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Scriptural Blood Moon #1

Hi all,

Barb propped the side door part way open as she leaned in to yell, "John, where are the pots for the plants?" I was in the living room writing or Skyping or emailing someone, so doing the typical male thing, I listened with 1/2 an ear and responded, "What box for the pants?"

She yelled a little louder (that always helps), "No, the pots for the plants!" I of course I replied a little louder, "What box for the pants?"

We garden and have clay and plastic pots scattered around various raised garden beds, a garden shed and so on, and she was trying to save time by asking me where I had stored the big ones rather than launch herself into a scavenger hunt around the yard.

In my mind, I thought she was doing a seasonal clothing swap from closet to storage and storage to closet, so asking about a box with pants seemed logical.

I got out of the chair to go to her, she stepped into the house to come to me, and we had a good laugh - well, I laughed, she mumbled something about me getting my hearing checked before letting a chuckle escape as she headed out the door.

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We Christians have our own language. 2 Christians can be talking about the same phrase, but hear 2 completely different things based on what x teacher taught, what book has been written, or what video has been watched. Pretty soon emotions become involved, allegiances formed, and one says pots and plants but the other hears box and pants.

All prophecy revolves around what Jesus said. Jesus establishes original context. Not what a teacher, book, video, or conference said - but Jesus. So I'll start with Jesus so we can gain a common understanding where a blood moon and darkened sun fit in prophecy.

Jesus is ground zero

Everything in the epistles is based on what Jesus taught and can be traced directly back to Him. For instance, when I Peter mentions some 15 or 16 times about suffering persecution for doing right and being a disciple, he refers back to the example and teaching of Jesus in the gospels.

When Paul says in Romans 14 it is up to each of us to decide on what day we worship and what food we will consume for what we choose we do unto Him, we can trace that back to Jesus talking about how the Sabbath was made for man, not for God, and it isn't what goes in a person that defiles him.

And so it goes, all the epistles are derived from teachings by Jesus and can be traced back to what He said. The same is true with us today. Anything He reveals or speaks to us, can be traced back to Him as the Word and consistent with the gospels and epistles.

This is also true of prophecy. Much error has happened because someone bases their teaching on a single verse, maybe from the Old Testament or maybe from the Revelation, ignoring not only the Foundation of what Jesus said on the subject, but ignoring the rest of scripture on a subject.

All prophets and prophecy prior to Jesus - the Old Testament - answer to Him, and all prophets and prophecy after, including in our day, answer back to Him. They may add detail to His foundational truths, but they all trace back to Him. He establishes context and timing. And so it is we must turn to Matthew 24 to understand the original intent and context set by Jesus concerning the sun and moon subject of today.

When the blood moon happens

Matthew 24 is Jesus' teaching answering the question the disciples asked in v4: "What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?"

In v15 He says this, "When you therefore see the abomination of desolations spoken of by Daniel the prophet, then let those in Judea flee to the mountains..." His reference to Daniel is from Daniel 9:27 about a leader who comes into the temple at the midpoint of a 7 year peace treaty and betrays Israel. Called anti-Christ in the NT.

Jesus said in v21 that event starts what He called a time of 'Great Tribulation' whose days would have to be cut short or no one on earth would survive.

Then in verse 29 He closes that time frame with His return, saying: "Then immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, for they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory and He will send forth the angels to gather His elect from one end of heaven to the other..." (Fortunately He doesn't say the elect are gathered from the 4 corners of the earth, but from one end of heaven to the other)

What other prophecy says - details added

Note the characteristics surrounding His return: Sun dark. Moon dark. Stars falling. Shaking of earth and universe. Mourning by people. This is AFTER the tribulation at His return.

We turn to The Revelation 6:12-17 to see what Jesus said with a bit more detail: "I looked when He broke the 6th 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 as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."

"Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?'"

These events are clearly His return as noted in Matthew 24, but with more detail.

Same sun, moon, stars, shaking

Here John includes the moon becoming like blood, the sky rolling up like a scroll, a world-wide earthquake, and people hiding themselves from Him at His return in the caves and what we would call bunkers.

So we see the blood moon during the return of Christ. I shared last week how anytime the moon is low on the horizon and there is dust in the air it can be a blood moon. But we are looking to tie a particular combination of events to a particular blood moon. Notice the sun, moon, stars, earthquakes, sky rolled up - all happen at this particular blood moon event at the return of Christ AFTER the great tribulation of which Jesus spoke.

Now that we have context set by Jesus with additional detail provided by John in The Revelation, we can move on next week to what Joel and Peter said, which also confirm the blood moon context of Christ's return. We don't want anyone saying pots and plants but hearing box and pants.

Until next week then...blessings upon you and yours,
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Just FYI

I have a series on The Revelation focusing on the natural events of that time, complete with booklet which lays out what each seal, trumpet, and bowl mean.

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Scriptural Blood Moon #2

Hi all,

A husband and wife had invited 2 couples who were good friends, for dinner. He was late from work so their friends had already arrived before him. When he came through the door they all greeted him and his wife asked, "How was your day honey?" To which he replied to her and all, "OK, good day, had a nice lunch, presentation went well, a little traffic on the way home. Pretty normal."

And with that, he thought he had just told everyone everything about his day. He couldn't imagine why anyone would want any more information than what he just shared. He was wrong.

In his wife's thinking, he hadn't told her anything. Earlier in their marriage she may have wondered to herself, 'Why doesn't he talk to me?', but through the years she learned it wasn't that he was withholding information, it was just that he was a man. So he couldn't be totally blamed.

It starts

One of the other wives who knew a little about his job asked: "How is the new salesman working out?" He replied, "Pretty good. He's young and eager but doesn't have much experience. Messed up some paperwork. I paired him with Jim who has been with us 15 years, so that will help quite a bit."

The husband of that wife joined the conversation, "I think I passed you at lunch time, where did you eat?" The husband replied, "You probably did see me. A group of us went to the new Mexican restaurant at the edge of town, it was pretty good; they use the thin white corn chips that I like rather than the thick yellow chips most places use, so it was good. We should all go there sometime."

As long as everyone was getting details, his wife jumped in: "And how did the big bosses like your presentation?" "Really good actually, though Fred questioned my conclusions, but that's just him needing to be heard. Everyone thought I did a good job and they'll take it to the Board next week."

About that time the other husband threw a question out to all, asking; "Did any of you see that wreck tonight?" To which the host's wife turned to her husband and asked if the wreck was part of the traffic he had mentioned earlier.

"Yeah, I saw it. The wreck was at the construction site where 2 lanes merge into one, a fender bender, no one hurt, but it backed up traffic and the police had a hard time reaching them because of it."

And with that, his wife felt like she had finally learned about his day. He thought he had just been questioned under a spotlight by a team of hardened Detectives prying into every detail in his life.

Disclaimer: The names have been withheld to protect the guilty. Any resemblance to any husband is merely coincidental. The above story is not intended to be a stereotype of every marriage, but if you are a man and suffer from 'Information Withholding' symptoms, please administer the "Man's Prayer" as seen on the 'Red Green' TV show: "I'm a man, but I can change, if I have to, I guess."

One conversation

The husband came through the door and offered a basic outline of his day, but his friends learned more details as the conversation continued, concluding with details of the traffic accident at the end of the day.

But those additional details were all part of the one conversation that started with a vague sketch and ended with tiny details. If you were to take a transcript of the conversation later for review, and pull one exchange in that conversation out of context, you could get the wrong idea about his day. There was more to his day than chips and salsa. Don't get focused on the chips and salsa.

Now think of that as it relates to different prophecies about the blood moon scattered around the Bible. They are all part of one conversation.

Here we go

Joel's prophecy in 850 BC of the dark sun/moon is part of the same conversation as Jesus' Matthew 24 prophecy of the dark sun/moon, as Peter's quote of Joel in Acts 2 of the dark sun/moon, as John

reporting his vision in about the year 100 AD of Jesus' future return and the dark sun/moon. It is all the same conversation as much as the conversation between the husband and wife and their guests above.

We make mistakes when we look at prophecy on a time line, like along a rail road track, starting on the left and going to the right, separated by segments and culture and time, but the I AM is ever present so time and culture dissolve away leaving only what the Spirit said. It is all one conversation inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Years ago the Father told me something that helped me understand: He said to think about (Him) and all the prophecies on a subject being put on a table and you are looking down from above at that table top. They are all on the same table. You can move independently from Joel to Jesus to Peter to John through 950 years of history because you are above the table - above time. That is I AM. Not in a line like a human being, but above time as I AM. From that perspective you can see all the prophecies (and Word in general) are part of the same conversation.

These prophecies are not separated by 950 years as it seems in the natural, in reality they are all standing next to each other on the same table, all saying what the Holy Spirit told them, all having the same conversation about the signs surrounding the return of Christ.

So in my parable above Jesus in the gospels is...

Aside from my fun with the differences between men and women, in my parable above Jesus is the man walking through the door initially giving just the basic sketch of the day - Jesus' prophecy of the last days in Matthew 24 is that basic sketch:

"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 heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn..."

But more details come out in Joel chapter 2 for his part of the conversation:

"Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord comes...a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness...the earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble, the sun and the moon shall be dark and the stars withdraw their shining...the sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord..."

And Peter at Pentecost in Acts 2 repeats some of Joel's part of the conversation but understands parts of it from a different perspective:

"...And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire and vapor of smoke, the sun will be turned into darkness and the moon to blood before the great and notable day of the Lord comes. And it will come to pass that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

While still in the same conversation, John in The Revelation 6 sees still different detail:

"And I beheld when he had opened the 6th seal, and lo there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood. And the stars fell to the earth like a fig tree casting her untimely figs when shaken by a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."

"And the kings of the earth and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every man free and slave, hid themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains saying, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the day of His wrath has come, and who can stand before Him?"

Conclusion: We can see the sun/moon description that Jesus, Joel, Peter, and John talked about are 4 parts of one conversation. It occurs at His return which will be after the anti-Christ is seen in the temple in Jerusalem, as our Rock laid the contextual foundation of the conversation.

If you want a well-researched book on feast days and how historical events have lined up down through history, I recommend the late Grant Jeffrey's book, "Appointment with Destiny". If you want to know more how the 6th seal, trumpet, and bowl all have to do with the return of Christ, and the other seals, trumpets and bowls, I'd recommend my Revelation series.

Just remember, don't argue over chips and salsa, there is a larger conversation going on.

New subject next week, blessings!

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