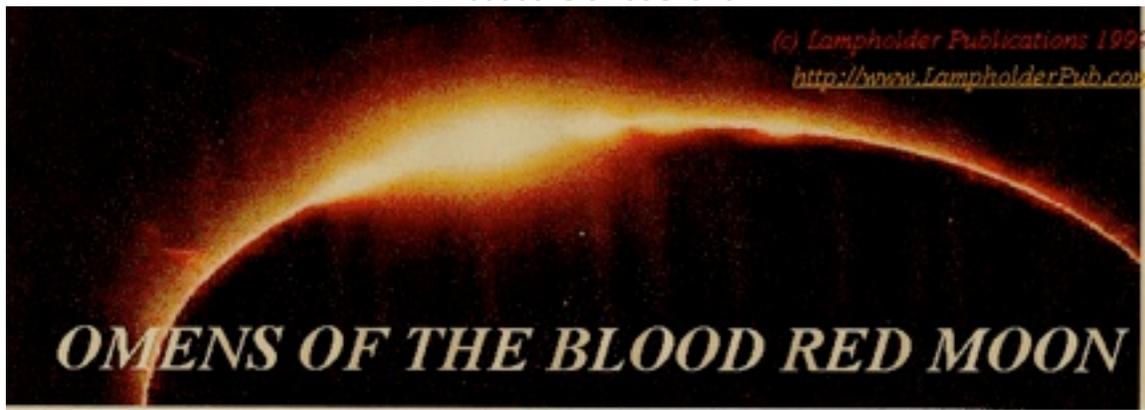


## ***SAGA OF THE BLOOD RED MOON***

***A Continuation of Lampholder Publications'  
Article Series on***



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## **Introduction**

### **Some Call It Folklore - Omens Of The Blood Red Moon**

“Why is the term Blood Moon being used to mean a full moon of a lunar tetrad? We can’t really tell you why more and more people are using the term Blood Moon to describe the four full moons of a lunar tetrad. We don’t know why, exactly.” [Earth Sky] (1)

Internet search engines offer an abundance of articles regarding the upcoming 2014 and 2015 lunar eclipses--so rather than repeating the interesting conclusions, refutations, and scientific data available this article will focus on the specifics of “ancient” astronomical prophesy in relation to historical and current events.

The term, “blood red” is a redundant phrase and the terminology intentional. The term was coined specifically to shed light on the subject of the significance between a blood moon and red being the omen - a perceived “prophetical” consequence of the eclipse event. Several areas of the blood red moon articles need further clarification, and the focus is on the difference between (1) ancient omens/folklore, (2) prophesy, (3) astronomical terms, and (4) blood red moon occurrences in correlation to major events in history:

- (1) an omen refers to a foreboding, an event of ominous proportions, (good or evil) of a **future day** bringing disaster, destruction, or other calamity, perhaps even war; they were often seen as a sign, and in the case of Earth changes including weather-related phenomenon, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. Omens were a forewarning usually preceding major solar and lunar eclipses, and sightings of comets/asteroids; [please note: to be of greatest importance only the full moon eclipse--blood red moon--and total solar eclipses were thought to be forewarnings];
- (2) ancient prophesy [The prophet, navi] or the roeh (to see, seer, a vision) most often aligns with astronomical events because God gave the heavens as a time-keeper for Earth and the observance of holy days. Red moon prophesy can be found in Biblical passages--in particular references to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ & the Day of The Lord;
- (3) in astronomy a blood red moon [again not an astronomical term--although not rare] is an astronomical event associated with the lunar eclipses most often appearing red;
- (4) Jewish, Muslim and Hindus follow a lunar calendar for holy days. Since a total lunar eclipse only occurs during a full moon the chances of a Jewish holy day, for instance, Passover [around the 15th Mar or Apr] or Sukkot [Sept or Oct], occurring on a day marked with a lunar eclipse is rather high.

## **In The Beginning - A Sign**

Thousands of years ago the same sun, moon and stars appeared to the people of old so the difference today is in scientific advances and “perception”--the way the heavens were viewed by early civilizations and how, if any, the luminaries affect the people of Earth; i.e., the moon’s gravitational influence affects the waters of Earth, the ebbing motion of the tide, and even the monthly menses cycles of a woman.

Early civilizations made many significant discoveries of the heavens merely by using naked-eye observations, but the sight of a normally luminous lunar face now darkened with an orangish-red glow resembling fire and blood brought with it confusion, prognostication and great superstitions. Ancient omens came from observations associated with the movements of the heavens, especially in witnessing solar/lunar eclipses and the appearance of comets streaking across the sky--all of which many early civilizations’ found very difficult to explain because the event occurred outside the realm of human understanding.

Imagine an ancient people gazing into the sky when suddenly the Earth’s shadow (called the penumbra or umbra) partially covers the moon or even more spectacular, when the Earth’s shadow completely covers the moon during a total lunar eclipse. The phenomenon, although not unusual, brought with it a strange combination of anxiety and awe, but nothing compared to the shock and ominous foreboding brought about by the witness of a blood red moon. It was a fearful sight for all who witnessed it.

A total eclipse of the Moon occurs when the Sun, Moon, and Earth align, and the Earth passes between the Sun and a “full Moon” casting the shadow of the Earth on the Moon (the full Moon must be directly opposite the Sun).

During a lunar eclipse, the moon appears to change into a variety of colors beginning with silver, gray, or a bluish tint before turning an obtuse hue of yellow-orange with a dark-reddish shade appearing as blood spilling forth. The dark, lunar shadow (umbra) gives the Moon its dark, reddish appearance, or “blood red moon.”

## **A sign colored in ominous overtones, dire consequences, famines, and pestilence, often through war**

In ancient history, people thought the eclipse to be a signal from the gods, an omen mostly of impending danger. Great armies often calculated how an eclipse might affect the outcome on the battlefield. Apian (1540) believed eclipses changed the course of empires when he wrote, “And it is certain that the Sun and the Moon are the most powerful causes of events...and eclipses by which, beyond doubt, the affairs of the world are changed.”(2)



In B.C.E. 172, he claimed an eclipse to be a sign angry gods would bring retribution, "Livy in the fourth book of the fifth decade wrote that Caius Sulpitius Gallus of Lucius Aemilius Paulus' army, when he conquered Perseus, the last king of Macedonia, in Samothrace, and led him captive

to Rome, predicted a future eclipse of the Moon, which threw terror into the soldiers...."(3) The Persian wars, Battle of Gaugamela [B.C. 331], Battle of Syracuse [B.C. 415-413], and another observed by Alexander the Great were partially influenced by the observation of eclipses.

### **For Signs and Seasons**

Numerous Biblical references indicate how God communicated to people on Earth through various "signs" in the heavens. In today's world, far too many Biblical students confuse ancient astronomical "signs" with astrology because of a lack of understanding the difference between the two.

For instance, in Genesis 1:14, the lights were created to separate day from night, and they were also to serve as "signs." In Hebrew, the word for a sign is *owth*, like a signal [sign], omen, flag for an appointed time. The Biblical signs, or forewarnings, indicated a type of alert marked by astronomical events similar to astronomical road signs to "mark" the seasons (Hebrew-*moadim*), days and years of significance both for the Jewish nation and the world [Gen 1:14].

A word of caution was given in the Book of Jeremiah, the prophet warned against Israel following after the omens of gentile nations and the enemies of God: "Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs [omens] of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them..." [KJV 10:2]

Celestial signs were often used as prophetic proof of God's creation, but also used for cylindrical lunar cycles of time marking holy days. The Jewish definition of the New Moon is not the same as the astronomical. For instance, in looking at the Hebrew calendar, Rosh Chodesh [Hebrew *רוֹשׁ חֹדֶשׁ*] occurs at the beginning of every month with the sighting of the New Moon crescent and the ending of the month occurs at the dark of the moon three days before the New Moon.

In efforts to understand the view of the ancient patriarchs and Biblical prophets, one must view the sun, moon, stars, planets and their movements as viewed thousands of years ago from their perspective similar to modern "traffic signals," today. Traffic signs display a symbol used to interpret upcoming road conditions and how a driver should proceed with caution. The signs, or road map for ancient people, was carved out in the heavens. Unlike the extensive changes implemented into the solar calendar, the Biblical patriarchs followed a lunar calendar cycle which has remained relatively unchanged to date.

### **Blood Red Moons, Judgment, & The Second Coming**

The ancient symbolism associated with a lunar eclipse can be both friend and foe, but only the total lunar and solar eclipse are prophetically important--especially for the nations where the eclipse is viewed. As previously indicated, a blood red moon was perceived as the act of shedding blood through violence, war, pestilence, desolation, natural disasters, and plagues such as the prophetic symbol of God's approaching judgment in the Book of Revelation. For instance, the prophet, Joel, depicts the **signs preceding the Second Coming of Christ and The Day of the Lord** when he writes, "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." (Joel 2:28-32)

The early Rabbis considered an eclipse of the Moon (Lavanah) as a "bad omen" for the nation of Israel (Sukkah 29a). The blood red moon symbolizing evil factions, the enemies of Israel, rising up against the nation through violent acts. (4) In a Biblical context, a blood red moon prophetically indicates a period of judgment (Isaiah 13:9-10; 24:23) upon the wicked, even more so if there is a solar eclipse because the gentiles follow a solar (Gregorian) calendar.

What makes the verses in Joel most important is the way an eclipse occurs interconnected with prophesy. It is a season of time preceded by the pouring out of the Spirit manifested through prophesy, prophetic dreams, and visions. The season portrays the "**end of the Gentile Ages.**"--a picture of judgment, Armageddon, the signs preceding The Day of The Lord and the Second Coming [see Lampholder Publication article on prophesy in Solomon's Temple and Dial of Ahaz]. If read in context, all of the scriptural references associated with the blood moon are connected to the Judgment of the Earth in the last days.

The references in Joel regarding blood, fire, and billows [or pillars] of smoke hypothetically could also represent an simultaneous earthquake/volcanic explosion resulting in huge amounts of ash thrown into the Earth's atmosphere, or a comet, meteor along with other (super)natural disasters. So the entire passage needs to be read in context because all references concur with the same conclusion:

Joel 2:28-32: And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before** the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

The prophet Joel repeats the warning in 3:15-16 regarding supernatural manifestations of God's judgment upon the world. The Apostle Paul prophetically unfolds the passages in Joel in the first chapters of Acts with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-21), and the eclipses in Acts 2:20 refer to a supernatural, simultaneous occurrence caused by a greater force, not a natural event.

The Apostle John described judgment upon the Earth at the End of the Ages. Revelation 6:14 reveals the description of a supernatural event in what appears to be "a great earthquake" affecting the entire planet, "every mountain and island were moved out of their places" (vs.14). The earthquake coincides with evidence of a simultaneous [not a naturally occurring event] with a total lunar and solar eclipse, "...the sun became black as sack-cloth of hair, and the moon became as blood" (vs.12). Again, in this description, Revelation may describe the affects of an enormous ash dispersion following an earthquake/volcanic eruption[s], or a different source of successive explosions blocking the light of the Sun and also the Moon. More importantly, the passages reveal The Day Of The Lord and a future time of judgment upon the entire Earth including "the stars of heaven," depicted in when "...heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together..."(vs.13-14).

Also in Matthew 24:29-30, the reference is on judgment, "after the tribulation," and then the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This passage depicts a global catastrophe

of epic proportions visible by all people on Earth--not in isolated localities as when viewing total eclipses.

### **A Tetrad of Lunar Eclipses, Blood Red Moons & The Hunter's Moon**

Most people associate the blood moon with a Hunter's moon, sanguine moon, or the Harvest moon because it is the first full moon following the Harvest moon (full moon nearest to autumnal equinox] occurring in the months of September and October. A full year can pass without a lunar eclipse, but the total number of lunar eclipses in any one year can never exceed two.

During the Harvest moon farmers harvested their crops by night and the Hunter's moon offered light to hunt food. The Hunter's blood moon is not the same as the blood red moon during a lunar eclipse.



According to Earth Sky, the definition of a lunar tetrad is, “four successive total lunar eclipses, with no partial eclipses in between, each of which is separated from the other by six lunar months (six full moons).” (6)

(NASA)

Most astronomers discount any nonscientific association to Blood Moons, and Earth Sky gives another explanation regarding the upcoming tetrad:

There's no obvious reason why Blood Moon should be associated with this term [blood moon]...The term Blood Moon in Biblical prophecy appears to have been popularized by two Christian pastors, Mark Blitz and John Hagee. They use the term Blood Moon to apply to the full moons of the upcoming tetrad...in 2014 and 2015. (7)

In addition, Earth Sky also revealed astronomers, “...will not be using the term Blood Moon to describe these four upcoming lunar eclipses.” (8)

### **Why the upcoming lunar eclipses may be prophetic but not prophecy?**

Since the references in Joel , Matthew, [Luke 21:25](#), Acts, and Revelation are tied to the judgment of nations and not a general reference to naturally occurring lunar eclipses, what could be the significance of the upcoming lunar eclipses during Jewish Holy Days?

A 2008 you-tube video of [Prophecy in the News with J.R. Church](#) featured a guest named Pastor Mark Biltz of El Shaddai Ministries outside of Tacoma, Washington. In the program references were made to upcoming lunar tetrad dates and the possibility of the year 2008 as the beginning of the tribulation lasting 7 years, then culminating with the blood red moons in 2014 and 2015.

In the past, what lunar eclipses came before or after a major event in the world, but more specifically in the context of this article, Israeli history? After watching the

program, certain dates were given in association with historical events so the following research may give insight into major world wide happenings.

The following dates specifically in Jewish history [abbreviated list] contain some of the dates indicating important events surrounding the nation of Israel in connection with the occurrences of lunar tetrads--but also please note the dates 1933 through 1945, a period of 12 years--during one of the greatest persecutions of the Israeli people no lunar tetrad eclipses occurred.

- 1290: King Edward I expelled all Jews from England (9)  
**(no total lunar eclipse in 1290)**--but the Spanish Inquisition [began in 1498](#) and ended in the [early 1800's](#). Actually, [October 17, 1483](#), is a more precise time-frame credited to [Pope Sixtus IV](#) as the one who first established the [Spanish Inquisition](#) .
- 1492: 31 March, Edict of Expulsion--Jews and Muslims must convert to Catholicism or be expelled from Spain by 31 July 1492;  
**[no total lunar eclipses in 1492]**
- 1492: 12 October, Columbus discovered America  
**[no total lunar eclipse in 1492]**
- 1493: 2 Apr, Tetrad of 4 Blood Red Moons occurred on Passover & Sept 25, Sukkot **[not a prophetic forewarning because the event occurred after the 1290 expulsion of the Jews & Columbus discovery of America]**
- 1494: 22 March (Passover)  
1494: 15 Sept, Sukkot
- 1657: Jews were permitted to return to England (10)
- 1933-1945 Hitler's Reign (12 years) [including dates for World War II]  
Passover dates between 1933-1945:  
Apr 11, 1933, Mar 31, 1934, Apr 18, 1935, Mar 27, 1937, Apr 16 1938,  
Apr 4, 1939, Apr 23, 1940, Apr 12, 1941, Apr 2, 1942, Apr 20, 1943,  
Apr 8, 1944, Mar 29, 1945  
**[no tetrad lunar eclipses between 1933-1945]**
- 1947: UN implementation plans for Israeli nation (11)
- 1948: 14 May, Israel became nation upon the termination of the British Mandate (12)
- 1948: 15 May, Arab armies invade fight Israeli army followed by several wars  
**(no total lunar eclipse in 1948)**  
The War of Independence — 1948, Passover, April 13, 1949 , Sukkot, Oct 7, 1949, Passover, April 2, 1950, Sukkot, Sept. 26, 1950  
**[not a prophetic forewarning because Lunar tetrads occurred 1 year later]**
- 1949: 13 Apr (Passover 14 Apr - began at sundown on 13 Apr); blood red moon 7 Oct (Feast of Tabernacles); blood red moon 6-7 Oct

- 1950: 2 Apr (Passover began at sundown 1 Apr/Pesach generally lasts for 8 days); blood red moon  
26 Sept (Feast of Tabernacles); blood red moon  
1967: 24 Apr (Passover 25 Apr begins at sundown on 24 Apr); blood red moon  
1967: 5-10 June aka Six Day War, June War, Arab-Israeli War, Third Arab-Israeli War (8) [**1 blood moon before & 3 blood moons after**]  
1967: 18 Oct (blood red moon) Sukkot  
1968: 13 Apr (Passover began at sundown 12 Apr); blood red moon  
1968: 6 Oct (Feast of Tabernacles; blood red moon)

#### Solar eclipses in Jewish History:

- 1491: 8 May (annular solar eclipse an omen for the Gentiles not the Jews)  
1491: 2 Nov (total solar eclipse an omen for the Gentiles not the Jews)  
1491: 2 Nov - total eclipse  
1492: 26 Apr (annular solar eclipse an omen for the Gentiles)  
1492: 21 Oct (annular solar eclipse an omen for the Gentiles)  
1493: 16 Apr (total solar eclipse)  
1493: 10 Oct (partial solar eclipse)  
1493: 2 April (Passover)  
1493: 25 Sept (Feast of Tabernacles)  
1494: 7 Mar (total solar eclipse)  
1494: 22 March (Passover)  
1494: 30 Aug (partial solar eclipse)  
1494: 15 Sept (Feast of Tabernacles)

NOTE: The lunar eclipses in 1493 came after-the-fact which cannot be correlated to prophetic forewarnings--remember, in this context, prophesy is a forewarning of a future event. Again, note the dates 1933 through 1945, a period of 12 years--during one of the greatest persecutions of the Israeli people--no lunar tetrad eclipses occurred.

#### Birth of Jesus Christ

No Tetrad Blood Red Moons During The Most Important Period of Christian History. If we approximate the time period for the birth of Jesus Christ (B.C.E. 100 to 1) **no groupings of 4 (tetrad) blood red moons occurred during this time period**, and even more importantly **no tetrad blood red moons occurred during the 1st Century (between 1 and 100 A.D.)**--a very important factor considering the Birth of Jesus Christ [B.C.E. 7-2] might be heralded with a lunar eclipse--none were recorded. Why? Because the prophetic blood red moons, a future, supernatural event is to occur at the end of the ages, associated with the Second Coming and Day of The Lord.

Remember, solar eclipses were omens to the gentile nations of judgment and did the countdown begin in the account of Matthew [27:45], Mark [15:33], and Luke [23:44-45] when a great solar [omen to the Gentiles] eclipse occurred at the crucifixion during the reign of Pontius Pilate [A.D. 26-36/37 replaced by Marcellus]. A solar eclipse must be aligned with a new moon [chodesh], but Passover only occurs with a full moon. There were 9 total solar eclipses during the reign of Pontius Pilate.

If Jesus Christ's crucifixion was a natural event coinciding with the miraculous (3 hours of darkness), it may have occurred on one of the following [eclipse dates](#):

26 Aug 1 A.D.  
27 July 22  
28 Jul 10  
29 Nov 24  
30 Nov 14  
31 Nov 3  
**33 Mar 19**  
34 Mar 9  
37 July 1

In the 1st Century, during the persecution of Christians, there were 58 total solar eclipses and 5 in the years 18 and 83, but no lunar tetrads occurred in this Century. In fact, between the years 66 to 70 A.D. [during the Jewish resistance, Roman oppression and destruction of the Temple]--no lunar tetrads occurred at all.

In the 2nd Century--239 lunar eclipses with 2 lunar tetrads occurring between 101 and 200. Lunar tetrads occurred on Passover and Sukkot in 162 to 163 A.D. In the 3rd Century [201 to 300]--228 lunar eclipses with 6 lunar tetrads; in the 4th Century--227 lunar eclipses with 4 blood red moon tetrads; in the 5th Century--244 lunar eclipses with 3 lunar tetrads; and then jumping to the 15th Century when Columbus discovered America--228 lunar eclipses with 4 tetrad blood red moons. In the 20th Century there were 5 blood red moons between 1901 to 2000. The last occurred in 1985 to 1986.

In the 21st Century, a lunar tetrad occurred beginning in May 16, 2003 (Passover April 17), November 09, 2003, May 4, 2004 (Passover April 6), and October 28, 2004. The last lunar tetrad of the Century occurs in the upcoming 2014/2015 time frame coinciding with a conjunction of the Moon/Mars, and Mars, Earth and Sun alignment [Apr 8] in opposition. After those dates another lunar tetrad will not occur until 2032/2033; 2043-2044; 2050-2051, etc.--all possible blood red moons.

If a tetrad lunar eclipse foretells future events (not after-the-fact), the eclipse must (1) be a total eclipse, blood red moon; and (2) occur just prior to or near the date of an event. If the above indications appear important, then the tetrad in 1985/1986 and 2003/2004 should have revealed important historical events and also because of the solar eclipses occurring during the same time period.

So here is the test: What major, historical events occurred regarding the Jewish people during the above time-frame? (Note: solar eclipses = omens to the gentile nations, lunar eclipses = omens to Israel, Muslims, etc. who follow a lunar calendar).

The celebration of Passover (March or April occurs within a day or two of the 15th of the month) and Sukkot (September or October) occur during a full moon.

1967: 24 April (Nisan 14)  
18 Oct (Trishri 14)  
1968: 13 Apr (Nisan 15-Passover)  
6 Oct (Trishri 14)  
24 Apr (Nisan 15-Passover)  
17 Oct (Tishri 14)  
4 Apr (Nisan 15-Passover)  
27 Sept (Tishri 14)

In 1985 and 1986, a lunar tetrad occurred during Passover and Sukkot.

Lunar tetrads:

1985: 5/6 Apr (Passover at sundown on 5th), lunar eclipse 4 May  
1985: 30 Sept (Tabernacles/Sukkot, at sundown 29 Sept), lunar eclipse 28 Oct  
1986: 23/24 Apr (at sundown on 23rd), lunar eclipse 24 Apr  
1986: 18 Oct (Tabernacles/Sukkot at sundown 17 Oct), lunar eclipse 17 Oct

In 1985, Passover was on Apr 5/6 (at sundown on 5th) and in 1986 Passover was on Apr 23/24 (at sundown on 23rd). Tabernacles [Sukkot] occurred on Sept 30, 1985 and Oct 18, 1986. There was a tetrad lunar eclipse on May 4, 1985, Oct 28, 1985, Apr 24, 1986, and Oct 17, 1986. This tetrad included a total solar eclipse Nov 12, 1985, and Oct 6, 1986.

Of interest, is a two-hybrid solar eclipse event that occurred in the 20th Century in less than one year. The first eclipse was Oct 3, 1986 and the second March 29, 1987. A major important event, including the lunar tetrad, was a total solar eclipse on Nov. 12, 1985. [An interesting possible error occurs on the NASA eclipse web site indicating a total solar eclipse occurred on [March 11, 1985](#) but there was none recorded. A total solar eclipse actually occurred on [Nov 12, 1985](#).]

An investigative research test: What major historical events occurred in [1985](#) and [1986](#) in conjunction with the lunar tetrad eclipses?

In the 21st Century [2001 to 2100], there will be 230 lunar eclipses including the following lunar tetrad in 2014 and 2015, Jewish Holy Days coincide with a total lunar eclipse and blood moon. (14)

## **2014 - 2015 Lunar & Solar Eclipses:**

### **2014**

- 15 April 1st Day of Passover, total lunar eclipse, blood red moon (only observed in Australia, the Pacific, and America)  
9 Sept (Harvest Moon)  
23 Sept (Autumn Equinox)  
8 Oct Sukkot, Feast of Tabernacles  
(Total Lunar Eclipse, Hunter's Blood Red Moon; observed in Asia, Australia, the Pacific, and America)  
Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles

### **2015**

- 20 Mar (Total Solar Eclipse, Adar 29 Nisan 1, 1st Day of Jewish New Year)  
4 April (Total Lunar Eclipse, Passover; visible in Asia, Australia, the Pacific, and America)  
9 Sept (Harvest Moon)  
23 Sept Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement  
(Autumn Equinox) Total Lunar Eclipse visible in the Pacific, America, Europe, Africa and Asia  
28 Sept Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles  
(Total Lunar Eclipse, Harvest blood red moon)  
27 Oct (Total Lunar Eclipse, Hunter's blood red moon)

## **Total Solar Eclipses:**

### **2015**

- 20 March Adar 29/Nisan 1 (1st Day of Jewish New Year)  
[the next total solar eclipse will not occur until 9 Mar 2016]

## **Conclusion**

Although, they cannot be fully credited with the introduction of blood red moons in prophesy, both Mark Biltz and John Hagee have done a tremendous amount of research. They should be commended for their efforts in bringing the subject of lunar tetrads in conjunction with the upcoming Jewish holy days into the forefront. This article is not intended to be a critical effort but an objective overview of both historical references to eclipses in correlation to prophetic Biblical events.

In reviewing Biblical references to blood red moons, all verses refer to the Second Coming of the Messiah and the Judgment of the Earth. In Joel 2 & 3, blood moons precede the second coming of the Lord and also the day of the Lord. A deeper study in the subject of eschatology may be necessary, especially if one holds a pre-tribulation rapture viewpoint, because according to this theory, the Second Coming cannot occur before the rapture and the 7 year tribulation.

The Bible indicates the moon turning to blood, or becoming as blood, three times, in Joel 2:31, Acts 2:20, and Rev. 6:12. They all refer to the same event, which is a great earthquake accompanying the opening of the 6th Seal (Rev. 6:12-17).

Revelation 6:12-17 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, And the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Joel 2:28-32 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and Lavanah (Moon) to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. [The Joel passage is also quoted in Acts 2:17-21.]

The rare occurrence of the blood red moon tetrad falling on consecutive Jewish holy days undoubtedly will usher in a flood-gate of end-of-days speculation, but the event alone is not necessarily an indication the prophetic Second Coming of the Messiah would occur in either 2014 or 2015--Biblical scholars seem to agree on this point.

The rarity of the upcoming lunar tetrads may indeed contain a heavenly "sign" regarding the future of Earth--but the historical perspective must be maintained. If every instance of the blood red moon tetrad were associated with major historical events, then why the 12-year lapse during the horrific persecution, and near annihilation, of the Jewish people during Hitler's reign? Why no lunar tetrad occurrence during the birth and death of Jesus Christ? Why no lunar tetrad during the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D., and many other historical events connected to the Jewish people?

### **Where is the Omen?**

In contrast, tragic, at times "out-of-control," world events are rapidly escalating so the upcoming lunar eclipses may, in fact, coincide with unusual, maybe even frightening, rumblings for Earth and its inhabitants. Wisdom can be found in discerning, not totally comprehending, how prophetic events are rapidly unfolding today. Therefore, the emphasis should not be on specific "dates" but on "seasons" of time? This lunar event occurs during the historic period marking the end of an ancient calendar system known as the "age of the Gentiles." Many unusually tense situations will evolve, and if the omen surrounding the lunar tetrads were discerned, and if the prophecy [the omen] proves true, disturbing events will unfold in the near future--but be alert, whatever events soon follow [whether it be weather, earthquake, volcano, violence, or human-incitement], it will be a sudden, unexpected spark that lights the fire....

Wisdom, even to the unbelieving. A sign manifested in creation? A forewarning, not to “*mind earthly things,*” but to consider “*...our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself*” [Phil 3:19-21 KJV].

Therefore, you must draw wise conclusions using discernment in this Season of Time; but remember, the moon, or lunar tetrads, didn’t “cause” something to happen, but perhaps, the Earth received an astronomical forewarning coinciding with something happening.

In closing, Jesus was tempted by the Pharisees and Sadducees who asked a sign from the heavens. Jesus answered, *When it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jo’nas.* [Matthew 16:1-4]

...and what is “the signs of the times?” Look to the symbolism in “the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?” [Matthew 16:10]

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## Other General Reference

Many thanks to the great research material available on the NASA.gov web site where avid researchers will find an abundance of material available regarding lunar and solar eclipses.

Lampholder Publications first wrote about the “blood red moon” in a series of article in 1999 and 2003. The first part of the series on Omens of The Blood Red Moon presented an overview of the ancient civilizations’ view of blood moons and how blood moon occurrences corresponded to significant events in history. One article in-brief can be found at [www.LampholderPub.com](http://www.LampholderPub.com).

## Astronomical Views of Blood Moons

Earth Sky has a great article describing the astronomical viewpoint on [Blood Moon Eclipses 2014-2015](#)  
<http://eclipses.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OH2014.html#LE2014Apr15T>  
<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/highlights/237963491.html>  
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<http://earthsky.org/space/what-is-a-blood-moon-lunar-eclipses-2014-2015#hunters>

[NASA on lunar eclipses](#)

Lunar eclipses — [click here.](#)

Solar eclipses — [click here.](#)

Eclipses During 2014

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OH2014.html#LE2014Apr15T>

Total Lunar Eclipse of 2014 Oct 08

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/OH/OHfigures/OH2014-Fig03.pdf>

Total Lunar Eclipse of 2015 Mar 20

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEplot/SEplot2001/SE2015Mar20T.GIF>

### **Other interesting facts**

--Passover is the first annual feast & Sukkoth is the seventh and final annual feast.

--The 17th of Tammuz to the 9th of Av is a 3 week period of mourning for the Jewish people (see Lampholder index page at [www.lampholderpub.com](http://www.lampholderpub.com) for Tisha B'Av pdf).

--The sabbatical year in the seven-year cycle begins on Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 24-25, 2014, and ends on Rosh Hashanah on September 13-14, 2015 — during a partial solar eclipse.

“The lunar eclipse on Tishr 15, 5776 (September 28, 2015) is the very end of the second triennial Torah cycle. At this time we have finished one Sabbatical (Shmita) cycle and we are ready to begin a new Sabbatical cycle and we are also beginning the first triennial torah cycle, of three and a half years (3½). Thus the festival eclipse series, that started in 5774 (2014) will be completed at the same time that Jew are finishing the book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) in the second triennial Torah cycle. We see a picture of a complete Sabbatical cycle, of seven years, in these two eclipse sequences.”

[\[A Time For Judgment By Rabbi Dr. Hillel ben David \(Greg Killian\)\]](#)

### **Other reading and books on the Blood Moon subject:**

--Josephus on Jesus: In the [Antiquities of the Jews](#) (written about 93 AD) [Josephus](#), states ([Ant 18.3](#)) that Jesus was crucified on the orders of Pilate.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joesephus\\_on\\_Jesus\](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joesephus_on_Jesus)

--Earth and Sky has done a fabulous article covering various aspects on the astronomical data surrounding blood moons (<http://earthsky.org/space/what-is-a-blood-moon-lunar-eclipses-2014-2015>).

--Blood Moons: Something Is About to Change, John Hagee, (Oct 2013)

--Blood Moons-Signs of the Heavens, Oscar John Terrazas (Nov 2013)

--Behold a White Horse: The Blood Moon at Passover, 2014 a Sign of Judgment, Richard Ruhling (Feb 2014)

--Blood Moons: Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs by Mark Blitz (Mar 2014)

--Blood Moons Rising: Bible Prophecy, Israel, and the Four Blood Moons by Mark Hitchcock (Apr 2014)

--“Blood Moon Eclipses: 2nd Coming in 2015? Minister uses NASA forecasting to study signals of Jesus’ return,” WorldNetDaily, May 9, 2008.

In ancient history, the vernal equinox is the time-piece for Earth,  
a countdown to the End of The Ages.  
[see Countdown to Eternity, Lampholder Publications]

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