

Newsletter - September 2017

Shalom, one and all!

Here we are in the middle of the month of Elul and look at the world! All I can say is hold on to your shorts! In my book, "Blood Moons" I warned of these days approaching even as many scoffed. Now they are here. I want to share with you now the other signs in the heavens that are coming quickly after the Revelation 12 sign during the days of awe. As I have stated many times, I do not control heavenly signs or the dates they occur. I do not control the biblical calendar. All I do, is connect them for everyone, I give my thoughts of what may happen from my perspective and you are free to have your own interpretation. So here we go. There is more than what I will share with you but this is the current priority. We all see the devastation following the total solar eclipse across the US with three back to back hurricanes in the South, the fires raging all over the Northwest, events in North Korea and Syria, but we find comfort in knowing God is at the helm and is with us. I feel this months newsletter is the most important one I have ever written and pray you spread this far and wide.

I need to start by telling you about TuB'Shevat, which translates as the 15th day of the month of Shevat. This next year it takes place on January 31st. There a 3 blood moons or total lunar eclipses coming in a row starting next year on TuB'Shevat, then TuB'Av, the 15th of AV, and again on TuB'Shevat in 2019! Staying with Scripture I want to explain what I believe God is trying to communicate. I could be wrong. Just as Nisan 1 is the beginning of the religious calendar and Tishri 1 is the beginning of the civil calendar, TuB'Shevat is the beginning of the year for trees. TuB'Shevat is the Jewish New Year of the trees, and we celebrate it at the time that most trees in Israel begin to bud. **This is the time of year when the winter has just ended and spring is coming.**

Leviticus 19:23-25 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as forbidden; three years shall it be as forbidden unto you; it shall not be eaten. And in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy, for giving praise unto the LORD. But in the fifth year may ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you more richly the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.

So if you plant 100 trees over the course of a year how in the world would you keep track of the time for each tree if that applied to the date you planted each individual tree?! So TuB'Shevat is the beginning count for everyone each year to keep track.

The bible states in many places that man is to be compared to a tree. God is always looking for trees that produce fruit. In Deuteronomy 20:19,20 God states that the only trees that

may be cut down in war-time are non fruit bearing trees. War is coming and we better be bearing fruit!

Matthew 21:19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he came to it, and found nothing on it but leaves. He said to it, "Let there be no fruit from you forever!" Immediately the fig tree withered away.

Matthew 7:19 Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire.

Luke 13:5-9 I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way." He spoke this parable. "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. He said to the vine dresser, 'Behold, these three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down. Why does it waste the soil? He answered, 'Lord, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it. If it bears fruit, fine; but if not, after that, you can cut it down.'"

As I said earlier: **This is the time of year when the winter has just ended and spring is coming**. It is amazing to see beautiful almond trees blossoming all over Israel every winter. They are the first tree to blossom and yet the last to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 1:9-12 Don't be afraid because of them; for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. Behold, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well; for I watch over my word to perform it."

This prophecy uses a play on words that carries a vital truth for Israel as well as for us. The Hebrew word for almond, *shaked*, is also translated "to watch". By seeing the almond branch, God assured Jeremiah that He is watching over His word to bring it to pass, no matter the passage of time. In context, God had just given Israel a warning. Tu B'Shevat is the time when most trees begin to bud in Israel letting them know one season has ended and a new one is beginning.

Matthew 24:32-34 "Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch has now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near. Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Most certainly I tell you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished.

So in summary: TuB'Shevat is a signal of a change in season, the annual time to inspect the trees for fruit, (think humans) and we have a blood red moon. We also read the Scriptures about the blossoming of the fig tree where a major sign was given with Israel becoming a nation and it just so happened it was in springtime 70 years ago! Now let's bring this all together. In Revelation we read about a red horse:

Revelation 6:3,4 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!" Another came forth, a red horse. To him who sat on it was given power to take peace from the earth, and that they should **kill one another**. There was given to him a great sword.

We are about to end the Hebrew year 5777 which represents a great sword. Just as there are three sevens, I believe God's sword was raised over us 3 times.

This was the year the sword was raised as a warning to repent as given to Balaam:

Numbers 22:31-34 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, **with his sword drawn in his hand**; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come forth as an adversary, because your way is perverse before me: and the donkey saw me, and turned aside before me **these three times**. Unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I would have killed you, and saved her alive." Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "**I have sinned**; for I didn't know that you stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again."

And David saw the destroying angel with his sword drawn as three days of destruction was coming on Jerusalem:

1Chronicles 21:16 David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and the sky, **having a drawn sword in his hand** stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

As a nation we have but a few days left to repent as Balaam did or we will see the sword of the Lord come down mightily.

So now let's tie the verse in Revelation about the red horse, the sword, and war and the taking of peace from the earth and tie it to TuB'Shevat, the Blood Red Moon on that day and Zechariah 1. In Zechariah 1 we find he has had a vision on the 24th day of Shevat just 9 days after the 15th of Shevat. The number 9 speaks of judgment.

Zechariah 1:8-10 "I had a vision in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in a ravine; and behind him there were red, brown, and white horses. Then I asked, 'My lord, what are these?'" The angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what these are." The man who **stood among the myrtle trees** answered, "They are the ones the LORD has sent to go back and forth through the earth."

Here we have the red horse who is among the trees in the very month of trees inspecting! Then we see:

Zechariah 1:9-11 Then I asked, 'My lord, what are these?'" The angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what these are. **The man who stood among the myrtle trees** answered, "They are the ones the LORD has sent to go back and forth through the earth." They reported to the angel of the **LORD who stood among the myrtle trees**, and said, "We have walked back and forth through the earth, and behold, all the earth is **at rest and in peace.**"

The red horseman is about to take this peace from the earth and it happens in the month of Shevat and this next year we have a blood red moon just 9 days before this vision was given! Then look at this next verse:

Zechariah 1:12 Then the angel of the LORD replied, "O LORD of Hosts, how long will you not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you have had indignation **these seventy years?**"

This vision took place at the end of the 70 years and we are now at the end of the 70 years of Israel blossoming as a fig tree becoming a nation! Then God declares He is very jealous over Jerusalem and then:

Zechariah 1:15,16 I am very angry with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, but they added to the calamity." Therefore thus says the LORD: "I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy. My house shall be built in it," says the LORD of Hosts, "and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem."

It is time for the Temple to be built! God is about to determine the borders for Jerusalem not the UN! As we see here:

Zechariah 2:1,2 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then I asked, "Where are you going?" He said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its breadth and what is its length."

So look at what is next!

Zechariah 1:18,19 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, four horns. I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" He answered me, "These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

Who are the four horns that won't allow Jerusalem and Israel to be united? The Quartet! The UN, the EU, Russia and the US! They were formed in 2002 for the sole purpose of creating a Palestinian state!

So what do we find next?:

Zechariah 1:21 The LORD showed me four craftsmen. Then I asked, "What are these coming to do?" He said, "These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head; **but these have come to terrify them**, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

Conclusion:

With blood red moons two years in a row on TuB'shvat starting January 31st 2018, with Zechariah's vision of the red horse among the trees during the month of trees in Shevat, also being at the end of the 70 years of Israel being born in a day, the red horse of Revelation with a raised sword about to take peace from the earth, I believe we are about to see the red horse of the apocalypse happening. We are not to be afraid but to take hold of what is really important - each other!

Please inform your friends - we have our book "Blood Moons - Decoding the imminent Heavenly Signs" available at a special price to help get the message out; While the regular price was \$15 we are selling a set of 10 for only \$50! Same with the DVD's!

You can get it here: _____

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