



VICTORY TEMPLE

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Tonights Lesson - Red Moon, Black Sun

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Scripture - Joel 2:30-32; 3:15; Acts 2:19-221

1. I want to pin point a time place where this finale will happen. In order to do that **we must realize that this phenomenon is indicative of something before and something after.**
2. If we read correctly we see that before this **God is pouring out his Spirit. And...all that call on the name of the LORD shall be saved. Today is the day or TIME of salvation. We are talking about the fulness of the Spirit and his gifts.**
3. **After this we see that the Day of the LORD comes.** This day is marked by the obscuring of the sun and moon. Jesus will also come after this (See Mark 13:24-27). Many think this has to do with the effects of WAR. One could see how some kind of world wide, nuclear type war could make these two bodies of light loose their effect. Or could it be weather? Could it be some other cosmic happening?! Or could God just say, "let it be?!"
4. I want to address the current situation again. Could there be a Nuclear War now or in a short while? Yes!! Do I think there will be at this time? No!! **I believe the things happening now are a taste of what will happen eventually. But I still believe God has plans for an extended time of mercy, grace, and power leading to a great revival (Rev. 7)**
5. **Announcing the planning of Jim Barfield and the Copper Scroll Project. I talked with Jim the other day. About the only thing keeping him from coming is us setting a date!! Perhaps May??**
6. Remember in eternity there will be no need for these two heavenly bodies. God and the Lamb will be the light of the city (Revelation 21:23)
7. Before the earth was made there was no need for the two luminaries. **These were made for light for day and night and to mark seasons. In other words they are aesthetics and functionaries of TIME. Time is winding up. What are you doing with the grains of sand? Redeem it!!**

8. When Peter explained tongue speaking and Holy Ghost behavior as prophesied by Joel, he was right in that **it was a partial fulfillment.**
9. However, there was no darkening of the sun and moon then. It is true that the sun was dark during the crucifixion, but not accompanied by the moon being red. **Plus this was prior to Pentecost. The phenomenon we are speaking of today is to happen after the salvation of whosoever, not before** (1 The. 5:9)
10. We find this phenomenon in the book of Revelation under the sixth seal in Rev. 6:12-17. So the sixth seal is **the wrath of God (which we are not appointed to). The wrath of God is the DAY of the LORD.**
11. I want to show you a possible place on a timeline where this will occur. This point is only in relationship to other events. I have no date!
12. Let's look at another description of this horrible time of judgment. **Revelation 16:⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. ¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.**
13. We have looked at what Joel, Peter and John said. Now let's look at what Jesus said. Mark 13:24-27 ²⁴ "But in those days, **after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,** ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ **And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**
14. We know that when the sun is turned to sackcloth (black) and the moon to blood (red), we are at the end of the age. But Matthew 24:14 says that will not happen until "this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all nations for a witness and then shall the end come. Are we there? Apparently not. But we are getting closer. Are you ready. Be ready when he comes, but occupy (be busy about his kingdom business) until he comes.