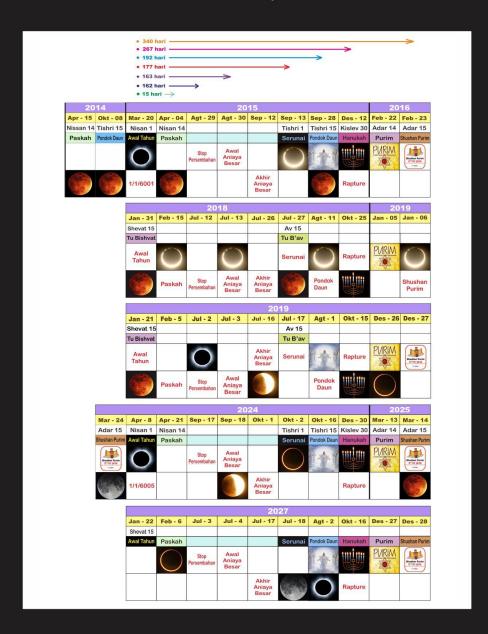
Are We In The End Times



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END TIMES SINCE THE AGE OF THE APOSTLES

Are we really in the end times? Actually, this is not a new theme. We have probably heard it many times throughout our lives, especially when major events occur. Some servants of God, even fortune tellers, have declared that we are in the end times, but this has not happened.

If we study it, it turns out that the statement that we are in the end times occurred even during the time of the apostles.

The Apostle Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 says,

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.

So, even then, it seems there was already a belief that they were in the end times, that the Lord Jesus would come a

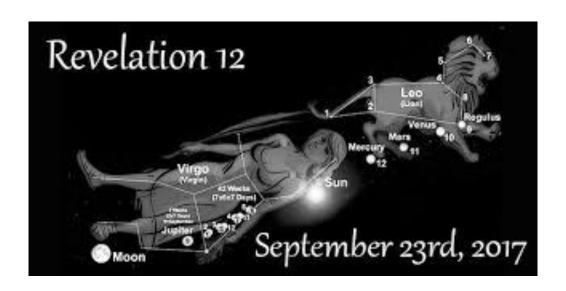
second time, but it turned out not to happen. That's why, from ancient times to the present, cynics have even criticized those who claim we are in the end times, because their prophecies and predictions have never come true. The Apostle Peter said in 2 Peter 3:3-4,

³ Above all, you must understand that **in the last days scoffers will come**, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They
will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our
ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning
of creation."

Therefore, the end times are not a new theme. Every time there is an extraordinary event, such as the Great Depression 1929, people say they are in the end times. The same was true during World War I and World War II. Or in the year 2000, when a servant of God prophesied, and some later added the Mayan prophecy, that the world was in the end times because it had reached 6,000 years: 2,000 years before the Torah, 2,000 years during the Torah, and 2,000 years of God's grace, beginning with the birth of the Lord Jesus and ending with His second coming.

Then, no less sensational was what social media said about the constellation formation on September 12, 2017, which was described as a fulfillment of the verse in Revelation 12:1,

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.



The woman is symbolized by Virgo, surrounded by the sun near her head and the moon near her feet. A crown of 12 stars/celestial objects rests above her head—Leo, Venus, Mars, Mercury, and others—indicating that this is a fulfillment of the verse in Revelation 12:1.

It turns out that this constellation formation is not only discussed by the congregation, but also by God's servants. The

author himself was contacted by these two individuals, who asked about the fulfillment of this verse. Frankly, the author doesn't know whether this formation is a fulfillment of Revelation 12:1. But more importantly, the author doesn't know how to ensure that the star formation on September 12, 2017, is in accordance with what was conveyed on social media.

Regardless, as God's children, when discussing the end times, we must base our judgments **on what is written in the Bible**, and not on anything else.

In Matthew 2:2, the wise men asked,

"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV).

This verse relates to the first coming of the Lord Jesus as a baby, where God gave **a sign in the sky** in the form of **a star** in the East that then led the wise men to meet the Lord Jesus.

At that time, the wise men came to Herod's palace in Jerusalem because they saw a special star in the East, which they believed was a sky sign relating to the birth of a Jewish king, or what we know as the birth of the Lord Jesus.

The Bible also records that in connection with the second coming of the Lord Jesus, **God will also give sky signs**. While the first sky sign was a star in the East, in connection with the second coming of the Lord Jesus it is said,

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, this verse says that **before the Lord Jesus comes**, there will be an event where the sun will turn into darkness or a solar eclipse and there will also be an event where the moon will turn into blood or a total lunar eclipse.

BLOOD MOON PASTOR MARK BILTZ

Around 2011 or 2012, a pastor saw a photo of the moon in Jerusalem. However, the moon's color was unusual, but rather reddish. This reminded him of the verse in Acts 2:20. So he

studied why the moon was reddish, as it is normally yellow. It turns out the moon appears reddish during a total lunar eclipse.



A solar eclipse occurs when the sun is covered by the moon, making it invisible in certain areas of the Earth. Similarly, a lunar eclipse occurs when the moon is covered by the Earth's shadow because the sun is behind the Earth. So, a lunar eclipse occurs when the moon is darkened. However, a total lunar eclipse, where the entire moon is covered by the Earth's shadow, initially partially darkens under the Earth's shadow. The moon then darkens as most of the moon is covered, and at its peak,

when the moon is completely covered, the moon suddenly casts a reddish shadow.

When Mark Biltz studied this further, he discovered that in 2014, two total lunar eclipses would occur. The first would occur on Passover, and the second on the Feast of Tabernacles. It turns out that in 2015, two total lunar eclipses, similar to those in 2014, would also occur: the first on Passover, and the second on the Feast of Tabernacles. This formation of four eclipses is particularly special because two eclipses in 2014 occurred on Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, and two total lunar eclipses in 2015 occurred on both feasts. This pastor then coined the term "Blood Moon Tetrad," or four blood moons.



When studied more deeply, it turns out that in 2014-2015 there were not only four total lunar eclipses, or blood moon tetrad, but there were also two solar eclipses: one total solar eclipse on the 1st of Nisan or at the beginning of the Jewish calendar year of Nisan and another occurred on the Feast of Trumpets in the form of a partial solar eclipse.

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PAUL GREVAS, STATISTICIAN FROM GREECE

A Greek statistician named Paul Grevas attempted to statistically calculate the frequency of total lunar eclipses like the one that occurred in 2014-2015. In the first year, there were two total lunar eclipses, one on Passover and the other on

Tabernacles, followed by two more total lunar eclipses on the same feast days the following year.

After studying the eclipse, he found that it occurred once every **1.8 x 10**¹³⁹ (139 power/139 zeros) days. In Christianity, some servants of God believe that our earth is 6,000 years old, which means 2,190,000 days, or mathematically, we write it as 2.19 x 10⁶. So, if 6,000 years, that's actually only a power of 6, or with 6 zeros. If we read other sources, for example, those that explain the formation of petroleum, which is believed to come from fossils, is some million years old, that's also only a power of 9/with 9 zeros. Then there are those who say that the age of diamonds can be up to a billion years, and if it is a billion years, it's only a power of 12.

Let's just say our earth is 1 trillion years old, or the same as 365 trillion days, or 3.65×10^{14} , that's only a power of 14, or with only 14 zeros, which is still very small compared to the calculation of the formation of four total lunar eclipses in 2014-2015, which could reach 139 zeros. This formation does not include the two solar eclipses that occurred at the beginning of

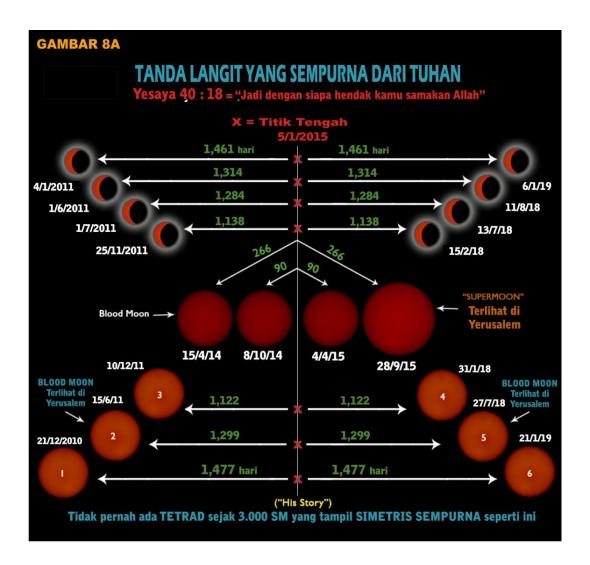
the year and in the Feast of Trumpets. If the formation were like that, the number of zeros could possibly reach 500.

Next, Paul Grevas investigated how many times the blood moon tetrad formation had occurred. He not only wanted to find a blood moon tetrad, or four total lunar eclipses that could occur on any day, but also a total lunar eclipse formation like the one that occurred in 2014-2015. In the first year, two blood moons occurred on Passover and Tabernacles, and then the following year, two more blood moons occurred on those feast days, which he then called the "Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad."

To investigate this eclipse formation, he used data from NASA, which recorded eclipses from 3,000 BC to 3,000 AD. From 3,000 BC to the present, **eight Biblical Blood Moon Tetrads have occurred**, the eighth occurring **in 2014-2015**. The next Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad will occur in 2582-2583.

In his research, he discovered that each Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad coincided with significant events related to the nation of Israel.

In further investigation, he discovered something truly extraordinary: the formation of the 2014-2015 Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad was extraordinary, beyond human comprehension.



The formation of eclipses associated with the 2014-2015
Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad.

In the center of the image are four blood moons: two in 2014 and two in 2015, both of which occurred during the Feasts of Passover and Tabernacles.

It turns out that before this Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad, four partial solar eclipses had occurred, and four more will follow. Before this Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad, there were three blood moons, and three more will follow.

If we take the center line of this Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad, the difference in days between all the eclipses on the left is exactly the same as the difference in days between all the eclipses on the right, not even a single day. The formation of these eclipses is perfectly symmetrical. That's why Paul Grevas declared the formation of these eclipses to be "God's Perfect Signs," and he took a verse from Isaiah 40:18:

With whom, then, will you compare God?

For more details, please read the book written by the author with Rev. Dr. Jopie Rattu, Ph.D., and Dr. Sridadi, entitled "God's Perfect Signs," which we adapted from Paul Grevas' research with slight changes.

THE SKY SIGNS OF THE LORD JESUS' COMING

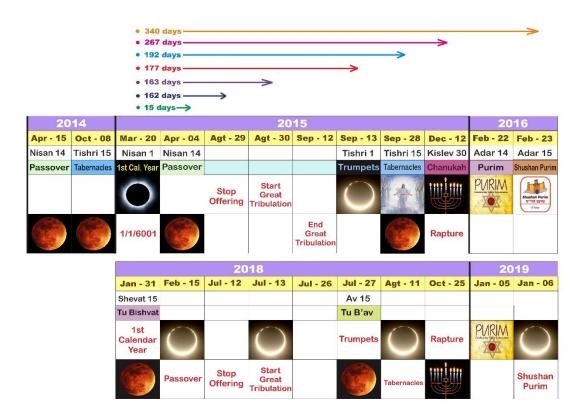
We previously explained that God gave a sky sign in the form of a star in the East when Jesus came as a baby. For His second coming, God will also give sky signs in the form of solar eclipses and total lunar eclipses.

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).

As previously explained, in 2014-2015, God gave 6 sky signs in the form of 4 total lunar eclipses and 2 solar eclipses, where all of these eclipses occurred during the feast days of the Israelites.

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Then God gave the same sky signs again in 2018-2019.



If we look at the two sky sign tables for 2014-2015 and 2018-2019, we can see that:

both begin at the beginning of the year. The 2014-2015 table begins at the beginning of the calendar year, Nisan 1, while the 2018-2019 table begins at the beginning of the calendar year, Shevat 15. The Israelites had four calendars, and the Nisan 1 calendar begins at the beginning of the creation of the earth (for an explanation of how to determine the beginning of the year and other information, see

www.torahcalendar.com). Meanwhile, the 15th Shevat calendar began when the Israelites left Egypt.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. (Exodus 12:1-2).

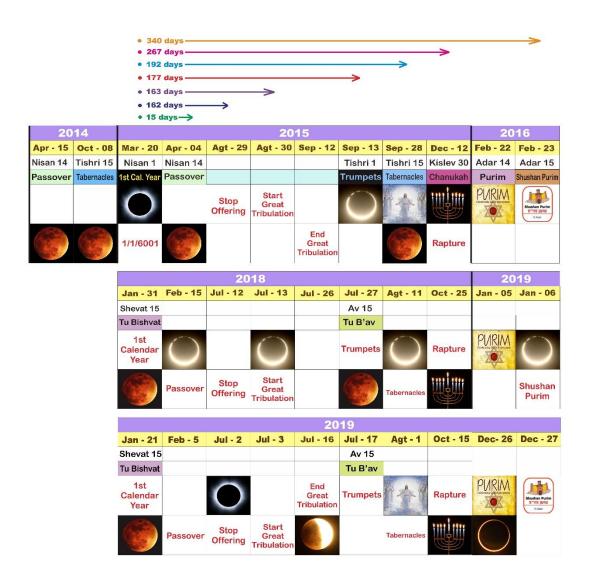
- Today, the Jewish people generally use the 1st Nisan calendar, including for calculating their feasts.
- Generally, Israelite feasts are not determined by a specific date or day, such as Easter, which falls on a Sunday.
 Israelite feasts are determined by the umpteenth day of a month. For example, Passover is the 14th day of the first month, so it falls on 14th Nisan according to the 1st Nisan calendar.
- The Bible records that God only commanded Israelite feasts after the Israelites left Egypt, not since the beginning of creation. Therefore, feasts calculated based on the 15th Shevat calendar are more accurate than those calculated based on the 1st Nisan calendar.

- So, if the 1st Nisan calendar is used for the feasts, since
 Passover falls on Nisan 14, according to the Shevat 15
 calendar, it falls on Shevat 29. Similarly, the other holidays
 are determined, and the days we interpret relate to the 10day period of the great tribulation in Jerusalem on the
 Shevat 15 calendar.
- All eclipses in 2018 have the same difference in days as their counterparts in 2015. For example, the difference in days between the total solar eclipse of March 20, 2015, and the total lunar eclipse of April 4, 2015, is 15 days. Likewise, the difference in days between the total lunar eclipse of January 31, 2018, and the partial solar eclipse of February 15, 2018, is 15 days, or 14 days according to the Jewish calendar, because the Jewish calendar begins a day at evening and ends it at evening, following the days when God created the earth.

God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. (Genesis 1:5).

The Gregorian calendar, on the other hand, begins and ends its days at midnight.

Then God repeated these sky signs in 2019.

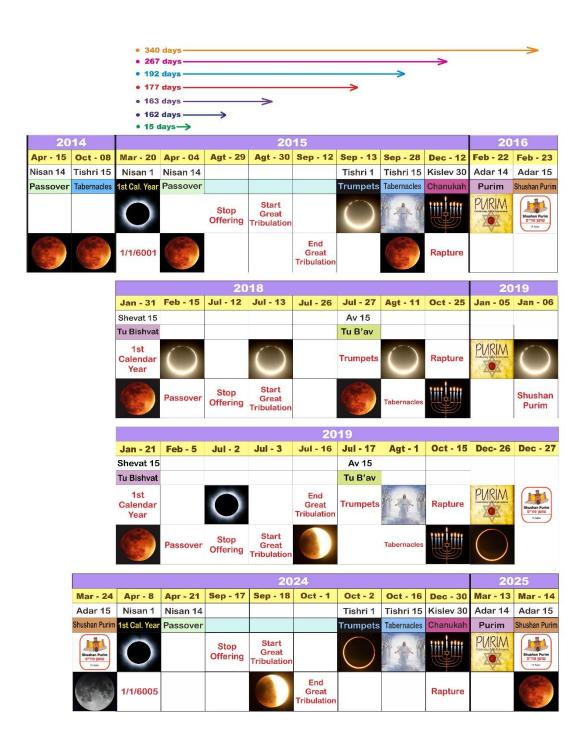


In 2019, God caused four eclipses: a total lunar eclipse at the beginning of Shevat 15, a total solar eclipse on a day we interpret to correspond to the cessation of the daily sacrifice, as recorded in Daniel 12:11:

"From the time that **the daily sacrifice is abolished** and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

The third eclipse was a partial lunar eclipse on a day we interpret to correspond to the great tribulation. And the fourth eclipse was an annular solar eclipse on the Feast of Purim.

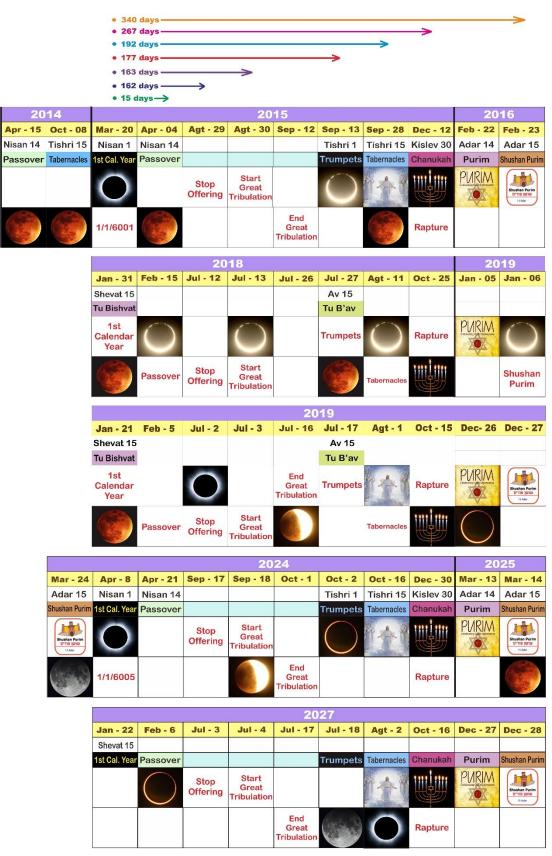
God repeated again these sky signs in 2024.



In 2024-2025, God gave 5 eclipses in the form of a panumbral lunar eclipse on the Feast of Purim Susan, a total lunar eclipse at the beginning of Nisan 1, a partial lunar eclipse on a day that we interpret as related to the beginning

of the great tribulation, an annular solar eclipse on the Feast of Trumpets and a total lunar eclipse on the Feast of Purim Susan.

Not only until 2024, it turns out that God will repeat these sky signs again in 2027.



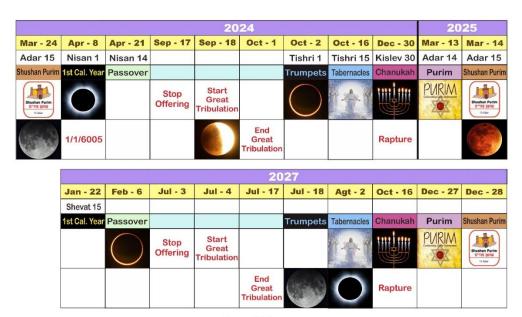
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In 2027 God will give 3 more sky signs in the form of a partial solar eclipse on the Feast of Passover, a panumbral lunar eclipse on the Feast of Trumpets and a total solar eclipse on the Feast of Tabernacles.

Outside of this table, there is a total solar eclipse on the Feast of Tabernacles, August 12 2026 and a panumbral lunar eclipse on the Feast of Tu B'av, August 17 2027. Thus, from 2014 to 2027 God gave 26 sky signs consisting of 13 solar eclipses and 13 lunar eclipses. Of the 26 eclipses, 22 occurred precisely on Israelite festivals and 4 occurred on days that we interpret as relating to the period of great tribulation.

INTERPRETATION OF SKY SIGNS 2024-2027

Below is the table of sky signs 2024 and 2027,



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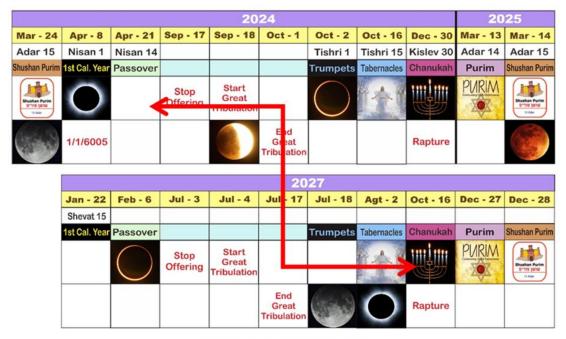
1. THE FIRST OF THREE AND A HALF-YEAR PERIOD

We interpret the 2024 sky sign chart as the beginning of the first three and a half-year period, which will end in 2027.

In our book, "Is Chip the Fulfillment of 666?", it is explained that the end times will last for seven years, consisting of two three-and-a-half-year periods. The first three and a half-year will be a period of persecution against God's children, culminating in the rapture at the end of that period on October 16, 2027.

After the rapture, the second three and a half-year will enter the period of the seven bowls of God's wrath, which will fall on those still on earth. The Bible explains that those living during this period will experience such intense suffering that they will desire death but cannot.

During those days **people will seek death** but will not find it; they will long to die, **but death will elude them**. (Revelation 9:6).



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2. PERSECUTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

If the end times begin in 2024, why haven't most of us experienced persecution yet, even though we are already in October 2025? This is because persecution or hardship in the end times doesn't always take the form of physical persecution.

If we pay attention to Jesus' explanation of the end times, Satan uses a method more powerful than physical persecution: sending many false prophets and pastors to twist God's word. The Bible records Adam and Eve falling because of this. Jesus was tempted in the same way, but he did not fall because he understood God's word.

Jesus clearly said,

¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!'

or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false messiahs and false

prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to

deceive, if possible, even the elect. (Matthew 24:11, 23, 24).

Furthermore, 1 Thessalonians 5:3 explains that during the end times there will be a time when people will say, "Peace and safety," but this situation will suddenly change to "as labor pains on a pregnant woman" a terrible situation with severe persecution for all of God's children, the pains of which are likened to the pains of a woman giving birth.

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.

3. THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND HANUKKAH

Furthermore, if we study the end times interpretations of other servants of God, they generally believe that **the rapture will occur on the Feast of Tabernacles**, while our interpretation states that **the rapture will occur on Hanukkah**.

If the rapture occurs on **October 16, 2027**, then the interpretation of these pastors is correct, as is our interpretation, because in 2027, the Feast of Tabernacles, according to the calendar, Nisan 1, and Hanukkah, according to the calendar, Shevat 15, **both fall on October 16, 2027**.

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4. PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Furthermore, when the Lord Jesus explained the end times to His disciples, he said,

³² Now learn a parable of the fig tree; **When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves**, ye know that summer is nigh: ³⁴ Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass**, till all these things be fulfilled. (Matthew 24:32,34 KJV).

Many servants of God interpret the budding fig tree as the founding of the State of Israel. And "This generation shall not

pass," means that those who existed at the founding of the State of Israel on May 14 1948 will not pass away or all die before the coming of the Lord Jesus. At the time of Israel's independence, apart from many adults, of course there were also those who were children or even babies.

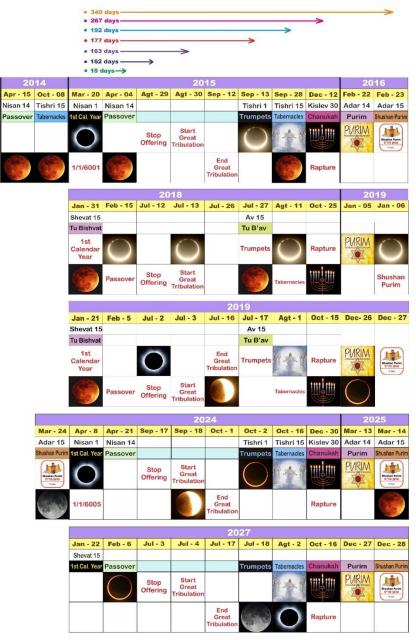
Psalm 90:10 says,

Our days may come to **seventy years**, or **eighty**, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

If the rapture occurs on **October 16, 2027**, then the time from the founding of the State of Israel on **May 14, 1948**, to the rapture will be **79 years and 5 months**. This means, **first**, that the rapture fulfills the verse in Psalm 90:10, as it does not exceed 80 years. **Second**, the sky signs God gave in 2027 are **the final signs of repetition**.

5. GOD'S PATIENCE

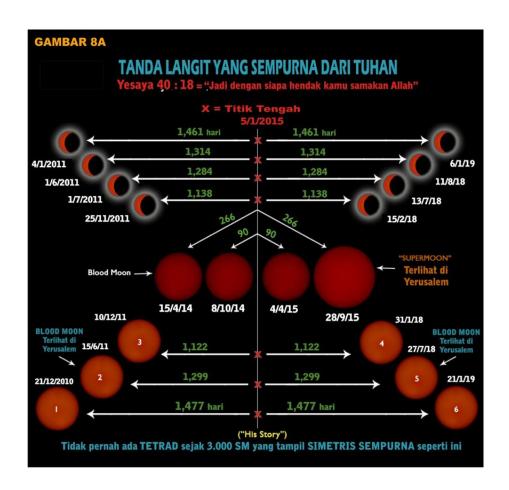
In the beginning, it was explained that from 2014 to 2027, God gave 26 sky signs: 13 solar eclipses and 13 total lunar eclipses. Of these 26 eclipses, 22 occurred on Israel's feast days, and 4 occurred on days we interpret as associated with the great tribulation.



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The eclipses of 2015-2016 had the same day difference as their counterparts in 2018-2019, as did the eclipses of 2019, the eclipses of 2024-2025, and the eclipses of 2027.

The Biblical Blood Moon Tetrad of 2014-2015, along with the eclipses that preceded and followed it, formed a perfectly symmetrical formation.



In 2014-2015, there were 2 solar eclipses and 4 total lunar eclipses that occurred on the feast of Passover and Tabernacles

in both years which were then called the **Biblical Blood Moon**Tetrad, which statistically will occur once in 1.8X10¹³⁹.

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Can we imagine how unlikely it is that the combination of the three eclipse formations mentioned above would occur? Is this mere coincidence, or is it **a fulfillment** of the verse in Acts 2:20?

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

So, what should we do? One of the messages God conveys is The Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. This parable teaches the importance of spiritual preparedness. The parable begins,

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (Matthew 25:1).

When is "At that time?" If we look at the previous chapter, chapter 24, Jesus was explaining the end times. Therefore, Jesus' words, "At that time," refer to the end times, meaning this parable is related to the end times.

At the end of time, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to 10 virgins who took their lamps (the lamp symbolizes the word of God – Psalm 119:105) and went out to meet **the bridegroom**. The bridegroom is a special term perhaps unique to Christianity, meaning **Christ himself**.

Of these 10 virgins, only 5 will enter heaven because verse 3-4 states,

³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

At the end of time, those who can enter heaven are not just Christians, but Christians who have reserves of oil, who have sufficient knowledge of God's word gained from studying, meditating on, and putting it into practice.

Daniel 11:32 also states the same thing:

With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

It turns out that those who will survive, those who enter the Kingdom of Heaven, are not those who simply attend church regularly, give large offerings, perform outstanding services, or have a high theological education, or hold a high church position; it turns out that it's not like that, **but those who know their God**.

Therefore, we need to ask ourselves whether we know our God or not. It's certainly not easy to determine whether person A or person B knows their God or not, including ourselves, whether we know God or not.

TWO ILLUSTRATIONS OF KNOWING GOD

If there are congregants who go to worship, often arrive late, chat during the service, eat and drink during the service, fall asleep while listening to the sermon, are busy with their phones, dress inappropriately, or leave the worship space when the sermon begins, as activists, musicians, and worship leaders sometimes do. These are signs that they don't know God. Why is that?

If we arrive late, we certainly don't know who God is. Because if we knew God, we wouldn't do such a thing. Because we don't know who God is, we arrive late and chatter in the worship space, which is God's house, not understanding that the preacher is speaking on God's behalf.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:20a).

1. A MINISTER'S HOUSE

As a businessman, the author often visits the homes of officials, and was even invited by a minister. At that time, several people were invited. The author usually arrives about 30 minutes early, but it turned out that the traffic was smooth, so he arrived 45 minutes early. So, the author thought he would be the first to arrive. However, when he arrived, there were already two people in front of the Minister's house chatting and smoking. He greeted them, they threw away their cigarettes, and then we went inside together and reported to security. It turned out that three people were already on the porch, whom he had thought had arrived first. We all wore long-sleeved batik, we chatted quietly and if someone answered the phone, they moved away and chatted in low voices. When we were allowed to enter the house, everyone took off their shoes, turned off their cell phones and sat while listening to the Minister giving directions. This is our attitude when we go to a Minister's house, even though he is only a human being and will not always be an official.

If we show respect to a Minister's house, why do we go to a place of worship which is the house of God, the King of all kings, arriving late, chatting, eating and drinking, playing with cell phones? These attitudes clearly state that **we do not know God**, who is the King of all kings.

The author once saw a piano player in church who was dressed in a collarless t-shirt, three-quarter length trousers and wore sandals. This attitude explains that he does not know God. Is it appropriate to go to the house of the King of all kings dressed as if he was going to the beach? Serving God does not give us privileges so we can dress inappropriately, on the contrary we should dress our best as a form of our gratitude for being given the gift to serve the King.

King David was a person who knew God, that's why he said,

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I

would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than

dwell in the tents of the wicked. (Psalm 84:10).

2. LISTENING TO DIRECTION

The author remembers one day visiting his restaurant, where the second floor was occupied by soldiers. The commander was giving a briefing, and the author saw the soldiers sitting straight with their hands on the table. No one looked left or right, let alone holding a cell phone. Everyone gave their full attention to the speaker.

So, if we chat, play on our phones, eat, drink, or even leave the worship space while the Word is being preached, it is certain that we do not know God. If we did, we would not behave like that.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:28-29).

If we do not know our God, we will not be able to endure in the end times. we will apostatize, consciously or unconsciously, because we will fall prey to the deception of false prophets.

CONCLUSION

In explaining the end times, the Lord Jesus clearly stated that the end times will be a very difficult time, because there will be so much persecution and false teachings that many of God's children will fall away from the faith.

⁹ "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. (Matthew 24:9-11).

Persecution and false teachings will come to all, without exception.

"Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. 35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time. (Daniel 11:33, 35).

Who are these wise men? In the end times, there will be God's people given understanding to explain the end times to God's servants and congregations. However, they will still face persecution, whether it be threats of death and burning, or being taken captive and having their possessions confiscated. And this verse clearly states that **some of them will fall**. This means that even though they know about the end times and can bring understanding to many, some of them will fall. So, what about us, ordinary people who have little knowledge of the end times and God's word? Therefore, we must truly prepare ourselves, prepare our mentality, and prepare our oil reserves, because otherwise, we will easily be led astray and apostatize.

The Bible explains that knowing God and Jesus Christ is so important that it can be equated with eternal life itself. That is why even wise men, if they only understand the end times but lack understanding and practice of God's word and lack the Fruit of the Spirit, will fall.

John 17:3 says,

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

The numerous and repeated signs in the heavens that God has given us are not due to negligence, but rather because God is still giving us the opportunity to prepare.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9).