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*After 4,486 U.S. casualties and untold billions spent in Iraq since 2003
al Qaeda takes charge in Fallujah*

COMMENTARY

Will Europe be the First to Get a Clue on CLIMATE CHANGE?

It's mighty curious that the energy policies of nations are described as "climate policy," but they are. Europe, particularly Germany and the partners of the European Union have been praised in recent years for leading the way, setting an example for the rest of the world to follow, with their so-called "energy revolution." It is up to them as to how they want to power their cities in the years ahead, but it seems more than a little ambitiously arrogant for it to be described in terms of altering the world's climate. Nevertheless, recent years have seen them forge ahead on the basis of such a theory, and receive unabashed respect from the intellectual elite for their apparent foresight and resolve.

But their "energy revolution" that was to lead the way in solving "global warming" or "climate change" seems to be bumping up against logistical and economic realities. Not that the planet wouldn't

be saved if all their fanciful plans relating to the "carbon market" they've created, including the wind-turbines at sea with impossible distances for transmission lines to urban centers, could actually come to fruition. But alas, reality is apparently beginning to sink in.

Britain's highly respected *Economist* publication has been all in favor of the artificial "carbon market" and the ambitious long range plans to cut "carbon emissions." But seeing the "carbon market" falter has left the editorial staff at the *Economist* less than amused, and those sentiments are showing up regularly now in the strait-laced style of reporting and advising. Consider this header and headline. *European climate*



policy—Worse than useless.

There are more than a couple of quotes that seem to sum up the situation. Here's the first. "European climate policy has two main strands. One is a carbon market to raise the price of pollution. The other—to give an extra push to investment, research and development in green energy—is a program for boosting renewable energy through production targets and subsidies on, for instance, wind and solar power. Neither has worked." They tell a tale of woe about subsidies having been way too costly, and the "carbon market" being all out of whack. "Carbon offsets" have become incredibly less expensive than the achievement of goals set forth for reduced emissions. But in spite of the fact that the whole concept is falling on its face, the *Economist* insists, "The continent...has a responsibility to get the world to change its ways and to change its own."

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section titled *Charlemagne/Europe's energy woes*, there are a couple more admissions that represent a bitter pill for those who've swallowed "global warming," hook, line and sinker. "After years of crisis, Europeans are more concerned with the cost of climate-change policies than with their benefits. European industries pay three to four times more for gas, and over twice as much for electricity as American ones..." Later on, after bemoaning that "Europe's carbon and energy markets are dysfunctional," comes this worst case outcome from the writers of one of the world's most respected news publications. "Unless Europe's markets are fixed so that emissions permits, gas and electricity can be traded across the continent, ever more ambitious climate-change targets risk becoming an ever more expensive failure."

Wouldn't it be awful if everybody were forced to admit, finally, after all the guilt-tripping, taxing, regulating, stimulating and subsidizing, that the whole thing was a bust? You don't suppose that the

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Heartbreaking Ignominy in Iraq

and the resurgence of al Qaeda



Most of us can only imagine the sickening pain American Marines feel at the sight of the photo we used on the cover of this issue. It was November of 2004 when they began to fight valiantly in these same streets at great cost (nearly 100 dead and many hundreds wounded) to rid Fallujah, Ramadi and the rest of the Anbar province of murderous insurgents. Many of the estimated 2,400 American casualties in Iraq were sustained in those battles.

Their efforts to bring peace and calm to this area by 2008 were regarded as one of the greatest accomplishments of the Iraq war. As many have testified recently, none expected to see their sacrifices rendered meaningless by a complete take-over of Islamic terrorists. But

that is exactly what has transpired in the wake of an abrupt pull-out of American forces in December of 2011, with Iraqi troops ill-prepared to keep the peace.

The U.S. presidential campaign of 2012 saw the incumbent boast of the withdrawal of forces from Iraq as if that in itself represented a great accomplishment. Not only that, but bin Laden was dead and al Qaeda

was well on the way to defeat! It turns out only half of that statement was true. It is al Qaeda now flying their black flag over soil Americans bled and died for. How must that affect the morale of those still serving in our military forces?

We don't have to guess as to the effect on the morale of those who sacrificed so much in the battles in Anbar province. They're now left feeling as



though the greatest toil of their lives has been rendered utterly meaningless. Parents who lost sons and daughters are left with the feeling that their beloved children died for nothing. Marines, many of whom are still trying to put their lives back together, physically and mentally, say they are nauseated, just sick at the realization that it was all for nought.

Most thought they had accomplished something truly great, clearing out insurgent fighters and terrorists, street by street, building by building, giving the civilians an opportunity to exist in a peaceful and orderly environment. Our troops built roads, new schools, clinics and Police stations. Some established close relationships with some of the locals while they were there, and have recently tried, mostly unsuccessfully, to reestablish contact in the wake of the recent news of the al Qaeda takeover. Iraq looks to be descending into a protracted civil war much like the one ongoing in Syria, and it looks likely to spread. It is hard to imagine a worse outcome to the monumental efforts and expenditures by the United States.

But that is not where the tragedy ends. A similar outcome awaits Afghanistan, where American forces have been prevented from “winning” by incredibly stringent rules of engagement. From all available information, U.S. troops are largely confined to clearing roadways of explosive devices, protecting diplomatic efforts

and preparing for most U.S. troops to leave later this year.

There is undefined talk of leaving a residual force behind to protect against the kind of outcome we’re seeing in Iraq, but it’s hard to be optimistic. The Afghan government has proven to be a corrupt sham, and the radical Taliban aren’t about to throw in the towel with a U.S. exit looming.

The past five years have witnessed a resurgence of radical

Many of al Qaeda’s leading instigators involved with the World Trade Center attack have been pursued, captured or killed. But none other than the Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, said recently that al Qaeda is currently no less a threat than it was in 2001. He says the organization has developed five “franchises” that are operating in at least a dozen countries across the Middle East, and that training camps



terrorist types running amok wherever the U.S. has assisted in the overthrow of a regime. Another example is Libya, a lawless rubble where terrorist factions do as they wish, as evidenced by the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission and the killing of our Ambassador, his aide and two CIA operatives.

From Iraq to Egypt, from Libya to Syria, U.S. foreign policy in the region over recent years has been incomprehensible, repeatedly resulting in tremendous internal disorder and an all-encompassing hatred for Americans.

have been set up in several that are dedicated to sending attackers against American targets.

Middle East analyst Peter Bergen says al Qaeda now controls more territory in the Arab world than ever before. He says at least 70 individuals have left the United States to train and fight in Syria in addition to hundreds from the U.K. and thousands from all over Europe. Europe, he says is right to be concerned about the dangers posed by freshly trained *jihadists* returning from terrorist training camps back into the European population. □ Mark Armstrong

How Was Easter Substituted for the Passover?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Believe it or not, it was *many centuries* before the false, apostate church was finally able to *stamp out* the celebration of the PASSOVER and the Days of Unleavened Bread!

Actually, they *never* succeeded in stamping it out *entirely*, and history proves there were scattered remnants of God's true church observing the Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread and the other annual holy days, all down through the centuries—just as there are latter-day remnants of God's true church observing those same days today!

There is a quotation from the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, in which is mentioned the “controversy of the Quartodecimans.” The Quartodeciman “controversy” raged throughout the Mediterranean world for literally *centuries*.

“Quartodeciman” is merely another word for “*fourteenth*”! The controversy stemmed from the insistence that the early New Testament Church of God ought to follow the *custom of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* in observing the *Passover* on the *14th* of NISAN; the first month of the year, according to God's sacred calendar.

The pagan church gradually began *adopting* pagan customs and traditions, and began insisting upon standardizing the date



for the observance for the *spring festival*.

The masses of pagans who were being “converted” into this new religion brought with them their ancient customs of the celebration of *life*; sexual reproduction, fertility and worship of the sun. Their gods and goddesses were those such as Isis, Osiris, Nimrod and Semiramis; Astarte, Ishtar, Tammuz and others. Apostate church leaders reason these pagans *had to be accommodated*.

History *absolutely proves* that pagan customs and ceremonies were *allowed*, and merely given Christian names. Those who *insisted* on continuing to observe *God's annual Holy Days* were PUT OUT of the apostate church!

Notice! “The first council of Nicaea (325) decreed that the Roman practice should be observed throughout the church. But

even at Rome the Easter term was changed repeatedly. Those who continued to keep Easter with the Jews were called “Quartodecimans” (14 Nisan) and were excluded from the church” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, article “Easter,” emphasis mine).

Interestingly, the *Catholic Encyclopedia* subtly inserts the word “Easter” in its article under that term, even though the writer of the article knew NO ONE would ever keep “*Easter with the Jews*,” for the Jews NEVER recognized this pagan custom. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* continually refers to the Passover as “Easter.” Note some further quotes from the same source:

“*Easter eggs*: The symbolic meaning of a new creation of mankind by Jesus risen from the dead was probably an invention of later times. The custom may

have its origin in *paganism*, for a great many *pagan customs*, celebrating the return of spring, *gravitated to Easter*. The egg is the emblem of the germinating life of early spring.

"The Easter rabbit lays the eggs, for which reason they are hidden in a nest or in the garden. *The rabbit is a pagan symbol* and has always been an *emblem of fertility* (Simrock, Mythology, 551).

The Easter fire is lit on the top of mountains (Easter Mountain, Osterberg) and must be kindled from new fire, drawn from wood by friction; this is *a custom of pagan origin* in vogue all over Europe, signifying the victory of spring over winter.

"The Bishops issued severe edicts against the sacrilegious Easter fires, but did not succeed in abolishing them everywhere. *The Church adopted the observance into the Easter ceremonies*, referring it to the fiery column in the desert and to the resurrection of Christ; the new fire on holy Saturday is drawn from flint, symbolizing the resurrection by the light of the world from the tomb closed by a stone" (ibid).

What a shocking admission! Notice that even the Catholics admit that the ORIGINS of "Easter" and even the *name itself* are totally PAGAN! The rabbit is a PAGAN symbol! It is an emblem of FERTILITY!

Easter fires, lit on the top of mountains, are "customs of *pagan origin*"!

"The church adopted . . . the Easter ceremonies"! Could anything be plainer? Let's continue

with the same source:

"EASTER CONTROVERSY: First phase:

"The dioceses of all Asia, as from an *older tradition*, held that the *fourteenth day of the moon*, on which day the Jews were commanded to sacrifice the lamb, should *always be observed* as the feast of the life-giving pasch [Passover], contending that the fast ought to end on that day, whatever day of the week it might happen to be. However, it was not the custom of the churches in the rest of the world to end it at this point, as they observed the practice, which from apostolic tradi-

states that St. Polycarp, who, like the other Asiatics, *kept Easter on the fourteenth day of the moon*, whatever day of the week that might be, *following therein the tradition which he claimed to have derived from St. John the apostle*, came to Rome about 150 A.D. about this very question, but could not be persuaded by Pope Anicetus to relinquish his Quartodecimen observance.

"The question thus debated was therefore primarily whether Easter was to be kept on a Sunday, or whether Christians should observe the holy day of the Jews, the fourteenth of Nisan, which

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tion has prevailed to the present time, of terminating the fast on no other day than on that of the resurrection of our Saviour. Synods and assemblies of bishops were held on this account, and all with one consent through mutual correspondence drew up an ecclesiastical *decree* that the mystery of the resurrection of the Lord should be celebrated on no other day but the Sunday and that we should observe the close of the paschal fast on that day only. [No such fast is mentioned in the Bible.]

"A letter of Saint Ireaneus is among the extracts just referred to, and this shows that the diversity of practice regarding Easter had existed at least from the time of Pope Sixtus. Further, Ireaneus

might occur on any day of the week. Those who kept Easter with the Jews were called *Quartodecimans* . . ." (ibid., emphasis mine).

Again, it must be noted in this lengthy quotation from the *Catholic Encyclopedia* that they have subtly substituted "Easter" for the "Passover." What Polycarp observed "like the other Asiatics" was not *EASTER*! It was the PASSOVER, on the 14th of Nisan, as all the apostles had kept it.

That they admit he kept a great event "on the fourteenth day of the moon, whichever day of that week that might be — *following the tradition which he claimed to have derived from St. John the apostle*" — absolutely PROVES that the festival Polycarp (who

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Four Blood Moons — Are They Prophetically Significant?

by Jim Josephsen

Are you aware of the coming Four Blood Moons?

Within the general public, among the media at large, the subject of Four Blood Moons is scarcely known; is given next to no exposure. An awareness of the subject and its significance has been getting traction on the Internet and of course within many Christian churches. Four Blood Moons is being fostered within Christian circles, along with Messianic organizations and those associated with the preservation of the nation of Israel.

Websites such as *World Net Daily*, *World Watch Daily*, *Red Moon Rapture*, *Jesus on My Mind* and a host of other Internet outlets and Christian ministries are rapidly getting on board, in their attempt to uncover the mysteries of this soon to play out celestial phenomenon. Of late, Fox News and commentators, the likes of Glenn Beck have given the subject coverage. A recent book entitled, *Four Blood Moons — Something Is About to Change*, written by John Hagee, is capturing audiences.

Chief advocates of *Four Blood Moons* are Christian Evangelical John Hagee, founder and senior

pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas and Pastor Mark Biltz, founder of El Shaddai Ministries.

This Four Blood Moons theory is uniquely religious and its in-

time Biblical prophetic fulfillment.

Equally important, they and many other ministries postulate, Four Blood Moons is a harbinger of significant events that will oc-

cure to the nation of Israel in the near future. What those events might be specifically, neither Hagee nor Biltz can tell.

Rooted in the concept of Four Blood Moons, giving this celestial phenomena religious footing, are the following scriptures. Joel 2:30-31 which reads, *And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of*

smoke, The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and the terrible (glorious) day of the Lord.

Acts 2:20; *the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before that great and notable day of the Lord cometh.*

Luke 21:25-26; *and there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on*



tention, prophetic. Hagee and Biltz would have you to understand the coming Four Blood Moons might very possibly fulfill Bible prophecy, announcing the second coming of, and the great and terrible Day of the Lord. As they explain, the Bible talks about the sun turning to darkness (a solar eclipse they believe) and the moon into blood (a total lunar eclipse, so they conclude), consequently, the coming Four Blood Moons, combined with the many social, economic, geopolitical and immorality factors of our time, can only point to end

the earth: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

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.*

Certainly, these scriptures sound ominous and those who respect Biblical prophecy will take notice. Will the soon to come Four Blood Moons really fulfill these scriptures?

What are these Four Blood Moons or as they are also called, Red Blood Moons?

The term Four Blood Moons is associated with two conditions; 1) an astronomical event called a *tetrad* and 2) specific Jewish Holy Days. Let us understand the details.

An astronomical *tetrad* is defined as four consecutive *total lunar eclipses* (the earth's shadow completely and totally covering or eclipsing a full moon), with no other lunar eclipses in between. Each of the four total lunar eclipses is separated from the other by five lunar months, which is to say five full moons. Those five full moons have no association to either a total or partial eclipse. Each of the five is just simply, a full moon. The four consecutive total lunar eclipses are what are emphasized. A *tetrad* is a very fascinating and rare celestial phenomenon. From 1 AD until 2000 AD, there have been 54 *tetrads*. In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, there were no *tetrads*. In the 21st Century, there will only be eight *tetrads*.

These soon coming four con-

secutive total lunar eclipses, which are being given so much attention in religious circles, this *tetrad*, will occur on the following dates. In 2014, a total lunar eclipse, the *first*, will occur on April 14/15th. Then on October 8/9th another, the *second* total lunar eclipse will occur. These are the first two of the four consecutive total lunar eclipses, with no partial lunar eclipses in between.

The next two come in the year 2015, with the *third* total lunar eclipse occurring on April 3/4th. And the *fourth* successive total lunar eclipse will occur on September 27/28th. These four total lunar eclipses occur six lunar

moon will only reflect the colors of light contained in the earth's shadow. Those colors of light are of the red, orange and yellow spectrum. Consequently, a total lunar eclipsed moon will often look reddish in the shadow of the earth. On other occasions the totally covered, eclipsed full moon will look orangeish or the color of pumpkin. But in general, to the average man, a total lunar eclipsed full moon looks reddish, looking bloody, "kinda like blood." That fact is natural, logical.

You may ask, as do those with no religious or Jewish persuasion, so what's the big deal? These to-

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months apart from one another and in between each are five full moons; none of which are eclipsed.

These four full moons, these four total lunar eclipses are the Four Blood Moons. Why are these four totally eclipsed full moons given a description of blood?

A total lunar eclipse is often called a blood moon, because its characteristics encourage that description. During a total lunar eclipse, the earth blocks the sun's light as the earth's shadow completely (totally) covers (eclipses) the moon. There then is no direct sunlight reflecting off the moon. The totally covered (eclipsed)

tal lunar eclipses are just the earth and moon and the sun doing their thing, as they progress through their clockwork-like, established and sustained patterns, year after year, decades and centuries of consistent, recordable, predictable movement. And the color; isn't that just simply the nature of chromaticity?

That's true but there's more, say those who promote the Four Blood Moons. *Tetrads* don't occur very often. And regarding the dates — well, each is extremely significant.

Those four dates, on each of which a total lunar eclipse will occur, are significant to the Jew's

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Egyptians Bewildered Over Support for Muslim Brotherhood

by Michael Armanious

What many Egyptians cannot understand is: Why is the U.S. Administration siding with the forces of oppression in their country and assisting with its transformation into a failed state under the leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood? Egypt simply cannot be allowed to become another Somalia or Afghanistan, controlled by its own version of the Taliban.

The Egyptian people are astounded. They simply do not understand the Obama Administration's efforts to bring the Muslim Brotherhood back to power.

In an effort to make some sense of the Obama Administration's policies, Amir Adeeb, a prominent Egyptian commentator, argues that the U.S. is helping the Muslim Brotherhood to achieve power, in order to turn Egypt into a magnet for *jihadi* fighters. The goal, Adeeb states, is to turn Egypt into another Syria or Af-

ghanistan and discredit Islamism as a viable political movement.

To Westerners, this may seem like a bizarre conspiracy theory, but for Egyptians it helps explain why the U.S. government is supporting an organization that has openly declared *jihād* against the West, engaged in threats of war with Israel and Ethiopia, demolished dozens of ancient historic churches, set hospitals on fire, and murdered Christians in the streets. The Muslim Brotherhood has no respect for the rule of law, but the Obama Administration treats the Egyptian military that removed the group from power as a threat to democracy itself.

The Muslim Brotherhood government under former President Morsi threatened to wage war with Ethiopia over this project. The fact is, the *Ikhwan* (as the Muslim Brotherhood is called in Arabic) engaged in some pretty undemocratic behavior in the election that brought it to power

in June 2012. Morsi lied about his background, telling voters he worked for NASA when he did no such thing. He falsely promised to spend \$200 billion on an Egyptian renaissance only to say, once he was elected, that it was just an idea. He bribed voters with cooking oil, sugar, and medicine. On the day of the election, with threats of violence, the Muslim Brotherhood stopped thousands of Coptic Christians from voting. Further, in a little known aspect of the election, many voters complained of receiving ballots that had already been marked in Morsi's favor.

Egyptians were willing to overlook these irregularities in hopes that Morsi would bring order and stability to their country. They hoped he would follow through on his promise to build a modern Egypt; create jobs, and put together an inclusive government and constitution. They hoped he would honor his prom-





ise to spend \$200 billion on repairing Egypt's infrastructure as part of an Islamic "Renaissance Project."

Instead, Morsi worked systematically to dismantle the institutions of a 7,000 year-old country. He gathered his cronies to speak openly, on national television, of destabilizing Ethiopia in a fight over the use of water from the Upper Nile River.

Morsi also straightforwardly stated that he was recreating an Islamic "Caliphate." He pardoned and freed hard-line Islamists—including Anwar Sadat's killers—and allowed them to have an Islamic political party, contrary to the constitution, which bans religious parties. When Morsi spoke to audiences, hard-line Islamists sat in the front row, demonstrating that these people were his political base.

To buttress the support of this base, Morsi released members of Gamaa al-Islamiyya, founded by the "Blind Sheikh," Omar Abdel-Rahman, who attempted the first World Trade Center attack. This group, considered a terrorist organization by the United States, killed over 60 tourists in Luxor in 1997. That history did not stop Morsi from appointing one of its

members governor of Luxor, over the objection of local residents who are dependent on tourism for their livelihood. Nor did it stop him from assigning another member of this group as Minister of Culture. With these decisions, Morsi delivered a final blow to Egypt's tourism industry.

And if people are not even willing to visit Egypt, how will they invest in the country?

The Muslim Brotherhood, however, apparently does not want tourists from the West, even though they have been an important source of hard currency for decades. It seems Sheik Hazem Salah Abu Ismail, an ultraconservative Islamist and a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, had asked Morsi to not allow Western tourists into Egypt, and to replace them with tourists from Muslim countries.

Life under the rule of Morsi became impossible. For Egyptians, shortages of food, water, electricity, and medicine became the norm. In response, Morsi appeared on TV to ask for more time, another 10 or 15 years.

As Morsi started driving his country into a civilizational ditch, some of the passengers rebelled. A grassroots movement called

"Tamarud" ("Rebellion") mobilized over 30 million people, who took over the streets of Egypt, and called for the removal of Morsi and his radical government. Their legitimate goal was to take the steering wheel from a group of madmen who wanted to bring about famine and take Egypt back to the dark ages. To prevent a civil war, the Egyptian army removed Morsi and installed an interim government with the support of Al-Azhar University, the most respected Islamic authority in Sunni Islam; the El Nour Party (an ultraconservative group); the Coptic Church, and a number of secular parties.

Predictably, the Muslim Brotherhood responded with threats and violence, especially targeting the Christians of Egypt. Members of the Muslim Brotherhood shot a 10-year-old Christian girl in the streets as she returned home from church. They beheaded a Christian merchant, shot a priest in Sinai and marched Franciscan Nuns in the streets like war prisoners. They burned Christian businesses, homes, and churches, especially the ancient churches in upper Egypt. Their goal was to terrorize Christians and erase all evidence of Egypt's Christian past. Apparently, destroying the country's hope for the future was not enough.

Islamists also massacred officers and soldiers from the armed forces and the police. Mohamed Beltagy, an Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood politician, stated in a televised interview that violence would stop when Mohammed

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80 Years of Witness & Warning



This work of witness and warning marks its modern beginning in the United States with the first radio broadcast of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in 1934. Since that time, through the various formats of media, and largely due to the successful efforts of Garner Ted Armstrong, we have done more to advance the knowledge of God's Holy Days, His Sabbath and the return of Jesus Christ to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth than any other ministry or evangelical association in the world. Today there are hundreds of thousands in the United States and around the world who observe the seventh day Sabbath and faithfully keep the Feasts associated with the seven annual Holy Days. True, one has to be circumspect. Boastful, authoritarian ministries have also been spawned over recent decades which, while having the major truths, go on to claim divine authorities that would make HWA blush. So don't just WATCH, watch out!

Truly, we live in a time in our homeland of the United States nobody saw coming, where sin is sacred and national leadership promotes it tirelessly. The world is becoming frightfully more dangerous, with the threat of Islamic terrorism poised to reach epic proportions as *nuclear* terror becomes a legitimate possibility.

This is an organization that has not strayed from doctrinal truth, has faithfully endeavored to provide for the "feeding of the flock," in addition to keeping up with important prophetic developments and making sure they don't go unnoticed. As such, it's our Eightieth Anniversary!



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HWA, Loma Armstrong and
Richard Armstrong in the
radio studio.**



Kerry to Israel: International Forces will Protect You

by Aaron Klein

TEL AVIV — During his visit here recently, Secretary of State John Kerry pressed Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to come to an accommodation to create a Palestinian state, with particular emphasis on current talks focusing on the strategic Jordan Valley, according to informed Israeli and Palestinian diplomats.

The diplomats told *WND* that Kerry rejected a proposal by Netanyahu for an interim deal, instead expressing the Obama administration's goal of a final status agreement to create a state before 2016.

Netanyahu had proposed a five-year interim agreement in which Israel would give the Palestinian Authority sovereignty over one-third of what is known as Area C, territories in the West Bank currently under Israeli control, the diplomats said. Israel would still retain some security presence in those areas.

Netanyahu's proposal further called for an official PA presence in Jerusalem, the diplomats added.

During the five-year period, the PA would be required to take steps to remove incitement from official educational and media material and fully dismantle the terrorist apparatus in the West Bank.

The Netanyahu deal also called for the PA to lead a public campaign that would clarify that a final deal would be achieved with Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people, meaning no so-called



right of return, the diplomats told *WND*.

According to the Israeli and Palestinian diplomats, both Kerry and PA President Mahmoud Abbas rejected Netanyahu's proposal.

Kerry also asked Netanyahu to not put any obstacles in the way of a U.S. plan for the Palestinians and international forces to assume control in the Jordan Valley.

Last month, *WND* broke the story that Kerry was pressing hard for Israel to give up the strategic Jordan Valley in a deal with the Palestinians.

The current round of U.S.-brokered talks is attempting to hash out the details of a plan for the valley.

Kerry's proposal calls for international forces to maintain security control along with unarmed Palestinian police forces, the PA negotiator said. Israel would retain security posts in some stra-

tegic areas of the Jordan Valley, according to the U.S. plan.

Previous talks incorporated an element of Jordanian authority in the Jordan Valley, but the Kingdom of Jordan is suddenly wary of participating in a future Palestinian state, the negotiator said.

A Palestinian negotiator speaking to *WND* pointed to the insurgency in Syria and changes of leadership in Egypt as reasons for Jordanian reluctance to assume any security control over Palestinian areas.

The Jordan Valley cuts through the heart of Israel. It runs from the Tiberias River in the north to the Dead Sea in the center to the city of Aqaba in the south of the country, stretching through the biblical Arabah desert.

The negotiator, meanwhile, said Kerry is urging an all-encompassing final status deal on the Jordan Valley, West Bank and

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sections of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount.

Israel, on the other hand, would rather have an interim deal to ensure the Palestinians keep their side of the bargain, according to informed Israeli diplomatic sources.

Temple Mount

WND reported in July the terms of the Obama administration plan in which the Palestinian Authority and Jordan would receive sovereignty over the Temple Mount while Israel would retain the land below the Western Wall, according to a senior PA negotiator. The plan remains in effect as the basis for negotiations.

The Temple Mount is the holiest site in Judaism.

Israel has not agreed to the U.S. plan for the Temple Mount, with details still open for discussion, stated the PA negotiator.

The negotiator, who is one of the main Palestinian figures leading the Arab side of the talks, fur-

ther divulged Kerry's proposed outline for a Palestinian state as presented orally to Israel and the PA.

He said Jordan has been invited to play a key role in the discussions surrounding both the Temple Mount and Jerusalem while it will be the PA, with some Jordanian assistance, that would ultimately receive control of some of those areas.

WND was first to report in 2007 that Jordan had been quietly purchasing real estate surrounding the Temple Mount in Jerusalem hoping to gain more control over the area accessing the holy site, according to Palestinian and Israeli officials.

Meanwhile, regarding the rest of Jerusalem, Kerry's plan is to rehash what is known as the Clinton parameters. The formula, pushed by President Bill Clinton during the Camp David talks in 2000, called for Jewish areas of Jerusalem to remain Israeli while the Palestinians would get sovereignty over neighborhoods that

are largely Arab. Most Arab sections are located in eastern Jerusalem.

WND previously reported the Palestinians are building illegally in Jewish-owned areas of Jerusalem, resulting in Arab majorities in some neighborhoods.

When it comes to the West Bank, which borders Jerusalem and is within rocket range of Israel's main population centers, Kerry's plan calls for Israel to evacuate about 90 percent of its Jewish communities in the territory.

Israel would retain strategic security posts along with the West Bank's main blocks, Maale Adumin, Ariel and Gush Etzion. In return, Obama is calling for an exchange of territory with the Palestinians, discussion being open for the Palestinians to possibly receive land in the Negev, in Israel's south. □

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Scale model of Herodian Temple

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was a student of John) kept was not “Easter,” but THE PASS-OVER!

In the final paragraph of the quotation, the distinction is subtly drawn between “Christians” and “Jews.” Another obvious and flagrant misapplication of terms in the final quote: “Those who kept Easter *with the Jews* were called Quartodecimans . . .” Nonsense! They were called Quartodecimans because they kept the *Passover* — and absolutely *shunned* the pagan “Ishtar” (pronounced “Easter”) being adopted by an apostate, increasingly *pagan* church!

Notice further:

“*II PHASE*: The second stage in the Easter controversy centers around the council of Nicaea (A.D. 325).

“The emperor himself (Constantine) writing to the churches after the council of Nicaea, exhorts them to adopt its conclusions and says among other things, ‘At this meeting the question concerning the most holy day of Easter was discussed, and it was resolved by the united judgment of all present that this feast ought to be kept by all and in every place on one and the same day . . . And first of all it appeared an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should *follow the practice of the Jews*, who have impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin . . . for we have received from our Saviour a different way . . . and I myself have undertaken that this

decision should meet with the approval of your sagacities in the hope that your wisdoms will gladly admit that the practice which is observed at once in the city of Rome and in Africa, throughout Italy and Egypt . . . with entire unity of judgment.’ From this and other indications . . . we learn that the dispute now lay between the Christians of Syria and Mesopotamia and is dependent upon the *Jewish calendar* for its Easter” (ibid., emphasis mine).

Remember, these lengthy quotations are from the *Catholic Encyclopedia*! Constantine was a reformed SUN WORSHIPER! When he embraced “Christianity” he embraced the *so-called* Christianity of the leading bishops who were already *apostate*! He did *not* embrace the Christianity practiced by those who were “holding fast to the faith once delivered to the saints,” and who tenaciously REFUSED TO CHANGE the observance of one of the most important annual Holy Days Jesus Christ ever hallowed, the PASSOVER!

Notice, in the quotation above from Constantine’s exhortation to the churches after the Council of Nicaea, that he, too, showed disdainful contempt for “the Jews” (who are accused of having “impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin”) and he repudiates the “practice of the Jews,” meaning the observance of the Passover (The Lord’s supper, as the apostle Paul began to refer to it) on the 14th of Nisan, as it had been observed for *centuries*!

At the end of the quotation concerning the development of keep-

ing Easter in the Catholic Church, the encyclopedia admits “the important Church of Antioch was still dependent upon the *Jewish calendar* for its *Easter*.” Again, a deliberate confusion of *terms* is utilized in a subtle attempt to mislead the minds of readers.

By no stretch of the imagination were the converted brethren in *Antioch*, in *Syria*, who were dependent upon “the Jewish Calendar” (meaning Abib, or Nisan, 14), keeping “*Easter*.” By tenaciously adhering to the *14th of Nisan*, it is clear they were observing the PASSOVER, and *rejecting* pagan Easter!

Notice now the quotation concerning the “III Phase”:

“It was to the divergent cycles which Rome had successively adopted and rejected in its attempt to determine Easter more accurately that the third stage in the paschal controversy was mainly due.

“The Roman missionaries coming to England in the time of St. Gregory the Great found the British Christians, the representatives of that Christianity which had been introduced into Britain during the period of the Roman occupation, *still adhering to an ancient system of Easter computation which Rome itself had laid aside*” (ibid., emphasis mine).

What a fantastic admission! Here we read of “Roman missionaries” arriving in the British Isles *from Rome*, yet discovering Christians in the British Isles adhering to the very same system of determining the date for the PASS-OVER as had always been ob-

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served by the early New Testament church!

Few have stopped to speculate on *where* all the other apostles mentioned in the Gospels *went*. Most disappear from sight, and the Bible quickly begins concerning itself with the ministries of, first, the apostle Paul and then to some extent Peter and John. But whatever happened to Thomas; Simon the Canaanite; Mathias (who replaced Judas Iscariot); Andrew, Peter's brother; James the son of Alphaeus (not the son of Zebedee); Bartholomew; and others?

Jesus plainly said He would "send them to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"! Is it strange, then, that peoples in faraway lands had been converted to *true* Christianity, and were observing God's annual Holy Days on precisely the correct dates, which actually created a *controversy* with Roman missionaries?

Now, under the article "Councils" in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, notice one of the most im-

portant *purposes* for the Council of Nicaea:

"The first ecumenical, or council, of Nicaea (325) lasted two months and twelve days. Three hundred and eighteen bishops were present. Hosius, bishop of Cordova, assisted as legate of Pope Sylvester. The Emperor Constantine was also present. To this council we owe the Creed of Nicaea, defining against Arius the true divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter [*against the Quartodecimans*]."

Interesting reading, isn't it? But *how many* of your friends and relatives have ever taken the time and trouble to simply *read* such *shocking admissions*?

Remember, this is not someone's "church doctrine" you are reading; it is not the clever arguments of some cult or sect that is trying to confuse your mind and "trap" you into observing some strange customs! Instead, you are reading direct quotations from historians!

That Easter is *pagan to the core* is a matter of authoritative historical FACT! Almighty God soundly

CONDEMNS the entire practice in the Bible!

Of course, *if there is no God* the plaintive cries of "I don't see what difference it makes," or "Why should we take away such joyous occasions from the children?" seem to make sense.

But, since there IS A GOD, and since that Eternal Creator God is righteously *ANGRY* at instilling *pagan customs* in the minds of our children which keep them from understanding the *truth of God* — it DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

God says, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, it is a sin." Once you *KNOW* the truth, you *become responsible for it*. Thus, in a very real sense, you have now been given *dangerous knowledge*. It is knowledge that, while readily available in any number of historical sources, is *not known* by a vast majority of *all mankind*!

Hundreds of MILLIONS of churchgoing professing Christians are blissfully *ignorant* of these startling facts!

Now YOU know! □

CHANGE?

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world's leaders in "global warming," "climate-change," "carbon-credit," "energy revolution" will turn out to be the world's first to get a clue?

And here's another rhetorical question. What if America's industrial cities of the Midwest and Northeast had been relying on solar and wind to keep the heat working and the lights on this winter?

Just saying. You'll find more intricate discussion of the crack-up of the EU's climate-change policies

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Solar farms "radically uneconomical."

Europe to Ditch Climate Protection Goals

by Gregor Peter Schmitz in Brussels

The EU's reputation as a model of environmental responsibility may soon be history. The European Commission wants to forgo ambitious climate protection goals and pave the way for fracking — jeopardizing Germany's touted energy revolution in the process.

The climate between Brussels and Berlin is polluted, something European Commission officials attribute, among other things, to the “reckless” way German Chancellor Angela Merkel blocked stricter exhaust emissions during her re-election campaign to placate domestic automotive manufacturers like Daimler and BMW. This kind of blatant self-interest, officials complained at the time, is poisoning the climate.

But now it seems that the climate is no longer of much importance to the European Commission, the EU's executive branch, either. Commission sources have long been hinting that the body intends to move away from ambitious climate protection goals. On Tuesday, the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* reported as much.

At the request of Commission President José Manuel Barroso, EU member states are no longer to receive specific guidelines for the development of renewable energy. The stated aim of in-



Wind turbines at sea cannot power Europe's cities.

creasing the share of green energy across the EU to up to 27 percent will hold. But how seriously countries tackle this project will no longer be regulated within the plan. As of 2020 at the latest — when the current commitment to further increase the share of green energy expires — climate protection in the EU will apparently be pursued on a voluntary basis.

Climate Leaders No More?

With such a policy, the European Union is seriously jeopardizing its global climate leadership role. Back in 2007, when Germany held the European Council presidency, the body decided on a climate and energy legislation package known as the “20-20-20” targets, to be fulfilled by the year 2020. They included:

A 20 percent reduction in EU greenhouse gas emissions; rais-

ing the share of EU energy consumption produced from renewable resources to 20 percent; and a 20 percent improvement in the EU's energy efficiency.

All of the goals were formulated relative to 1990 levels. And the targets could very well be met. But in the future, European climate and energy policy may be limited to just a single project: reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Commission plans also set no new binding rules for energy efficiency.

Welcome, Frackers

In addition, the authority wants to pave the way in the EU for the controversial practice of fracking, according to the daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. The report says the Commission does not intend to establish strict rules for the extraction of shale gas, but only minimum health and

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environmental standards.

The plans will be officially presented next Wednesday ahead of an EU summit meeting in March. Observers, however, believe that a decision is unlikely to come until the summer at the earliest. But action must be taken this year: At the beginning of 2015, a climate conference will take place in Paris at which a global climate agreement is to be hashed out.

The European Parliament is unlikely to be pleased with the Commission's plans. Just at the beginning of January, a strong parliamentary majority voted to reduce carbon emissions EU-wide by 40 percent by 2030 and to raise the portion of renewables to at least 30 percent of energy consumption.

Germany's Energy Goals at Risk

The Commission's move further isolates Germany. Merkel's

government, a "grand coalition" of her conservatives and the center-left Social Democratic Party (SPD), seeks to increase the share of renewables in the country's energy mix to 60 percent by 2036. As reported in the latest issue of *SPIEGEL*, Sigmar Gabriel, SPD chair and minister of energy and economics, recently urged Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard and Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger to put forth mandatory expansion targets for renewable energy in the EU by 2030. Europe "can't afford to pass up this opportunity," Gabriel wrote.

But within the Commission, the ambitious project has long been controversial. The same goes for EU member states, as Gabriel recently discovered. Prior to Christmas, the minister, together with eight colleagues from throughout the EU, called for a "renewables target" in a letter to the Commission. But some countries, such as France, joined the appeal only hesitantly

at the time. Paris might prefer instead to rely more heavily on nuclear power in order to meet stringent carbon emission requirements.

Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger, a German from Merkel's Christian Democratic Union, has also shown reluctance. Rather than setting clear goals for the share of renewables, he wants fixed targets only for the reduction of carbon emissions — and he is skeptical even of the 40 percent target proposed by Climate Commissioner Hedegaard.

The Berlin-based German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) writes in a recent study that more moderate EU climate goals and less support for renewable energies could have a real impact on Germany's so called *Energiewende*, or energy revolution. "In such a context," writes the nonpartisan think tank, "it will be increasingly difficult for Germany to successfully carry out pioneering policies." □

Egyptians

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Morsi was reinstated as the president of Egypt.

Many Egyptians are asking: Why are the West and United States insisting on supporting the Muslim Brotherhood in the name of democracy? It was the same type of "democracy"—merely an election, which is only a small part of a democracy—that brought Hitler to power in Germany and Hamas to power in the Gaza Strip.

If Hamas is outlawed in the West, why isn't the Muslim Brotherhood?

What many Egyptians cannot understand is: Why is the U.S. Administration siding with the forces of oppression in their country and assisting with its transformation into a failed state under the leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood? These conditions all run contrary to American interests.

In the Middle East, a strong economy, military, and police are the cornerstones of stability.

Egypt was the first Arab nation to choose the path of peace with Israel. Egypt is the nerve system of the Arab and the Islamic world. The U.S. has a strong interest in a stable, modern, and prosperous Egypt. It simply cannot be allowed to become another Somalia or Afghanistan, controlled by its own version of the Taliban. □

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Climate Policies Helped Kill Manufacturing, says Maurice Newman

THE unprecedented cost of energy driven by the renewable energy target and the carbon tax had destroyed the nation's competitiveness, Tony Abbott's chief business adviser has declared.

*by Graham Lloyd
The Australian, Discover News*

Maurice Newman also says climate change policies driven by “scientific delusion” have been a major factor in the collapse of Australia's manufacturing sector. “The Australian dollar and industrial relations policies are blamed,” Maurice Newman said. “But, for some manufacturers, the strong dollar has been a benefit, while high relative wages have long been a feature of the Australian industrial landscape.”

In an interview, Maurice Newman said protection of climate change policies and the renewable energy industry by various state governments smacked of a “cover-up.”

He said an upcoming review of the renewable energy target must include examination of claims made in federal parliament that millions of dollars were being paid to renewable energy projects that allegedly did not meet planning guidelines. Maurice Newman's comments follow those of Dow Chemicals chairman and chief executive Andrew Liveris, who said Australia was losing its natural advantage of abundant

and cheap energy.

“As far as new investments go, our primary energy sources of natural gas and electricity are now or will soon become negatives to any comparative calculation,” Mr. Liveris said.

“Average prices of electricity have doubled in most states in

peratures have gone nowhere for 17 years. Now, credible German scientists claim that ‘the global temperature will drop until 2100 to a value corresponding to the little ice age of 1870’.”

Mr. Newman said the climate change establishment, through the Intergovernmental Panel on

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in the real economy.”**

recent years and the unprecedented contraction in consumption threatens a ‘death spiral’ in which falling consumption pushes up prices even further, causing further falls in consumption,” he said.

Mr. Newman said Australia had become “hostage to climate-change madness.” “And for all the propaganda about ‘green employment,’ Australia seems to be living the European experience, where, for every ‘green’ job created, two to three jobs are lost in the real economy,” he said.

“The scientific delusion, the religion behind the climate crusade, is crumbling. Global tem-

perature Change, remained “intent on exploiting the masses and extracting more money.”

“When necessary, the IPCC resorts to dishonesty and deceit,” he said.

In Australia, Mr. Newman said, Victorian Democratic Labour Party senator John Madigan had told parliament how politicians and bureaucrats were paying tens of millions of dollars annually to wind turbine operators that had not received final planning approval.

“It could be hundreds of millions of dollars and we have a government that is keen to rein in the budget deficit,” he said.

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calendar. April 15th, 2014 is the First Day of Passover. This day is the fifteenth day of the first month of the Jewish calendar.

October 9th, 2014 is the First Day of Succoth (a Hebrew word meaning *tabernacles* or *booths*). This day is the fifteenth day of the seventh month.

April 4th, 2015 is again the First Day of Passover (once again

and the time of the appearing of the stars for all common days; the four Holy Days listed above all begin the evening before the actual day date. On all four evenings (*April 14th, 2014, October 8th, 2014, April 3rd, 2015 and September 27th, 2015*), after the sun has set, a full moon will appear. And more specifically, each of these four full moons (*which al-*

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this day is the fifteenth day of the first month of the sacred calendar) and September 28th, 2015 is yet again the First Day of Succoth (once again this day is the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar).

Since the “Jewish calendar” reckons the start of each day at the time of sunset for Holy Days

ways occur on the 14th/15th of the lunar month), will be manifest as a total lunar eclipse.

To have four consecutive full moons; not just full moons, but four total lunar eclipses (a *tetrad*) occurring on four Holy Days, each six months apart in succession; why that *must* mean something! How rare is that?

Yes, rare. For in actuality, this occurrence, four total lunar eclipses, a *tetrad*, falling on four Jewish Holy Days within two years, has only occurred seven times since AD 1. This tetrad in 2014/2015 will be the eighth.

Wow, what a phenomena to occur in the next two years. Clearly, the likes of Hagee and Biltz would have you believe these “signs” in the heavens above portend prophetic events, and perhaps something big that will shake the earth is soon to occur. Is something about to change? How much more spell-binding can you get?

Now, to further add to the suspense of the Four Blood Moons, this *alleged* fulfillment of prophecy and in keeping with Joel 2:30-31, Acts 2:20 and Luke 21:25-26, in the next two years, the earth will witness an *annular* solar eclipse on April 29th, 2014; a *partial* solar eclipse on October 23rd, 2014; a *total* solar eclipse (as seen from earth, the moon in front of the sun, thereby com-

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“If you can save a million dollars that should never have been spent, we should be doing it.”

Senator Madigan said the issuing of renewable energy certificates to one of the non-compliant wind farms, at Waubra in Victoria, reflected “a culture of noncompliance arising from systematic regulatory failure that impacts every wind farm in Victoria.”

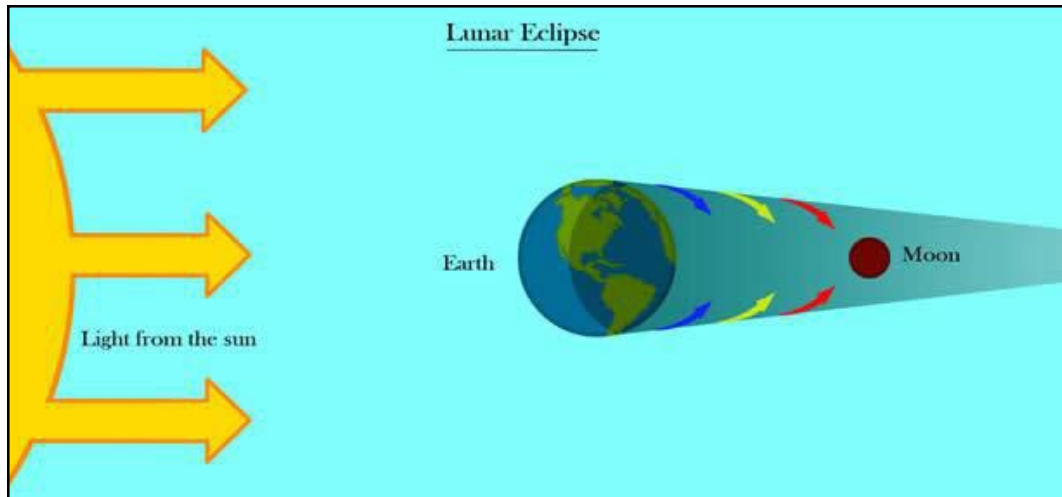
He said the issue involved “the pain and suffering of little people living in rural Australia, environmental damage, fraud on a grand scale, deception, lies and concealment.”

The clean energy regulator has defended the decision to allow the Waubra wind farm to receive renewable energy certificates.

Maurice Newman’s com-

ments came as the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission revealed that in the 18 months since the carbon tax commenced, it had received 3132 complaints and inquiries in relation to carbon price matters.

The Coalition has committed to bolstering the watchdog’s powers, with additional funding and new penalties to ensure that companies lower energy costs after the repeal of the carbon tax laws. □



will occur on the dates that have been firmly established. Celestial activity is calculable and predictable as the heavenly movements are consistent and sustained. There will be no surprises, no panic, and no heart attacks.

pletely blocking the light of the sun) on March 20th, 2015 and finally another *partial* solar eclipse on September 13th, 2015.

Why these solar events must have something to do with the sun not giving her light, as the scriptures say will happen at the Lord's return; so it is believed by those who advocate the Four Blood Moons theory.

The excitement and fascination, as advanced by Hagee and Biltz, continues. To add to the intrigue, recent history pertaining to *tetrads* falling on Holy Days reveals that back in 1967-1968, the last time of Four Blood Moons, as so called, occurred, the nation of Israel fought and won the Six-Day War. Then it is thought the birth of the nation of Israel in 1948, giving the Jews a homeland was associated with the so called Four Blood Moons *tetrad* which occurred in 1949-1950. Then going back to 1493-1494, it is thought the expulsion of Jews from Spain under Queen Isabella had significance to a *tetrad* falling on the day of Passover and Sukkot. These are the *surmisings* of the likes of Hagee and Biltz.

However, there were four other times in history the so-called Four Blood Moons occurred. 162-163AD, 795-796AD, 842-843AD and 860-861AD. What about these four sequences? Any significance or earth shattering events happen to the inhabitants of the earth or to the Jews or the children of Israel then? Nothing has been specifically noted.

Nevertheless, putting all these facts together; four total lunar eclipses (blood moons), Jewish Holy Days, solar eclipses, and throw in Bible verses relating to the *sun turning into darkness* and *the moon into blood*; well, you have the stuff made for a movie, or at least a book.

Four totally eclipsed moons that will look like blood (sort of), or at least have a reddish hue to them. Four full moons; total lunar eclipses occurring on four Jewish Holy Days. Add to the mix, four solar eclipses of some sort within the same general period, in the years 2014 and 2015. Eight celestial (heavenly) events in all; events that were accurately predicted centuries ago by the Jews and other calendar cultures,

What was calculated to occur will occur, on time, as known in advance.

Yet because of Bible scriptures such as Joel 2:30-31, Acts 2:20, Luke 21:25-26, Revelation 6:12, there are individuals who are now teaching *something is about to change* and prophecy will be fulfilled.

To cut to the chase, you can rest assured the coming Four Blood Moons will not result in catastrophe. There will be no earthly doom or return of Christ. No tribulation, no spectacular array of heavenly signs, no destruction of the earth, earthquakes, no men's hearts failing for fear of the horror striking the earth or the heavens.

Interesting fact: with regard to actually witnessing (viewing or seeing) these Four Blood Moons, it should be noted that of these four total lunar eclipses, three will not be visible from Jerusalem. Only at the beginning of the fourth total lunar eclipse, on September 27, 2015, will the residents of Jerusalem see a somewhat ruddy full moon. In addition,

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tion, all four lunar eclipses will be visible for approximately 3 hours and 20 minutes. Again, hardly a display that would set the hearts of man in fear and dread!

Fear and dread; or lack thereof. That lies at the heart of the Four Blood Moons fallacy.

The soon coming solar and lunar eclipses to occur in 2014 and 2015 hardly fit the description of the heavenly signs and celestial calamity as portrayed by the prophets and Jesus Christ himself. To read the scriptures *in context* presents radically more intense

prophet Joel (cf. Acts 2:16).

Notice Joel 2:30-31: *And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke, The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and the terrible (glorious) day of the Lord.*

The prophet Joel wrote additional details about this event. *The sun and the moon shall be darkened and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The Lord shall roar out of Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of His people and the strength of the*

mon, predictable eclipses we will (actually only certain areas on the earth and consequently only some of the inhabitants of the earth will) witness in the next two years.

No doubt, those who did the research, coming to the conclusion that something is about to change, believe the Four Blood Moons have significance. Are we now, yet again being entertained by false prophets?

Remember Harold Camping, with the dates he predicted would bring about the end of the world and the coming of the Lord? Those dates came and went and the man was exposed for what he was. Then of late, the world was entertained with the date 12-21-12 and the end of the world (you know, the Mayan calendar quandary). Again, to no avail and life goes on.

Of certainty, the prophecies of the Bible will be fulfilled and their realities will be completed. The sun will be disturbed by God's intervention and will not give its light. The moon will be disturbed and not reflect the sun's light, so much so that it will look blood red. God's involvement with the aberrations of the sun and moon will be unmistakable and will be noticed by all mankind.

When these events take place, the WHOLE WORLD will witness them and will be frightened to the point of induced heart attacks for the faint hearted.

Will the soon coming Four Blood Moons, as called, be the sign to usher in the Day of the

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conditions than the common predictable lunar and solar activity we will soon witness. The show of wonders (fantastic spectacles), as the Word of God reveals will happen, in heaven will be far more *frightening* at that time than the common eclipses we will witness in the next two years.

Acts 2:20; *the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before that great and notable day of the Lord cometh.* These were the recorded words of the Apostle Peter. Taken in context, we read *and I will show wonders in heaven and signs in the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapour of smoke* (Acts 2:19). What Peter spoke of here was quoted directly from the

children of Israel (Joel 3:15-16).

Consider the prophet Isaiah, as he wrote about the same event. *Behold the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give her light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine* (Isaiah 13:9-10).

If we are to take the Bible at its word, as the Word of God and the truth of God, then the celestial events we read about are of such *immense disturbing proportions* that it is rather silly to think they can refer to the com-

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Lord and the return of Christ?

The answer is NO and one way we can prove it is by reading Matthew 24:29-30. *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 heaven shall be*

shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Did you catch that? There must first occur a time of tribulation. **Then** the heavens will be shaken and then the sun and moon will

be darkened.

Four Blood Moons certainly makes for intriguing reading and may be worrisome to many a Christian. However, come October 2015, the evidence will be clear (you can bank on it); the Four Blood Moons predictions will result in another prophetic flop, perpetrated by those who are misled and who mislead. □

Mainstream Christianity

*insists on teaching a doctrine
of eternal torture by fire.*

*Does that sound like the
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