

YOM TERUAH - ROSH HASHANAH AND THE TRUE CALENDAR

Almighty God help us to overcome those difficult aspects of human nature and bad habits of destructive devices (*yetsar harah*) which tries to lead us astray continually. Help us to put away the works of the flesh and to be renewed with vitality and enthusiasm to serve you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Father we thank you, for this wonderful annual holy day, the first day of Tishri, and your annual fall holy days. Have mercy on us and shower your grace upon us, as we desire, strive, and seek to serve you with our entire being and become love as you are love. Thank you for this opportunity to appear before your throne to worship and praise you—to benefit, grow, and endure to the end. We pray for your kingdom to come and ask this in the name of Yeshua. Amen!

Happy Rosh Hashanah! Today is the first day of the month of Tishri which began last night at sunset. It is the day of the sounding of the shofar and celebrates the original Creation of man. It is also the Day of Judgment, a time to take responsibility for what we create with our lives, to stop transgressing God's will, and acknowledge the negative consequences of dysfunctional habits of coping. Repentance involves the total subordination of the personality to God's wishes and desires with a return to complete commitment to Torah and God. During the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we are to concentrate on *teshuvah* – sincerely and purposely turning away from wrong doing (thoughts, attitudes and disposition) and returning to good—to God and his commandments, with a new awareness of His Presence and Power to fill every fiber of our being.

The Jewish calendar date for Tishri is two days ahead of the sighting of the visual crescent of the new moon in Jerusalem, and they began the month of Tishri on Wednesday evening at sunset and are observing the third day of Tishri today. So they are two days ahead of the new moon—kind of mysterious. How is it that they could be wrong? Someone else (apparently formerly with the Worldwide Church of God) has written an extensive article about the calendar and are now in Costa Rica. The reason I believe they are former WWCG members is because they quote from Ernest Martin who was a minister in the WWCG for years until he left the church, went astray and developed his own theories in many areas. In their recent article on the calendar, they set forth a whole new calendar concept on what they believe.

At the bottom of page two, in this rather lengthy calendar article, it reaches the following conclusion concerning this day –Tishri 1 – the Feast of Trumpets. Quoting **Amos 8:5**—“**When will the New Moon (*chodesh*) be past that we may sell corn?** And the Sabbath that we may trade wheat? Making the *ephah* small and the shekel large, falsifying the scales by deceit, ⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals—even sell the bad wheat?” It does say new moon and the only Sabbath that falls on the New Moon is Rosh Hashanah.

YomTeruah is an annual holy day. The other Sabbath days can fall on new moons, but this is the only holy day that falls on a new moon—a feast day.

The writer of the article on the calendar says that the people were looking for the sliver of the moon to tell them when the day of Trumpets new moon was over, **not** when the day of Trumpets was **beginning**. This statement illustrates, how not to study the Bible. Reading this passage in Amos, tells you that the people are expressing an impatient desire for the end of the Sabbath to come so they could get back to work earning money. They are not declaring they do not know when the Sabbath is over because they know it is going to be over at sunset. The main thing I find wrong with the paper's **theory states that the new moon begins with the conjunction of the moon which is the dark period of the moon when there is no light that can be seen**. The writer says that the new moon ends when the light of the first faint sliver of the new moon can be visibly seen.

To me brethren, this is saying the new moon is from when the sky is dark and the moon reflects no light for two or three days before you can see a faint sliver of light from the moon. Is the new moon an anomaly every month for two or three days? God says the evening and the morning were the first day. **Genesis 1:5**—“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” The new moon isn't just a period of darkness, and when the light finally comes it is the next day.

Leviticus 23:32—“It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, **from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath**.” The day begins in the evening and ends in the evening. So the new moon day has to have an evening and a morning. It has to have a night time and daylight. To just arbitrarily say the new moon begins with a conjunction and then ends at the point of the beginning of a sliver of light being seen is not correct. Saying such, is saying that the new moon is all darkness. The new moon happens to be the first day of the month. A new moon equals a new day and it has to have a morning and an evening—a nighttime followed by a day time. Generally it is twelve hours of each and adds up to a twenty-four hour day.

I want to mention a few things. God says we are to **prove all things** and hold fast that which is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). We are not wise to compare ourselves with others. **2 Corinthians 10:12**—“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.” It is a human tendency to compare, and I may get down and begin to think “who am I?—nobody important.” But that is not the important thing! The important thing is to obey and serve God and do what is right in His sight. I preach the word of God, and if no one listens—I am doing what God says—preach His truth. **2 Timothy 4:2** – “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.” This is what I try to do. If people do not listen and don't repent, their blood will be on their own heads. I am just a watchman who gives the warning message.

Recently Jonathan Cahn has brought **Isaiah 9:10** to the attention of many. He teaches about the interesting correlation of various economic cycles and stock market crashes in recent American history in *The Mystery of the Shemita* year. But what does he understand about it? Does he tell

people to observe it, or keep the holy days? What about the Torah and obeying God? I searched Rabi Cahn's website and found that he holds a Friday night study meeting. No service on Saturday, but holds one on Sunday just like the Protestants and Catholics. In a question and answer session, Cahn was asked if the U.S. is *Ephraim*, and he rejected this truth. I just sent him a copy of my new book, *America and Great Britain in Heraldry and Prophecy*, and I hope it will open his eyes. I also checked his website about what he teaches about salvation. He asks, "How do we get to heaven? Answer: Heaven is to be in God's presence forever, and we are going to heaven when we die. Hell is separation from God," inferring everlasting punishing. This is what Billy Graham taught. The Bible says that heaven is coming to earth, not that we are going to heaven. When Christ comes, the saints are going to rule the earth with him for a thousand years. I have had to take a step back from some of these men.

Messianic pastor Mark Biltz, located here in Washington state came up with the tetrad of blood-red moons occurring on certain years where significant events happened to Israel as in becoming a nation 1948, the Six-Day War in 1967, and the blood red moon tetrads to occur successively in 2014 and 2015 during the Spring and Fall annual holy day season. What is going to happen now? It could be very well significant, but there is nothing definitive at the moment. He says that this means the Tribulation will be equivalent to a Shemitah year (seven year period) probably starting this coming year of 2015.

God says in **Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25** —“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” God also says in **John 8:32**-“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” **Deuteronomy 8:3** —“And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.” **Matthew 4:4** —“But he answered and said, It is written, ‘Man shall not **live by** bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.’ ” **Luke 4:4** —“And Jesus answered him, saying, ‘It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ We are to live by all of God's commandments. How much of Torah and the commandments of God that are basic do these men teach and keep.

I personally want to please God and serve Him as he says, like **Joshua 24:15**—“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**” That means that we will obey the Lord, keep His commandments and live by his Torah/word. This is what is important!

Testing All Things: Part 3 of “*Time: Our Creator's Calendar –The Foundation.*” The writer says, “We are always in a state of learning and our position has changed several times as study progressed, hence the delay on the releasing any teachings on this subject matter. Our confidence level is high enough to merit publishing our findings. ” Well, that would be good to hold off future teachings until one is sure. Guess what? They have released their teachings. I am going to go over this dissertation with you and test it, because we want the truth and want to obey God and keep His commandments and keep his holy days holy—not teach the wrong days. It is not

possible to keep an unholy day holy—take a day that is not holy and make it holy. Only God can make a day holy. We need to get back to God’s sacred calendar and the visually observed new moons. I have a booklet about 150 pages that thoroughly demonstrate when God’s holy days occur and how the calendar needs to be calculated, tabulated and understood. I think these people of *Test All Things* ought to be sent a copy of that calendar book.

1st Section: Examining the evidence. **1 Samuel 20:5-6**—“And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third evening” (NASB). These people say, “*Note how they knew in advance that it was going to be a new moon, and thus a new month. The new moon was clearly calculated in advance, it was not a surprise, but already known.*”

The article says that back in David’s time they *calculated the new moons in advance*. “*It was not a surprise, it was already known.*” Is that what this verse says? I would say to you that this verse says nothing of the kind whatsoever. Examine it with carefully considered parsing of the words and the meanings of what David was talking about. First notice the time. David said this the day before the new moon. That is significant, because he said, “Tomorrow is the new moon.” That tells us two things: 1) the day he said this was the day before the new moon. 2) He knew the next day was going to be the new moon. This means, he had to be talking to Jonathan his friend and it was the 30th day of the month. Whatever day it was, it was the last day of the month—day 30. They had not seen the new moon sliver at the end of 29 days. Every Hebrew month has to have either 29 or 30 days. When the 29th day ended, they did not see the new moon signifying that day would not be the new moon day, and that the next day would have to be the new moon day. That’s when David knew and said, “tomorrow will be the new moon day” because there can be only 30 days in a month (can’t have 31) so it will be the new moon day. That is all that means. People try to say this shows the new moons were calculated days in advance. It does not say anything about calculations or mathematics. It is a simple truth.

I want you to think about this *error*. They state further, “The only logical conclusion is that they were waiting for confirmation that the new moon was over by the sighting of the sliver.” In theory, the writer is saying that they were waiting for the dark period to be over and the sliver of the new moon to appear which would mean in their theory the new moon was now over (past). The new moon is NOT two or three days long. As long as the moon is dark it is not a day and then the next day when you see the sliver it begins the second day of the month. That is nonsense. The Jewish *Talmud* and *Mishnah* show very plainly that men were sent out to watch for the new moon crescent and when they saw it they would report it back to the Sanhedrin. If two or three witnesses agreed then the Sanhedrin backed it up and declared the new moon when they saw the crescent. You can read all about this in Albert Spears book, The Comprehensive Jewish Calendar. It is very plain about what a new moon is, according to Judaic history and Christ never once disagreed with them in his day or said this was wrong. He never said that the new moon was the dark of the moon and ended at the first crescent.

Yet the article says, “*What we have here is a feast that begins with the conjunction, as the start of the month, and ends with the crescent, to validate that the new moon did*

occur, and is conclusively over. Therefore the crescent did not begin the new moon at the Feast of Trumpets; in their practice it ended it.” This is not proof and is in error. He says, “The official day started with the conjunction and ended two or three days later with the sighting of the crescent.” He is saying the new moon day was two to three days long beginning with the conjunction and ending with the sighting. This writer of Test All Things pretends to be humble and disseminates false knowledge.

Nehemiah Gordon and the Jews say that a new moon and the crescent are identical with the crescent—the first visible light reflecting off the moon after a period of darkness—evidence that the new moon is just beginning. You can see it—it is new. This year we seemed to have a problem determining when the first day of Tishri, the seventh month was going to begin—whether it would be Friday or Saturday which is today. We were told by authorities it was a borderline case and possibly it might be seen on Thursday evening. The time came and we got the word from Jerusalem, Israel, that they did not see the first crescent on Thursday evening. Friday evening, the crescent was seen. So today is Tishri 1, the first day of the 7th month. **Leviticus 23:24**—“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, ‘In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, and holy convocation.’ ” This is the only holy day that falls on the first day of the month –Tishri, the holy month with Yom Kippur, Feast of Tabernacles and The Last Great Day. It is the only holy day that begins with a concealing. The slight crescent grows to a full moon by Tabernacles (Sukkoth).

Next Section: the Feast of Trumpets

This article points out a true-ism which is, we reflect God’s light as we have no real light of our own. His light is his word. This is very true. We are to reflect God’s light, just like the moon reflects the light of the sun. Then he says, “*The day of the Trumpets is the day when the shofar is to sound to cause all people to wake up from the darkness that they are in, and lead them to the full light of Sukkoth—Feast of Tabernacles.*” This statement doesn’t really mean anything. The shofar is the sound of the day of trumpets –the day of the blowing of the shofar (trumpets). The Jews blew them in Jerusalem all day long, hundreds of times all over the city on this day. He says, “Most people agree that Yeshua returns on a future day of Trumpets.” I put an X by that, because that is not true. People believe that alright, but it is speculation.

On the next page I have marked errors with 4 X’s. “*Since the beginning, the Day of Trumpets the moon has not given its light, and the stars have been falling to the Earth in the fall equinox.*” The Feast of Trumpets has nothing to do with stars falling out of the sky per se, and it not true anyway. We have various meteor showers during the year, but it has nothing to do with Bible prophecy and the coming of the Messiah. The writer says that Yeshua is clearly not returning on a crescent new moon. How can he possibly know that? He does not know that. The Bible says that no man knows the day or hour of Christ’s return. Christ can return on any day that God the Father selects.

Then he states, “*So what we know is that Yeshua does return on a new moon at the appointed time of the Day of Trumpets, and according to the prophets and Yeshua, that it is a day in which the moon does not give its light.*” What he is trying to say or prove, is that the Day of Trumpets is the dark of the moon from the conjunction, until the crescent

and that Christ is going to return on the dark of the moon because he says Christ is coming on the Feasts of Trumpets between the conjunction until the crescent. This writer has a conclusion but no proof. We do not know any such thing as that. His following statement is not true! *“The only place we are commanded to blow the shofar trumpet as it relates to the moon is the Day of Trumpets, on the new moon.*

1 Corinthians 15:50-51—“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” In the book of **Revelation chapters 8, 9-11** we read of the final 7 trumpet plagues. Seven angels are going to blow seven trumpets, one after the other for a period of months to a year. Revelation 8 speaks about the first trumpet with fire being cast down on the earth—a great star falling into the sea and the grass being burned up. It is successively one plague after another for the first four, and then the fifth plague is a great war of locusts (symbol of armies) going out over the earth. **Revelation 9**—the 5th plague speaks of scorpions that will have weapons in their tails to hurt men for five months., the 6th trumpet plague is a great army from the east of 200 million marching forward to conquer the west coming at Jerusalem from the East and across the Euphrates River—WW III. **Revelation 11:15** –the 7th angel sounded. There are 7 plagues.

Revelation 11:15 –“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” Christ comes at the sounding of the blowing of the 7th and last trumpet. The Feast of Trumpets pictures all the plagues of judgment being cast upon the earth. At the end of the day on the day of Atonement—Yom Kippur— there is a final trumpet blown symbolizing the final opportunity for people to have their sins forgiven and have salvation before the gates are shut. The ten days from Trumpets to Yom Kippur are called the Days of Awe, the days of repentance—*Yamin Nora`im* – final days that God gives man to repent before the end of the Day of Atonement which depicts the coming return of Christ. The concluding service of Yom Kippur is the Ne`ilah service, the Closing of the Gates—*the last shofar (trumpet) is sounded*—one single, long *tekiah* sound.

Paul says in **1 Corinthians 15: 52**—“in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, for the trumpet will sound, and the dead (²³those who are Christ’s) at His coming will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” Christ does not come at the Feast of Trumpets, but on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) in the plan of God. This cannot be taken literally, this pictures God’s plan, because Christ can come at any time. God has not told us the day and hour that he is coming. It is very unlikely Christ is coming on Trumpets. That is the first Day of Judgment—the first day of warning and pictures all seven trumpets of God’s judgment from the beginning to the end, calling the world to repentance before the Day of Atonement which is the last chance before the final judgment is finished and sealed. The day Christ comes the judgment is finished and sealed. Christ will come to this earth to destroy the wicked. Feast of Trumpets pictures the day of warning and may well begin the Day of the Lord, but Christ does not come until the seventh and last trumpet has been blown, after six of the trumpets have already been blown.

Isaiah 66:23—“And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before me,” says the Lord.” Numbers 29:1, and 7 talks about the Feast of Trumpets. “And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you it is a day of blowing the trumpets.” It says specifically day, not night. The first day includes the day portion and the night portion. It is a day of blowing the trumpets (plural), not just one nor the last trumpet calling all the people back to God through *teshuva* – repentance—returning to God from their sins.

We are commanded in **Psalm 81:3-4 (KJV)**—“ Blow the trumpet in the New Moon, in the time appointed on our solemn feast day ⁴ For this is **a statute** for Israel, **a law of the God of Jacob**. ⁵This He established in Joseph as a testimony, when He went throughout the land of Egypt,” Now the new moon is *chodesh* in Hebrew and we are to blow the shofar. **Numbers 10:10**—“Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, **and at the beginning of your months**, you shall **blow** the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God.”

Psalm 81:3 (NKJV) says “Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day.” The word “**full**” in Hebrew is **kece** which actually means **concealed** or “**covered over**” on our solemn feast day. A root of this word is first used in **Genesis 7:19**. “And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. **Psalm 81:3**—uses this word “kece” meaning covered over at the new moon.—the moon is covered over.

Now the regular new moon days in the year are not feast days. The only new moon day that is a feast day is today, Tishri 1—The Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) blowing the trumpets and crying out. That what today pictures. Israel is commanded to blow the trumpet on the new moon feast day which begins when the New Moon is concealed and is just beginning to show with just the beginning of the faint crescent. But the moon has been obscured and concealed. Now it is just beginning to show and Israel is commanded to blow the trumpets! This is that celebration of Trumpets that began with the very faint crescent that began last night. Today if the Jews were keeping Trumpets they would be blowing shofars (trumpets) today throughout the entire city of Jerusalem, but they kept it two days early according to the Hillel II fixed mathematical calendar instead going by the visual sighting of the new moon. All through history, the Jews say they go by the first faint crescent, but the fact that they kept the Feast of Trumpets two days ago means they kept it in the dark of the moon. They missed the mark in turning away from God.

God says keep my commandments just the way I told you to. **Deuteronomy 4:1-2**—“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ² **You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it**, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.” **Deuteronomy 12:31-32(KJV)** —³¹ Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.³² What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish

from it.” Note **Deuteronomy 12:31(NKJV)**—“You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.³² **Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.**”

God says do exactly what I command. **Deuteronomy 16:1**—“Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night. ² Therefore you shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God. ³ You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. ⁴ And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the meat which you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until morning.” **Exodus 12:1-2, 14**—“This month (Abib/Nisan) shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.¹⁴ Keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout the LORD throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.” This means that we are to watch and observe these things and keep His holy days on the right day. This festival of Rosh Hashanah is a New Moon festival. How can you possibly observe it when the moon is dark?

Final Section – (Test All Things) this group teaches “that Christ was in the grave 72 hours”. They state that **Christ was put in the grave on Wednesday 30 A.D. and arose late Sabbath evening of that week.** This teaching is the same as the teaching of the old Worldwide Church of God and some other groups. Several years ago, I wrote an article, “*How Long was Jesus Christ in the Grave?*” In that article, I show that modern day lunar astronomical evidence shows us clearly that **in 30 A.D. the 14th of Nisan, the day that Christ was crucified, fell on a THURSDAY, not Wednesday.**

The *Friday theory* that the Catholics teach is also incorrect. Christ said in **Matthew 12:40** he would be in the grave three days and three nights. If you try to count three days and three nights from Friday afternoon when the Catholics say Christ was crucified (and they say he was resurrected Sunday morning in the dark before daylight), when you gather the part of Friday, all day Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday morning it is just parts of two days and two nights—Friday night and Saturday night. That is not three and three, it is two and two.

It is correct that the year of Christ’s death was 30 A.D. Years ago, an article that I wrote, “*The Strange Events of 30 A.D.*” showed that 30 A.D. was the year of the crucifixion. What day was Christ crucified? What day was Christ’s resurrection? In their article in a section entitled “Testing Everything” it states: “We know that He (Christ) died in 30 A.D., as we stated before. Now, all we have to do is determine the timing of the conjunction of the moon that would have placed the Passover after the Vernal Equinox and would have produced the sign of the barley harvest.” So they calculate back using time and date.com using the conjunction of the new moon in 30 A.D. right after the equinox and find it to be 7:29 P.M. Another celestial calculator called Kalendis pinpointed the time at 7:48 P.M. same day, but a few minutes off. For comparison, they used SOLEX numerical integration (which is the “gold standard” for celestial mechanics), which yielded the very same day at 17:50 or 5:50 universal time, or 7:50 PM Jerusalem Time.

So they figure the date and time of the New Moon and state that the crescent is usually about 18 hours after the conjunction. The conjunction is the date that they give which falls on a Wednesday. This would mean that the crescent would be after that, and if you count from the conjunction, they maintain that 72 hours later from a Wednesday conjunction brings you to Sabbath about 7 P.M. – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I say, “So what?” This proves nothing. It does not prove the crescent is wrong. It means that it could be a possibility that if you go by the crescent and the crescent is seen on the next day-Thursday and you count to the 14th of Nisan you come to a Thursday. Christ was crucified on a Thursday, and then you have Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Christ could have been crucified on Wednesday or a Thursday. We have already ruled out Friday. Now, what does the Bible really say about that? The key to answering this is found in the book of **Luke 24:12**. This was Sunday morning. We read that “Peter arose and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.¹³ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs (7 miles).¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things (the betrayal, crucifixion) which had happened. While they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them, but their eyes were holden that they should not know him.”

⁷ “And he said unto them, ‘What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?’¹⁸ And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, ‘Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?’¹⁹ And he said unto them, ‘What things?’ And they said unto him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:²⁰ And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.²¹ But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, **today is the third day since these things were done.**’ ”

Now this was on Sunday. Sunday then is the third day since these things happened since Christ was crucified. So what day adds up to Sunday being the third day? Could it be Wednesday? Could it be Friday? Well, if Christ was crucified on Friday, you would have Saturday and Sunday. Sunday would be the second day. If Christ were crucified on Wednesday, then you would have Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday which would be the 4th day. So what if he were crucified on Thursday? Nisan 14 was on Thursday that year going by the crescent new moon calendar. Then you would have Friday, Saturday and Sunday—the 3rd day. So what does this prove? It proves that Jesus Christ was crucified in 30 A.D. on Thursday, not on Wednesday — not the 72 hour theory and not on Friday.

You know, a Wednesday and a 72 hour theory always kind of puzzled me. Christ was buried just before sunset. Then they said he was in the grave 72 hours which brings you to Saturday just before sunset and that he arose Saturday just before sunset. But no one saw him until Sunday morning. So if he arose around 7 P.M. Saturday and they went to the tomb on Sunday morning about 7 A.M. that would be 12 hours later after he arose. Does this make sense? What would he do those 12 hours? The fact of the matter is that the whole theory is wrong. Astronomy shows that if you go by the New Moon

crescent the 14th of Nisan would have been a Thursday. Count three days from then—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you count parts of days, like the Jewish idiom was, you have three days and three nights—parts of three days and three nights, and a Thursday crucifixion before sunset plus Thursday night, Friday all day, Friday night, Saturday all day, Saturday night, until he was resurrected. That is parts of three days and three nights. The truth is there. We need to study out and prove these things to our selves the best we can. But we are not to fall for everybody’s theory hook line and sinker, because there are a lot of wrong ideas floating around out there. We need to be cautious and prove all things, and get back to the faith once delivered to the saints.

I appreciate what Mark Biltz has learned about the blood red moons, but it does not prove anything. The heavenly signs mentioned by Matthew and Jesus Christ in the Mt. Olivet prophecy and are also found in chapter two of the book of **Joel** where it is written “the sun will turn into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.” This phrase is again mentioned by Apostle **Peter** during **Pentecost**, as recorded in **Acts**.

Eclipses occur frequently, but such a series of four total eclipses in a row is a fairly rare event. Very likely they are a tremendous astronomical sign—a lot more than just an eclipse. Since the **Jewish calendar** is lunar, one sixth of all eclipses will occur during Passover or Sukkot. Furthermore, there have been 62 **tetrads** since the first century AD and eight of them have coincided with both the feasts. Thus, the event is not as unusual as Hagee and Biltz imply. On April 15, 2014, there was a total blood red moon **lunar eclipse**. It was the first of four consecutive total eclipses in a series, known as a tetrad. The remaining three eclipses will take place on October 8, 2014, April 4, 2015, and September 28, 2015). All four will be visible to most skywatchers in North America, but three of the four eclipses in the tetrad will not even be visible in the biblical homeland of **Israel**. This tetrad of eclipses is very interesting, but it is not proof of anything. John Hagee’s book, **Four Blood Moons** claimed that every prior tetrad of the last 500 years coincided with events in Jewish and Israeli history that were originally tragic, yet followed by triumph.

Pleubot’s Bible Dictionary, page 707, Feast of Trumpets. Numbers 29:1; Leviticus 23:24—“The Feast of the New Moon which fell on the first of Tishri. It differed from the ordinary festivals of the new moon in several important particulars. It was a day of solemn rest from ordinary labor, and a holy convocation was held. Instead of the mere blowing of the trumpets of the temple at the time of the offering of the sacrifices, it was ‘a day of blowing of trumpets.’ The sacrifices for the first day of the month were doubled on the first day of the seventh month except for one young bullock (Num. 29:1-6). It has been conjectured that Psalm 81, one of the songs of Asaph, was composed expressly for the Feast of Trumpets. The first of Tishri is also considered by the Jews the first day of the New Year’s day of the civil year, the month which commenced the sabbatical year and the year of Jubilee.”

In **Ephesians 5:13 -17**—here the Apostle Paul seems to be alluding to the Feast of Trumpets. “But all things that are reprov’d are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.¹⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are

evil.¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but *understanding what the will of the Lord is.*” Wake up! The Feast of Trumpets are sounding a warning to get right with God. **Isaiah 26:19** – “Thy dead men shall live; together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.” **Isaiah 60:1**—“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.³ and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.”

Yom Kippur is Monday, October 6, ten days from now. God is telling his church to rise up and shine. “Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”