



And He will lift up a standard for the nations,
and will assemble the banished ones of Israel,
and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the
four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:12

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Here's Your Sign

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There have been volumes written, TV programs produced, and a flurry of information on social media regarding the great expectations that existed for September 2015. The excitement and the expectations centered on a so-called "convergence" of events. Among the most prominent of these events was the last of the "Blood Moons". Mingled within this fervor has been speculation ranging from gloom and doom to the rapture of the church.



The truth is that Blood Moons are not a new phenomenon. There have been nine sets of four blood moons or "Tetrads" that have occurred on the Feast days in the last two thousand years. Notably, each time a set of tetrads appeared it was in the midst of years of upheaval and involuntary movement of the Jewish people. Yet it followed that after each dispersion or exile they would find a temporary place of refuge. If the Tetrads are a sign from heaven then they appear to be a sign to the Jewish people that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has not forgotten them.

Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): "If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever." (Jer. 31:35-36)

In our western culture we have a tendency to metaphorically "consult a medium" under the guise of researching prophecy in order to predict the future. Conversely, the Hebraic view of prophecy is analogous to a man rowing a small boat across a lake. He faces the shore from whence he came with his back to where he is going. Thus he can be totally confident that by focusing on a landmark at the beginning of his journey he will make it to his destination and never lose his bearings. In other words if we keep our eyes on the promises that God has made in the past then even though our future is unseen behind us we can trust Him to get us where we need to go.

Prophecy was given largely to validate God's faithfulness to His promises. Today much of the Christian world has been speculating on and making predictions regarding the significance of these signs in the heavens. At the same time the greatest sign of God's faithfulness and the greatest miracle in history is ongoing virtually undetected. When the corrupt leadership of the day asked Yeshua (Jesus) for a sign he said "an evil adulterous generation seeks after a sign... (Mat. 12:39a). I believe in part it was because they were guilty of overlooking the obvious. Let us not bare that same guilt today.

What is obvious is that the final return of the Jewish people is happening right now before our eyes. ***I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God. (Amos 9:14-15)*** Notice that Amos says they shall not be uprooted again. This return is final; there will be no more dispersion. The Jewish people are coming home to stay in exact accordance with God's promise. What further proof do we need? What kind of sign does this generation require to believe we serve a faithful God?

So with that said, let's address the gloom and doom portion of modern day prophecies. Many Christians believe that in the last days, two-thirds of the Jewish people in Israel will be killed and that only one third will survive. This false eschatology comes from a poor translation of a prophecy found in the book of Zechariah. Zechariah 13:8-9 has been consistently translated into English to read; **two-thirds** will be cut off and die but **one-third** shall be left in it".

A more accurate translation reveals that Zechariah was in full agreement with the prophet Isaiah regarding Israel's future. **Both speak of two times Israel would be scattered and twice they would be re-gathered.** Thus a more accurate translation of Zechariah 13:8-9 from the Hebrew would be, "**two parts** shall be cut off and die but a **third part** would come through the fire", ... "And each one will say, The Lord is my God". The third part is Israel today, the third Commonwealth that was re-born in 1948.

What kind of sick joke would it be for God to re-gather His people from the four corners of the earth just so He can kill two-thirds of them. The Hebrew witnesses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Zechariah and Amos all agree to the contrary. They all echo that "in that day" all of Israel will know THEIR God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So the real difference between the eight previous tetrads and this last one is that this place of refuge for the Jewish people is no longer a temporary one.

I firmly believe that the "Blood Moons" are a heavenly sign for the Jewish people that their God is faithful. Also, the return of the Jewish people is a sign to the nations that the God of Israel is faithful. Thus doesn't it make perfect sense that the prophet Isaiah would declare God's mandate to the nations would be to take part in the miracle of the re-gathering?

Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. (Isaiah 49:22)

Amen! There is your sign.