SKY SIGNS OF
The Coming of
The Lord Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

In our daily lives, we often meet with events accompanied by certain signs. Those signs mark the coming or happening of the particular events. In Indonesia, when we see the “banners of young coconut leaves”, we can be sure that a wedding party or some specific celebration is going on. The sign is obviously useful to show the place where the event takes place.

In the Bible we also find certain signs that tell us about extraordinary events. For example, when the Baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem there was a special star guiding the Magi to find the place where Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus dwelled. At the moment of Jesus’ death on the cross the sun darkened, or a total solar eclipse occurred.

The prophet Joel warned the people that when the great day of the LORD was imminent, there would be signs in the sky,

“I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.” (Joel 2:30-31).

In this second book about the end times, the author tried to present the observation of the specific signs in the sky and linked them with the Israelite festivals which were actually already
fulfilled through significant events in the history of the salvation of mankind. In this book the author also tried to explain what was predicted by NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA), that the solar and lunar eclipses would happen on certain dates. The question is, why would those events happen in coincidence with the exact sequence of the Israelite festivals? Could there be a particular meaning behind them? Or just pure coincidence? Could there be such an amazing precise coincidence of a series of events?

The answers to all these questions were sought in the Bible and some other questions followed, “Could it be that these signs marked the moment of fulfillment of the prophecies held in those particular festive days?” If this is true, is it possible that some unexpected important events would happen at that time? Are they signs of the imminent second coming of the Lord Jesus? Since this situation perplexed the mind of the writers, they bring their findings and opinions forward to the readers to be recognized and taken into consideration, and thereby they are supposed to prepare themselves to encounter the big day of the Lord Jesus’ return.

Honestly, we present this book not with the intention to count and determine the fix day of the
second coming of the Lord Jesus. No! Please do not misunderstand us. This book is meant only to invite the readers to observe closely and pay attention to these signs in the sky which have become more numerous and obvious.

The author hopes that anyone who reads this book will be encouraged and spiritually revived to examine his or her own spiritual condition and start his or her personal preparation to joyfully meet the Lord Jesus whenever He comes either today, tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, or some decades from now.

Soli Deo Gloria!
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CHAPTER I

THE BIRTH AND THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS

The Birth of the Lord Jesus:

When we study the birth of the Lord Jesus into this world, it was in accordance with the prophesy over 700 years ago in the Book of Micah:

*Mic 5:2* But you, *Bethlehem Ephrathah*, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over *Israel*, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

So the question is, at the time when the Lord Jesus was born into the world, was there anyone who knew that it was a very special event?

The answer is yes, there were. The Magi mentioned in Matthew 2 were described as follows:

"*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem* in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."* (Matthew 2:1-2).

How come that the wise men knew about it? For they saw His star in the sky. And when we read further, the star was not only to mark that a King or the
Messiah was born, but it also led the wise men to the place where the infant Jesus was.

*After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was* (Matthew 2:9).

Since the time of the first coming of the Lord Jesus -- His birth as a human being on earth -- was recognized by some people, would the time of His second coming also be known?

In the Bible we read that when God destroyed the human population in Noah's day by the flood, God apparently told Noah in advance about the time He would send rain upon the earth, and also how long the rain would pour down, as it was written:

*Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made*” (Genesis 7:4).

Even so, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, He revealed in advance to Abraham and Lot about the destruction that would happen.

*Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous* (Genesis 18:20).

*With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished"* (Genesis 19:15).
The Coming of the Lord Jesus Is Like A Thief:

While there was a prior notice about the time of the flood to Noah and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham and Lot, could it be that the second coming of the Lord Jesus also be notified and the signs given in advance? Remember, is it not written in the Bible that the Lord Jesus will come like a thief in the night?

*About times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night* (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2).

Yes, it is true that the Lord Jesus will come like a thief in the night. But for whom? Now, if we read the verses further we will realize then that:

*While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape* (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

This situation of peace and security will occur after the entire human race got a chip implanted as described in the first book of the author, “Is It True That The Chip Is The Fulfillment of 666?”

*But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief,* (1 Thessalonians 5:4).

Verse 4 above explains clearly that we are not to live in darkness. So when the Lord Jesus will come like a thief, has the connotation that as children of light we will be told exactly when it is going to happen. As children of light, we will know when
the day of the coming of the Lord Jesus will be, due to the reasons described in verse 5:

_You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5)._ 

To the sons of the night or sons of the darkness, the coming of the Lord Jesus will be like a thief in the night.

Therefore we are admonished not to fall asleep nor get drunk like the sons of the night:

_So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet (1 Thessalonians 5:6-8)._ 

As the sons of the day we must be:

- **Alert**:
  Since the time of the Lord Jesus’ coming is as definite as the coming of dawn, and imminent, we therefore should be able to control ourselves and be clear minded so that we can pray. We must also guard ourselves against all the wiles of the devil.
  
  _The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 4:7; 5:8)._
• **Putting on faith and love as a breastplate:**
  Putting on faith and love as the armor of God to take our stand against the devil’s schemes.
  *Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes (Eph 6:11)*.

• **Putting on the hope of salvation as a helmet:**
  Protect oneself against all the wiles of the Devil with the assurance of our salvation through God's Word.
  …*take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Eph 6:17)*.

Furthermore the Bible also recorded that God’s plans were always revealed to His children.

• **Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets (Amos 3:7).**

• **I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you (Jn. 15:15).**

• **But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10).**

Eventhough many verses declare that God’s children as children of light will know about the time of the Lord Jesus’ coming, yet we are often confused by what is stated in Matthew 24:36 :

*No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*
The verse above seems to proclaim that the time of the Lord Jesus’ coming will not be known to anyone, nor Jesus himself, only known by the Father. To understand the meaning of that verse more clearly, let’s study it in its original language:

Περὶ δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκείνης καὶ ὥρας οὐδεὶς οἶδεν, οὐδὲ οἱ ἄγγελοι τῶν οὐρανῶν, εἰ μὴ ὁ πατὴρ μου μόνος (Mat 24:36).

This printscreen of Matthew 24:36 is taken from the Biblos [http://biblos.com/matthew/24-36.htm](http://biblos.com/matthew/24-36.htm)

From the above data, the word “only” in this verse comes from the word “εἰ μὴ” which means “if not”, so Matthew 24:36 can be translated this way:

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, if not the Father (Matthew 24:36).

It means that if the Lord Jesus were not the Father, then Jesus would not know, but in John 10:30 explicitly confirms that,
“I and the Father are one.”

So now it is clear that the Lord Jesus knew the time of His second coming, and He had announced it while still living on earth and testified to John about it in the Book of Revelation as written below:

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw -- that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1-2).

Thus the conclusion is that we are told about His second coming, although not the details of the exact day and the precise hour. That is why as children of light we have to watch for the signs of the times and observe the prophecies told clearly through the word of God. For example, the prophetic festive days that God commanded His chosen people, the Israelites, to celebrate. In Chapter II we will try to trace those prophecies and link them with the signs in the sky.
CHAPTER II

FESTIVALS OF THE ISRAELITES

When God created the universe, besides the heavens and the earth, God also created other celestial objects as signs, written in the verses below:

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars (Genesis 1:14-16).

Verse 16 describes that the larger object of light is the sun to govern the day, and the smaller is the moon to rule the night. Verse 14 explains that the objects of light in the sky, the sun and the moon, serve as:

- Signs to separate the day from the night.
- Signs to mark seasons.
- Signs to mark days and years.

What is the meaning of "signs to mark the seasons"? Studies of the original language show that the word translated seasons derives from the word "mow`ed (mo-ade')" which could mean: appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn(-ity), synogogue, (set) time (appointed).
Now then, the word can be translated as follows:

And God said: "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark the solemn feast and days and years, (Genesis 1:14).

Thus the verse explains that the sun and the moon also can be signs to mark the fixed festive days or the great celebration days.

The Israelites have several festivals and 6 of them are important national festivals, consist of 3 festivals in the rainy season and 3 others in summer, namely:
Festivals in the Rainy Season
1. The Passover or Pesack
2. Celebration Day of The Firstfruits
3. Feast of Pentecost or Savuot

Festivals in Summer
1. Feast of Trumpets or Rosh HaShanah
2. Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur
3. Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot

Interestingly, the three Israelite festivals in the rainy season: The Passover, Celebration Day of the Firstfruits, and the Feast of Pentecost were fulfilled by the evidences as follows:

1. The Passover or Pesack

Celebration of the Passover is recorded in these verses:

*The LORD’S Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month* (Leviticus 23:5). *(14th day of the first month / Nissan)*

*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,*

"This month is to be for you the first month, **the first month of your year.** Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a **lamb** for his family, one for each household.

*If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.*
The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs.

On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn – both men and animals -- and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD – a lasting ordinance (Ex 12:1-7; 12-14).

God commanded the Israelites to celebrate the Passover as a commemoration of the sacrificed lamb to redeem the firstborn of the Israelites, when God brought the tenth plague on the Egyptians to kill every firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the firstborn of the slave and also of all the animals.

The Passover was fulfilled on the day the commemoration was to begin, through the death of the Lord Jesus as the Lamb of God sacrificed for the redemption of all mankind:
It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified (Jn 19:14-16).

2. Celebration Day of the Firstfruits

Celebration Day of the Firstfruits is recorded in the Book of Leviticus:

"Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath (Leviticus 23:10-11). (17th day of the first month/Nissan)

Celebration Day of the Firstfruits was also completed by the Lord Jesus on His resurrection as the first fruit of those who were dead, being described in the following verses:

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb (Matthew 28:1).

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:20).
3. Feast of Pentecost or “Savuot”

The Feast of Pentecost is recorded in Leviticus 23:15-16:

From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD (6th day of the 3rd month/Shivan).

Feast of Pentecost celebrates not only the gathering of harvest but also to commemorate the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai. And the feast was completed when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost as described in the following verses:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them (Acts 2:1-4).

On the first Pentecost, God wrote His Words on two tablets of stone (called the two tablets of the Testimony) by His own finger.

When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God (Ex 31:18).

While on the second Pentecost, the Word of God was written with the Spirit of the living God on tablets of human hearts.
You show that you are a letter from Christ,... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 2 Cor 3:3

The three other festivals of the Israelites are in summer: Feast of Trumpets or Rosh HaShanah, Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur and Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot. They are not yet fulfilled.

The purpose of celebrating those festivals and the interpretation or assessment of its fulfillment are explained very clearly by Mr. Abram Thio in his book entitled “Secret Revelation book-1” as follow:

1. Feast of Trumpets or Rosh HaShanah:

Feast of Trumpets or Feast of Teruah (Days of Trumpets) or also known as a secular festive day Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year). Feast of Trumpets is recorded in Leviticus 23:24:

"Say to the Israelites: On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. (1st day of the 7th month/Tishri).

Feast of Trumpets lasts from the first day of Yamim Noraim (the ten days of repentance) until the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur/ on the 10th day of the month Tishri). Rosh HaShanah belongs to the 40 days of “Teshuvah” (the turnover days) in which 30 days were preparation days beginning on the first day of the 6th month (Elul), one month full and 10 days of Yamim Noraim to commemorate the event when Moses
ascended Mount Sinai again to receive the Ten Commandments for the second time.

For 40 days they blew the trumpets to remind themselves to be faithful to God and never worship idols anymore (the golden calf made by Aaron).

_He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." (Ex 32:4)._

Feast of Trumpets contains the prophecy that at the end times the Israelites would again face the challenge to choose to worship idols or not, during the persecution in _The Great Tribulation_. The antichrist would set up an image (idol) of abominations in Jerusalem and force the people of Judea to worship that image of the “holy man”. Those who refuse to worship the idol will be persecuted and even be killed.

_Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. (Revelation 13:14-15)._

On that occasion the Lord Jesus gave an instruction to the people in Judea to flee out of the city to the mountains, as soon as they saw the Abomination enter the holy city.

:"So when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel -- let the reader
understand -- then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains (Matthew 24:15).

They were cautioned to persevere until the end and not to join the others in worshiping the image of antichrist nor receive the mark of the beast.

2. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur is the most sacred and solemn celebration of an Israelite festival. This feast is on the tenth day of the Feast of Trumpets as the culmination of the ‘ten days of repentance’ or “Yamim Noraim”.

"Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the LORD by fire.' " The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people. I will destroy from among his people anyone who does any work on that day. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. It is a sabbath of rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath” (Leviticus 23:27-32); (10th day of the 7th month/Tishri).

Day of Atonement is the last day to gain God's forgiveness. On that day the Israelites are commanded to fast and humble themselves before the Lord. The Israelites
celebrate this festive occasion for 25 hours, which lasts from a few minutes before the 9th day of Tishri till the 10th day afternoon. Each year the Day of Atonement is the last chance to determine, to show the “Teshuvah”, whether someone will be blessed or cursed in the next coming year. On this day of celebration the high priest in earlier times was permitted to enter the most holy place once a year to offer sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins of the Israelites.

The Israelites believe that every year during the celebration of the Feast of Trumpets, God will open the “Sefer HaChayim” (Book of Life) and write or erase the names of people due to their deeds or their repentance. They believe that during the ten days of repentance (Yamim Noraim) the possibility was still given to the people to have their names written in the Book of Life. But as the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) was about to end when evening came, the Book of Life would be closed, and whatever had been written in the Book of Life that would determine one's fate in the following year.

The Day of Atonement was prophetic to the culminating events of the Great Tribulation, the time of immense affliction or distress:

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered (Da 12: 1).

Both the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation reveal the close relationship between the names written in the Book of Life and the Great Tribulation in antichrist’s time. By this is meant
that the Great Tribulation is closely related to the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). We are told that the Book of Revelation does not contain the names of those who adore antichrist and worship his image.

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast – all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

3. Feast of the Tabernacles (Sukkot)

Feast of Tabernacles is a national celebration in Israel which is a contrast to the previous festivals. A feast celebrated five days after the most solemn day of commemoration, which is on the 15th day of the month Tishri. This should be a festive occasion celebrated with joy at the end of “Teshuvah” which is full of concern and anxiety.

So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the LORD for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days (Leviticus 23:39-40).

Historically, Feast of Tabernacles commemorated the experiences of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness under the shade of God’s “tent”, which was the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. During this journey to the promised land, the Israelites were maintained by God’s
provision, even though they lived in simple temporary huts or tents in the hard and baren desert.

*Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take* (Ne 9:19).

Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot symbolizes the most anticipated event by the believers, the Rapture, when all those who believe in Christ (the church or the elect) will be taken up to be with Him forever.

The Bible tells us that the incident will take place shortly after the end of the Great Tribulation.

"But in those days, following that distress, 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 men will see *the Son of Man coming in clouds* with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and *gather his elect from the four winds*, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens* (Mark 13:24-27).

Feast of Tabernacles is only five days after the ten days of repentance or *Yamîm Noraim*.

Chapter 7 of the Book of Revelation records some characteristics of the Feast of Tabernacles pictured by the taking up of the believers to be in heaven.

The first characteristic is seen in the people carrying *palm fronds*, an instruction to be done at every celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.
On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days (Leviticus 23:40).

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hand (Revelation 7:9)

Then the Bible also tells that those people have come out of the Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, which means that they are the ones who have been through the period of great distress, but they remain faithful in their faith in the Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God.

I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14).

Considering the aspect of time, this symbolizes that they have been through the period of “Teshuvah” and Peace (Reconciliation) in “Yom Kippur”, which means that it refers to the next festival, the Feast of Tabernacles. Besides, it is also said that for all of them, God will spread His tent to be their shelter or dwelling place, which was a clear characteristic as to the meaning of Sukkot or Feast of Tabernacles.

Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them (Revelation 7:15).

Feast of Tabernacles is “agriculturally” often called the Feast of Gathering the Crops.
Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress (Dt 16:13).

The Rapture is often referred to as the gathering of the elect (the believers):

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 (Mt 24:31).
CHAPTER III

SIGNS IN THE SKY OF THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS

Alike the birth of the Lord Jesus mentioned earlier, which was marked by the appearence of a star in the east. The second coming of the Lord Jesus will also be marked by the following natural phenomenons:

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. (Acts 2:20)

So, the verse above explains that before the second coming of the Lord Jesus there will be some natural phenomena among which the sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood.

What does it mean that the sun will be turned to darkness?

The sun turns to darkness is a total solar eclipse, when the position of the sun is such that its light is obscured or blocked by the moon. So the sun looks dark.

The moon will be turned to blood when a total lunar eclipse or tetra occurs. So, there are two types of lunar eclipses which take place every month, the total lunar eclipse and the partial lunar eclipse. During the total lunar eclipse or also known as tetra, the light of the moon is as red as blood. The solar eclipse and the lunar eclipse which will take place before the coming of the Lord Jesus were
also depicted when the sixth seal was opened in the Book of Revelation:

*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 (Revelation 6:12).*

In the first book of the author, “Is It True That The Chip Is The Fulfillment of 666?” It was explained that the Rapture of the church (the believers) occurred when the sixth seal was opened. The verse also mentioned that before the second coming of the Lord Jesus or the Rapture there would be some natural phenomena such as “*the sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red*”. More specifically, the “solar and the lunar eclipse” would occur before the second coming of the Lord Jesus or before the Rapture of the church.

A pastor named Mark Biltz saw the picture above. When he saw the moon in that picture, he remembered that the moon as red as blood was a sign before the second coming of the Lord Jesus, as it has been explained earlier. Then he began to study about the event and found that the moon with such red color occurred when the lunar eclipse was a total lunar eclipse or tetra.

As he made a further study, he discovered a quite surprising natural phenomena that both in the year 2014 and 2015, the total lunar eclipse or tetra would occur at the commemoration of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles. This means that either at the commemoration of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2014, or at both the Feasts in the year 2015. Thus the total lunar eclipse or tetra would occur at the time of those four festive days.

These pictures show the total lunar eclipse or tetra at the time of the Celebration of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2014 and 2015.
Pastor Mark Biltz continued his research to find out how often the total lunar eclipse or tetra would occur at Passover and at the Feast of Tabernacles, both took place in the same year and repeated in the subsequent year. Actually, the same phenomena was not found anymore until the end of this century, or until the year 2100.

When the research was made to detect the same phenomena in earlier times, it was discovered that the same phenomena had occurred in the years 1949-1950, 1967-1968, and 1493-1494.

In those years some important events took place:

- **1949:** The Israeli Declaration of Independence was made on 14 May 1948 and Israel became a member of the United Nations on 11 May 1949.

- **1967:** The people of Israel gained back East Jerusalem as the result of the 6 day war on June 7, 1967.
After discovered America, Columbus made the second voyage with 17 ships and over 1,000 men in 1493. Columbus’ second voyage marked the start of colonialism in the New World and many of those who sailed with him went on to play very important roles in the history of the New World. These first colonists became the rooth of America today.

Further research found that 2 solar eclipses would happen in the year 2015 linked with the national festivals of the Israelites. The first would be the
total solar eclipse on the 1st day of Nissan or the beginning of the Jewish calendar and another would be a partial solar eclipse on the 1st day of Tishri or at the Feast of Trumpets.

At the beginning it was explained that God created the sun and the moon not only as objects to indicate the days and the years, but also as objects to indicate the great festivals.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, (Genesis 1:14).

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The pictures of the total lunar eclipses or tetra, and the total solar eclipses that will occur at the Israelite festivals in the year 2014 and 2015.

To be more assured of the dates and events above, the data of the Israelite festivals and the data of the lunar eclipses and the solar eclipses are presented below:
Data of the Israelite festivals taken from the Jewish calendar.

http://www.hebcal.com/hebcal/?v=1;year=2014;month=x;nx=on;nh=on;vis=on;c=off#cal-2014-04

Note: April 15, 2014 – The Passover

Note: October 8, 2014 – Feast of Tabernacles
Note: April 4, 2015 – The Passover

Note: September 13, 2015 – Feast of Trumpets
September 23, 2015 – Day of Atonement
September 28, 2015 – Feast of Tabernacles

Data of the lunar eclipse obtained from NASA's:

Note:
April 15, 2014 – a total lunar eclipse
October 8, 2014 – a total lunar eclipse
April 4, 2015 – a total lunar eclipse
September 28, 2015 – a total lunar eclipse
Data of the solar eclipse obtained from NASA’s:

Note:
- March 20, 2015 – a total solar eclipse
- September 13, 2015 – a partial solar eclipse

Since the eclipses would occur at the celebration of the Passover, Feast of Tabernacles and Feast of Trumpets which were believed to be the festive days on which the second coming of the Lord Jesus would be fulfilled, most likely there would be occurrences beyond men’s expectations regarding the end times. Or some end times events would happen on those festive days coincides with the occurrence of these natural phenomena.
What kind of events could happen related to these natural phenomena or signs in the sky?

Total lunar eclipse or tetra that will occur on the very day of the celebration of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2014 and 2015.

If we pay attention to the events that had happened before, linked with the phenomena of total lunar eclipse or tetra on the very day of the celebration of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, for two years subsequently, there seems to be some similarities:

- The three events occurred in the earlier years of 1949, 1967, and 1493.
- Those three events were linked with the fulfillment of the end times, namely:

  1. **1949**: On May 11, 1949, the State of Israel was legally established.
The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 24:

Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened (Mt 24:32-34).

Verse 32 explains: “As soon as the leaves of the fig tree comes out” which can be interpreted “If the State of Israel begins to take root and is established,” then “summer is near”, the fulfilment of summer festivals is near. And continue with “I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened” (verse 34). And this can mean that the contemporary generation or the people who lived in Israel at the time the State of Israel was established would not all pass away until the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

When the State of Israel got her independence, surely there were also infants or children in the Israeliite families. Thus this verse explains that some of those infants and children will be still alive when the Lord Jesus returns.

Since the State of Israel was legally established in 1949, those infants or children will be about 65–70 years old by that particular time. Referring to Psalm 90:
The length of our days is seventy years or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away (Ps 90:10).

So, based on the interpretation of the above verse, the second coming of the Lord Jesus would be no longer than 10-15 years from now, or even sooner.

2. 1967: The people of Israel gained back East Jerusalem on June 7, 1967 in the six-day war. Why is East Jerusalem so important? Because in East Jerusalem there is a place believed to be the location of the Temple of God. On the other hand, East Jerusalem is the land promised by God to the Israelites.

Many ministries believed that the Rapture of the church (the believers) should happen in the Year of the Jubilee. Actually, there were not many reasons given, but this can simply be explained as follows:

“Is it possible that later during the Rapture there will be children of God who still own debts? In the sense that those children of God are not unwilling to pay, but they are unable yet to pay or still have to pay off. In these conditions, can they be taken up or not? If taken up, they still own debts they have to pay. If not, they are God's children, aren’t they?”

Most likely the answer is that they will be taken up, but first they have to pay off their debts. How do they pay them off? Can
it be that God will give money to each of His children who still have debts? That is possible, but the debts may also be settled in the Year of Jubilee.

_Lev 25:28_ But if he does not acquire the means to repay him, what he sold will remain in the possession of the buyer until the Year of Jubilee. _It will be returned in the Jubilee, and he can then go back to his property._"

So if a man were to sell his land to someone else, the seller would get his land back in the Year of Jubilee, since his debt or the price of the land he received was considered paid off or settled in the Jubilee. Even if there was a poor man who sold himself to someone, he should be released or regained back his freedom in the Year of Jubilee.

_If one of your country-men becomes poor among you and sells himself to you, do not make him work as a slave. He is to be treated as a hired worker or a temporary resident among you; he is to work for you until the Year of Jubilee. Then he and his children are to be released, and he will go back to his own clan and to the property of his forefathers._ (Lev 25:39-41).

If the Rapture occurs in the Year of Jubilee, what method can we use to count the years? How can the initial year to the Year of Jubilee be determined?

The Book of Leviticus states that:
The LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD (Lev 25:1-2).

So, the Sabbath as well as the Jubilee began when the Israelites entered the land given by the Lord, and this land was particularly East Jerusalem, the site of the Temple of God.

If we count 49 years from June 7, 1967, the day the Israelites regained East Jerusalem, then add 49 x 360 days it will point to September 23, 2015, exactly on the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur.

3. 1493: In this year Columbus’ second voyage marked the start of colonialism in the Continent of America and as it has been described in the book "Is It True That The Chip Is The Fulfillment of 666?" America is the fifth world power or the last one as prophecied in the Book of Daniel through Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
The Bloodred Moon, 2014–2015

What events may occur which are linked with the signs in the sky -- the lunar eclipse at Passover and at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2014–2015? When the pattern is similar to the previous events which took place in the earlier year, is it possible that there will also be an event linked with the end times in 2014? What kind of events might happen then?

One possibility is the reconstruction of the Temple of God in Jerusalem, which has to happen first before the second coming of the Lord Jesus as described in the following verses:

"So when you see standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel – let the reader understand..." (Mt 24:15).

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there (Rev 11:1)."
CHAPTER IV

FULFILLMENT OF THE FESTIVALS IN SUMMER

Earlier in CHAPTER II it was explained that 3 festivals of the people of Israel have not been fulfilled yet: Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles. Most likely the three festivals are to be fulfilled in the year 2015, in coincidence with the signs in the sky which will appear in those feast days.

Fulfillment of The Feast of Trumpets

At the beginning it has been explained that the Feast of Trumpets was commemorated by the Israelites with trumpet blasts to warn themselves not to worship a golden calf or idols anymore. Yet the same issue might happen again to all human beings particularly to them who are in Jerusalem, where they will be forced to worship the image of antichrist set up there. And anyone who refuses will be killed.

Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. (Revelation 13:14,15).
Fulfillment of The Feast of Tabernacles.

On May 11, 1949 the establishment of the State (Country) of Israel was recognized.

Lord Jesus said in Matthew 24:32-34,

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.”

Verse 32, containing this explanation, “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near”, may as well be interpreted this way, “When the State of Israel is established, the fulfillment of the feasts in summer is at hand. Then the verse is followed by the statement “this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened”. This could mean that the first generation or those who were in Israel when the State of Israel became independent, will not all pass away or die until the day of the second coming of the Lord Jesus. So this verse explains that prior to the Lord Jesus second coming the State of Israel will be established, and also the fulfillment of issues linked with the Israelite’s feasts in summer.

When the State of Israel became independent, there were surely parents with babies or infants, and this verse explains that those babies and infants may still be alive or be left behind when the Lord Jesus comes for the second time.
If we compute the years from the establishment of the State of Israel in 1949 up to now, the babies/infants lived at that time would now be about 65-70 years old. Referring to Psalm 90:

\textit{The length of our days is seventy years or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away (Mzm. 90:10).}

Based on the interpretation of the above verses, the second coming of the Lord Jesus would probably be no more than 10 to 15 years from now, even less, thus closer.

At the beginning it was already explained that the Feast of Tabernacles would be fulfilled by the occurrence of events linked with the rapture or the taking up of the Elect (the Church). Thus, there is the possibility that the Feast of Tabernacles which will be commemorated on September 28, 2015 is related with the rapture due to these following reasons.

1. It would have entered the Jubilee that will begin on September 23, 2015 afternoon.

2. At that time the Great Tribulation (great persecution) will end/will be over. “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” (Mt. 24:29-30).
What kind of events related to the rapture (taking up of the Elect) might happen during the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2015?

If we observe the above paragraph more carefully, we will see that soon after the great persecution in those days, the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. This most possibly means that at that appointed time only “the sign of the Son of Man in heaven” will be visible, whereas the Son of Man Himself will come soon after that.

Mt 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (KJV)

What kind of signs are meant here?
Verse 29 explains that they are:
1. The sun will be darkened
2. The moon will not give its light
3. The stars will fall from the sky
4. The heavenly bodies will be shaken

The appearance of some signs preceding the coming of the Lord Jesus is also described in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17:

1 Tes 4:15 According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.
16 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;
17 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.
In 1 Tes 4:15-17 it is explained when the sign (loud command) was given then:

1. The voice of the Archangel will be heard.
2. The trumpet of God will be blasted.
3. The Lord will come down from heaven.
4. The dead in Christ will rise.

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.

This means that there will be an interval or a lapse between the time the signs are given and the time the children of God meet the Lord in the air.

When we study the above verses seriously, it seems that the moment when the signs are given and the moment we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air will not occur at the same time, but rather in sequence, starting from:

- The appearance of the sign of the Son of Man in the sky.
- The Son of Man comes on the clouds of the sky.
- The dead in Christ will rise.
- Believers who are still alive and the dead in Christ who are risen will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Beginning of The End Times

If the rapture is to occur at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2015, then at this moment we have entered the period of 7 years of the end times, because if the rapture in the sixth seal
(of Revelation 6:12) is presume to take place in the first period of 3,5 years, then the beginning of the end times will start 3,5 years before September 28, 2015 or 1260 days before September 28, 2015, which was on: **April 16, 2012 in coincidence with the 85th Anniversary of Pope Benedictus XVI.**

Many commentators believe that Daniel 9:27 is a sign of the end times:

*He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven. In the middle of the seven he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him (Da 9:27).*

Some experts interpreted that the covenant or agreement in this verse is the Israeli–Palestinian Treaty of Peace.

The author himself is not of the same opinion since the verse clearly states that the covenant made by the ruler (antichrist) will become a heavy burden to “many”, not just to the nation of Israel.

Furthermore, the same verse in King James Version states that at that time he (the antichrist) **shall confirm the covenant.** It means that the covenant or agreement was made earlier, and this time the antichrist just confirmed the agreement.

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the*
consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Da. 9:27).

Previously, there was a speculation that Pope Benedictus XVI would resign at the age of 85 on April 16, 2012. This happened because Pope Benedictus XVI has stated earlier, even several times, that it is not necessary for a Pope to keep his position until he dies. It would be better if the Pope occupies his office as long as he is able to perform his duties properly. Could it be that at the Anniversary the Antichrist contacted and reconfirmed Pope Benedictus XVI of his resignation?

Why would the resignation of Pope Benedictus XVI become a burden to many? Since it was prophesied that his substitute will become a false prophet or Petrus Romanus, who will feed a lot of misery to his people and bring about the destruction of Rome. (see Chapter IV in Book 1: Is it true that the Chip is the Fulfillment of 666).

Hence, if we link the interpretation about the beginning of the end times, which started on April 16, 2012, with the Book of Daniel, we will then find a very surprising fact.

Daniel 12:12 says:

Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

The beginning of the end times started on April 16, 2012 and when we count 1,335 days from that date, it will be on December 12, 2015 which coincides with the celebration of the 7th day (candle) of Hanukkah.
Hanukkah or Feast of the Dedication (of the Temple) often called Feast of Kenisah is celebrated in Jerusalem on the 25th day of Kislev for 8 days.
long. This festival is intended to commemorate the reconsecration of the Temple on the 25th day of Kislev 165 BC, after its polution 3 years earlier in 168 BC, when Antiochus IV Epiphanes offered pigs in the Temple and poured the pigs’ blood on the altar. This feast or celebration is to commemorate Judas Maccabeus’ success in rebuilding and reconsecrating Kenisah or the Temple. In the people’s houses and in the Synagogues a Menorah (a lampstand or candlestand with eight branches on its left and right side) is prepared, and each day one candle is lit up during the 8 days of the Hanukkah. This celebration is like the tradition of lighting up one candle each Sunday, for four Sundays, to commemorate the Advent (of the birth of the Lord Jesus).

Thus, Hanukkah is a celebration to commemorate the reconsecration of the Temple to purify it.

1 Co 3:16 states, “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple…..?”

There could be this presumption that Daniel 12:12 indicates the existence of a period of purification for God’s children before the rapture considering the previous verse:

Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand. (Da 12:10)

If it is true that there is a process of purification, then the children of God will be purified till the 7th candle is lit up, which means till it is complete.

Furthermore, if it is true that there is an interval (time lapse) between the time the signs are given and the rapture, then this is a
reflection of the Lord Jesus’ parable concerning the ten virgins (Mat 25:1-13).
Mat 25:1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.
4 The wise however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6 At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7 Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
9 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10 But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11 Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'
12 But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.'
13 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

From the above parable, we may learn that:

- This parable is related to the Kingdom of Heaven.
- The virgins went out to meet the bridegroom can be interpreted as the Church ready to meet the Lord Jesus.
- There was a sign in the form of a cry rang out: Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!
- After some time (when all the virgins woke up, then the foolish virgins asked for some oil to the wise but were rejected. While they went away to buy the oil) the bridegroom arrived.

If the parable of the ten virgins is connected with Daniel 10:12:

*Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.*

Then the verses seem to affirm the presumption that the coming of Christ will be preceded by some sign, and after that there will be a period of time when God's children will be cleansed, purified to such an extent that they will be ready to meet the Lord in the air.

But Dan 12:10 also explains that at the time of cleansing and purification, many of the people will be tested. This could mean that during that time there will be a lot of tests, and one of them could be the persecution. The Feast of Trumpets marks the end of the great desolation (*Great Tribulation*), not the entire persecution period, and very likely after the Great Tribulation in Jerusalem the persecution of believers become even more violent around the world.

Furthermore, Da 12:10 says that the wicked will continue to act wickedly, none of the wicked will understand. This could mean that the believers who lead (or indulge in) a secular life will not understand (nor be aware of) the phenomenon of these tests, the cleansing and the purification, due to their very little knowledge of the Word (oil). So eventually they will get lost, fall away and are left behind.
The End of The Persecution (Great Tribulation)

The Lord Jesus explained when the period of persecution at the end times will come to an end:

“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’” (Mt 24:29).

This verse explains that at the cessation of the persecution, there will be these signs in the sky:

1. The sun will be darkened
2. The moon will not give its light
3. The stars will fall from the sky
4. The heavenly bodies will be shaken

Of those four signs in the sky, some limitations prevent further theory about when the stars would fall from the sky or other heavenly bodies would be shaken. However, there is a very interesting thing to be revealed regarding “the sun will be darkened” and “the moon will not give its light”.

The Sun Will Be Darkened:

In the earlier parts of this book it was already discussed that the meaning of “the sun will be darkened” is the occurrence of the solar eclipse. And in the picture below, as it has been mentioned previously, the solar eclipse will happen twice in the year 2015, on March 20 (1st day of Nissan), at the beginning of the Jewish calendar, and the second one will be on September 13, at the Feast of Trumpets.
The two solar eclipses are different from one another. The first solar eclipse on March 20, will be a total solar eclipse. So the sun will be totally darkened in the region where it happens. Whereas the second one, on September 13, will be a partial solar eclipse. So the sun will only be dimmed in the region where it happens. Very interestingly, the same verse in the King James Version says “the sun be darkened” means be dimmed. So it will not be totally dark.

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 heavens shall be shaken (Mat. 24:29).

Referring to that explanation, there is a great possibility that the partial solar eclipse on September 13, 2015, which will happen just at the Feast of Trumpets, is the appointed sign in the sky.

The Moon Will Not Give Its Light:
In the same verse it is also explained that when the sun is dimmed, then the moon will not give its light. We all know that the moon rotates
around the earth once in about 30 days. During that time the moon shines as it reflects the light or the illumination of the sun. And the light of the moon will increase each day till it reaches its maximum illumination at **full moon.** Then the the light of the moon will decrease gradually each day till the moon **will not give its lights or become totally dark 15 days later or 15 days after full moon.**

If we pay attention to both the solar eclipses mentioned above and the lunar eclipses that followed, the first solar eclipse will occur on the 1st day of Nissan and the lunar eclipse on the 14th day of Nissan. So the difference of the appearance of the second eclipse will be 14 days. It means that at the time of the solar eclipse on the 1st day of Nissan, the moon will not be totally dark or will only glow dimly. But when the second solar eclipse occurs on the 1st day of Tishri, then the lunar eclipse will occur on the 15th day or by 15 days difference. Thus, when the solar eclipse happens on the 1st day of Tishri or at the Feast of Trumpets, then **the moon will not give its light.** This enhance the presumption that the partial solar eclipse at the Feast of Trumpets on September 13, 2015 will be the end of persecution.

Interesting things happen when we link these occurrences with the following verses:

*Da 9:27*  He will **confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven’**. *In the middle of the seven he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.* And on a wing of
the temple he will set up an abomination, that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

Daniel 12:11 From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 (thousand two hundred ninety) days.

From those two verses and the previous commentaries, we understand that:

- The end times will last for 7 years or 2 times of 1,260 days.
- The beginning of the end times started on April 16, 2012 in coincidence with the celebration of the 85th Anniversary of Pope Benedictus XVI.
- In the middle of the 7 years, the antichrist will stop the daily sacrifice and offering.
- At the time the daily sacrifice and offering are stopped, an abomination (god of cruelty) will be set up.
- The cessation of the daily sacrifice will last for 1,290 days.
- The middle of the 7 years will be exactly on September 28, 2015 at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Since the daily sacrifice and offering are put an end from the middle of the 7 years till the completion of the end times, and will last for 1,290 days, whereas the second 3,5 years, for only 1,260 days, then the cessation of the daily sacrifice and offering will start 30 days (1290-1260) before September 28, 2015 which will be on August 29, 2015.
In Chapter II B-1: it has been explained that the Feast of Trumpets (1st day of Tishri) is the first day of Yamim Noraim (the ten days of repentance), which ends on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur/10th day of Tishri). The Feast of Trumpets is part of the forty day of Teshuvah (days of returning to God for repentance), which is a full month or thirty days preparation beginning on the 1st day of the 6th month (Elul), and ten days of Yamim Noraim, to commemorate the event when Moses climbed Mount Sinai for the second time to receive the Ten Commandments. For forty days they blasted the trumpets to remind themselves to be faithful to God and never again worship an idol (the golden calf made by Aaron).

The Feast of Trumpets contains the prophecy that at the end times the Israelites will have to face again the choice to worship idols, during the time of the persecution or the great desolation (Great Tribulation). The antichrist will set up an idol of abomination in Jerusalem and force the people of Judea to worship the image of “the beast”. And those who refuse to worship the idol will be persecuted, even put to death.
“Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed” (Rev. 13:14-15).

Hence the forty days of Teshuvah starts on the 1st day of Elul or 30 days before the Feast of Trumpets. And Teshuvah in the year 2015 will start on August 16. This means that when the daily sacrifice and offering are stopped and the image of the antichrist will be set up on August 29, 2015 the Israelites are in the period of Teshuvah, a time for them to return to God and not to worship idols.

Rev 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

The verse above explains that the tribulation will last for 10 days. And if we start from the setting up of the image of antichrist on August 29, then the end of the persecution during the Feast of Trumpets will be on September 13, 2015 after 16 days. So, is it possible that the 10 days of distress (Da 12:1) or the great tribulation (Matthew 24:21) will occur in that period of time and will end on September 13, 2015?
CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

As it has been explained at the beginning, to the children of light the second coming of the Lord Jesus will not be like a thief who comes at an unknown time, but they will know when they keep alert and do not fall asleep.

The Lord Jesus explained that His second coming will be preceded by signs in the sky: “the sun will be turned to darkness” and “the moon to blood”, which means the occurrence of a “total solar eclipse” and a “total lunar eclipse” and there will appear four signs in the sky in the year 2015, all of them will occur at the Israeliite festivals at the beginning of the Jewish calendar, at the Passover, the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Can it be that the most anticipated event by the people of God, which is the Rapture of the Church (the Elect) will happen at the Israeliite festivals in the year 2015, considering that:

1. Three Israeliite festivals in the rainy season, which are the Passover, the Feast of Harvest and the Firstfruits, and the Feast of Pentecost were fulfilled in the death and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

2. Three other Israeliite festivals, in summer: the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement/the Jubilee and the Feast of Tabernacles are believed to be fulfilled
at the time of Rapture of the Elect (children of God) and the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

3. In the year 2015 the signs in the sky will occur in the form of two solar eclipses and two tetra lunar eclipses. All of which occur exactly during the Israelite festivals in summer, in accordance with one of the functions of the sun and the stars as signs to mark seasons or festivals (Genesis 1:14).

4. The Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2015 will occur in coincidence with the Jubilee.

5. The Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2015 will occur after the sign in the sky in the form of a partial solar eclipse when the sun will be dimmed, which indicates the end of the period of persecution (Mt.24:29).

6. During the year 2014-2015 the signs in the sky appear 6 times exactly at the Israelite festivals, and enters the Jubilee, which begins on the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. This certainly is difficult to be considered as a mere chance only.

7. The period of anticipation for 1,335 days from the beginning of the end times will be on December 12, 2015 in coincidence with the celebration of Hanukkah, the seventh candle.

8. There will be an interval (time lapse) between the second coming of the Son of Man and the rapture as depicted in the parable
of Jesus about the ten virgins and in Daniel 12:10.

9.1,260 days since the cessation of the daily sacrifice and offering, antichrist will set up his image in Jerusalem on August 29, 2015 just at the time of Teshuvah.

Although those signs in the sky in the year 2014–2015 which will happen at the Israelite festivals are indeed very rare occurrences and probably unprecedented, yet we realize that we are not in the capacity to definitely ascertain or refute. To be confirmed, we still have to see signs which are clearer, such as the appearance of the antichrist or the rebuilding of the Temple of God in Jerusalem.

So then, why do we write this book? There are at least 2 reasons:

1. If we wait until the Temple of God is built, then according to the explanation in our first book we will soon enter a period of persecution, while quite a lot of things still need to be prepared to face the tough times.

2. The signs in the sky that occur right at the commemoration of the Israelite festivals, particularly the ones in summer are very special to us. Thus, we suppose it's not wise and even feel guilty, if we do not share about it or keep it to ourselves, just as the experience of the lepers at the time the Syrians besieged Samaria.
Then they said to each other: "We’re not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let’s go at once and report this to the royal palace."

Therefore, let us all take heed of the events happening around us while studying the Bible more deeply so that we will obtain a proper understanding His second coming. As we belong to the day it is wise for us to be alert, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

And as children (sons) of light, we should not be asleep because the day of the Lord will come at an unexpected time. The Lord Jesus might come imminently, or might not come so soon, but we could be called home at any time. So be alert and keep watching.

*Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap (Lk 21:34).*
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