

THE BLACK MOON OF PROPHECY
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Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Intro: Who's heard of a **BLUE MOON**? You know "Once in a blue moon?" That refers to **TWO FULL MOONS** in **ONE** Month. The last one was on August 31, 2012. The **NEXT** one will be on July 31, 2015. There is a **SIMILAR** phenomenon when there is a **Second NEW MOON** in **ONE** Month. The "**NEW MOON**" is when the Moon is completely **DARK**. This **Second NEW MOON** in a Month is called a **BLACK MOON**. Our first New Moon was on January 1, 2014, the next New Moon will be **TOMORROW**: January 30, which means it will be a **Black Moon**. The **LAST** Black Moon was on July 30, 2011. Get this now, the **NEXT** Black Moon will be on March 30, 2014. So there will be **TWO BLACK MOONS** within 60 days time of each other. This is a **RARE, RARE, RARE** Event.

Now, many of you have no doubt heard of John Hagee teaching on the **4 Blood Moons of Prophecy**. (Where **Four Full Lunar Eclipses** occur in two years back to back - called a **Tetrad**) If you've not heard of this teaching, then come to a **Q&A Session** (at **5PM**) and we'll look at the ones from history and how they relate to the Prophecies concerning Israel. Or just Google it!

Tonight I want to show you the **BLACK MOONS OF PROPHECY**.

As you turn from our Springboard in Matthew 5:16 over to Matthew 24:29, I want to teach you some Bible Symbolism. The Moon in the Bible can be considered a **TYPE** of the Church or the Christian. Why? Well, look at the Moon's beginning in Genesis 1:14-19 on **DAY 4** of Creation:

"14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

The lesser light is the **MOON**. The greater light is the **Sun**. In the Bible, the **SUN** is symbolic of **CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR** (Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.) This is why it is **THE SUN THAT MOVES IN THE SKY, NOT THE EARTH ORBITING AROUND THE SUN**. If the Sun didn't move, then Christ could not move! That's the way symbolism works in the Bible - apples to apples. More on Geocentricity another time.

We know that the Moon has no light in and of itself. I should say **HERSELF**. All through history the Moon is personified as a **WOMAN** or **Feminine** as is **THE CHURCH** (See Revelation 21:9 & Revelation 22:17) So the Moon reflects the light of the **SUN**. We are told by **CHRIST** in Matt. 5:16 to let **OUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN**. So where does **OUR LIGHT** come from?

As saved People, Our **TRUE** Light comes from **THE TRUE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!!!**
John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Did you notice Jesus keeps saying “THE LIGHT” Why? Because there is only ONE GOD and according to: 1 John 1:5 we find out what God IS: “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

So GOD is symbolized as Light and CHRIST as the Sun. Why then does this make the Moon symbolic of the Church (or at times he Christian)? Because the Moon REFLECTS SUNLIGHT.

When there is a NEW MOON (A Darkened Moon) it is due to THE WORLD BLOCKING THE LIGHT OF THE SUN.

1. THERE WILL BE A TIME WHEN THE MOON WILL BE DARKENED (APPLICATON)

1. **Matthew 24:29** Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and **the moon shall not give her light**, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
2. **Isaiah 13:10** For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, **and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.**
3. **Joel 2:10** The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and **the moon shall be dark**, and the stars shall withdraw their shining;
4. **Revelation 8:12** And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and **the third part of the moon**, and the third part of the stars; so as **the third part of them was darkened**, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.
 1. All these things LITERALLY refer to Events taking place DURING THE TRIBULATION OR AT THE VERY END (Matthew 24:29).
 2. But I want to APPLY THESE PROPHECIES TO US.
 3. THE MOON (CHURCH) SHALL NOT GIVE HER LIGHT
 4. THE MOON (CHURCH) SHALL NOT CAUSE HER LIGHT TO SHINE
 5. THE MOON (CHURCH) SHALL BE DARK
 6. THE THIRD PART OF THE MOON (CHURCH).....WAS DARKENED
5. What causes a “NEW MOON” or a Darkened Moon?
 1. The WORLD BLOCKING THE LIGHT OF THE SUN!
 2. WHAT CAUSES THE DARKENED CHURCH???
 3. THE WORLD BLOCKING OUR LIGHT - THE LIGHT - THE S-O-N JESUS CHRIST!!!
 4. NO LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL BEING PREACHED!
 1. 2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
 2. 2 Timothy 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
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6. What causes a **BLACK MOON**? When this event happens **TWICE IN ONE MONTH**.
 1. In other words **MORE THAN USUAL**. The Church is Darkening **MORE** everyday!
 2. A **BLACK MOON** (Second New Moon in One Month) is considered by **WICCANS** or other **PAGANS**, the black moon is considered to be a special time, where any rituals, spells or other workings are considered to be more *powerful* and *effective*.
 1. **OF COURSE!!! WHEN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS NOT SHINING THE FORCES OF SIN AND DARKNESS ABOUND!!!**

2. **THERE WILL BE A TIME WHEN THE MOON WILL BE BLOODIED (APPLICATON)**
 1. **Acts 2:20** The sun **shall be turned** into darkness, **and the moon into blood**, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
 2. Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became as blood**;
 1. More than a million people have been killed solely due to their faith in Jesus Christ since the year 2000.
 2. In two millennia of Christian history, about 70 million faithful have given their lives for the faith, and of these, 45.5 million -- fully 65% -- were in the 20th Century (1900-1999) **ALONE!!!**
 1. But we have visions of Christians being fed to the lions by the Romans or Christians burnt at the Stake by Catholics for reading the Bible in English.
 2. What we **NEED** to understand is that **NOT RADICAL FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAM, BUT ISLAM ITSELF** has led to **MUCH OF THIS BLOODSHED IN RECENT YEARS**.

3. **THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE MOON STOOD STILL, AND THERE WILL BE AGAIN (APPLICATON)**
 1. **Joshua 10:13** And the sun stood still, **and the moon stayed**, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down about a whole day.
 2. **Habakkuk 3:11** **The sun and moon stood still in their habitation:** at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.
 1. There it is - **YOU BIBLICALLY CANNOT BELIEVE IN THE SUN BEING AT THE CENTER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE. YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT THE SUN GOES AROUND THE EARTH. NOT VICE-VERSA.**
 2. **SO WHERE DID THE SUN AND MOON STAND STILL - IN THEIR HABITATION - THERE IT IS THE SKY. LET'S APPLY THIS NOW:**
 3. **WHEN THE CHURCH OR THE CHRISTIAN STANDS STILL OR STAYS IN THEIR HOME THEN THE LIGHT IS DARKENED.**
 4. **WHEN WE STAND FOR THE TRUTH - PERSECUTION WILL COME OUR WAYS AND AT TIMES IT IS BLOODY - REMEMBER WHAT JESUS SAID: Matthew 5:11** Blessed are ye, **when** men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
 1. **NOTICE HE DIDN'T SAY "IF" BUT "WHEN."**
 2. If you've had no troubles over **YOUR FAITH, ARE YOU REALLY LETTING HIM SHINE?** Or are you putting **HIM - YOUR LIGHT - UNDER A BUSHEL?** Recall that there is **"THE LIGHT"** and **"THE TRUE LIGHT"** That they **BOTH** are one and the same. The reason Church is dull and there is no power I think is because **WE HAVE ALLOWED THE CHURCH TO BECOME DARKENED!**