

**Joel**  
**Chapter 2**

Sound the Alarm!

*The Day of the Lord*

*“1 Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;  
For the day of the Lord is coming,  
For it is at hand:*

“Old Testament Scripture speaks of two types of trumpets: A silver trumpet and a shofar. Silver trumpets were blown in the wilderness to call the congregation to assemble and to direct the movement of the tribes. These trumpets also heralded the solemn feasts, the beginnings of the months, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, and they sounded the alarm in times of war. (See: Numbers 10:1-10). The shofar was the horn of a kosher animal, a clean animal with a split hoof such as a cow, a ram, or an antelope (See: Leviticus 11:3-7). The shofar was also blown for Sabbaths, new moons, feasts, and solemn assemblies, as well as in times of war.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1391.

Supernatural armies of God at Armageddon described. (See: II Thess. 1:7-10; Rev. 19:11-21; Jude 14; Zech. 14:5)

*2 A day of darkness and gloominess,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness,  
Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.  
A people come, great and strong,  
The like of whom has never been;  
Nor will there ever be any such after them,  
Even for many successive generations.*

3 A fire devours before them,  
And behind them a flame burns;  
The land is like the Garden of Eden before them,  
And behind them a desolate wilderness;  
Surely nothing shall escape them.

4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses;  
And like swift steeds, so they run.

5 With a noise like chariots  
Over mountaintops they leap,  
Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble,  
Like a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before them the people writhe in pain;  
All faces are drained of color.

7 They run like mighty men,  
They climb the wall like men of war;  
Every one marches in formation,  
And they do not break ranks.

8 They do not push one another;  
Every one marches in his own column.  
Though they lunge between the weapons,  
They are not cut down.

9 They run to and fro in the city,  
They run on the wall;  
They climb into the houses,  
They enter at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth quakes before them,

*The heavens tremble;  
The sun and moon grow dark,  
And the stars diminish their brightness.  
11 The Lord gives voice before His army,  
For His camp is very great;  
For strong is the One who executes His word.  
For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible;  
Who can endure it?*

*A Call to Repentance*

*12 “Now, therefore,” says the Lord,  
“Turn to Me with all your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”  
13 So rend your heart, and not your garments;  
Return to the Lord your God,  
For He is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;  
And He relents from doing harm.  
14 Who knows if He will turn and relent,  
And leave a blessing behind Him—  
A grain offering and a drink offering  
For the Lord your God?*

*15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
Consecrate a fast,  
Call a sacred assembly;  
16 Gather the people,  
Sanctify the congregation,  
Assemble the elders,*

*Gather the children and nursing babes;  
Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber,  
And the bride from her dressing room.*

*17 Let the priests, who minister to the Lord,  
Weep between the porch and the altar;  
Let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord,  
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,  
That the nations should rule over them.  
Why should they say among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?' "*

*The Land Refreshed*

*18 Then the Lord will be zealous for His land,  
And pity His people.*

*19 The Lord will answer and say to His people,  
"Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil,  
And you will be satisfied by them;  
I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.*

*20 "But I will remove far from you the northern army,  
And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land,  
With his face toward the eastern sea  
And his back toward the western sea;  
His stench will come up,  
And his foul odor will rise,  
Because he has done monstrous things."*

*21 Fear not, O land;  
Be glad and rejoice,*

*For the Lord has done marvelous things!  
22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field;  
For the open pastures are springing up,  
And the tree bears its fruit;  
The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.*

“Joel gives a lengthy prediction that God will restore Israel again and bless the land in the future. The Almighty did restore Judah to the land after Babylonian captivity, but He promises more. However, in AD 70, the Romans sacked Jerusalem, scattering the Jews throughout the Gentile nations. Israel’s great and final restoration began in 1948 and continues to this day.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1396

*23 Be glad then, you children of Zion,  
And rejoice in the Lord your God;  
For He has given you the former rain faithfully,  
And He will cause the rain to come down for you—  
The former rain,  
And the latter rain in the first month.  
24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,  
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.*

**25** *“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,  
The crawling locust,  
The consuming locust,  
And the chewing locust,  
My great army which I sent among you.  
26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
And praise the name of the Lord your God,  
Who has dealt wondrously with you;  
And My people shall never be put to shame.*

*27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel:*

*I am the Lord your God*

*And there is no other.*

*My people shall never be put to shame.*

*God's Spirit Poured Out*

*28 "And it shall come to pass afterward*

*That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;*

*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,*

*Your old men shall dream dreams,*

*Your young men shall see visions.*

*29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants*

*I will pour out My Spirit in those days.*

"God promised to bring the former and the latter rain (v.23) and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (v. 28-29). According to James 5:7-8, the early and the latter rains are linked to the pouring out of Holy Spirit, preparing the nations for the return of Christ." Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1396.

"The early rain prepared the ground for seed, and the latter rain fell at a time of the grain harvest (See: Deut. 11:14)."

"Historically and biblically, the first major outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred on the feast of Pentecost to introduce the Christian Church and to impart spiritual power to Christ's disciples (Acts 2:1-4). This Pentecostal outpouring was the 'rainy season' when the seed of the New Covenant was planted throughout the world. As the time of the end approaches, climaxed by the widespread preaching of the Gospel, another outpouring of the 'latter rain' of the Holy Spirit can be expected. This latter rain will help ripen the hearts of humanity and bring in the final harvest of the lost into the kingdom of God." Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1399.

### 3 Great Outpourings of Holy Spirit:

1. The Day of Pentecost and many years following this day – Acts 2 -28:31
2. During the future Tribulation – Vs 28-32; Acts 2:16-21
3. During the Millennium - See: Isaiah 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 36:26-27; 39:29; Zech. 12:10

- The Spirit was poured out on Christ Jesus in FULLNESS – Isaiah 11:1-2; 42:1; 61; Matthew 3:16; 12:18; John 3:34; Acts 10:38
- Believers in Jesus Christ may have the fullness of the Spirit at any time during this present age. – Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:29; John 7:37-39; Acts 1:4-8; 2:33; 38-39; Gal. 3:13-14; I Cor. 12; Eph. 1:17-19; 3:16-21.
- Women are not excluded from spiritual gifts and powers – Acts 1:8, 14; 2:4; 16-21; 1:14; 2:1-21; 21:9; I Cor. 11-14; Galatians 3:28; Col. 3:9-11; Genesis 1:26-28; Luke 8:1-3; Luke 1:46-55; Luke 2:36-38; John 4:7-30; John 19:25; Matthew 28; John 20:17-18; Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:12-14; Mark 16:16-18; Phil. 4:2, 3; Acts 16:13-15; 40; 18; 24-28; Romans 16:1-2; 7; Col. 4:15; II John 1:1-5, 10; Acts 20:17, 28-31.

*30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:*

*Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.*

*31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,*

*And the moon into blood,*

*Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.*

*32 And it shall come to pass*

*That whoever calls on the name of the Lord*

*Shall be saved.*

*For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,*

*As the Lord has said,*

*Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.”*

“Isaiah, Christ Jesus, and the Apostle John refer to this prediction of cosmic activity that will occur in the last days (See: Isa. 13; Matthew 24; Rev. 6, 8). The celestial activity will take place before, during, and after the Tribulation. Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1396.

The Lord is good and will even save during the Tribulation!

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For

the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:8-13

The Jews will be saved as a nation during this time!

"7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth;

Before her pain came,

She delivered a male child.

8 Who has heard such a thing?

Who has seen such things?

Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?

Or shall a nation be born at once?

For as soon as Zion was in labor,

She gave birth to her children." Isaiah 66:7-8

"10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo." Zechariah 12:10-11

"13 "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness." Zechariah 13:1

"25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,

And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this is My covenant with them,

When I take away their sins."



28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.” Romans 11:25-28.

Various notes adapted from The Dake Annotated Reference Bible, p. 1407

### **The End Time Restoration of Israel in Bible Prophecy**

**Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible commentary pp. 1392-1395**

“If God’s people seek Him and return to Him, He promises to bless them and their land. The Hebrew word for ‘restore’ is *shalam* and means ‘to make good again’. One of the greatest signs of the time of the end and the appearing of the Messiah was the restoration of Israel that occurred in 1948, the first phase of a series of five restorations.”

#### Restoration Phase One: Israel as a Nation

From the year AD 70 to the year 1948, Israel did not exist as a Jewish nation, after the invasion of the Roman Tenth Legion invaded Jerusalem. A massive number of Jewish prisoners were taken as slaves to Rome and other foreign lands. For centuries, thereafter, the Jews were called “wandering Jews”, as they were persecuted and driven from place to place for more than 1,800 years.

After the Holocaust (1938-1945) and WWII, the provisional leaders of a new Israel met secretly in the Tel-Aviv Museum to declare that the state of Israel would come into existence at 12:01 a.m. on May 15, 1948, thus ending the British mandate over Palestine. The UN had voted to partition Palestine, which allowed the Jews living in Palestine and the Jews who had survived the Holocaust to return to their ancient homeland. When David Be-Gurion stood in Tel Aviv and read a declaration to introduce a portion of Palestine as the state of Israel, the words of many biblical prophets were fulfilled, including those of Isaiah, who had predicted that a nation would be born in a day, and soon as Zion travailed she would bring forth her children (Isaiah 66:8).

#### Seven Enemies Surrounding Israel

When the people of Israel finally entered the Promised Land after Moses’ death, they had to deal with seven nations (tribes) who were dwelling in the land (Deut. 7:1). At the moment Israel was declared an independent nation (May 15, 1948), seven surrounding nations opposed this action: Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt.

Just as ancient Israel had to continually fight opposition from seven nations to ensure their survival, present-day Israel had to fight seven Arab-Islamic nations in order to maintain their survival. Modern Israel has fought six wars, beginning with the War of Independence that began in November 1947 – July

1948. Eight years later, Britain, France and Israel attacked Egypt and launched the Sinai War, a conflict over control of the Suez Canal.

The most significant war for Israel occurred in 1967, when during the six-day war, Israel fought Egypt, Jordan, Syria, gaining new territory that included East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, and the Sinai. A minor series of conflicts began with skirmishes from 1969-1970, as Egypt attempted to gain the Sinai back from Israel. These military conflicts ended with a negotiated ceasefire in 1970.

In a surprise attack during the Israeli season of Yom Kippur, Arab forces, united by Egypt and Syria, initiated a major war in the Golan heights to regain the land lost in the 1967 war. Israel appeared defeated by the surprise assault; however, the twenty-day conflict concluded in a ceasefire with Israel maintaining control of the Golan area. In June 1982, Israel invaded southern Lebanon in an attempt to remove the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from their strongholds and to prevent attacks against northern Israel from PLO terrorists. Beginning March 20, 2003, Israel was not involved in the second war on Iraq, called Operation Iraqi Freedom, allowing the American coalition to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Israel would later engage in a war with Hezbollah in July 2006.

### The Restoration Phase Two: Jerusalem's Reunification

The second major phase of the restitution occurred nineteen years following phase one. Although Israel had been introduced as a nation in 1943, the holy city of Jerusalem was divided between Arabs and Jews. A huge concrete barrier with rolls of barbed wire separated the ancient city: the nation of Jordan was on the east side and Israel was on the west. Few Jews ever imagined that in their lifetime they would see the divided halves unite into one city under Israel control. In 1967, a brief but fierce six-day war took place. By the third day of the Six-Day War, Jerusalem was in Jewish hands. On June 7, at ten o'clock in the morning, the Israeli military made the announcement that the city was in their hands. Word soon spread, and thousands of Israelis ran toward the Western Wall shouting, rejoicing, weeping, and celebrating. Immediately the concrete walls were torn down and the barbed wire was unraveled. Jerusalem had been reunified as the capital of Israel.

The restoration of Israel and the reunification of Jerusalem have not gone without resistance in the Arab world and among all the Islamic nations. Since Israel (called Palestine by the Arabs and Muslims) and Jerusalem were once in the possession of Muslims, and because Jerusalem is recognized as the third holiest city among Muslims (Mecca and Medina are the holiest), Muslims desire Jerusalem to be liberated from the Jews and Christians. Despite this opposition, prophetic scholars note that this second-phase restoration of Jerusalem is a leading sign of the Messiah's return, based on such prophecies as Psalm 102:16 - "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his

glory" Scholars also note that Israel's gaining of control of Jerusalem Is an initial sign of the fullness of the "times of the Gentiles" (see Luke 21:24), as Gentile powers are not presently ruling Jerusalem.

### The Restoration Phase Three: The Jews' Return to the Land

For centuries Hebrew prophets predicted that the Jews would be scattered throughout the nations and return to Israel at the end of days (see Isa. 43:5-7; Jer. 16:13-16). The return of the Jews back to their homeland from the Gentile nations is phase three of the restoration (restitution) process.

In days of old, the Hebrew nation lived in Egypt for four hundred years (see Gen. 15:13). Eventually, a cruel pharaoh rose to the throne who felt threatened by the Hebrew nation. Under his instruction, male Hebrew infants were thrown into the river at birth and adults were brought under military control and into eventual slavery (see Exod. 1:8-22). When they cried out to God, the Lord "remembered his covenant" (Exod. 2:24) and put into motion a detailed plan for their release (the Exodus) and their return to the Promised Land.

At the beginning of the twentieth century the Jewish people had established themselves as bankers, prominent business developers, and landowners in much of Europe, especially in Germany, Austria, Poland, and Eastern Europe.

Just as their ancestors who once settled in Egypt, these Jews were happy and content to live outside their promised homeland until severe persecution fell upon them. The violent persecution against the Jews of Europe was instigated by a modern evil "Pharaoh," Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi Party. This cruel tyrant demonically mesmerized the masses and initiated a final solution to rid the world of all Jews. The Nazis believed the Aryan race was the superior race and that the German people represented the purest form of Aryans on earth. They believed the greatest threat to the Aryan race was the Jewish people, whom he believed had to be annihilated for the Aryan ideology to succeed in Germany. During seven years of horror (1938 to 1945), six million Jews perished at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators. However, the desperate cries of Jews reached heaven, as they also did during the Egyptian captivity (see Exod. 2:23). God brought both generations of Hebrews out of their bondage through a massive Exodus-first from Egypt, then thousands of years later from Europe. Both generations witnessed the destruction of the "Pharaohs" and their armies. Both the Exodus from Egypt and the Exodus from Europe opened the door for a remnant of Jews to return to their promised homeland, Israel. The prophet Isaiah predicted the Jews would return from the four points of the compass, namely the north, south, east, and west: "Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth" (43:5-6).

The tragedy of the Holocaust and the reestablishment of Israel as a nation in 1948 birthed a fresh interest among Jews to return to the land of their fathers. In September 1950, about 50,000 Jews were airlifted from Yemen in a project called "Operation Flying Carpet." A second wave of Jewish immigrants returned in July 1951 from Iraq. The number exceeded 122,000 Jews who claimed to be direct descendants of the Jews who lived in Babylon. According to sources, the Ethiopian airlift began on November 21, 1984. There were Ethiopian Jews living in refugee camps in Sudan. The airlift ended on January 5, 1985, with 8,000 Jews returning to Israel. In 1991, "Operation Moses" airlifted 14,000 more Jews from Africa to Israel.

The return of the Jews in such massive numbers has been made possible through the invention of the modern airplane. The prophet Isaiah may have been alluding to this fact in his prophetic writings: "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim (49:12); "Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side" (Isa. 60:4); "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" (60:8).

The American Zionist Council reported in 1950, "The Children of Israel are returning from the furthest corners of their exile and flying as a cloud in airplanes." Jews returned from Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Lebanon, and Ethiopia. As a result of the collapse of communism and new policy of Glasnost (meaning "openness") under Mikhail Gorbachev, it led to the liquidation of the Soviet Empire. This return, called "Exodus II" by some Christians, was predicted in Jeremiah 31:8. The return of Jews to Israel continues to this day.

“8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country,  
And gather them from the ends of the earth,  
Among them the blind and the lame,  
The woman with child  
And the one who labors with child, together;  
A great throng shall return there.” Jeremiah 31:8

#### The Restoration Phase Four: The Land Becomes Fruitful

One of the ancient rabbinical signs indicating the Messiah will soon return and set up His rule from Jerusalem is when the land of Israel begins to blossom and fill the world with fruit. To a person traveling the length and breadth of modern-day Israel, it is very apparent that the land is thriving agriculturally in areas previously barren.

Prior to 1948, Palestine was dry and desolate, and in some regions, it was a watery swamp. Entire sections of the country could not produce vegetation or sustain life. Twenty-six centuries ago, the prophet Isaiah caught a vision of God's blessing that would come on the land of Israel in the latter days: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God . . . And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons [jackals], where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes' (Isa. 35:1-2, 7).

As many as eight Hebrew words in the Hebrew Bible are translated as wilderness or desert in our English Bible.

Each word specifies a certain geographical location in the land of Israel. For example, there is the word Sinai (see Exod. 16:1), the word midbar (see Exod. 3:1), and the word yeshyimown (see Ps. 106:14). The Hebrew word used in Isaiah 35:1 for desert is Arabah. Formerly identified as god-forsaken by many early Israeli settlers, the main section of the region Arabah begins south of the Dead Sea and continues for 120 miles south, eventually ending at the Gulf of Aqaba. The width of this long strip of land ranges from eight to twenty miles, stretching from Israel on the west side to Jordan on the east side. Throughout history, no fruit trees or vegetation grew in this area except a few frail shrubs and scattered acacia trees, which are known for surviving in arid deserts. No edible fruit, plants, or vegetation have ever been grown there. No farms have existed there because rainfall is scant, and no known water source has been available for irrigating the barren ground. However, the dry, dead region of the Arabah came alive after satellite images revealed an underground water source. The pressure from the water was already breaking through the arid desert ground, shooting small streams of water into the air from the parched ground. Israelis drilled down a mere 1,500 feet, carving out a huge opening in the ground that created a natural "bowl" to hold a pool of water. Today, this natural pool of water called Sapphire is in the heart of the Arabah. This water is being used to irrigate more than fifty-four farms in the region, and these farms are producing some of the best fruits and vegetables in Israel.

Such blossoming of the land also fulfills this prophecy: "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit" (Isa. 27:6). The Hebrew word for fruit in this passage is tenuwbah, a general word for all sorts of produce grown for human consumption. The farms located in the Arabah are producing tomatoes, green peppers, melons, and a variety of fresh vegetables. Israel has a large company that exports thousands of tons of food from the Arabah annually to nations throughout the world. Thus, the prophecies of Isaiah were fulfilled after Israel became a nation. *The blossoming of the land is a rabbinical and a biblical sign that God is preparing the land for the Messiah.*

## The Restoration Phase Five: The Christian Church Will Appreciate Its Hebrew Roots

The fifth phase of Israel's restoration is often overlooked and underappreciated by the Christian community. The first Christians were Jewish; eventually Gentiles were grafted into the covenant, beginning with an Italian centurion named Cornelius (see Acts 10:1-47). In the early church, the Jews and Gentiles had cultural and religious traditions and beliefs that created factions among them. One such division stemmed from the teaching of circumcision. Jews required circumcision as a visible sign of a man's covenant with God, but the Gentiles made no such stipulation.

Some Jewish believers felt that a Gentile was not "really saved" if he had not been circumcised (see Acts 11:1-3). Another issue that became divisive was how to approach Hebrew feasts. Differences such as these eventually caused rifts that separated the Jewish and Gentile believers. By the fourth century, the Gentile church had become controlled by the leaders of Rome; the Jewish roots of Christianity were covered up by the Latin thinkers as the Greek-Roman influence overtook the Jewish understanding of the Messiah. For more than fourteen centuries, the traditional Roman Christian church avoided the subject of the Jewish roots of Christianity, ignoring the teachings on the feasts and other important Hebraic truths that pointed to Christ, redemption, and His future kingdom.

Shortly after 1967, the charismatic renewal began spreading throughout the world. This movement brought a fresh concept of worship and a renewal to the office of "teacher" to the body of Christ (see Eph. 4:11). Biblical teachers began to dig deeper into the truths of God and began to restore biblical revelation that had been overlooked and seldom taught. Through this restoration of truth, a new understanding and appreciation for our Hebraic roots began emerging. Part of the restoration is for the body of Christ to have the Hebrew heritage restored. Since 1967, the Gentile church has been reintroduced to the original trumpet, the ram's horn or the shofar. A fresh understanding of the seven feasts of the Lord has led to a greater appreciation for our heritage and greater love for the Hebrew language, the Jewish people, and the nation of Israel.

Put together, the fivefold restoration of Israel written about by Jewish prophets and seen by this generation *heralds the return of the Messiah.*”

**Read- Psalm 2; Acts 17:24-31**

### Recommended Reading:

The Oracle, Jonathan Cahn

Living a Life of Fire, Reinhard Bonnke

Pentecost to Present series by Jeff Oliver @ Morningstar Ministries

<https://store.morningstarministries.org/products/pentecost-to-the-present-bundle>

The Coming Four Blood Moons Series, John Hagee

### Separating Lunar Fact from Fiction

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What exactly IS a Blood Moon? There are boatloads of celestial hype about this phenomenon as well as reference to a strange prophesy. I'll help you separate fact from fiction.

What Is a Blood Moon?

In simple terms, a Blood Moon is another name for a total lunar eclipse—like the one taking place this November 8, 2022.

→ Learn more about the November 8 total lunar eclipse!

During a lunar eclipse, the Earth passes between the Sun and the Moon, blocking the Sun's rays. The Moon will be 100% obscured during this eclipse. However, the Moon isn't completely dark. What we see from Earth is the Moon slowly darkening and changing color over a few hours from bright white to an orange-red.

What is it Called a Blood Moon?

The Moon turns a reddish hue when it's completely submerged in the Earth's shadow. Call us picky, but we wouldn't ever describe the color as "bloody." The fully-eclipsed Moon actually becomes orange or coppery like a penny.

While most of the sunlight is indeed blocked, some rays bent around the edge of Earth and reach the Moon's surface. Earth's atmosphere scatters the blue/green colors (short wavelengths), but the orange/red colors (long wavelengths) reach our eyes. It's similar to a sunset. Although not as awe-inspiring as a total solar eclipse, a full eclipse of the Moon is still an amazing astronomical sight.

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