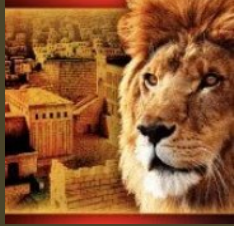


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If anyone does not speak according to these words
It is because they have no light in them.
Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



Torah Thought of the Month

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If Yeshua were President

Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:1-4; 11:1-5; Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:1-24; Revelation 19:11-15; 20:4-6

In this New Moon Torah lesson I thought I would do something a little different. As a firm believer in Yeshua and in His coming Kingdom, I ask myself when talking about the politics of today with my wife, about how rulers are misleading our congress, and about the clash between conservative and liberal values and between classes, that if Yeshua were a president, what are some of the changes we would see come about in America as a result of His presidency?

But before delving in this, I wanted to touch first on the solar eclipse that took place a few days ago and of the lunacy of the times (Pun intended). We hear all the crazy things that people come up in the "name of the bible" every time some celestial event happens in the sky, only to see nothing to pass. Once again, people have attempted to tie things into Joel and Revelation that those passages just simply do not say.

To hopefully put some of the lunacy to rest, I'd like to point out three uncompromisable points that revolve around these verses.

First, a plain reading of **Revelation 6:12** reveals a clear order that some singular event in the distant future will occur in. First there will be an incredible earthquake, Second a solar eclipse, THEN third, a blood red moon.

It will not be a solar eclipse followed by an earthquake, or a blood colored moon followed by an eclipse, or other such combination, or non-combination. It is will be a GREAT earthquake, followed by a solar eclipse, followed by a blood red moon. This blood red moon is likewise NOT a tetrad, which are more pumpkin orange in color than red.

Blood red moons occur during forest fires that cause the air to be filled with smoke, which if dense enough, in turn filters out enough colors of the spectrum, that only an orange to "blood red" color shows through the spectrum. In fact, some fires in eastern Oregon recently were smoky enough, that they actually had a blood red moon out there. But for this Joel/Revelation event to occur in this order, the great earthquake will have to take place at the same time a solar eclipse occurs (next one in 2024) - and while at the same time huge fires throughout the earth are taking place.

Revelation describes an event like this when the first trumpet is blown; **Revelation 6:7**, which is preceded by a Yom Kippur service; **Revelation 6:1-4; V'yikra (Leviticus) 16:11-14**.

This in turn is preceded by a sealing of the 144,000 **verse 6:2-8**, which in turn is preceded by an unspecified period of time when no wind will blow on the earth; **verse 6:1**.

So you have no wind, followed by the sealing of the 144,000, followed by a Yom Kippur service, followed by all the green grass and 1/3 of the trees being burned up.

It is at that time when the fires in the earth will be so thick, and so far spread out, as to create ideal conditions necessary to allow a blood colored moon to appear in the sky that could be seen by inhabitants throughout the whole earth.

So let us be mature in the Faith, and not follow these irresponsible, sensationalized teachings anymore. If we continue to allow these kinds of teachings to be perpetuated, we will only succeed in embarrassing ourselves before the pagan world; and bring dishonor to the Holy One of Israel.

Instead of these strange interpretations of prophecy, let's take a look instead at the symbolic beauty of the solar eclipse.

In my section of town, I saw an eclipse of about 95%, and I was so amazed that with the sun at ~95% coverage, that it was barely dusk! Isn't that just like the light of Yeshua? That no matter how much of His light is covered, anything less than 100% coverage still provides anybody who looks up to Him enough illumination to walk in His light and be saved?

Or how about this one, for those who did see the 100% coverage, is all this did was reveal the corona (corona means crown) of the sun; just like when the Wicked One finally succeeds in covering the earth in His darkness, is all it will accomplish is to cause the Kingship of Yeshua to be revealed.

I thought it was so interesting when one commentator was observing how this event had everybody united and looking up into the sky! Isn't that amazing that when the crowned King of glory is revealed in the time of the earth's greatest time of darkness, that all the earth will also be united in looking up in the sky at that time as well? The righteous looking up, because their King has come, and the wicked looking up because their end has come; **Revelation 6:15-17**.

It is interesting also, even as this darkness that covered the illumination of the sun was only a fleeting moment in time, even so, the darkness that is to come will likewise only hide the Light of Yeshua for a brief moment in time.

For as the moon succeeds in totally covering the sun for only a minute or two every few decades in history in any given location, even so, the dark reign of that Wicked One during the tribulation will be but a fleeting moment in time as well compared to the 6000 years that Yeshua's light has shined, and that shall continue to shine throughout eternity.

And when Yeshua comes to establish His Kingdom in this earth to rule it, how will He rule it? The Scriptures state that in the Millennial Kingdom the Torah will go out from Zion; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:1-3**. It also states that He will destroy all nations that come against Jerusalem; **Zechar'yahu (Zechariah) 14:1-12**. And that those of us who make the first resurrection shall reign with Him for a thousand years as Kings and Priests; **Revelation 20:1-4**.

If He came today, what would be some changes that He would immediately institute? I propose the following.

- He would outlaw all pornography, and destroy all pornography shops, topless bars, and strip clubs; **Galatians 5:19-21**.
- He would outlaw all sexual relations outside of biblical marriage; **Romans 1:24-27**.
- He would outlaw bikinis and other forms of immodest clothing; **B'reshet (Genesis) 3:21; Zephaniah 1:8; I Timothy 2:9**.
- He would outlaw all non-biblically centered religions; **Shemot (Exodus) 23:13; V'yikra (Leviticus) 18:1-5**.
- He would move the US embassy to Israel (one of my personal favorites!); **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:1-3**.
- He would cut off all foreign aid to any nation that opposes, stands against, or boycotts, or otherwise does not support Israel; **Zechar'yahu (Zechariah) 14:2,3,12,16-19**.
- He would make participation in the sex trades a capital offense; **Shemot (Exodus) 21:16**.
- He would fully replace the US congress (another personal favorite!); **Mizmor (Psalm) 149:5-9; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 20:4-6**.
- He would make it the law of the land for all believers to be armed; **Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:10**.

- He would restore prayer and bible based education to all schools, public, and private; **Luke 18:1; I Thessalonians 5:17.**
- He would outlaw the teaching of evolution, secularism, humanism, and atheism; **Shemot (Exodus) 20:1-5; D'varim (Deuteronomy) 6:4-9; Mark 12:29-31.**
- He would outlaw sex education, condoms, and birth control; **B'eresheet (Genesis) 38:9,10.**
- He would require the teaching of God's commandments in all schools, public and private; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:3; 11:9.**
- He would make abortion a capital offense; **B'midbar (Numbers) 35:33; Mizmor (Psalm) 94:20-23.**
- He would guard the roads, and build a wall. (I love it!); **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah); 8; Revelation 21:17:21.**
- He would outlaw genetically modified foods; **V'yikra (Leviticus) 19:19.**
- He would outlaw the sale of unclean creatures for human consumption; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 66:17; Zechar'yahu (Zechariah) 14:20,21.**
- And finally, anybody who believes they evolved from a monkey, I like to think that maybe He would allow us to place them in a zoo to remind us of the foolishness of human wisdom - falsely called science!; **Romans 2:20-23; I Timothy 6:20 (KJV).**

Okay, so I am being facetious on that last one. But then again, hmmm.

Meanwhile, have a great new moon. And remember, next New Moon is Yom Teruach, the 7th New Moon of the year, so we will be sending out the announcement of its sighting as soon as we receive word of it from Israel.

Be sure to visit our website as well to download our free booklet, "The Prophetic Reasons to Keep the Feasts".

So stay tuned, and shalom.

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