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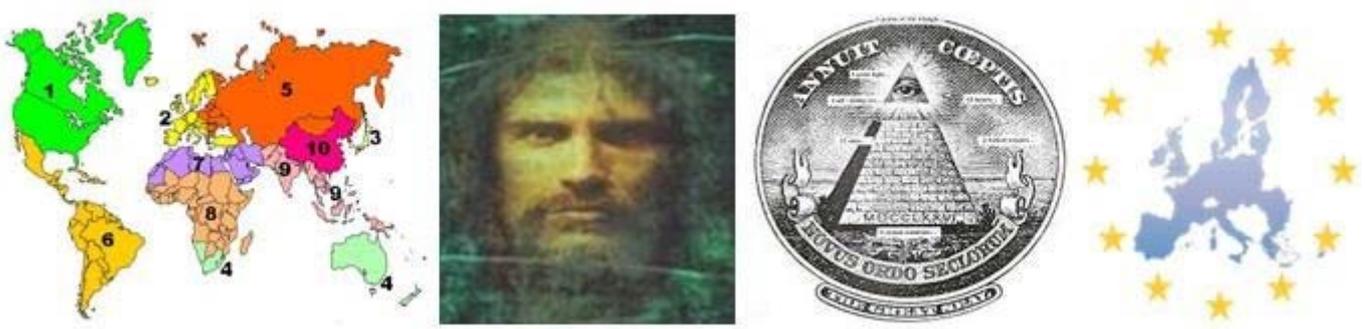
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## Welcome to the Global Watch Weekly Report

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Last Friday at approximately 9.30am in the morning we were fortunate enough to be in a place in the United Kingdom where I was able to experience the incredible 95% solar eclipse of the sun that was seen by millions of people across the United Kingdom and mainland Europe. It was truly an unbelievable astronomical event. From about 8.45am we noticed that the sunlight which had been beaming all morning since sunrise began to ever so slightly fade. By 9am the air had started to get cooler and by 9.15am we noticed that the sound of birds tweeting had stopped. At 9.30am there was a drop in sunlight as the eclipse reached its maximum point with the moon passing across the face of the sun. It wasn't a total eclipse but certainly there was enough atmospheric changes for you to see the difference.

The last time we had witnessed something similar was in September 1999. September 1999 was significant because of the prophetic focus on the end of 1999 witnessing the possible Second Coming of Christ. Many



believed that the total eclipse in 1999 was possibly a fulfilment of Revelation 8:12 and 16:10 which makes reference to a future event of darkness falling upon the empire of the beast (antichrist) which many believed would be the domain of the old Roman empire which would today cover Europe, Middle East and North Africa (assuming one believes that the revival of the Roman Empire is a prophetic event). The fact that the eclipse of 1999 led to darkness predominantly in these regions gave fuel to this theory. In 1999 the path of the moons shadow began in the Atlantic Ocean and, before noon, was traversing Cornwall, Devon, northern France, Belgium, Luxembourg, southern Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and Hungary. Its maximum was in Romania; and it continued

across Bulgaria, the Black Sea, Turkey, Iran, southern Pakistan and ultimately ended up in the Bay of Bengal.

Just like September 1999, the solar eclipse of last Friday has also been referenced as prophetically significant, this time because it falls right in the middle of a blood moon tetrad and happens in a year which some call the Shemitah year. In September 2013 we co-authored a report with Kade Hawkins of Prophecy News Watch called "Signs of the Blood Moons". This report is still available at [www.signofthebloodmoon.com](http://www.signofthebloodmoon.com). The conclusion we had come to regarding the blood moon prophecy was that it was a shadow or astronomical sign, to remind us of the fact that these are the last days rather than it being the literal fulfilment of Revelation 6 and the coming of the Day of the Lord. The bible does state that there would come a time where we would witness some spectacular and un-nerving signs in the heavens and that these would be a reminder to us that his coming was near. We also explored a number of possible geo-political events on the prophetic time map in that report.

The blood moon prophecy has largely been accepted as being the "brain child" of Pastor Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries. It is believed that his beliefs and theories were then popularized by John Hagee who preached on this and also published a book called *Four Blood Moons* which went on to become a hot seller on Amazon. But the debate rages on with many prominent bible prophecy scholars sitting on either side of the fence.

In this edition of the Global Watch Weekly we take a look at several cases made against Mark Biltz theory of the blood moon prophecy (from bibleprophecytalk.com and Lamb and Lion ministries) Interestingly in case 2 you will see that David Regan of Lamb and Lion Ministries actually makes a distinction between how the blood moon concept is conveyed by Mark Biltz compared to how it is conveyed by John Hagee. Whether Regan did this as a public relations exercise because he is on the same bible prophecy circuit as Hagee with them both previously together on a TBN show one only knows.

So sit back and enjoy this weeks edition and let us know which side of the fence you are on.

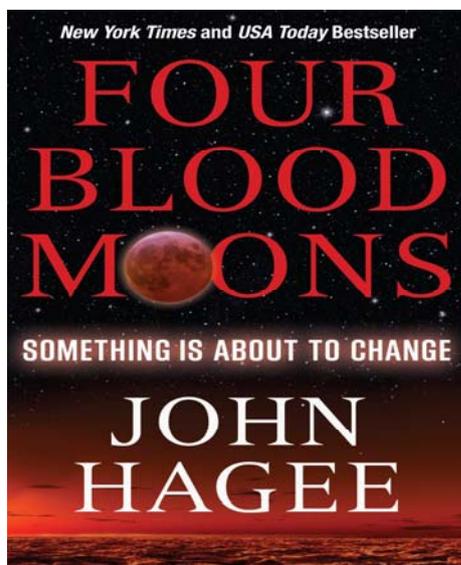
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## BIBLEPROPHECYTALK.COM STATEMENT

There's been a lot of attention recently about the so-called Blood Moon theory, originally conceived by Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries. In fact, as we speak John Hagee's book, *Four Blood Moons*, which is basically a retelling of Biltz's theory, sits on top of Amazon's bestseller list.



Let me first explain what this theory is for those of you that haven't heard it yet.

Joel 2:31 says:

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Mark Biltz wondered if this verse could simply be referring to a lunar (darkening of the moon) and solar eclipse (darkening of the sun). Following his curiosity, he went to the NASA eclipse website which has a compiled list of all lunar and solar eclipses dating from 2000 BC to 3000 AD. Using the NASA site, Biltz saw that there were a number of solar and lunar eclipses in the future. The ones he focused in on were the lunar tetrads. This means a series of four lunar eclipses within a space of about two years.

Biltz then compared the dates of these tetrads against the Jewish calendar. He discovered that many of these tetrads—as well as other solar eclipses—fall on Jewish feast days.

Biltz wondered if such occurrences had happened in the past. He found six occasions in history that the lunar eclipse tetrads have coincided with Jewish feast days. Cross-

referencing these dates with Jewish historical events, Biltz claimed the following connections between these tetrads and significant events in Jewish history:

*Nov. 1, 1478 AD – July 15, 1834 AD – The Spanish Crown, in conjunction with the Papacy, imposed the Spanish Inquisition[2], expelling Jews from Spain if they would not convert to Catholicism.*

*A tetrad occurred April 2 & September 25, 1493 AD – March 22 & September 15, 1494 AD.*

*May 15, 1948 AD – March 10, 1949 AD– Israel gained recognition from the U.N. (Dec. 1948) and won the War of Independence.*

*A tetrad occurred April 13 & October 7, 1949 AD – April 2 & September 25, 1950 AD.*

*June 5 – 10, 1967 AD – Israel fought and won the Six-Day War[3], regaining Jerusalem, the capitol of ancient Israel.*

*A tetrad occurred April 24 & October 18, 1967 AD – April 13 & October 6, 1968 AD.*



Biltz and John Hagee suggest that because (according to this model) significant events in Jewish history have transpired around the time of Blood Moon tetrads, the upcoming Blood Moon tetrad of 2014 and 2015 will herald significant events related to biblical prophecy, citing that these eclipses are fulfilling the sun, moon, and star signs in the Bible.

The question is how does this theory bear up against biblical scrutiny and common sense? The answer is: Not very good.

And the following are just a few reasons why.

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The first thing we need to critique is whether what is being described by Biltz and Hagee is the same thing as what the Bible describes. The Bible speaks of the so-called sun, moon, and star signs several times.

Here is an example from Revelation 6:12-13:

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; 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.

Also, from Matthew 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:



Examining the full texts about this event show that in addition to the sun and the moon going dark, the stars also go dark.

The Bible describes this sign as a global darkness that covers the whole planet. Whatever this is, it will not simply make the sun and moon go dark, but also the stars in the sky. This is obviously something more than an eclipse. If I were to guess, it would have to be something in the atmosphere that blocks out the entire sky altogether, or it could be a supernatural event that causes this universal darkness.

The only way that Biltz and Hagee seem to get around this is by quoting Joel 2:31 most often, because in that verse only the sun and moon are mentioned. However, if you look 21 verses before this you will see that Joel also intended his readers to know that the stars would go dim as a result of this event as well. Joel 2:10 says

The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining

It is also made crystal clear by God in Ezekiel 32:7-8 that universal darkness is what is meant here. It says:

And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

So, unless Biltz and Hagee want to try to explain how these eclipses will make all the stars and every other light in the sky dark at the same time, then they should admit that what they're talking about is not the same thing as what the Bible is predicting.

We also see from the other mentions of this event that it includes an earthquake. And as we've seen, John called it "a great earthquake." Joel said, "the earth shall quake before them." This is the same problem. This great earthquake is an integral part of the so-called sun, moon, and star sign. There is nothing about an eclipse, even four of them, that would cause an earthquake.

In addition, it should be obvious to anyone reading the verses that we have quoted that these events occur simultaneously—on the same day and at the same time—and it's literally impossible for a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse to occur simultaneously. All you have to do is look at why and how these eclipses occur and you'll see that that is not a possibility.

So, this theory in no way fulfills the biblical sun, moon, and star sign, but perhaps it's just a means of God to warn Israel of coming events. In other words, perhaps because (according to Biltz and Hagee) the last time these tetrads occurred near Jewish holidays significant things happened to Israel, perhaps significant things will happen again in 2014-15.

So, we are setting aside the idea that this has Biblical significance and looking only to see if we should expect this tetrad to be a warning to Israel of some kind, even though it's not about prophecy.

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## THE FIRST POINT

When reviewing the historical accuracy of Biltz's claim that Jewish history seems to converge with lunar eclipse tetrads that fall on Jewish feast days, we find that it's not very accurate at all.

So, the first thing that we need to do is examine Hagee and Biltz's assertion that these tetrads actually lined up with significant events at all. So often we simply take for granted that this is true, and as we will see, that would be a huge mistake.

Did you know that there were actually two other tetrad events that fell on Jewish holidays that Biltz found in the NASA computers? Well, he did, but he doesn't like to say much about those because, even according to him, nothing significant happened on those two occasions.

Right there, that should give us pause.

Okay, so, how do we know that this upcoming tetrad in 2014 -15 won't be another dud like the other two that they don't like to mention? Based on these numbers, so far almost half—almost 50%—of these tetrads on Jewish Holidays don't mean a thing, even by their own admission!

Another point is that the dates of the historical events for which these tetrads supposedly correlate do not seem to correlate very well at all to the dates of the tetrads themselves.

For example, the Spanish inquisition actually started some 15 years before the 1493 -94 tetrad, and ended roughly 350 years later.

### 1493 - 1494 Jewish Holiday Eclipse Schedule

				
01 Aug 1492 Spanish Inquisition	02 Apr 1493 Jewish Passover	25 Sep 1493 Feast of Tabernacle	22 Mar 1494 Jewish Passover	15 Sep 1494 Feast of Tabernacle

They try to give this some credibility by saying that what the tetrad is really connected with is the so-called Alhambra Decree issued on the 31st of March, 1492, which officially expelled the Jews from Spain; but even then, the first eclipse didn't occur until over a year later, and the last eclipse over two years later. So, unless you call being off by a year God's way of predicting something, then this isn't a match.

The next so called match is supposed to be when Israel declared its independence in 1948, and won the War for Independence the same year. The dates of the 1949 -1950 tetrad, again, did not occur until over a year later, and didn't fall on any of the dates of Israel's victories, or on the day that the U.N. recognized them as a state, or any other significant date. Trust me, if there was any significance to the actual dates of these tetrads, you would have heard about it; but the best they can do is, as we will see in the next one, coming within ten months of an event.

So the last one they say occurred in conjunction with the Six-Day War, but in reality it didn't start until ten months after the war ended. And the last eclipse didn't occur until a full year after that.

Again, these three obvious non-matches look even worse when you consider that they have already thrown two sets of historical tetrads in the trash, because they couldn't find any historical events to match them with. So, these three represent the best of the best, and that is pretty sad.

So, within two years is close enough for them. And nowadays, apparently, close counts not just with horseshoes and hand grenades, but also Blood Moon theories.

If Biltz and Hagee are really suggesting that God uses these tetrads as a means of communicating to Israel about coming events, where were the warnings about the far greater and far worse events the Jewish people have faced?

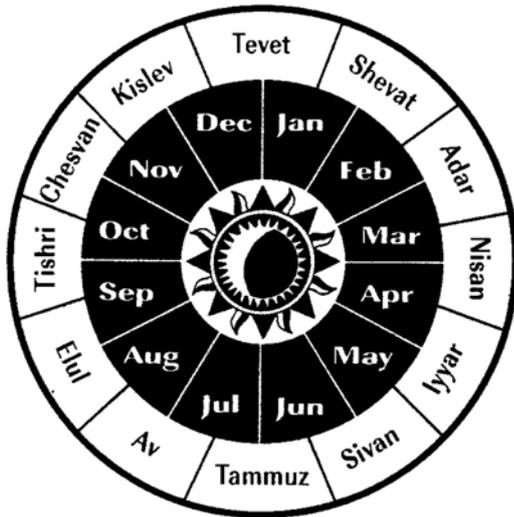
Why didn't God warn them about the Holocaust or 70 AD, or the expulsion from Rome, or the following persecution? What's more interesting to me is what you have to leave out in order to believe this theory. Why did God pick the Spanish Inquisition to warn them about and nothing else? And if this was a warning, why did it come a year too late for anyone to do anything about it?

Furthermore, why are some of the tetrads denoting good events, while others bad events? The Spanish Inquisition right next to the victory of the Six-Day War? There seems to be no rhyme or reason to it.

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## THE NEXT POINT

Israel uses a lunar calendar, and they base their feast days upon the phases of the moon. Logic would dictate that because of this fact alone, lunar eclipses will fall on Jewish feast days with some regularity.



In an article published by *Answers in Genesis* regarding Biltz's Blood Moon Theory, they commented on the rarity of total lunar eclipses falling on Passover and Sukkot in this way:

"No, it's really not that unusual. Remember, a lunar eclipse happens only at full moon. We don't follow a strictly lunar calendar today, but most ancient people, including the Hebrews, did. Their months began with the first appearance of the crescent of the new moon, which is a day or so after our modern definition of a new moon (when the moon and sun are in longitudinal conjunction). Reckoning from this point, fourteen days later, or the fifteenth of the month, always coincides with full moon."

The article then discusses the frequency in which lunar eclipses fell on Passover and Sukkot, the same feast days as in the Blood Moon theory. They start off here by mentioning that so far in the 20th century this has happened 37 times:

"...we can say that all 37 of these lunar eclipses coincided with Passover or Sukkot. This is about one-sixth (37/230) of the twentieth-century lunar eclipses, which is what we would expect because Passover and Sukkot happen in two of the 12 months. The relatively high frequency is a result of definition of the fifteenth day of the month on a lunar calendar. Therefore, again, the coincidence of lunar eclipses with these two observances is more common than Biltz realizes."

So, do you understand what they're saying?

They're saying that lunar eclipses are so common on these particular Jewish holidays that it's occurred 37 times just in the 20th century. They are so common that Biltz and Hagee have had to essentially say, "Okay, yeah, eclipses on these Jewish holidays do happen all the time, but how about two eclipses within two years of one another? Oh, that's common, too. Well, how about four eclipses within two years of each other? Oh, that's common, too. Well, how about we throw two of those away, and only look at the other three, and twist those a bit, and then we'll have something to write a book about?"

On the whole, the Blood Moon theory proposed by Mark Biltz and John Hagee falls short of the biblical standards required for the sun, moon, star, and earthquake sign that's supposed to herald the beginning of the Day of the Lord. It fails to demonstrate any real and lasting correlation with Israel's past, and it seems little more than fluff and hype.

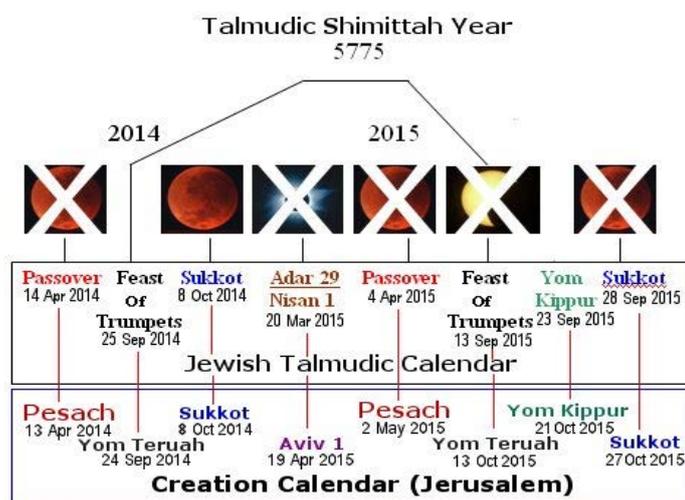
In conclusion, I actually agree that significant events are on the horizon for Israel, and even possibly of Biblical proportions, but to suggest that any significant events which might occur in the next couple years are in any way related to the tetrad eclipses of 2014-15 would be akin to me saying that my team won the Super Bowl because I wore my lucky Jersey.

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## LION AND LAMB MINISTRIES STATEMENT

In 2008 the pastor of a congregation in Tacoma, Washington, by the name of Mark Biltz, began to teach that the Second Coming of the Messiah might occur in the Fall of 2015. He based this prediction on the pattern of an astronomical phenomenon that he had discovered.



His speculation was picked up immediately by the Bible prophecy sensationalists who specialize in playing around with such matters. The result was that Pastor Biltz's theory became an Internet sensation.

The basis of his theory, and not his conclusion — has now been given legitimacy by the publication of Pastor John Hagee's book, *Four Blood Moons*.<sup>1</sup>

## RED FLAGS

But is Mark Biltz's theory really legitimate? The first red flag of caution that must be considered is the source of the theory. Mark Biltz is involved in what is called the Hebrew Roots Movement.<sup>2</sup> This is an anti-Christian, Judaizing movement. Its members have done everything they can to delegitimize the writings of the Apostle Paul. because of his teaching that the Law of Moses was invalidated by the Cross.<sup>3</sup>

The second red flag is that Biltz is involved in date setting. Both Matthew 24:36 and Matthew 25:13 state that we cannot know the day or hour of the Lord's return. With regard to the parable of the wise and foolish virgins contained in Matthew 25:1-13, Biltz dismisses Jesus' warning in verse 13 that no one can know the day or hour of His return.

He does this by arguing that it is directed at the foolish virgins, and not the wise ones.<sup>4</sup> Yet, there is nothing in the parable to substantiate this conclusion.

With regard to Jesus' similar statement in Matthew 24:36, Biltz tries to explain it away by saying it is a reference to the Feast of Trumpets because although there is a yearly date for this feast, no one knows for certain when it will actually begin because its beginning is dependent on the sighting of a new moon.<sup>5</sup> Again, there is no justification in the context of the this verse for such a bizarre interpretation.

A third red flag is the fact that there is no way the Second Coming could occur in the Fall of 2015 because there are too many prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Lord's return. To name a few:

- The Rapture of the Church must occur.
- The seven year period called the Tribulation must take place.
- The Jewish Temple must be rebuilt.
- The Antichrist must be revealed.
- A second Jewish holocaust must occur.

To his credit, John Hagee does not set a date for the Lord's return in his excellent new book, *Four Blood Moons*. Instead, he simply takes Biltz's discovery and argues that it is an omen of a major development that will take place — a development that will most likely have a significant impact on the Jewish people.

## RED MOONS

So, what is this omen that Biltz and Hagee have in mind and which they refer to as "the four blood moons"? A "blood moon" is the name that has often been assigned to a complete lunar eclipse, which occurs when the earth comes between the sun and the moon, putting the moon into a complete shadow. Such a moon often (but not always) appears to be red in color because of the way light bends around the earth's atmosphere, scattering short wavelength light (green through violet) and leaving longer wavelength light (red, orange and yellow). It's why sunsets and sunrises

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generally are red.<sup>6</sup>

Complete or total lunar eclipses are relatively rare. During the 20th Century, there was a total of 229 lunar eclipses of all types, but only 81 of these were total eclipses (completely obscuring the moon in the earth's shadow). The rest were partial eclipses. In this century there will be 228 lunar eclipses of all types and 85 total eclipses.<sup>7</sup>



What is rarer is what is called a "tetrad." This is a series of four total lunar eclipses in a row over a two year period of time. Since the time of Christ there have been a total of 87 tetrads, including the last one that occurred in 2003-2004. In this century, we are scheduled to experience 8 tetrads, the most that can occur in a century's time (some centuries have had none at all).<sup>8</sup>

Even rarer is a phenomenon that Mark Biltz discovered. Of the 87 tetrads that have occurred since the time of Christ, only 8 have fallen on Jewish feast days. Those eight occurred in the following years: 162-163, 795-796, 842-843, 860-861, 1428-1429, 1493-1494, 1949-1950 and 1967-1968.<sup>9</sup>

For an example of what is meant by a tetrad falling on Jewish feast days, consider the tetrad of 1967-1968.<sup>10</sup>

Passover, April 24, 1967 — Blood Moon

Feast of Tabernacles, October 18, 1967 — Blood Moon

(Total Solar Eclipse, November 2, 1967)

Passover, April 13, 1968 — Blood Moon

Feast of Tabernacles, October 6, 1968 — Blood Moon

Biltz and Hagee both make much of the fact that the last three tetrads that fell on Jewish feast days occurred at times when significant events were happening among the Jewish people:

1493-1494 — This tetrad followed the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

1949-1950 — This tetrad followed the re-establishment of the state of Israel in 1948.

1967-1968 — The beginning of this tetrad occurred right before the beginning of the Six Day war in 1967.

Notice that two of these tetrads followed the significant events. Only one (1967-1968) served as a partial precursor of the event. And notice that there was no significant event in Jewish history that was related to the first five tetrads that fell on Jewish feast days.

## A LEGITIMATE OMEN?

So, what about it? Is the tetrad of 2014-2015 the herald of some major event that will impact Israel in particular? It could well be.<sup>11</sup> The Bible makes it clear that God speaks through signs of nature, including signs in the heavens. The very first chapter of the Bible affirms this fact:

"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years...'" (Genesis 1:14).

As for blood moons, the Bible refers to them several times. Some of the references only imply a blood moon when they speak of the moon being "darkened" (Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, Joel 3:15, and Matthew 24:29). Others specifically mention a moon "turned to blood" (Joel 2:31 and Revelation 6:12).

But the one thing all these verses have in common is that all of them refer to the Second Coming of the Messiah, and since that cannot occur in 2015, the tetrad of 2014-2015 — if it has any prophetic significance — cannot be a sign that the Messiah is going to return to earth at that time. It must have some other biblical significance, if any at all — as John Hagee argues in his book.

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## A CAUTION

I think we should be very cautious about emphasizing things like the Jewish feast tetrads. Such "signs" usually end up as prophetic embarrassments. Consider the mania that occurred in 1982 over the "Jupiter Effect." This line up of the planets was supposed to cause giant earthquakes and tsunamis. The year came and passed with no such significant events. Since that time, we have had to deal with similar manias concerning the Hale-Bop Comet in 1997, the Y2K computer "crisis" of 2000, and the Mayan Calendar in 2012.

We should focus instead on the precise end time prophecies of the Bible that have been precisely fulfilled in our day and time — clearly indicating that we are living in the season of the Lord's return.

One other thing — the signs in the heavens mentioned in the Bible that will accompany the Lord's return may not be natural astronomical occurrences at all. Instead, they may prove to be supernatural in nature, provided by God to herald His Son's return.

## A RESPONSE FROM MARK BILTZ

When this article was released over the Internet, Pastor Mark Biltz wrote to me denying that he had ever set a date for the Lord's return. Yet the Internet is full of statements of his that clearly indicate his belief that the Lord could possibly return in 2015 at the time of the last blood moon in the 2014-2015 tetrad.<sup>12</sup>

One of those statements is in the form of a transcript of a television interview.<sup>13</sup> Another is a statement Mark posted on his website and then later removed.<sup>14</sup> And if he does not think the Lord's return on that date is a possibility, why has he tried to explain away the warnings that no one can know the date of the Lord's return?

Regarding his being anti-Christian, he states on the home page of his website that *"We do not want to convert Jews to Christianity or Christians to Judaism."*<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, the pastor of another Hebrew Roots congregation states on his website: *"Pastor Mark Biltz and I are both in agreement that the foolish virgins of Matthew 25*

*are ALL the Sunday churches."*<sup>16</sup> The same posting refers to the Apostle Paul as "the spouter of lies."

Pastor Biltz also denied that he believes the basic doctrines of the Hebrew Roots Movement, but if that is true, then why does he identify with the movement? Furthermore, he has an article on his website that strongly endorses the cornerstone belief of the movement — namely, that Sabbath worship is obligatory.<sup>17</sup> There is nothing wrong with Sabbath worship or celebration of the Jewish feasts or following the Jewish kosher laws, as long as a person does so voluntarily. But when someone begins to teach that these things are obligatory in order to please God, and when they condemn others who do not observe them, that constitutes Judaizing, and that is a serious error — so serious, in fact, that Paul calls it a false Gospel in his Galatian letter.

Pastor Biltz has since published a book titled *Blood Moons*. The sub-title of the book is most revealing: "Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs." This sub-title hints at a fact that is clearly revealed in the book itself — namely, Mark Biltz is deeply involved with Jewish mysticism, called Kabbalah. The Kabbalah Movement argues that the full message of the Bible is never on the surface. Rather, one must search below the surface text, using Kabbalah techniques, to find the true and full meaning. This, of course, is sheer nonsense. The only biblical requirement for understanding the depths of God's Word is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In his book, Biltz argues that one cannot understand the Bible without understanding Hebrew, and even that is not sufficient because every Hebrew letter stands for a word, a number and a picture. So in order to fully "decode" the Bible, one must understand the picture meaning of each Hebrew letter.<sup>20</sup> This is what he calls "the decoder ring" for understanding "what God is hiding."<sup>21</sup>

Biltz also states that his spiritual mentor, the man who "changed his life," is Moshe Braun.<sup>22</sup> This man happens to be an unregenerate Jewish Rabbi, yet this is the man to whom Biltz attributes his "spiritual insights."

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11) There is really little risk in predicting that something significant may happen to Israel in relation to the 2014-2015 blood moon tetrad. After all, significance has been given to events that happened a year before the tetrad (Spain's expulsion of the Jews in 1492 and the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948). And thus those who are enthusiastic about the Blood Moon Theory would surely not hesitate to give significance to an event that occurs one year after the tetrad. Since the tetrad itself consumes a time period of two years, this means that the prediction that something important will happen in Israel in relation to the 2014-2015 tetrad has a window of four years for its fulfillment!

12) Joe Kovacs, "Blood Moon Eclipses?" (cited above).

13) Alan Kurschner, "Answering Mark Biltz's 'Blood Moon 2014-2015' Date Setting Schema,"

[www.alankurschner.com/2013/08/12/answering-mark-biltz-blood-moon-2014-2015-date-setting-schema/](http://www.alankurschner.com/2013/08/12/answering-mark-biltz-blood-moon-2014-2015-date-setting-schema/).

14) It appears that after Mark Biltz appeared on the Prophecy in the News television broadcast in early 2008, he received a lot of flack for indicating that the Lord might return on the date of the last blood moon of 2015 (September 28). Also, people pointed out that the Tribulation, lasting 7 years, had to happen first. Biltz replied to these objections on his website by stating that there was room for the Tribulation, if it started in the Fall of 2008, because counting forward from that date would place the Lord's return in the Fall of 2015 at the end of the 2014- 2015 tetrad. When the Fall of 2008 passed without the Tribulation beginning, Biltz pulled the article from his website. See: Stuart Robbins, "Exposing Pseudo-Astronomy," [podcast.sjrdesign.net/shownotes\\_o85.php](http://podcast.sjrdesign.net/shownotes_o85.php). You can find the date-setting statement that Biltz removed from his website in an article titled, "MarkBiltz? [www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=37884&forum=36](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=37884&forum=36).

15) El Shaddai website: [www.elshaddaiministries.us](http://www.elshaddaiministries.us).

16) Last Trumpet Ministries website: [www.lasttrumpetministries.org](http://www.lasttrumpetministries.org).

17) El Shaddai website (cited above). Article about the Shabbat.

18) Geoffrey Grider, "The Hebrew Roots Cult Movement..." (cited above)

19) Mark Biltz, *Blood Moons: Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs* (New York, NY: WND Books, 2014).

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# SOLAR ECLIPSE

## FINAL VERDICT

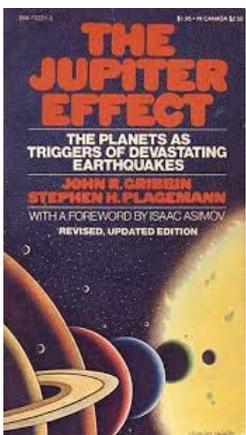
On the 19th of May, 1780 many people thought that the day of the Lord had arrived when the sky became pitch black during the day. The darkness was not due to an eclipse since the moon was then nearly full. It was not caused by clouds, nor due to the thickness of the atmosphere, as in some localities where the darkness extended, the sky was so clear that the stars could be seen.

The extent of the darkness was also very remarkable. It was observed at the most eastern regions of New England; westward, to the farthest part of Connecticut, and southward at Albany, it was observed all along the sea coast; and to the north, as far as the American settlements extended. It probably far exceeded those boundaries, but the exact limits were never positively known. With regard to its duration, it continued in the neighborhood of Boston for at least fourteen or fifteen hours."

Timothy Dwight says,

"The 19th of May, 1780, was a remarkable dark day. Candles were lighted in many houses; the birds were silent and disappeared, and the fowls retired to roost. ... A very general opinion prevailed, that the day of judgment was at hand." Quoted in Connecticut Historical Collections, compiled by John Warner Barber (2nd ed.; New Haven: Durrie & Peck and J.W. Barber, 1836) p. 403.

Other heavenly signs that have caused significant discussion and debate also include the planetary alignment phenomena of 1982.



*The Jupiter Effect* was a best-selling book by John Gribbin, Ph.D., and Stephen Plagemann (published. 1974) that predicted that this alignment of the planets of the solar system would create a number of catastrophes, including a great earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in Los Angeles, on March 10, 1982.

Many of you will also remember the Hale-Bopp Comet, one of the most publicized celestial bodies which in 1997 sparked a major tragedy in which 39 members of the Heaven's Gate, an American UFO religion doomsday cult based in

San Diego California, committed mass suicide in order to reach what they believed was an alien space craft following the Comet Hale-Bopp, which was then at its brightest.

On September 15, 2007, a meteorite impacted Earth near the village of Carancas, Peru, creating a 50-foot-wide crater. When local officials went to investigate, they saw boiling water bubbling at the bottom of the hole. Sickeningly foul-smelling, noxious gases rose out of it, striking the investigators ill on the spot. In the days after the impact, about 200 villagers came down with a mysterious illness, suffering nausea, headaches and vomiting. Later, tests of the impact site by scientists at Peru's Mining, Metallurgy, and Geology Institute showed that the locals had likely suffered mild arsenic poisoning.

In all three cases at the time, parallels were drawn with bible prophecy and the book of Revelation in which John in his vision saw a number of global cataclysmic events which involved astral projects impacting the earth causing significant calamity.

Whether the blood moon phenomena is pointing to a significant global event in history in 2015 only time will tell. It is best said that the key response here is balance. Whilst the four blood moon tetrads may not necessarily be the literal fulfilment of Revelation 6 and Joel's references to the day of the Lord and the moon becoming as blood, they nevertheless are what we call "types" and "shadows" of the coming literal and full fulfilment of the coming Day of the Lord.

Therefore we see Mark Biltz work as an important contribution to understanding the Jewish feasts and their links to this astronomical phenomena. We may not agree with all his assertions but there is no need to throw the baby out with the bath water. It is a healthy debate that on both sides recognizes that the coming of the Messiah is near and for the need to observe the signs in the heavens lest we be charged.

"And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation... The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9