

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. A simple example is 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.

They who believe in astrology (or astronomy) are very diligent in reading the signs in the sky, because they are convinced that the position of the stars or the constellation of the planets in the sky influences human life or the fate of humankind on earth. From this belief, people tend to estimate the best days for certain activities, such as a wedding party or a journey.

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 connected 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 happening 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 writer, 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 authors hope 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!

SIGNS IN THE SKY OF THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS

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 prophecy 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).*

A state of peace and security that meant it was a state where everything feels normal and ordinary.

*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 clearminded 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).

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3361 [e]	mē	μὴ	not	Adv
3588 [e]	ho	ὁ	the	Art-NMS
3962 [e]	patēr	πατήρ	Father	N-NMS
3441 [e]	monos	μόνος	only.	Adj-NMS

Parallel Texts

KATA MATΘAION 24:36 Greek NT: Westcott/Hort with Diacritics
 Περὶ δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκείνης καὶ ὥρας οὐδεὶς οἶδεν, οὐδὲ οἱ ἄγγελοι τῶν οὐρανῶν οὐδὲ ὁ υἱός, εἰ μὴ ὁ πατὴρ μόνος.

KATA MATΘAION 24:36 Greek NT: Greek Orthodox Church
 Περὶ δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκείνης καὶ ὥρας οὐδεὶς οἶδεν, οὐδὲ οἱ ἄγγελοι τῶν οὐρανῶν, εἰ μὴ ὁ πατὴρ μου μόνος.

KATA MATΘAION 24:36 Greek NT: Tischendorf 8th Ed. with Diacritics
 Περὶ δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκείνης καὶ ὥρας οὐδεὶς οἶδεν, οὐδὲ οἱ ἄγγελοι τῶν οὐρανῶν οὐδὲ ὁ υἱός, εἰ μὴ ὁ πατὴρ μόνος.

KATA MATΘAION 24:36 Greek NT: Stephanus Textus Receptus (1550, with accents)
 Περὶ δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας ἐκείνης καὶ τῆς ὥρας οὐδεὶς οἶδεν οὐδὲ οἱ ἄγγελοι τῶν οὐρανῶν εἰ μὴ ὁ πατὴρ μου μόνος

KATA MATΘAION 24:36 Greek NT: Byzantine/Majority Text (2000)

This printscreen of Matthew 24:36 is taken from the Biblos <http://biblos.com/matthew/24-36.htm>

From the above data, the word "only" in this verse comes from the word "ei me" 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, 14:9 explicitly confirms that,

"I and the Father are one."

"he that hath seen me hath seen the Father"

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:

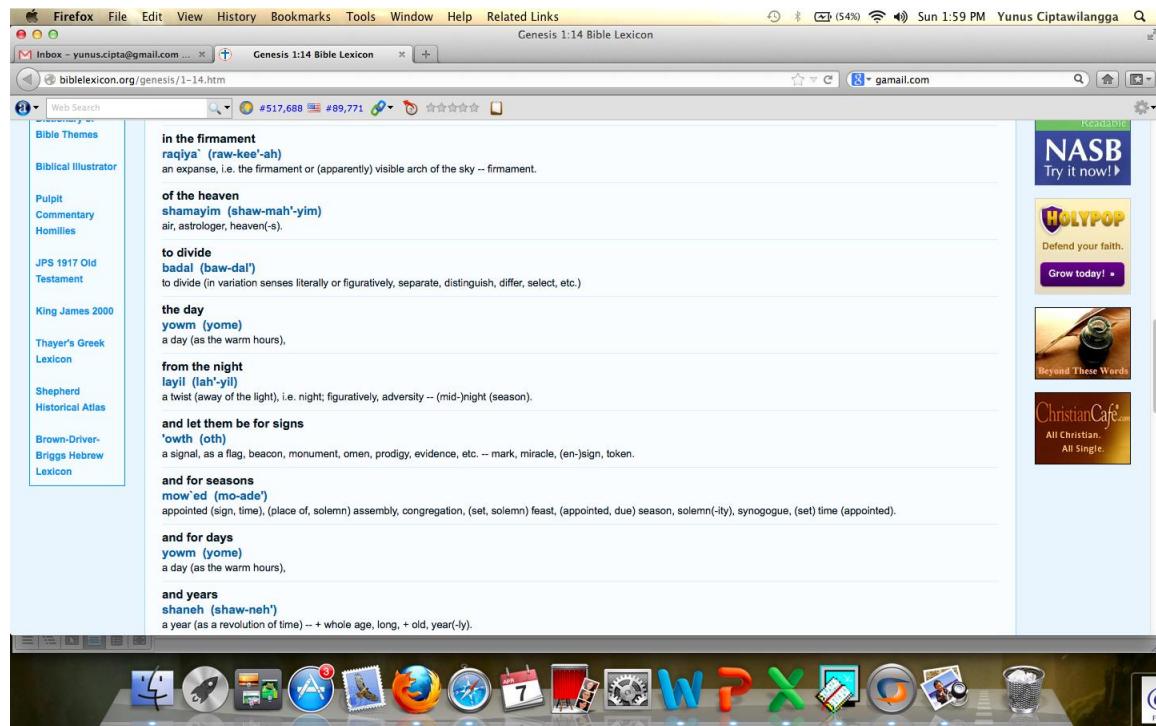
*And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark **seasons** and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights – the greater light 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 **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).



(<http://biblelexicon.org/genesis/1-14.htm>)

Since the word "mow'ed (mo-ade')" can also mean "(set, solemn) feast" or "a fixed or set festive day, or a great celebration day", 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 fixed festive day or the great time/period** 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 7 of them are important national festivals, consist of 3 festivals in the rainy season and 4 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*
4. Feast of Hanukkah/Feast of Dedication of the Temple

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 4 other festivals of the Israelites are in summer: Feast of Trumpets or *Rosh HaShanah*, Day of Atonement or *Yom Kippur*, Feast of Tabernacles or

Sukkot and Feast of the Dedication of the Temple 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 or the turning back 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 Ha Chayim**" (**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 what ever 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 barren 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 *Yamim 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). (phoinikes=palm fronds).*

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 aloud trumpet call, and they will **gather** his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Mt 24:31).*

4. Hanukkah/Feast of Dedication of the Temple

Hanukkah is a feast to commemorate the reconsecration of the Temple on the 25th day of Kislev 165 BC by Judas Maccabaeus, 3 years after the Temple was desecrated by Antiochus IV Epiphanes who presented pig and the sprinkling of pigs blood to the altar. This celebration lasts for 8 days and is also known as the Festival of Kenisah (Hanukkah) or the Feast of Dedication of the Temple.

The people of Israel celebrate Hanukkah by marching and bringing along sticks decorated with palm leaves, offering sacrifices, and singing accompanied by musical instruments.

Either in their own homes or in the synagogues they prepare *Menorah* (a lampstand with eight branches, 4 on the left and 4 on the right side). Each day one lamp will be lit during the 8 days celebration. It is similar to the custom of lighting one candle each Sunday during the Advent (4 Sundays before Christmas or Easter). The Feast of Hanukkah usually falls in the month of December so that the celebration often coincides with the celebration of Christmas and is often mistakenly referred to as the "Jewish Christmas".

The Gospel of John records that the Lord Jesus once had joined the Feast of Dedication or Hanukkah at Jerusalem, where it was also mentioned that "it was winter".

In 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the Feast of the Dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

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 appearance 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** 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 the light of the moon is as red as blood.

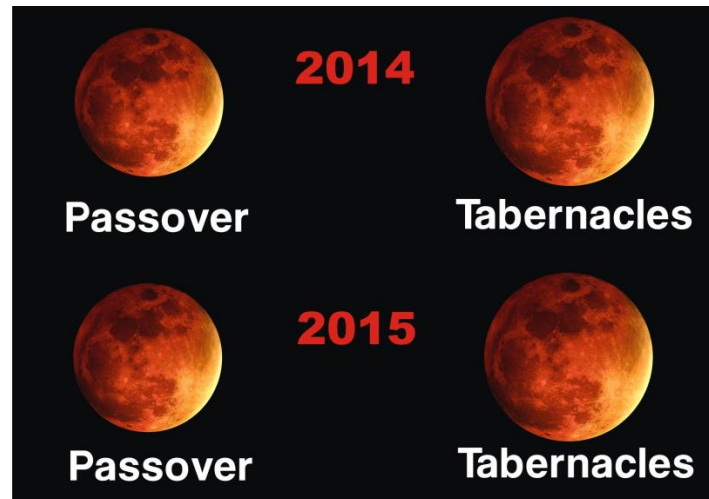


A picture of the moon as red as blood near the Dome of the Rock.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=BLOOD+MOON&client=firefox-a&hs=JXC&rls=org>.

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.

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 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 four total lunar eclipses would occur at the time of those four festive days.



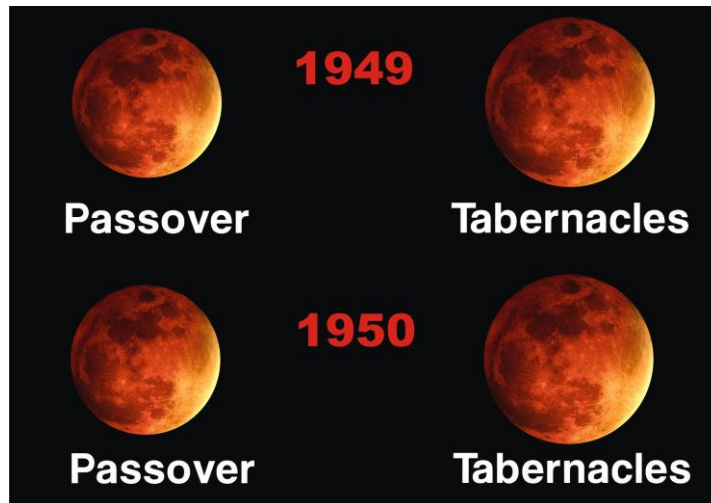
These pictures show the total lunar eclipse at the time of the Celebration of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2014 and 2015.

Pastor Mark Biltz continued his research to find out how often the total lunar eclipse 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.**

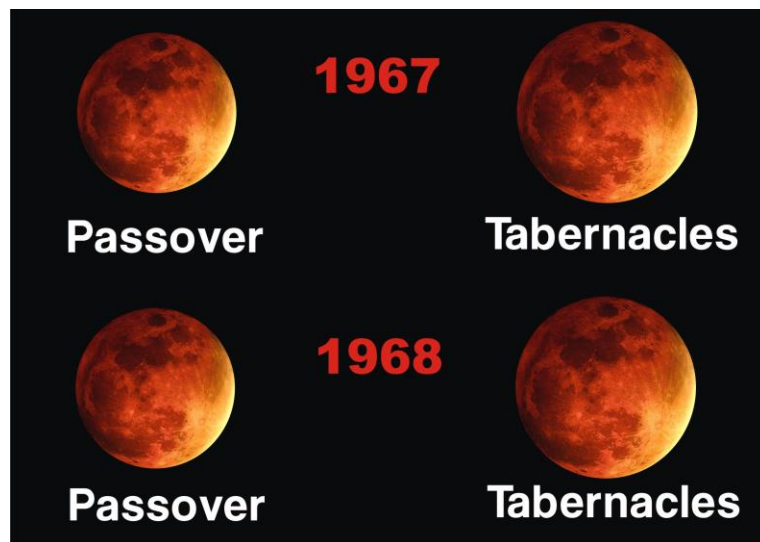
When the research was made to detect the same phenomena in earlier times, it was discovered that the same phenomena had occurred in the years 1949-1950, 1967-1968, and 1493-1494.

When we made a close examination connected to those occurrences, it was found that in those years some important events took place:

- **1949:** The State of Israel was legally proclaimed on May 14, 1948 and was recognized by the United Nations on **May 11, 1949.**

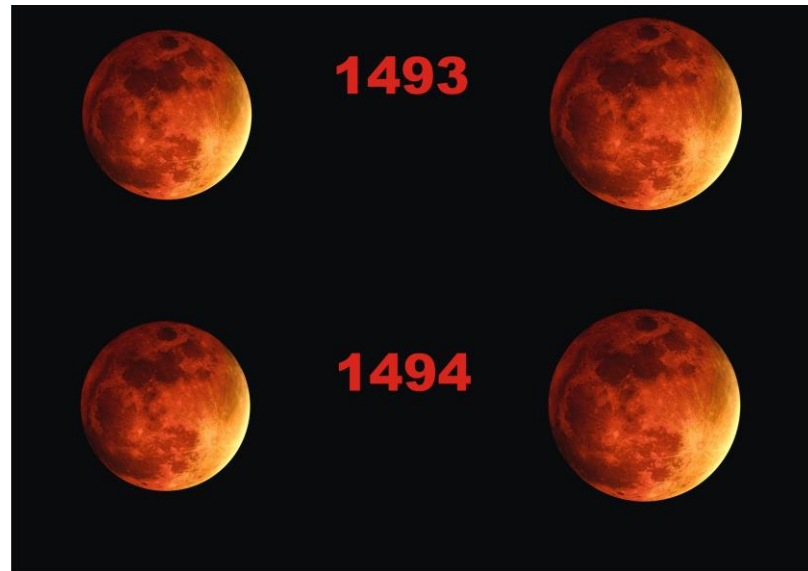


- **1967:** The people of Israel gained back East Jerusalem as the result of the 6 day war on **June 7, 1967.**



- **1493:** After Columbus discovered America, he returned to the continent the following year with 17 ships carrying more than 1,200 people. His coming for the second time in **1493** marked the beginning of colonization on the continent and was the forerunner of **The United States**







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.

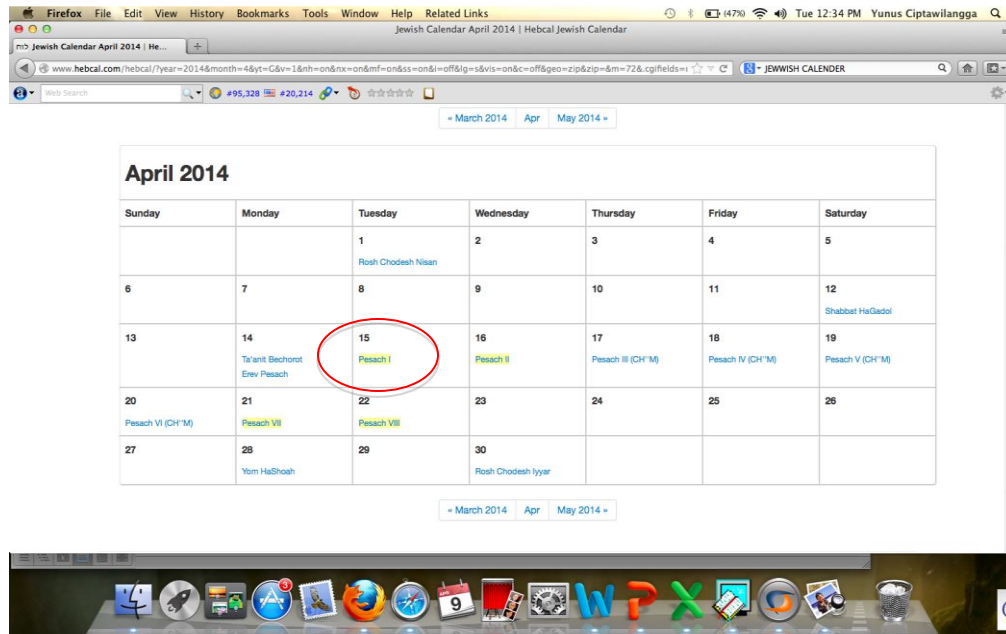
And God said: "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark the fixed festive day or the great time/period and days and years,(Genesis 1:14).

2014		2015				
Apr - 15	Oct - 08	Mar - 20	Apr - 04	Sep - 13	Sep - 23	Sep - 28
		Sabbatical Year				
Nissan 14	Tishri 15	Nissan 1	Nissan 14	Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15
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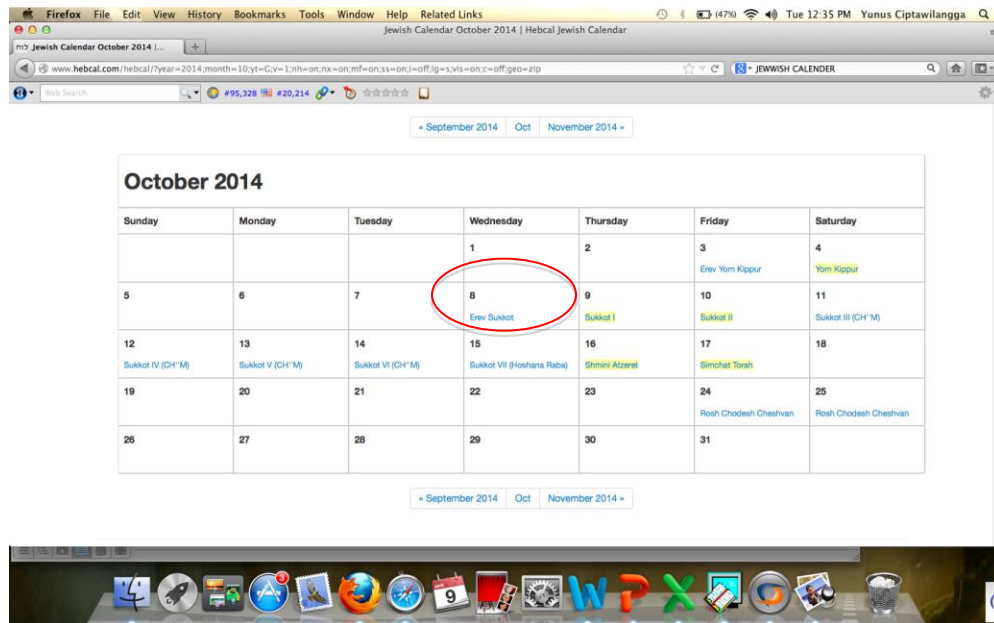
The pictures of the total lunar eclipses and the total solar eclipses that will occur at the Israelite festivals in the year 2014 and 2015.

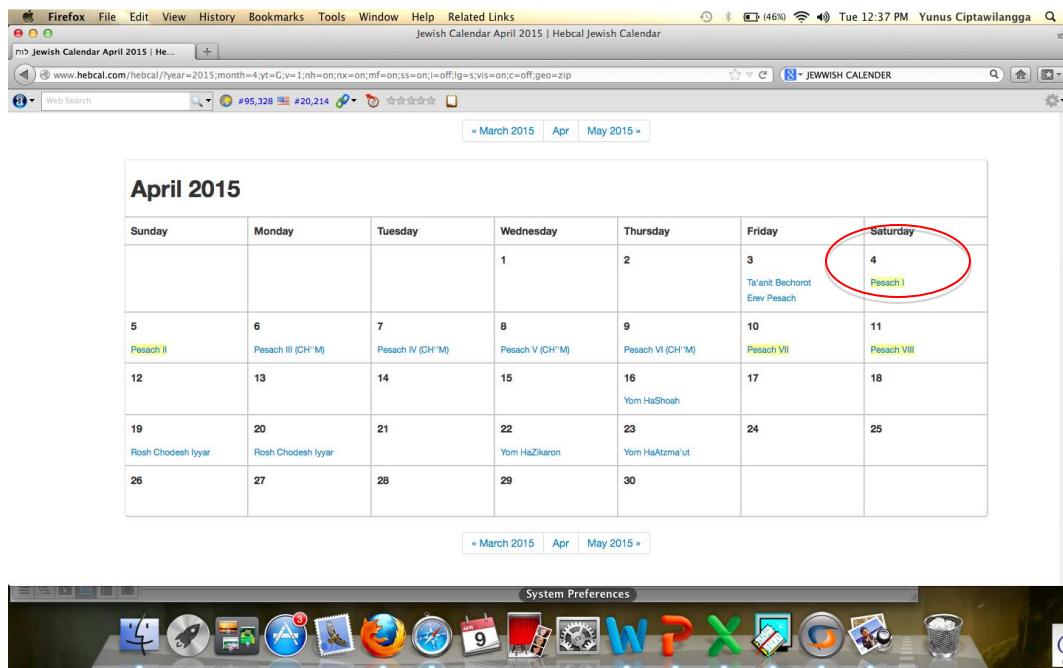
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Data of the Israelite festivals taken from the Jewish calendar.

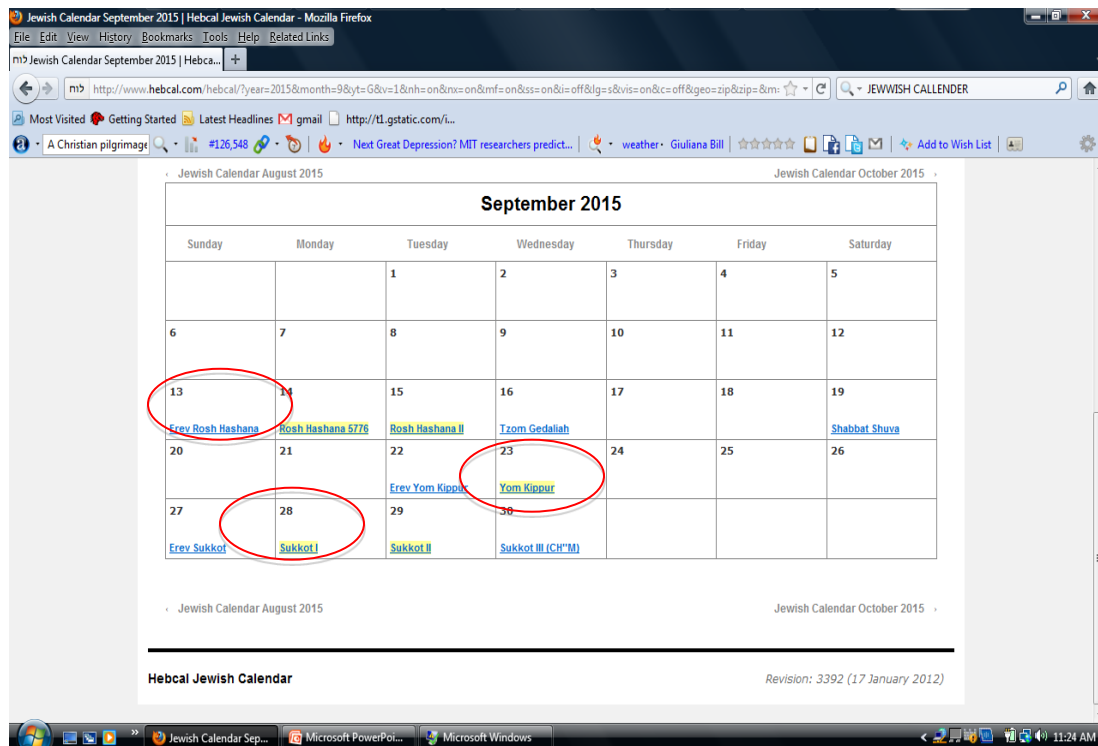


Note : April 15, 2014 -The Passover





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:
<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEdecade/LEdecade2011.html>

(Link to Figure)				(Link to RASC Observers Handbook)
2008 Feb 21	Total	1.106	03h25m 00h50m	c Pacific, Americas, Europe, Africa, c Atlantic
2008 Aug 16	Partial	0.808	03h08m	S. America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Aus.
2009 Feb 09	Penumbral	-0.088	-	e Europe, Asia, Aus., Pacific, w N.A.
2009 Jul 07	Penumbral	-0.913	-	Aus., Pacific, Americas
2009 Aug 06	Penumbral	-0.666	-	Americas, Europe, Africa, w Asia
2009 Dec 31	Partial	0.076	01h00m	Europe, Africa, Asia, Aus.
2010 Jun 26	Partial	0.537	02h43m	e Asia, Aus., Pacific, w Americas
2010 Dec 21	Total	1.256	03h29m 01h12m	e Asia, Aus., Pacific, Americas, Europe
2011 Jun 15	Total	1.700	03h40m 01h40m	S.America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Aus.
2011 Dec 10	Total	1.106	03h32m 00h51m	Europe, e Africa, Asia, Aus., Pacific, N.A.
2012 Jun 04	Partial	0.370	02h07m	Asia, Aus., Pacific, Americas
2012 Nov 28	Penumbral	-0.187	-	Europe, e Africa, Asia, Aus., Pacific, N.A.
2013 Apr 25	Partial	0.015	00h27m	Europe, Africa, Asia, Aus.
2013 May 25	Penumbral	-0.934	-	Americas, Africa
2013 Oct 18	Penumbral	-0.272	-	Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia
2014 Apr 15	Total	1.291	03h35m 01h18m	Aus., Pacific, Americas
2014 Oct 08	Total	1.166	03h20m 00h59m	Asia, Aus., Pacific, Americas
2015 Apr 04	Total	1.001	03h29m 00h05m	Asia, Aus., Pacific, Americas
2015 Sep 28	Total	1.276	03h20m 01h12m	e Pacific, Americas, Europe, Africa, w Asia

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:
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Date (Link to Global Map)	Greatest Eclipse (Link to Animation)	Type (Link to Google Map)	Series (Link to Saros)	Magnitude	Duration (Link to Path Table)	
2011 Jan 04	08:51:42	Partial	151	0.858	-	Europe, Africa, c Asia
2011 Jun 01	21:17:18	Partial	118	0.601	-	e Asia, n N. America, Iceland
2011 Jul 01	08:39:30	Partial	156	0.097	-	s Indian Ocean
2011 Nov 25	06:21:24	Partial	123	0.905	-	s Africa, Antarctica, Tasmania, N.Z.
2012 May 20	23:53:53	Annular	128	0.944	05m46s	Asia, Pacific, N. America [Annular: China, Japan, Pacific, w U.S.]
2012 Nov 13	22:12:55	Total	133	1.050	04m02s	Australia, N.Z., s Pacific, s S. America [Total: n Australia, s Pacific]
2013 May 10	00:26:20	Annular	138	0.954	06m03s	Australia, N.Z., c Pacific [Annular: n Australia, Solomon Is., c Pacific]
2013 Nov 03	12:47:36	Hybrid	143	1.016	01m40s	e Americas, s Europe, Africa [Hybrid: Atlantic, c Africa]
2014 Apr 29	06:04:32	Annular	148	0.987	-	s Indian, Australia, Antarctica [Annular: Antarctica]
2014 Oct 23	21:45:39	Partial	153	0.811	-	n Pacific, N. America
2015 Mar 20	09:46:47	Total	120	1.045	02m47s	Iceland, Europe, n Africa, n Asia [Total: n Atlantic, Faeroe Is, Svalbard]
2015 Sep 13	06:55:19	Partial	125	0.788	-	s Africa, s Indian, Antarctica
2016 Mar 08	01:58:19	Total	130	1.045	04m09s	e Asia, Australia, Pacific [Total: Sumatra, Borneo, Sulawesi, Pacific]
2016 Sep 01	09:08:02	Annular	135	0.974	03m06s	Africa, Indian Ocean [Annular: Atlantic, c Africa, Madagascar, Indian]

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 endtimes. Or some end times events would happen on those festive days coincides with the occurrence of these natural phenomena.

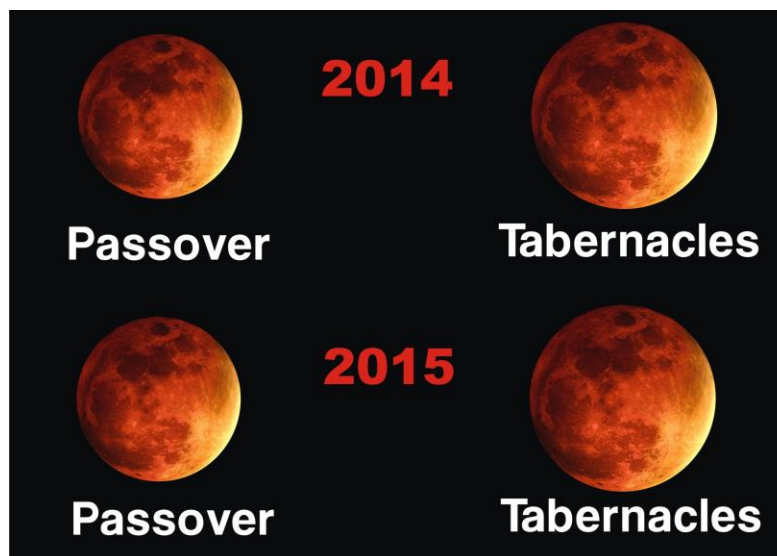
CHAPTER IV

FULFILLMENT OF THE SUMMER FESTIVALS

As it was described in Chapter II, 4 Israelite feasts are not yet fulfilled, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and Feast of Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication). Most likely those 4 festivals will be fulfilled in 2015, linked with the signs in the sky which will occur on those days.

What kind of events might happen related to the natural phenomena or signs in the sky?

The Bloodred Moon and the End Times



The tetra lunar eclipse 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 tetra lunar eclipse on the Feast of Passover and the Feast of

Tabernacles, which happened successively within the two years, then we will see some similarities:

The three events connected with the fulfillment of the end times were:

1. **1493**: In this year Columbus harboured for the second time at the Continent of America and that was the beginning of colonialism on the continent. And as it has been described in the book "Is It True That the Chip Is the Fulfillment of 666?", America is the fifth or the last superpower in the world as in the prophetic dream of Nebuchadnezzar in the Book of Daniel.

2. **1949**: On May 11, 1949, the State of Israel was legally recognized in the world.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 24:

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So like wise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily, I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. (Mt 24:32-34).

Verse 32 explains: "**When the fig tree... putteth forth leaves**" which could be interpreted, "When the State of Israel is established," you know that "**the fulfillment of the summer festivals is nigh**". Then continued with the statement "**Verily, ... this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled**" (verse 34). This could mean that the first generation or the people who lived in Israel at the time the State of Israel was established

will not all pass away or die until the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

When the State of Israel got her independence, there were surely infants or children with their parents, and the verse explains that those infants and children will be still alive/remain when the Lord Jesus returns.

If we compute the time since the legal establishment of the State of Israel in 1949, the infants/children during that time will be about 65 years old at present. Now referring to Psalm 90:

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. (Ps 90:10).

Based on the interpretation of the above verses, the second coming of the Lord Jesus would happen no longer than 5 years from now, perhaps even sooner.

Fulfillment of the Year of Jubilee

It was described earlier about the two tetra lunar eclipses and their connection with the end times. There was still one more tetrad lunar eclipse occurred in 1967-1968 :

1967: The Israelites retrieved East Jerusalem on June 7, 1967 during the six days war. Why is East Jerusalem so important? Because in East Jerusalem there is a location believed to be the site of the Temple of God. Besides, East Jerusalem is God's promised land to the Israelites.

Many ministers believed that the Rapture of the church should happen at the celebration of Jubilee. Actually, not many reasons were given, but it might simply be explained as follow:

"Is it possible that at later period during the Rapture there will be children of God who still owe debts? In this sense those children of God are not unwilling to pay, but they are yet unable to pay or still have to pay off. About such children of God, can they be taken up or not? If they are taken up, they still have debts they need 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 be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that have bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession."

So if a man had to sell his land to someone else, he would get his land back in the Year of Jubilee, since his debt would be considered paid off or the price of the land settled in the Year of Jubilee.

Even if there was a poor man who sold himself to someone, he should be released or would regain his freedom in the Year of Jubilee.

And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant: But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee: And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. (Lev 25:39-41).



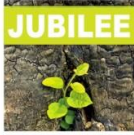




If the Rapture occurs in the Year of Jubilee, what method can we use to count this? How can the initial year towards the Year of Jubilee be determined?

The Book of Leviticus states that:

And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. (Lev 25:1-2).

So, the initial observance of the Sabbath as well as the Jubilee was 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 (1 biblical year) it will point to **September 23, 2015, precisely on the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur.**

2014		2015				
Apr - 15	Oct - 08	Mar - 20	Apr - 04	Sep - 13	Sep - 23	Sep - 28
		Sabbatical Year				
Nissan 14	Tishri 15	Nissan 1	Nissan 14	Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15
Passover	Tabernacles	1st Cal.Year	Passover	Trumpets	Yom Kippur	Tabernacles
						
						

The Beginning of The End Times

At earlier stage it was explained that the Feast of Tabernacles will be fulfilled with phenomena related to the Rapture of the Church. It is possible that the Feast of Tabernacles in the year 2015 which will occur on September 28 is related to the Rapture, since at that time it will have entered the celebration of Jubilee which start in the evening of September 23.

If the phenomena connected with the Rapture would occur during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2015, so today we must have entered the period of 7 years of the end times. For if the interpretation that the Rapture in the sixth seal really happen in the period of the first 3,5 year, then the beginning of

the end times should start 3,5 years before September 28, 2015 or 1260 days before September 28, 2015, which would be on **April 16, 2012 in exact accordance with the celebration of the 85th birthday of Pope Benedictus XVI.**

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

*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).*

Some scholars interpreted that the covenant or agreement in this verse was an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty.

The author himself is not of the same opinion since the verse clearly states that the covenant made by the king (antichrist) will become a heavy burden to "a lot of people," not only to the nation of Israel.

Furthermore the very verse in King James Version states that at that time he (the antichrist) **shall confirm the covenant**, emphasizing the tie of the agreement. It means at earlier time the agreement was already made, and at the appointed moment of the end times the antichrist just confirms that 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 or on April 16, 2012. This turned up because Pope Benedictus XVI had earlier stated several times that a pope was not obliged to keep his official position until the end of his life. Rather, be in it as long as he as Pope is able to perform his duties properly. Could it be that at the corresponding festive day **the antichrist made a contact and reconfirmed the plan of Pope Benedictus XVI to resign?**

Why would the resignation of Pope Benedictus XVI become a burden to many people? Because his successor, as it has been prophesied, would be a false prophet or Petrus Romanus who would feed his people with a lot of miseries and bring destruction to Rome. (see Book1: Is It True That The Chip Is The Fulfillment of 666, Chapter IV).



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2014		2015				
Apr - 15	Oct - 08	Mar - 20	Apr - 04	Sep - 13	Sep - 23	Sep - 28
		Sabbatical Year				
Nissan 14	Tishri 15	Nissan 1	Nissan 14	Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15
Passover	Tabernacles	1st Cal.Year	Passover	Trumpets	Yom Kippur	Tabernacles
						
						



Purification and Rapture

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

Daniel 12:12 states :

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

If the beginning of the end times started on April 16, 2012 and we add 1,335 days since that date, then it will fall on December 12, 2015 which coincides with the enlightening of the 7th lamp (candle) during the Feast of Hanukkah.

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December 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Chanukah: 1 Candle	7 Chanukah: 2 Candles	8 Chanukah: 3 Candles	9 Chanukah: 4 Candles	10 Chanukah: 5 Candles	11 Chanukah: 6 Candles	12 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah: 7 Candles
13 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah: 8 Candles	14 Chanukah: 8th Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Asara B'Tevet	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Previously, it has been described that Hanukkah is a celebration of purification of the Temple to sanctify it again.

1 Co 3:16 said “*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you...?*”

When Daniel 12:12 is linked with the verse before, then :

Da 12:10,12 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

These verses seem to explain that there will be a time of purification for the children of God before they are taken up. And if there is a process of purification, then the children of God will be purified until the enlighting of the 7th lamp

(candle) which means until perfect, since 7 is the number often used as a symbol of perfection.



16/4 2012



Hanukkah
Reapture
12/12/15

2014		2015				
Apr - 15	Oct - 08	Mar - 20	Apr - 04	Sep - 13	Sep - 23	Sep - 28
		Sabbatical Year				
Nissan 14	Tishri 15	Nissan 1	Nissan 14	Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15
Passover	Tabernacles	1st Cal.Year	Passover	Trumpets	Yom Kippur	Tabernacles



Fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles

If the Rapture will occur at the Feast of Hanukkah in 2015, which will be on December 12, 2015, then what events connected with the Rapture may happen during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2015?

If we notice the description of the Lord Jesus about the end times, particularly in Mt 24:29-30:

“29 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: 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.”*

If we observe more carefully the above verses, we will see that soon after the tribulation in those days, they shall see the Lord Jesus coming in the clouds.

The appearance of the Lord Jesus is also described in 1 Thess 4:15-17:

1 Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

*16 **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17 **Then** we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

1 Th 4:15-17 explains that when the sign was given then :

- 1.The archangel shall shout with a large voice
- 2.The trump of God shall be heard.
- 3.The Lord himself shall descend from heaven.
- 4.The dead in Christ shall rise.

***Then** we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet Him .*

This means that there will be **alapse** between the **time** Jesus Christ coming in the clouds and the time the children of God meet the Lord Jesus in the clouds.

When we examine the verses above, it might be that the time Jesus Christ coming in the clouds and the time we are taken up to meet the Lord will not happen at the same moment or 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 descends from heaven in the clouds.
- The dead in Christ shall rise.
- The believers who are still alive will be taken up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Furthermore, then this is in accordance with the parable of Jesus concerning the ten virgins. (Mt 25:1-13) .

*Mt 25:1 "Then shall **the kingdom of heaven** be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to **meet the bridegroom**.*

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them.

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

*6 And at midnight **there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.***

7 Then all those virgins rose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

*10 And **while they went to buy, the bridegroom came**; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.*

11 Afterward, came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

From this parable, we can learn that:

- This parable depicts the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Those girls are to meet the bridegroom which can be interpreted as the Church preparing to meet the Lord Jesus.
- There is a sign in the form of voices cried out: Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!
- Some time later (when all the girls get up, the foolish ones ask for some oil from the wise ones. But their requests are rejected and they have to leave to buy some oil). Then the bridegroom comes.
- They that were ready went in with him to the marriage.

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

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Then those verses further substantiate that most likely the coming of the Lord Jesus will be preceded by some sign and after that there will be a time when God's children are to be cleansed, purified to such an extent that they will be worthy to meet the Lord in the air.

But Dan 12:10 also explains that during the time of the cleansing and purification many will be tried, which can be interpreted that in that period many will face various tests, one of which might be persecution. The Feast of Trumpet will be the end

of a heavy persecution (*Great Tribulation*), yet not the end of the entire persecution, and most likely after the Great Tribulation in Jerusalem the persecution upon the believers will become even more intense around the world.









Daniel 12:10 further explains that the wicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand. This could mean that the believers who continue to lead a secular life will not understand the phenomena of this test, the cleansing and the purification, since they have very little knowledge of the Word (oil). So eventually they will get lost, turn away from their faith, and be left behind.



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The Sixth Seal

When we study again these two verses:

*Mt 24:29 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.** 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.*

We will be able to see that before the Lord Jesus appears in the sky some exceptional events will occur in nature in the form of stars falling from the sky and the heavenly bodies (powers of the heavens) will be shaken. These phenomena are similar to the natural phenomena that happened when the Lord Jesus opened the sixth seal as described in the following verses :

*Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And **the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together**; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

Verse 12 describes that the opening of the sixth seal is marked with some signs in the sky, “*the sun became black as sackcloth of hair and the moon became as blood.*”

Previously we have learned that Lord Jesus might appear in the cloud on the Feast of Tabernacles at which time a total lunar eclipse would happened. Then, what natural phenomenon such as “the sun became black as sackcloth of hair”?

On May 19, 1780 an unusual event occurred known as "New Englands Darkest Day", when an unusual darkening of the day sky was observed over the New England states and parts of Canada.

According to Professor Samuel Williams of Harvard College, the darkness was seen at least as far north as Portland, Maine, and extended southwards to New Jersey. The darkness was not witnessed in Pennsylvania.

This darkness phenomenon occurred from 10 am to the middle of the next night. Early theories about the causes of this phenomenon was a volcanic eruption, but none of the reports of eruptions that occurred in that area.

On the dark day some unique things happened, include lunch with candlelit like candlelight dinner, woodcocks whistled, and frogs peeped as if darkness had fallen. And there was also a total lunar eclipse on the night before.

Would natural phenomena like this happen at the opening of the sixth seal?

Fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets

As it has been explained earlier, the Feast of Trumpets was celebrated by the people of Israel with trumpet blasts to warn themselves so as not to worship the golden calf or idols. And there is a great possibility that most people particularly in Jerusalem will fall again into this same sin as they will be forced to worship the image of

antichrist set up there, or be killed if they refuse.

*And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, **that they should make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**. (Rev 13:14).*

The Lord Jesus explained when the great tribulation in Jerusalem would come to an end:

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall **the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken**. (Mt 24:29).*

The verse explains that right after the cessation of the great distress or the great tribulation, there will be signs in the sky as follows:

1. The sun shall be darkened
2. The moon shall not give her light
3. The stars shall fall from heaven (the sky)
4. The powers of the heavens shall be shaken

Of the above four signs in the sky, it has been described previously that the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies (powers of heaven) will be shaken when the sixth seal is opened.

Some very interesting issues can be disclosed regarding "the sun shall be darkened" and "the moon shall not give her light".

The Sun Will Be Darkened:

In the earlier part of this book it has been discussed that the solar eclipse would occur twice in the year 2015, on March 20 (the first day of Nissan) and the second one on September 13, at the Feast of Trumpets.

The two solar eclipses are different from each other. The first one on March 20 will be a **total solar eclipse**, so when it happens the sun will be **completely dark** in the region where it occurs. The second one on September 13 will be a **partial solar eclipse**, so when it occurs the sun will be seen **dim** in the region where it occurs. Very interestingly, in the King James Version, the verse about these events says "**the sun will be darkened**" or **be dimmed**, which means that 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. (Mt 24:29).*

Referring to these explanations, it is most possible that the partial solar eclipse on September 13, 2015 which will occur exactly at the Feast of Trumpets, is the intended sign in the sky.

The Moon Will Not Give Its Light :

The same verse also explains that at the time when the sun will be dimmed, **the moon too will not give its light**. We know that the moon revolves around the earth within every 30 days. During that time the moon will give its light

as the reflection of the sun. Its light will increase day by day till it reaches its most intense illumination at **full moon**. Then the light of the moon will gradually decrease day by day till **it becomes totally dark 15 days later, after the full moon**.









If we pay attention to both the solar eclipses above and the lunar eclipses that follow, the first solar eclipse will occur on the first day of Nissan, while the lunar eclipse on the 14th day of Nissan. So the appearance of the two eclipses will differ 14 days. At the time of the solar eclipse on the first day of Nissan the moon will not be totally dark, which means that it only glimmers or is dim. But the second solar eclipse will occur on the first day of Tishri, while the lunar eclipse on the 15th day of Tishri. Thereby the difference will be exactly 15 days. So when the solar eclipse occurs on the first day of Tishri or at the Feast of Trumpets, **the moon will not give its light**. This issue enhance the possibility that the partial solar eclipse at the Feast of Trumpets on September 13, 2015 would be the end of the Great Tribulation. (End of GT)



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More interesting things happen when related to the verses below :

*Da 9:27 “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 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be **a thousand two hundred and ninety days.***

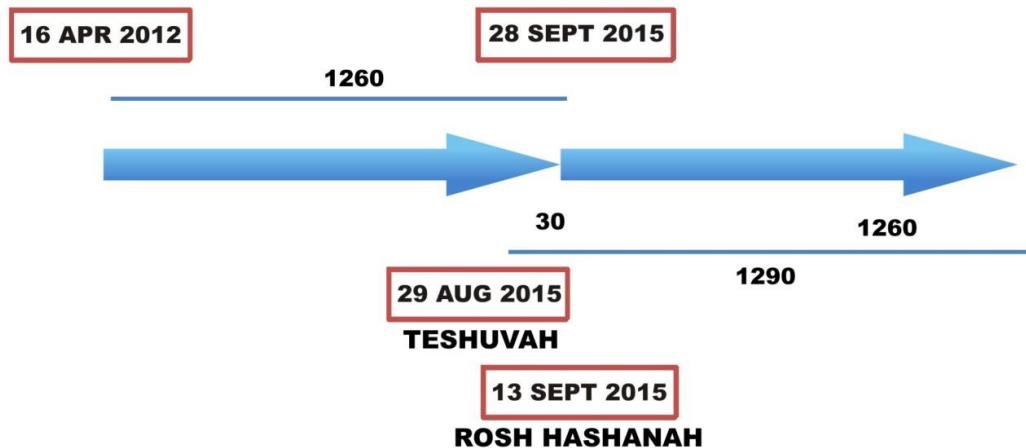
From the two verses and the previous interpretation, we understand that:

- The end times will last 7 years or 2 periods 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 Benedict XVI.
- In the middle of the appointed 7 years, the antichrist will stop the sacrifice and offering.
- From the time the daily sacrifice is abolished, the gods of abomination are set up. The cessation of the daily sacrifice will continue for 1,290 days.
- The middle of the appointed 7 years will be exactly on September 28, 2015 at the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Since the cessation of the daily sacrifice will start from the middle of the 7 years until the termination of the end times, which will be 1,290 days, while the second period of 3,5 year will be 1,260 days, so the cessation of the daily sacrifice will start from (1,290-1,260) days, or 30 days before September 28, 2015 which will be on August 29, 2015.



It has been explained in Chapter II B-1 that the Feast of Trumpets (1st day of Tishri) is the first day of ten days repentance called *Yamim Noraim*, which ends on the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*/10th day of Tishri). The Feast of Trumpets is part of the *Teshuvah* which lasts for forty days (the turn over or turning back days). During the *Teshuvah* there are thirty days of preparation beginning from the 1st day of the 6th month (Elul), for a full month and ten days of *Yamim Noraim* to commemorate the event when Moses climbed Mount Sinai a second time to receive the Ten Commandments. For forty days they blew the trumpets to warn the people to be faithful to God and no longer worship idols (the golden calf made by Aaron).

The Feast of Trumpets conceives a prophecy that at the end time the people of Israel would be challenged again to choose to worship idols, during the time of persecution or great distress (*Great Tribulation*). Antichrist will set up the idol of abomination (the beast) in Jerusalem and force the people of Judea to worship the image of "the sacred one" (the beast), and those who refuse to worship the image will be persecuted, even be killed.

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. (Rev 13:14-15).

So the forty days of Teshuvah starts on the 1st day of Elul or 30 days prior to the Feast of Trumpets; and Teshuvah for the year 2015 will begin on August 16, 2015. This means that when the daily sacrifice is abolished and the image of antichrist is to be set up on **August 29, 2015 the people of Israel will be in the Teshuvah**, the period when they have to turn back so as not to worship idols.

*Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation **ten days**: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

The verse above explains that the tribulation lasts for 10 days and if we count from the moment the image of antichrist is set up on August 29 until the end of the persecution period at the Feast of Trumpets on September 13, 2015 there will be 16 days. Hence could it be possible that the 10 days

of great distress (Da 12:1) or the great tribulation (Mt 24:21) will occur during that time and will end on September 13, 2015?



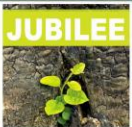







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The End Times According to the Lord Jesus

The Lord Jesus described the events of the end time, among which we find in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 17,21.

It is very interesting if we examine the sequence of events above and the one written in Mark 13. It seems that **both are similar**.











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Mk 13:1 And as he went out of the temple, one off his disciples saith unto him, “Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! 2 And Jesus answering said unto him, “Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?”

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, “Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

(There are many who are mislead today)

7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

(The second seal/the red horse: Conflict between God's people and people of other religions when the Temple of God will be rebuilt in Jerusalem

Rev 6:4 "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.")

And there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines. These are but the beginning of a new age.

(The sixth seal was opened)

9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

(The people of God was persecuted by people of other religions)

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

(Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,)

11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, - let him that readeth understand –
(Antichrist will be standing in the sacred place in Jerusalem)

then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains. 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: 16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. 17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, either shall be. 20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

(There will be a Great Tribulation/a period of great distress which coincides with the Teshuvah)

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christ and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. 23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things. ”

(False prophets will appear and perform great signs and false miracles

2Th 2:9 "The coming of the lawless one in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders.")

24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

(Great Tribulation will end at the Feast of Trumpets)

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

(Disasters related to the opening of the sixth seal)

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

(The Lord Jesus will appear in the clouds at the Feast of Tabernacles)

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

(God's people will be caught up first by rising up those who died in Christ and followed by God's children who are still alive at the Feast of Hanukkah) .

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

As it was explained earlier, to the children of light the second coming of the Lord Jesus will not happen unexpectedly as a thief in the night, not knowing the time of His return. For the children of light will know if they keep on being alert and watchful, and do not fall asleep. The Lord Jesus explained that prior to His second coming there would be signs in the sky: "the sun will be darkened" and "the moon turns blood red" which means that "the total solar eclipse" and "the total lunar eclipse" will occur. The four signs which will appear in the sky in the year 2015, all will occur during the Israelite festivals which are at the beginning of the Jewish calendar: the Passover, the Feast of Trumpets, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Could it be that the event most anticipated by the people of God, the Rapture of the church (the elect), would occur at the Feast of Hanukkah in the year 2015? This question arises considering that:

1. Three festivals of the Israelites in the rainy season: the Passover, the celebration of the Harvest and Firstfruits of the Crops, and the Day of Pentecost were fulfilled through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

2. Four other festivals of the Israelites in summer: the Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement/Jubilee, Feast of Tabernacles and the feast of Hanukkah are believed to be fulfilled at the time of the Rapture of the church (the elect) and the second coming of the Lord Jesus.
3. In the year 2015 the signs in the sky will show two times a total solar eclipse and two times a total lunar eclipse. All will appear exactly at the summer festivals of the Israelites, in accordance with one of the functions of the sun and the moon to mark seasons and days of the great festivals (*Genesis 1:14*).
4. The Feast of Tabernacles in 2015 will be in coincidence with the Year of Jubilee.
5. Feast of Tabernacles in 2015 will take place after the sign in the sky is seen in the form of a partial solar eclipse, when the sun will be dimmed, which marks the end of the Great Tribulation (*Mt 24:29*).
6. During the years 2014-2015 the signs in the sky will occur 6 times, exactly at the time of the Israelite festivals. Then follows the Jubilee which begins on the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. These events are certainly difficult to be considered merely as a coincidence.

Although the appearances of the signs in the sky in the year 2014-2015, at exactly the same time with

the celebration of the Israelite festivals, will indeed be very rare occurrences and probably unprecedented, we realize that we are not in the capacity of convincing or refuting the truth, since we still have to see more distinct signs to be reassured, for example, the appearance of the antichrist or the rebuilding of the Temple of God in Jerusalem.

If that is the case, then why have we written this book? There are at least 2 reasons:

1. If we wait till the Temple of God is rebuilt, hence according to the explanation in our first book we will soon enter a period of intense persecution or the tribulation, while there are quite a lot to be prepared yet for us to face this hard time of affliction.
2. Those signs in the sky which are to happen right at the time of the festive days of the Israelites, particularly the festivals in summer are very special to us. So we consider it not wise, even feel guilty if this important disclosure we want to keep to ourselves and do not share it with others, just as what the four lepers experienced at the time when the Arameans besieged Samaria.

2 Ki 7:9 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."

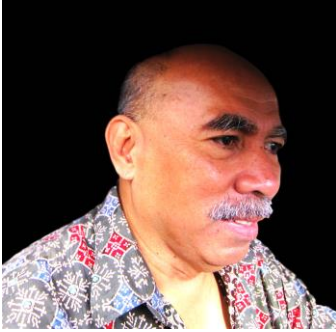
Therefore, let us together observe the events happening around us while we study the Bible more

diligently and keenly so as to obtain a proper and infallible understanding of the Lord Jesus' second coming. It is wise for us as sons of the light who belong to the day to be alert and self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

As children of light we should not be sound asleep, because the day of the Lord will come at an unexpected time. The Lord Jesus might come imminently, or may not come that soon, yet we might be called home any time. Therefore keep watch.

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 (Lk21:34).

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