **“fish hook to catch the fish.”**

In Matthew 4:19, Yeshua said he would make us **“fishers of men.”** But what is the bait for the hook? The middle two letters tell us **the bait is “the hand that is nailed!”**

**Torah**

תּוֹרָה

<p>Person (especially the highest person), head</p> <p>-Window, lattice; “the”, to reveal.</p> <p>-At the end of a word, “hey” can mean what comes from or out of, belonging to</p>	<p><b>reysh</b></p> <p><b>hey</b></p> <p>hey reysh vav tav</p>	<p><b>tav</b> Cross, covenant (or sign of the covenant)</p> <p><b>vav</b> Nail, tent peg, to secure, “and”</p>
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The picture language tells us the purpose of the Torah:  
**“The covenant secured by the highest person revealed!”** When you read the letters from left to right, we also read: **“That which comes from the highest person nailed to the cross!”**

**YHVH**  
(Jehovah)

יְהוָה

<p>Nail, tent peg, to secure, “and”</p>	<p><b>vav</b></p> <p><b>hey</b></p> <p>hey vav hey yod</p>	<p><b>yod</b> Hand, closed hand; a deed, to make, work</p> <p><b>hey</b> Reveal. At the end of a word, “hey” can mean what comes from or out of, belonging to</p>
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This Hebrew word is the Name of God -- the tetragrammaton representing the unspeakable (revered) Name of God; however, some translations have formed these letters as “Jehovah” or “Yahweh.” Again, read from right to left, we can see within God's Holy Name, He is telling us Who He is: **Yod Hey Vav Hey -- He is “the hand revealed, the nail revealed!”** His Name tells us His redemptive plan!

<sup>2</sup> The Hebrew word images were created by Rick Blankenship, Grafted In Fellowship King George. <http://gifkg.org/>

## Why Support Israel?

“I will **bless those who bless you**, and I will **curse him who curses you**;  
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gen. 12:3)

God judges nations based on how they deal with Israel. He said, “I will enter into judgment with [them nations] 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).

Pastor Biltz offers an example of America’s blessing after President Truman voted for Israel in 1948. Alternatively, other Presidents have called for Israel to give up their land since 1967, bringing specific curses on America.

For more details, read the book: *Eye to Eye: Facing the Consequences of Dividing Israel (2008)* by William Koenig.

## Patterns from the Past Portend the Future

**Shemittah year** = every seventh year is holy. This Sabbatical year is a year devoted to strengthening the bond with God through Bible study (Deut. 31:10), debts will be forgiven (Deut. 15:1–6), indentured servants would be freed (Jer. 34:13–14), and a year of rest for the land would be observed (Ex. 23:10-11). There are divine blessings and curses that are associated with obedience and disobedience.

In 1994, the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 broke into pieces and 21 fragments crashed into Jupiter. “It just so happens that weekend was also the weekend of the ninth of Av, and it was a Shemittah year! ... It is almost as if the Lord was saying, “**Listen to Me**: I am speaking to you about coming judgment.”” - Biltz, *Blood Moons (2014)*, p. 167.

**Signs of economic judgment:** 2001 and 2008 – stock market crashes. 2015 – What is coming?

**Signs of war:** 1948 and 1967 – prophetic wars led to parts of Israel’s land being reclaimed! 2015 – with threats from Hamas, Iran and ISIS, what is coming?

Prophetic wars that have yet to be fulfilled include: Damascus destroyed (Isaiah 17), Gog/Magog war (Ezekiel 38), Conspiracy against Israel war (Psalm 83).

## What to Do – How Do I Prepare?

- Church’s finest hour! Do not fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- You have a mission from God to reach people. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Recognize the signs (Daniel 4:3, Matthew 16:3)

For **the Lord shall build up Zion**. He shall appear in His glory.

<sup>17</sup> He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer.

<sup>18</sup> This will be **written for the generation to come**,  
that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. (Psalm 102:16-18)

## Are We the Generation to See the Second Coming?

Another pattern can be found in 50-year time periods representing certain Jewish months:

- **Av** speaks of judgment: An example may be represented by WWI and WWII.
- **Elul** represents return: The Jews returned to the land to become a nation.
- **Tishri** represents the Fall Feasts and the harvest of souls.

## The Importance of the Jewish Calendar

It is important to be on God's biblical calendar! In the past, rejection was based on anti-Semitism. But, the conference of Hillel II (358/359 CE) restored the calendar. Be careful of deceivers (2 Jn 1:7) who will misdirect you from God's calendar. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillel\\_II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillel_II).

## Earthly Signs

Can we know that disasters are signs from God?

(1) Bible study – What has God said and done based on the biblical narratives? (Ez. 7:25-27)

(2) Current events – Are there **patterns** of natural disasters and man-made disasters that are happening as a possible result of our culture's sin against God?

Example: Could it be possible that Hurricane Katrina was a consequence of the U.S. prompting Israel to withdraw from the Gaza strip? Refer to the book: *Eye to Eye* (2008) by William Koenig.

## The Return Home

The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them. For, **I will bring them back into their land, which I gave to their fathers.** <sup>16</sup> Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the Lord, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. (Jer. 16:15-16)

God wants the Jews to return to the Promised Land and may cause persecution in the parts of the world where the Jews have felt safe and comfortable. (Neh. 1:9)

## Fear Not and Be Saved

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” (Rev. 22:12)

Four blood moons coinciding with Jewish feasts are not projected to happen again until 2582-2583 and 2600-2601 AD. It is amazing that there is a beginning and end of four blood moons coinciding with Jewish feasts: Passover and Sukkot. Based on the pattern, is it a clear sign of significant events for Israel, the Jews and Christians?

Jesus is coming again. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
(Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 10:7; Mark 1:15)

## Appendix A

The following is my edited version of a blog post titled “**Significance of Four Blood Moons Coinciding with Jewish Feasts; Passover and Sukkot,**” by Joshua Munguti of the Christian Truth Center (2014). To view the entire post, go to <http://www.christiantruthcenter.com/significance-of-four-blood-moons-coinciding-with-jewish-feasts-passover-and-sukkot>.

Since the first century, there have been only ten occurrences of four blood moons (Tetrads), which coincide with Jewish feasts; Passover and Sukkot. In close proximity to these occurrences, significant historical events have taken place for Israel, the Jewish and Christian people.

### 1st occurrence in 32-33 AD

Passover, 14th April 32 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 7th October 32 AD – Blood moon  
(Adar, 19th March 33 AD – Total solar eclipse)  
{Friday 3rd April 33 AD – Crucifixion darkness}  
Passover, 3rd April 33 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 27th September 33 AD – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** On Friday 3rd April 33 AD, there was a total solar eclipse and a blood moon. This is the probable day that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on a Roman cross as the “Lamb of God” (Mt 27:45, Lk 23:44). His resurrection three days later and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, encouraged and empowered His followers to “turn the world upside down” (Acts 17:6) despite intense persecution.

### 2nd occurrence in 70-71 AD

{Adar, 30th March 70 AD, Sun turns to darkness (Total solar eclipse)}  
Passover, 14th April 70 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 8th October 70 AD – Blood moon  
{23rd September 70 AD – Total Solar eclipse (with Venus and Mercury in conjunction)}  
(Adar, 20th March 71 – Total Solar eclipse)  
Passover, 3rd April 71 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 28th September 71 AD – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** In 70 AD, the Roman Army conquered Israel ending over 1,000 years of Jewish rule over the Holy land. On the 9th of Av according to the Hebrew calendar (August 4<sup>th</sup>) 70 AD, the Romans fulfilled Jesus’ prophecy: “*not one stone shall be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down*” (Matt. 24:2).

### 3rd occurrence in 162-163 AD

Passover, 17th April 162 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 11th October 162 AD – Blood moon  
Passover, 6th April 163 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 30th September 163 AD – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** Coliseum Martyrs & World Wide Plague. Within 3 years the Antonine Plague killed a third of the Roman Empire's population. The Tiber River which flows through the city of Rome flooded its banks in the spring of 162 AD, killing most animals in Rome and destroying much of the city. A severe famine resulted.

### 4th occurrence in 795-796 AD

Passover, 9th April 795 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 3rd October 795 – Blood moon  
Passover, 28th March 796 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 21st September 796 – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** King Charlemagne, of the Holy Roman Empire, established a DMZ buffer zone between France and Spain, ending centuries of Muslim invasions into Western Europe.

### 5th occurrence in 842-843 AD

Passover, 30th March 842 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 23rd September 842 – Blood moon  
Passover, 19th March 843 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 12th September 843 – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** In 842 a synod in the Eastern Church reaffirmed the use of icons, which had been banned for the second time in 814. Attempting to conquer Italy and Europe, Muslims attacked and captured Messina in Sicily in 842. In 843 the Treaty of Verdun divided the Holy Roman Empire into three parts. With the tolerant French no longer in power over most of Europe, anti-Jewish sentiment was allowed to fester, leading to an increase in Jewish persecution.

### 6th occurrence in 860-861 AD

Passover, 9th April 860 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 3rd October 860 AD – Blood moon  
Passover, 30th March 861 AD – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 22nd September 861 AD – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius began translating part of the Bible into the Old Slavonic language, which helped in the conversion of the Slavs (Russians). This later led to a great persecution of the Jews by the Russian Christians. The Russian Christians were themselves later severely persecuted by the Communists.

In 861 Muhammed al-Mudabbir arrived in Egypt and tripled the *jizya* (tax) on Christians and Jews. Because so many could not pay the tax, they filled the prisons. The churches were looted.

### 7th occurrence in 1493-1494

Passover, 2nd April 1493 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 25th September 1493 – Blood moon  
(7th March 1494, Total Solar eclipse)  
Passover, 22nd March 1494 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 15th September 1494 – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** Over 200,000 Jews were expelled from Spain. Tens of thousands of them died while trying to reach safety. Atrocities were committed against the Jews, including knifing deaths by bandits who believed a terrible rumor that Jews had swallowed gold and diamonds. So, they literally searched for treasure in the stomachs of the expelled Jews.

### 8th occurrence in 1949-1950

Passover, 13th April 1949 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 7th October 1949 – Blood moon  
(10th January 1950 – Total solar eclipse)  
Passover, 2nd April 1950 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 26th September 1950 – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** The Jewish state of Israel was re-established in May, 1948. Immediately afterward, the first Arab-Israeli War took place from May 15, 1948 – March 10, 1949.

### 9th occurrence in 1967-1968

Passover, 24th April 1967 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 18th October 1967 – Blood moon  
(Total solar eclipse 2nd November 1967)  
Passover, 13th April 1968 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 6th October 1968 – Blood moon

**Significant Event:** Intercepting a plan to attack by surrounding nations, Israel successfully defended itself during the Six Day War in 1967. As a result, Israel liberated Jerusalem, later moving its capital from Tel Aviv, and captured the temple mount and additional land.

### 10th occurrence in 2014-2015

Passover, 15th April 2014 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 8th October 2014 – Blood moon  
(Adar, 20th March 2015 – Total solar eclipse)  
Passover, 4th April 2015 – Blood moon  
Sukkot, 28th September 2015 – Blood moon (Super moon)

**Significant Event:** Jordan increased fighting against ISIS in the Middle East. Concerns over the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Syria, and Iran's nuclear capability seem to be pointing to intensified war – possibly a prophetic war. In 2017, America became more militarily involved.