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Passover
4/15/14



Sukkot
10/08/14



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3/20/2015



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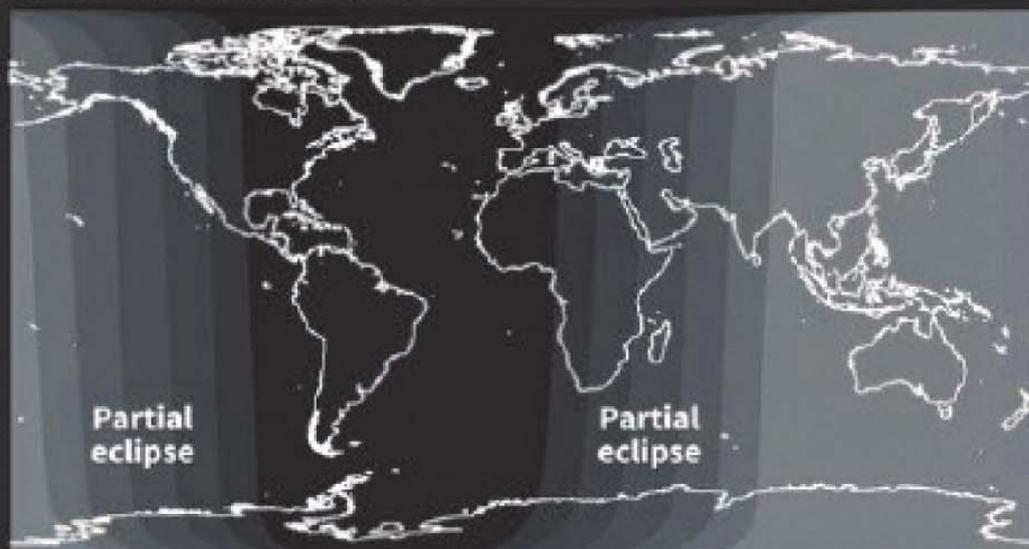


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Total eclipse of a 'Super Moon'

The Moon will pass into Earth's shadow on September 28

Where you can see it



How it will happen



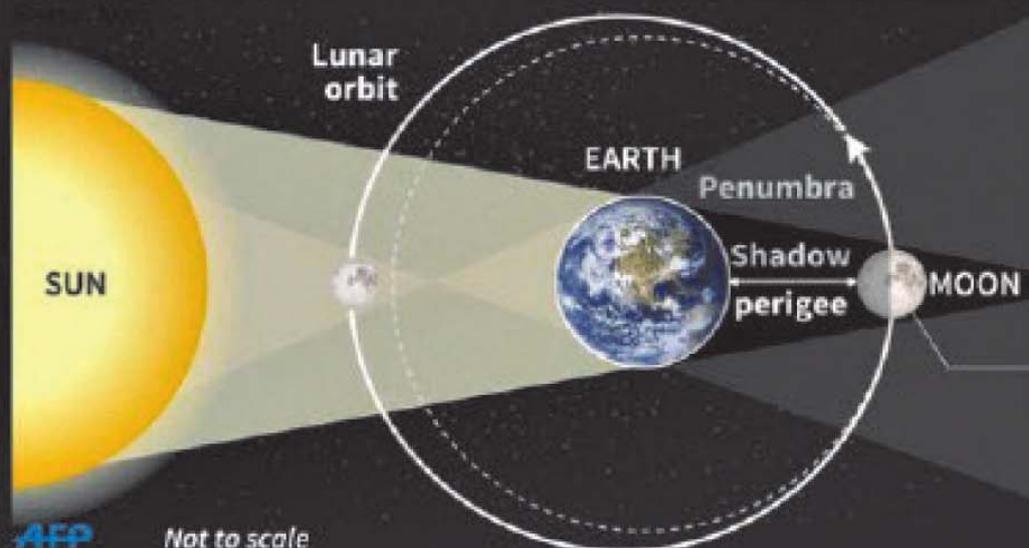
The Moon's direction
in the sky

GMT
September 28

- 0045 ① Enters the penumbra
- 0140 ② Starts to enter Earth's shadow
- 0215 ③ Start of total eclipse
- 0247 ④ Total eclipse
- 0323 ⑤ End of total eclipse
- 0400 ⑥ Comes out of shadow
- 0450 ⑦ Comes out of penumbra

'Super Moon':

Full and at its perigee
(its closest point to Earth)
it will appear brighter
and 14% larger



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Welcome to the Global Watch Weekly Report

Dear Global Watch Weekly Member

Thanks for being patient in waiting for this report to come out today Monday 28th September.

I know I am probably deemed to be a sad person (as in no life) because whilst the majority of the UK population slept last night at 3am I was up looking out of the window in fascination at witnessing the September 28th blood moon. I stayed up till 3am and then didn't go to bed till 5am. During this period of time I also contacted some of our research team in the USA and Canada to find out how the moon looked to them since it would obviously look different dependant on what time of day it was for an observer.

It was a phenomenal experience and rivals the experience I had in March with the total eclipse of the Sun. My fascination for this had nothing to do with theories about the blood moon and biblical prophecies. It was simply just a genuine desire to witness a major astronomical event which will not happen again for sometime. No I wasn't worshipping the moon as some over zealous people have mentioned, instead I was witnessing the incredible glory of God our creator.

Yes there is science behind how it happens but who is the author and finisher of the science behind the process? Surely it is my prerogative to give praise to the Almighty God where about him Colossians 1:16-17 states,

“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

I texted other people I knew in the UK and told them to look outside. I got back messages telling me to go to bed and who cares whether the moon looks different. What an incredibly naïve and non religious country I live in, I chuckled to myself. If America is the extreme for longing for things out of the ordinary then the UK is the other end of the spectrum.

Nearly 12 hours later and back down to earth the honeymoon period is over and its now a focus on the reality of the marriage. In this context it's the fact that if we have a fascination with the blood moon phenomena then we cannot divorce from it the name, Mark Biltz.

Its one of those situations where it's a love him or hate him scenario. Many of our members believe Mark Biltz is a false prophet who has seized upon an astronomical anomaly, coated it with scripture and then used it to create his brand as the world authority on the subject. Not to mention the millions of books he has sold on the subject.

Yet on the other hand are members who believe he is a man appointed by God who has identified an incredible pattern never previously mentioned by any other bible scholar. They believe this phenomenal secret treasure found by Biltz has nothing to do with Kabbalah or Jewish mysticism but everything to do with Daniel 12:4 and the revealing of knowledge for the end times.

In this edition of the Global Watch Weekly its back to the grind as we tackle this subject to draw out some much needed conclusions about what next, now that the 2014-2015 four blood moon tetrad is over.

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THE MAN BEHIND THE BLOOD MOONS



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, was then given legitimacy by the publication of Pastor John Hagee's book, *Four Blood Moons*.¹

RED FLAGS

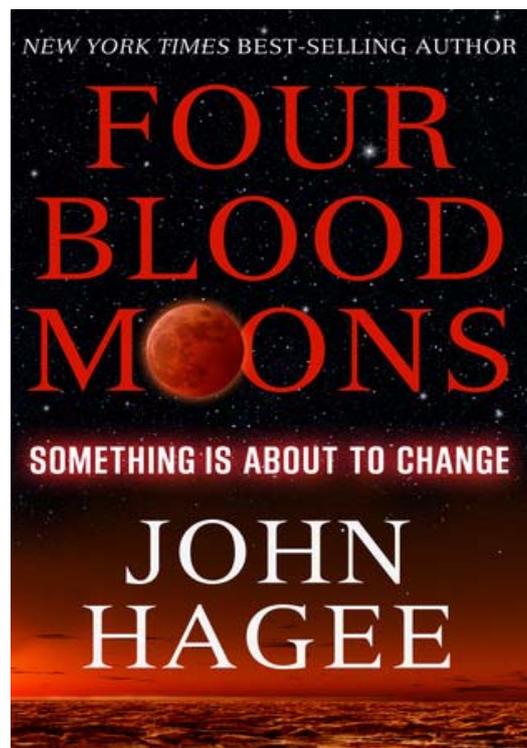
But is Mark Biltz's theory really legitimate? The first red flag of caution that must be considered is the source of the theory. Mark Biltz is involved in what is called the *Hebrew Roots Movement*. This is an anti-Christian, Judaizing movement.² Its members have done everything they can to delegitimize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

The second red flag is that Biltz was 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.⁴ 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.⁵ Again, there is no justification in the context of the this verse for such a bizarre interpretation.

To his credit, John Hagee does not set a date for the Lord's return in his 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 generally are red.⁶

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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.⁷

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).⁸



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 1967-1968.⁹

For an example of what is meant by a tetrad falling on Jewish feast days, consider the tetrad of 1967-1968.¹⁰

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.

Chris White, a YouTube video maker, claims to have exposed just how "out of time" the last Blood Moon events actually were with the events they supposedly coincided with. He said of the 1492/1493 tetrad: *"The Spanish Inquisition started in 1478 and ended 350 years later."*

He added: *"They have tried to give it credibility by saying it coincided with the ohambra decree being issued on March 31 1492, when they expelled the jews, but the first eclipse did not occur until over a year later and the last eclipse was two years later. Unless saying over a year out is God's prediction way, then this is not a match."*

He said the next eclipse was actually in 1949/50, and the closest eclipse to any significant event in the creation of Israel was 10 months after the Six -Day War ended. Mr White added that there were also two tetrads not close to any significant event that the pastors had "conveniently" left out.

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.¹¹ 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).

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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.

John Hagee argues that the blood moons are simply signs pointing to changes coming in relation to Israel’s position in the world rather than saying that the second coming of Christ will follow the final blood moon.

BILTZ RESPONSE TO ACCUSATIONS

Mark Biltz has written extensively 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.¹² One of those statements is in the form of a transcript of a television interview.¹³ Another is a statement Mark posted on his website and then later removed.¹⁴ 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 him 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.*”¹⁵ 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.*”¹⁶ The same posting refers to the Apostle Paul as “*the spouter of lies.*”

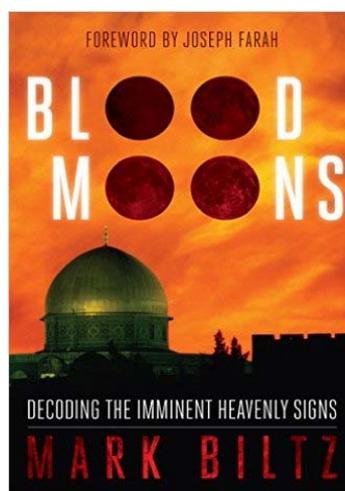
Pastor Biltz also denied that he believes the basic doctrines of the Hebrew Roots Movement, but if that is true, then why does he identify with the movement? Furthermore, he has an article on his website that strongly endorses the

cornerstone belief of the movement — namely, that Sabbath worship is obligatory.¹⁷ 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 says on his website that his goal is to make “*non-Christian followers of Jesus.*” As one of his critics put it, that’s like becoming a “vegetarian meat-eater.”¹⁸

Pastor Biltz has since published a book titled *Blood Moons*.¹⁹ 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.²⁰

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This is what he calls “the decoder ring” for understanding “what God is hiding.”²¹

Biltz also states that his spiritual mentor, the man who “changed his life,” is Moshe Braun.²² 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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7) NASA, “Index to Five Millennium Catalog of Lunar Eclipses (2000 BCE to 3000 CE),” eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat5/LEcatalog.html.

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10) Hagee, *Four Blood Moons*, page 210.

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-biltzs-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. 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.”

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WHICH SIDE OF THE FENCE DO YOU SIT?



Over the last 6 months many members have contacted us asking about our position on the blood moon. Do we believe in the teachings that the blood moons indicate something big is about to happen? Or do we believe that Mark Biltz is a false prophet who has generated this apocalyptic code theory to generate revenues from book sales?

THE BLOOD MOONS ARE A SIGN

Mankind has always been fascinated with the heavens: their beauties, their mysteries, their movements, and their surprises. Early on in man's history, after years of observation and record keeping, the learned discovered that—with certain exceptions—the movements of the heavenly bodies could be predicted, as could phenomena like eclipses, comets, and meteor showers. To them, what occurred on the dark canvas of space revealed creation's design, order, and perfection. As David wrote, "*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork*" (Psalm 19:1).

Despite the rational, scientific understanding of most celestial happenings, sudden changes in the normally placid, soothing nighttime sky can cause wonder and even panic. Comets, long thought to portend world-changing events, have been known to ignite terrors in superstitious people. Eclipses of the sun can spur the unenlightened to believe the end of the world has come, as can a "bloody" moon. From the earliest times, men and women perverted even the regular movements of heavenly bodies into astrology, and millions still consult their readings daily.

God warns, "*Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them*" (Jeremiah 10:2).

Yet, God Himself uses heavenly phenomena as signs of momentous events. Perhaps the most famous is the "Star of Bethlehem," which guided the wise men to their audience with the young King of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11). Though this "star" was most likely an angel standing as a beacon for the magi to follow, many have postulated "natural" explanations such as comets and supernovae. The Ninth Plague on Egypt (Exodus 10:21-23), Joshua's Long Day (Joshua 10:12-14), Hezekiah's Sundial (II Kings 20:8-11), and the darkness during Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 27:45) all involved aberrations of expected solar behavior. All signaled major movements in God's plan.



The sixth seal in the book of Revelation also involves heavenly bodies doing the unexpected: The sun darkens, the moon turns blood-red, the stars fall, and the sky itself rolls up like a scroll. Not only do these terrifying cosmic wonders signal the beginning of the Day of the Lord, but they, like the previous five seals, also serve as judgments against sinful mankind on planet Earth. Therefore Bible makes it very clear that our creator God Almighty has the whole of creation at his disposal to use for his glory and judgement.

In this way we believe the blood moon tetrads are also a sign because it has generated significant publicity which caused millions who never really studied the bible or understood the bible's position on the future, to become aware of the

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validity of Gods word that he would show signs in the heavens.

Whether there is merit to the fact that the blood moons which falls on Jewish feasts have previously been and will in the future be significant is difficult to digest because the first 5 tetrads which occurred after the time of Christ in 162-163, 795-796, 842-843, 860-861 and 1428-1429 resulted in no significant historical event(s) as far as Israel were concerned.

From a statistical perspective is it enough to build a theory on, that major events regarding the Jews happened close 3 tetrads in 1493-1494, 1949-1950 and 1967-1968.

Had something significant happened in the first 5 dates then there would be a much stronger case but to base a theory on the last 3 tetrads is like tossing a coin 10 times and because it comes up heads 7 times, one then builds a theory that tossing a coin will lead to more heads than tails when the reality the law of averages is that it is a 50:50 phenomena.

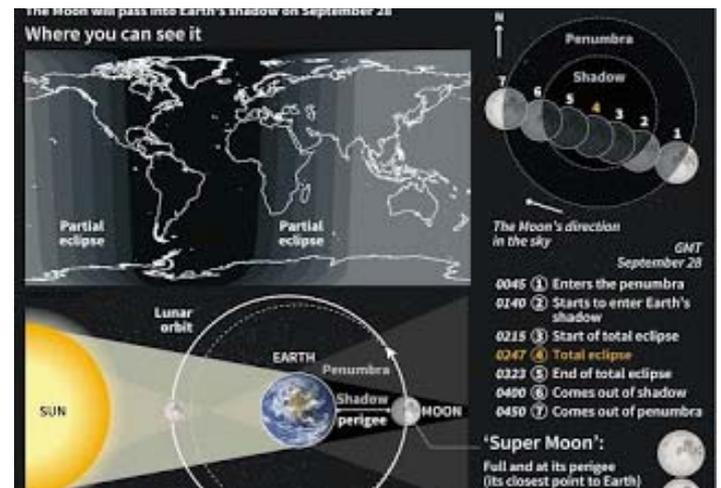
So maybe the blood moon phenomena is simply an astronomical phenomena and powerful witness of the majesty of Gods creation, and one in which because of its association with a red color and its ties with Revelation 6, serves as a reminder to people that we are very much living in the end of days.

You could in essence look at the blood moon phenomena as a TYPE, meaning it is not the very fulfillment of Revelation and Joel where it talks about the moon looking as blood to herald the Day of the Lord, but it has a powerful connection in that its like a mimic of the ultimate astronomical event which will take place in the future. The same way one can see Hitler or Mussolini as an Antichrist TYPE even though they are not the true fulfillment of the prophesied world dictator to come.

So that's how we see the whole blood moon debate. It raises the profile of bible prophecy and it gets people talking about the end times. After all Ladies and Gentleman, you do believe we are

living in the end times don't you.

SEPTEMBER 28TH GONE—WHAT NEXT



With the final blood moon of the 2014-2015 four blood moon tetrad now history what happens next? Are we now bracing ourselves for a major sign to befall Israel or have we already missed a sign in advance in the same way that Blitz reference to the 1493-1494 tetrad actually took place after the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492? Therefore there was nothing to look for after the tetrad took place because according to Biltz the actual major event happened in advance.

Some Christian believers look at the four blood moons phenomena as a portent for an apocalyptic end of time. An Internet search on Biltz, the spiritual leader of *El Shaddai Ministries* reveal similar doomsday statements attributed to him. And a huge amount of web space is spent on debunking any and all theories attached to blood moons.

Biltz told The Times of Israel he "100% does not think it's the end of the world."

He readily admitted, however that he "would be surprised if a major conflict didn't take place this year." As there's never any need to look very far for contemporary Jewish national strife, he noted the ongoing war with Hamas.

He can't be certain, but the blood moons may have something to do with "the horrible deal they just got with Iran," he said in regards to the nuclear deal with Iran denounced by the Israeli

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Israeli government as “dangerous capitulation.”

To promote peace, Biltz and other interfaith blood moon enthusiasts have called on prayer for Jerusalem during the blood moon lunar eclipses.

For instance such an endeavor was carried out by interfaith website *Root Source*, founded by Israeli Gidon Ariel and American Bob O'Dell, in Jerusalem's Western Wall during the March 20 full solar eclipse over the North Pole.

Biltz said in a Breaking Israel News interview that *“if a Jew from Israel calls for prayer for the entire world during the solar eclipse, then we Christians should return the favor and call for prayer for Israel, and the reading of Psalm 122, during the lunar eclipse.”*

While applauding their motives, the majority of Christians don't attribute these celestial events with signs. As one Christian in Israel put it, *“Personally, I don't give much credence to this blood moon craze. If it motivates them to pray for Israel, fine! But I don't need a blood moon to prompt me to pray for Israel, nor do I need it to know that we live in perilous times.”*

Interestingly, Biltz is very accepting of that reaction (*“some people think I'm the anti-Christ,”* he joked) and said he just wants people to *“put this in your own theological pipe and smoke it how you want.”*

“It's all about the journey, the discovery. I'm like a kid turning over rocks saying, ‘Look what I found here! Buried treasure!’” he said.

It is more important to Biltz that the world begin recognizing the rectitude of the “biblical calendar” — the calendar that dictates Jewish festivals and holidays.

He explained that the Islamic calendar, for instance, merely follows the moon; the Gregorian is based on the sun. But the biblical calendar uses the sun and moon.

This creates a situation in which Easter can be a month prior to Passover, or that “Jesus be resurrected before he's been crucified” — on the

assumption that the Last Supper was during the priestly Passover sacrifice in Jerusalem.

God, *“the master time keeper, wants us to be aware of his clock,”* said Biltz.

Whilst today is still September 28th and too early for us to see any post event statements from Biltz, its interesting to gauge how he was talking in the run up to this fourth and final blood moon.

Speaking just days ago in an interview with Erick Stakelback on CBNnews.com, Biltz insisted he meant the last Blood Moon would simply signal war between Iran and Israel...at some point...an event that could be long before God steps in.

He said: *“There will be major events for Israel. Iran is driving towards nuclear weapons. The US has done an agreement with Iran that is to guarantee war. I have no doubt when war begins in the Middle East. This time it will be a lesser war for a few weeks, but the wars in the Middle East will become more intense and start escalating...and it seems 2016 IS on the cards. The wars will become more intense and more often before the breakthrough stage which is beyond the ability of speech to express what is going to happen.”*

Pastor Hagee now appears so unconvinced anything immediate will follow Monday's Blood Moon “in an instant”, he has released another potential bestseller - *Three Heavens* - which explains the dark times we will be in for the rest of 2015 and into 2016 following the Blood Moon “signs.”

But he did offer another prediction if the nuclear agreement between Iran and the USA goes ahead.

He said: *“God is going to allow terrorists to attack us (USA). Things in the US will make 9-11 look pale. The day the US turns its back on Israel, is the day God turns his back on America. God uses the Sun, Moon and stars as signs. The question is are we listening?”*

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CONCLUSION

Do we think Mark Biltz is a false prophet? Is it too easy to go round labelling people as false prophets just because they have a system of understanding that is unorthodox? Is Hal Lindsay a false prophet for writing in his book *"The Late Great Planet Earth"* that communist Russia would invade Israel by 1982? Is Hal Lindsay a false prophet because he made a prediction that didn't come to pass?

Maybe we need to understand what a prophet is so that when we attach the "false" we are still using "prophet" in the right context.

In the old testament the prophets were people who had direct contact with God almighty. God spoke through his prophets who then passed on the will of God to the Kings of Israel who were to then move according to what the prophets had shared with them about will of God.

Therefore a prophet wasn't like the King or the people who worshipped God and saw his miracles and love and support for them. The prophets actually had divine revelation from God himself. What they said was simply 100% correct.

So in this basic context if someone says the Lord has told them so or revealed something to them and then it doesn't come to pass then there is no hiding the fact that the individual has spoken falsely because they have claimed secret knowledge which God never gave them in the first place.

However where someone has done research and believes they have found a pattern or where they have made a prediction or inference, then that clearly is different and it is important we understand the difference providing that the individual does not make any claim that this is a direct revelation from God.

So the question is did Mark Biltz ever claim that what he identified as a link between the blood moon phenomena and the feasts of Israel was a revelation from God or was it simply a man doing some research and coming across what he felt was an extraordinary pattern which was too much

to be called coincidence?

This is a question which probably requires a face to face with Biltz to fully understand his mindset. This would save trawling through the minefield of comments attributed to Biltz where some are downright incorrect and falsifications and others which need to have a proper contextual framework as its easy to make a judgement on a sentence without reading the whole paragraph or preceding sentences.

It is unlikely that we would get a face to face with him but we are certainly looking forward to his response on a letter we sent him recently addressing this very key point about revelation knowledge.

Until then what we would say is the following.

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 so this is another factor we need to take into the equation.

So the blood moon saga is over for now. But suppose a major event involving Israel happens this year. Would you attribute this to the blood moon? Now that's another chapter within itself.