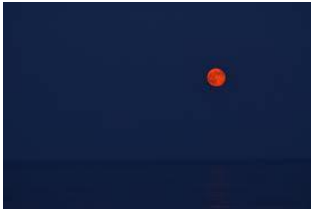


Blood Moon Madness

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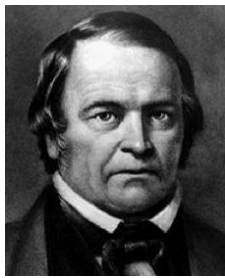
Blood Moon? No Big Deal!

In our last eNews article we wrote a piece regarding the timing of the Rapture and the Second Coming. Even though I said several times why the information was *not date-setting*, I've been inundated with requests to get behind the latest prophecy prediction called the "*Blood Moons*" theory.

It's supposed to be a direct sign from the Lord regarding the timing of the Rapture and/or the Second Coming. But **it's a false prophecy that has no Biblical merit.**

Every few years some well-meaning Christian pops up with the latest Bible "proof" that the world will end, or Rapture will happen, on a certain date. Of course, the date comes and goes, and nothing happens.

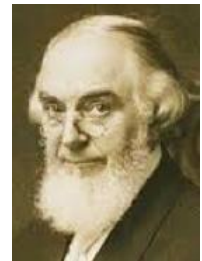
These **date-setters do great harm to the Body** of Christ, and are poor witnesses to the world about what Christianity is really about. And they ultimately look like fools while giving great fodder to the enemy.



Miller

William Miller, a Baptist pastor, predicted that Jesus would return in 1844. Nothing happened. But his followers today are known as the **Seventh Day Adventists.**

Charles Russell predicted the end of the world in 1914. Nothing happened but his followers today are known as **Jehovah's Witnesses.**



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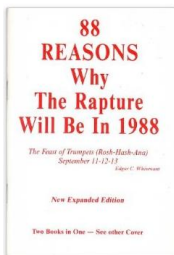


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pummeled with earthquakes, storms and other catastrophes, subsequently ushering in the Tribulation. And nothing happened.

More recently, in the 1970s, Southwest Radio Church published an article on the "**Jupiter Effect.**" They claimed that a certain, once-in-eternity, planet cause increased gravity causing the earth to be

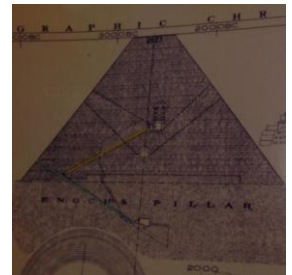
Also in the 1970s, Joseph Calhoun from California caught a lot of media attention because he had studied the **Egyptian Pyramids** extensively and concluded that the inside passages were were a time-line sign from God and that the Lord would return in 1979. And nothing happened.



In the 1980s the book "**88 Reasons Jesus Will Return in 1988**" was released, written by Edgar Whisenant.

He was so convinced he was 100% correct that he said on national television, "*If the Lord doesn't return in 1988, the Bible is wrong.*"

And nothing happened. Whisenant died in 2001.



Then we had **Y2K.** The year 2000 was going to crash all the computers and set in motion the end of civilization. I spent an entire year of my life running around behind some very prominent Christian speakers explaining from scripture why Y2K was

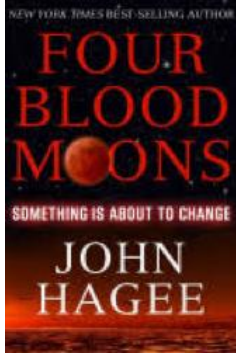
nothing to fear. And, as before, nothing happened.

Then there was **Harold Camping**, a radio host who first predicted Jesus would return in 1994, then changed it to May of 2011, and finally changed it to October of 2011. And nothing happened. Camping did learn great truths this past December when he passed away (as we all will).



That brings us to the latest scripture-light theory called *The Blood Moons*. Mark Biltz, a pastor in Washington State, first began pushing this bunk to unsuspecting Believers a couple [actually in 2008] of years ago.

Biltz is apparently not a dispensationalist and thus horribly misapplies several Old Testament scriptures to make his theory plausible. John Hagee, who has a couple of doctrinal challenges of his own, has taken up the *Blood Moons* banner with a best-selling book on the subject, "*Four Blood Moons*."



Because of Hagee's well-known name and media reach, the Blood Moons theory unfortunately has now made inroads into some mainstream Christian circles. And of course the Internet is awash in pro-*Blood Moon* hysteria.

Biltz's date-setting theory is based on Joel 2:31

"The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes."

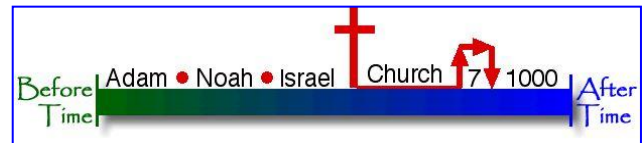
Biltz takes Joel 2:31 to be referring to solar and lunar eclipses. When he compared previous eclipses on NASA's website (it lists all the lunar eclipses from 2000 BC to 3000 AD), he honed in on the **lunar tetrads, a rare series of four lunar eclipses in a roughly two-year time period.**

Biltz noticed that some of these tetrads fell on past Jewish Feast days and also around the time of some significant Jewish historical events. Biltz then noted that the tetrad appearing in 1493-94 was connected to the time of the great persecution of Jews in the **Spanish Inquisition** between 1478 and 1534. He believed the tetrad appearing in 1949-1950 was tied to **Israel's rebirth as a nation** in 1948. And finally he concluded that the tetrad appearing in 1967-1968 was tied to **Israel's recapturing Jerusalem's Old City and Temple Mount** in 1967.

From those past events, Biltz further concluded that the future **tetrad of 2014--2015** will herald in major Biblical events fulfilling Joel 2:31. Of course, there are many problems with that wild conclusion and it's not happening.

Problem #1

Joel 2 is referring to the Second Coming of Jesus. And that event happens seven years after the Rapture. Therefore, we're at least seven years and a split-second away from the Second Coming so it's **impossible** for it to happen in 2014-2015.



Problem #2

When you compare **other verses that also discuss the sun, moon and stars** at the end of the age there are other events that coincide with the moon turning to blood.

*"I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the **stars of the sky fell to the earth,**" Rev 6:12
*"But immediately after the tribulation of those days **THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky,** and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." Matt 24:29**

"There will be signs in **sun and moon and stars**, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:25-28

And for the Joel 2:31 verse to be examined in context, a few verses earlier it says:

*Before them **the earth quakes,**
The heavens tremble,
The sun and the moon grow dark
And the stars lose their brightness.*

Joel 2:10

And Ezekiel adds:

*"And when I extinguish you,
I will cover the heavens and darken their
stars; **I will cover the sun** with a cloud
And the moon will not give its light.
All the shining lights in the heavens
I will darken over you and will set
darkness on your land," declares the
Lord GOD.*

Ezek 32:7-8

Hmmm, well it's obvious from examining ALL the texts that not only is the moon going to be affected, but also the sun, stars and earthquakes. Granted, if "*the stars will fall from the sky,*" that would be SOME sign! But that's not happening before the Rapture.

Problem #3

Some 40% of the previous tetrads did NOT coincide with Jewish Feast days or major events in history. So **how would you know** if the next upcoming tetrad had any significance?

Problem #4

The tetrads that DID match up (Inquisition, Jewish Independence and recovering control of the Old City of Jerusalem) actually happened **months or years after the events**. So not much of a warning there!

Should we expect God to be in the business of "loosely predicting" the future? When you consider God gave Israel the EXACT DAY the Messiah would come into Jerusalem, in writing, 173,880 days prior, this *Blood Moon* theory seems pretty lame.

Problem #5

Jewish feast days are already set up to be on days of, or following, full moons. So it would **not be uncommon** for a tetrad to land on a Jewish Feast day.

Problem #6

I can assure you that when God...

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