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*"May the LORD show you
 His favor and give you
 peace." (Nu. 6:26)*

[Read: 2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelations 1:3](#)

A VERY SPECIAL EASTER/PASSOVER WITH A BLOOD MOON

By Dr. Pierre J. Samaan

Recently, I was attending a workshop, seated next to a friend. He casually leaned over and was happy to tell me that he and his wife were taking a cruise in April. Without thinking, my painful back arched up straight and I impulsively responded with, "You're not going to be on the cruise during the Blood Moon are you?" I immediately thought, "Oops!" I should have kept my big mouth shut because I didn't want to ruin his cruise.

Some of you are probably thinking, "What's a Blood Moon?" Well, that's just what he was thinking when he responded, "What's a Blood Moon?" It was a reminder to me that most Christians do not keep up with Bible prophecy for one reason or another. I wondered how I could explain this in the few seconds, before the workshop Instructor returned to the podium. I took the easy approach and said, "I'll explain it later, just make sure your back home by April 15!" Eventually, I did give him a more complete answer.

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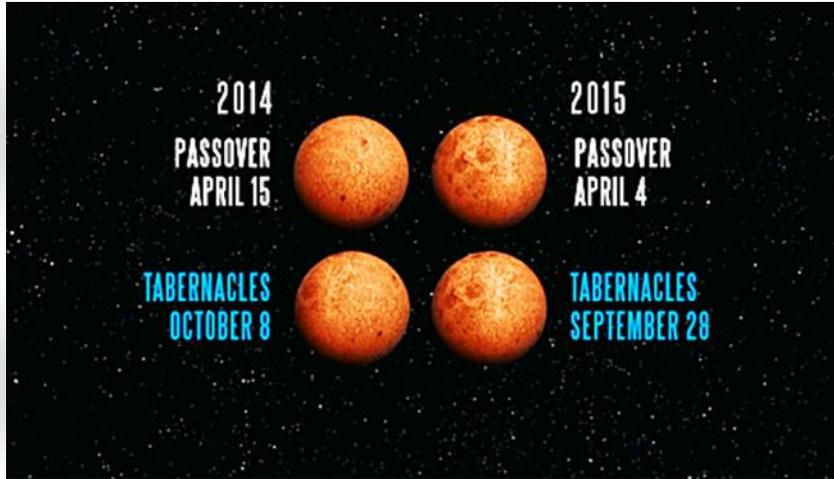
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The lesson for you to learn about this is, “Don’t sit next to me at a workshop or I might spoil your vacation.”



To watch the DVD Trailer on the blood moons go to: <http://www.wnd.com/2014/02/blood-moons-fallout-nasa-goes-hiding/#oid=9kcGNpazqgUnB45s9BynFZs5qQ2a1wff>

I am sure by now, many of you have heard something about the upcoming “Four Blood Moons.” There will be two total lunar eclipses this year during the Feast of Passover April 15, Feast of Tabernacles October 8; and, two more next year during the Feast of Passover April 4th and Feast of Tabernacles September 28th, with a total and partial solar eclipses in between.

There have been many eclipses in the past, but to have four consecutive total lunar eclipses, called a “tetrad,” is extremely rare according to Pastor and Author Mark Blitz. As far as I know, he was the first to sound the alarm about the significance of these events. Since then, I have heard many famous Pastors and Prophecy experts excited over talking about this series of rare occurrences.

In the account of creation, God proclaims in Genesis 1:14, “*Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be **for signs** and seasons, and for days and years...*” (NKJV) (Bold mine)

There are many Bible passages talking about the signs in the heavenlies.

¹⁹ *I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.* (Acts 2:19 NKJV)

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¹³ *He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. (Revelations 13:13 NKJV)*

*And I will wait on the Lord,
Who hides His face from the house of Jacob;
And I will hope in Him.*

¹⁸ *Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me!
We are for signs and wonders in Israel
From the Lord of hosts,
Who dwells in Mount Zion.*

¹⁹ *And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? (Isaiah 8:18 NKJV)*

²⁶ *I make a decree...For He is the living
God,
And steadfast forever;
His kingdom is the one which shall not be
destroyed,
And His dominion shall endure to the
end.*

²⁷ *He delivers and rescues,
And He works signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the power
of the lions. (Daniel 6:26-28 NKJV)*

“According to ‘The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy’ by J. Barton Payne, there are 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament and 578 prophecies in the New Testament for a total of 1,817. These prophecies are contained in 8,352 of the Bible’s verses. Since there are 31,124 verses in the Bible, the 8,352 verses that contain prophecy constitute 26.8 percent of the Bible’s volume.”

Source: <http://gracethrufaith.com/ask-a-bible-teacher/much-bible-prophecy/>

²⁵ *“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Luke 21:25-26 NKJV)*

¹¹ *Then the Lord said to Moses: “How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? ¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.” (Numbers 14:11-12 NKJV)*

And here is a current sign that comes out of our own government. This is when you know that there is something big about these eclipses, NASA shuts down its eclipse web site immediately after a national news article is published by World News Daily (WND)¹

¹ Retrieved 4/2/14, from <http://www.wnd.com/2014/02/blood-moons-fallout-nasa-goes-hiding/>

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There was no blood moons falling on Jewish Feast-days in the past four centuries except for two separate events in the 1900's. Can you guess when they were? Oh, go ahead and take a guess! They were in 1949 and 1950 when Israel became a nation and had to immediately fight a war. And, in 1967 and '68 when Israel recaptured Jerusalem during the 6 Day War.

"Two happened right in a row at the time of destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. and on feast days," he said.

"Around eight months before the Temple was destroyed we find on 10/18/69 there was a partial lunar eclipse on the Feast of Sukkot. A total solar eclipse followed this on Nisan 1-3/30/70, the beginning of the religious year. Two weeks later there was a penumbral lunar eclipse on Passover on 4/14/70. An annular solar eclipse followed this on Rosh Hashanah on 9/23/70. Then another penumbral lunar eclipse on Sukkot on 10/8/70," he explained.

Biltz stresses what makes the coming events so startling is the fact they'll take place during the Feast of Passover and Feast of Tabernacles in consecutive years."² It is important to remember that in Colossians 2:16-17, Paul said, ¹⁶*So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.* ¹⁷*For these rules are only **shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.*** (NLT) (Bold mine)

"The Hebrew word Pesach means 'to pass over.' During Passover Jews take part in a meal known as the Seder, which incorporates the retelling of the story of Exodus and God's deliverance from bondage in Egypt. Each participant of the Passover Seder experiences in a personal way, a national celebration of freedom through God's intervention and deliverance. Hag HaMatzah or the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Yom HaBikkurim or Firstfruits are both mentioned in Leviticus 23 as separate feasts, however, today Jews celebrate all three feasts as part of the eight-day Passover holiday."³

The Feast of Tabernacles, also called Sukkot, is a celebration of the harvest of grain and making of wine. "During Sukkot, two important ceremonies took place. The Hebrew people carried torches around the temple, illuminating bright candelabrum along the walls of the temple to demonstrate that the Messiah would be a light to the Gentiles. Also, the priest would draw water from the pool of Siloam and carry it to the temple where it was poured into a silver basin beside the altar. The priest would call upon the Lord to provide heavenly water in the form of rain for their supply. During this ceremony the people looked forward to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Some records reference the day spoken of by the prophet Joel."⁴

During the days of the New Testament, Jesus was at the Feast of Tabernacles and said, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."* (John 7:37-38 NIV) While the torches were still burning during the

² Ibid (WND)

³ Retrieved 4/7/14, from <http://christianity.about.com/od/biblefeastsandholidays/p/passoverfeast.htm>

⁴ Retrieved 4/7/2014, from <http://christianity.about.com/od/biblefeastsandholidays/p/feastofbooths.htm>

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next morning Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12 NIV)

Now, I probably would not be writing about this before last night when I was reading *Zenith 2016* by Thomas Horn. I read that during this same time period as the blood moons, there have been ill omens occurring in the Vatican. About 9 months after Pope Benedict signed a contract of his resignation, the public resignation was announced and in the night two successive lightning bolts struck St. Peter's Basilica.⁵ This represented an ancient sign of "approval by the gods... that Jupiter – the father of Apollo – was watching."⁶ It was more than a coincidence when two bolts strike the same spot. But, that was a prelude to peaking my interest.

According to the St. Malachy prophecies there would be only 112 more popes since his prophecies. The 112th would be the final pope, who will lead the Roman Catholic Church and the world into the Tribulation. In the prophecy, it is said that the 112th pope will become the "False Prophet" of the tribulation. The name of the current pope and the 112th since the prophecy was given is Pope Francis.

The St. Malachy Prophecies, is written by a 12th Century Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland (It must be noted that the St. Malachy Prophecies are not written in the Bible). He predicted the 111th pope's resignation (Pope Benedict) and predicted the 112th pope to be the one who will lead his sheep into the Tribulation and the destruction of the city of seven hills, Rome, according to the St. Malachy prophecies.

Then, I read this about Pope Francis and his election to the papacy, "Just like on the Great Seal of the United States, the numbers surrounding Pope Francis' election kept coming up thirteen. White smoke at 7:06 p.m.: 7 + 6 = 13; he is 76 years old: 7 + 6 = 13; he was elected on the calendar date 3/13/13, which sports two thirteens of its own; 3/13/2013 also yields 3 + 1 + 3 + 2 + 0 + 1 + 3 = 13; he was announced at precisely 8:13 p.m. Vatican time, or, in military and European time 20:13, making for an astounding 3/13/2013 at 20:13...As to the significance of thirteen, all are aware that it has come down to us as a number of ill-omen. Many superstitions cluster around it, and various explanations are current concerning them...the key to its significance...occurs first in Genesis 14:4, where we read 'Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and the thirteenth year they REBELLED."⁷ (Underline mine)

Of course, let's not forget the 12 Apostles plus Jesus made for 13. This ominous number represents rebellion, apostasy, defection, corruption, disintegration, revolution, etc.⁸

Friends, if in the past you have not taken Bible prophecy seriously, it is time you now begin to do so. In counseling, some have told me they are afraid to read about prophecy and that is understandable for some. But, whether prophecy makes you anxious or you can't rationalize it in your thought processes, God spent a great deal of time making it available, so He must think it is very important.

⁵ Retrieved 4/2/2014, from <http://youtu.be/Q6olT4ozDyk>

⁶ Horn, Thomas, *Zenith 2012*, Kindle location 2376.

⁷ Ibid, 2448-2449.

⁸ Bullinger, E.W., *Number in Scripture*, p 208, Pleasant Places Press, 2004.

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Also, what I wrote about the papacy and Roman Catholic Church involve the prophecies of a man who believed he was inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is not out of the Bible. It is not a denunciation of the "Believers of the Gospel" in the Roman Catholic Church. There are no perfect denominations with perfect doctrines. We are to love all our brothers and sisters and be submissive to them as well.

⁵Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma...²¹submitting to one another in the fear of God. (Ephesians 5:1, 2, 21 NKJV)

We do not know what God has in store for 2014 and 2015. But, I learned a long time ago, that when God is doing something special, He will put within the hearts and minds of his children an intuition/forewarning, that compels us to pray earnestly and be prepared for doors that will be opening and closing. Like the virgins and their lamps awaiting the groom to come for them, do not let your oil run out. Remain in faith, encourage and support each other.

Walking in the flesh is when you are trying to get your needs met apart from God. Walking is the Spirit is trusting in God to meet your needs. *¹⁹And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Philippians 4:19-20 NKJV)*



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