

A Super Blue Blood Moon

Signs in the Heavens

So, just what is a “Blue Moon”? A *blue moon* is a second full moon within the same calendar month. It is a rare occurrence, hence the saying, “...only once in a blue moon.” But there are two blue moons found in 2018. The first blue moon is on January 31st, 2018. (As for the second blue moon, we’ll get to that at the end of this study.)

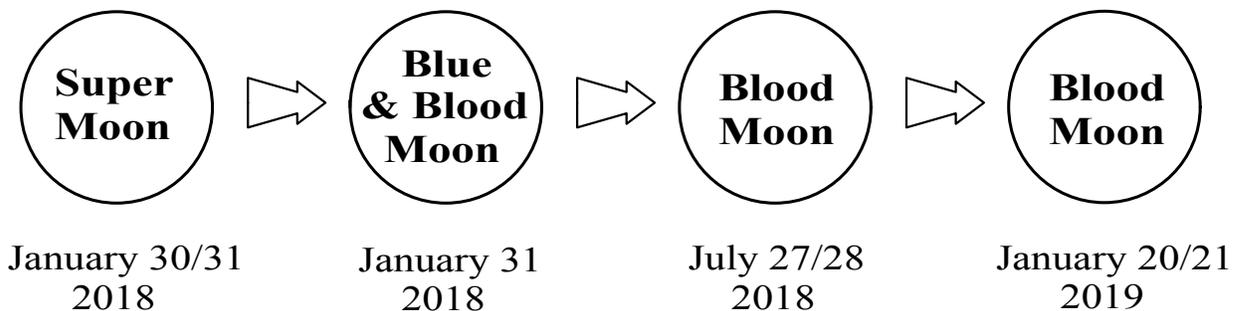
What makes this even more highly unusual is that this blue moon will also be a full lunar eclipse. The total lunar eclipse makes the moon appear to be blood-red in color, hence the label of a “*blood moon*”. So we see that this *blue* moon is a *blood* moon as well.

Still more astounding however, is that the moon is also a *super moon*. Now, what makes a moon become a super moon? Well, a super moon is when the moon is a full moon AND is also closest to the earth in its orbit around the earth. At such a time, the moon appears particularly large. That’s why it is called a super-moon. Technically, the super-moon occurs the night before, starting in the evening of January 30th, 2018. A lunar eclipse is about 5-hours in duration, so sometimes it is all on one calendar day, or may be split between 2-days. It’s a matter of being on one side of midnight or both sides. A full moon on the other hand is on both sides of midnight, so spans 2-days.

It all adds up to having a “*super blue blood moon*”. This should cause us to pause and wonder. Since this is such an uncommon event, could it be a sign...a message from our Creator? Is He saying, “Pay Attention!”?

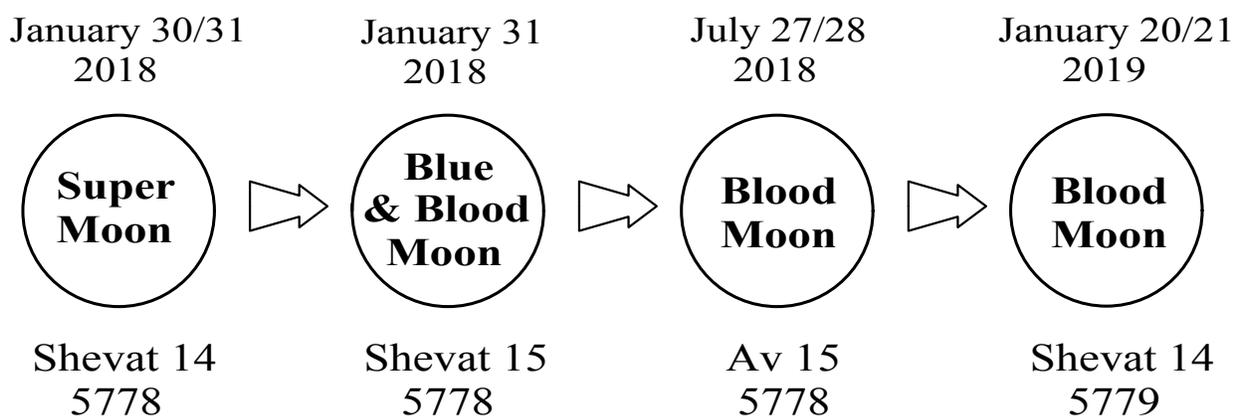
“14. Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night and let them be for SIGNS and seasons, and for days and years;”
Genesis 1:14 New King James Version

Signs are used to point the way to something & show us what is ahead, so we will pay attention and look closer. When we seek more, we find more. When we do investigate further, we find another blood moon in July of 2018, then yet another on January 20/21st, 2019. These are facts. (We easily verify this by sources such as <https://www.space.com> or <https://www.timeanddate.com>.) Altogether, this info looks like this:



With the facts pulled together, we can see if there are any patterns that speak to us from the Word. But we don't yet have all of the facts. So far we have used just the "Christian calendar". God's Word however was written from the perspective of the Hebrew calendar, so we certainly need to look there too.

When we do that, we see this really gets interesting because each Hebrew month is based upon a full lunar cycle. Not only that, but the Hebrew day begins at sunset and goes until the next sunset. Therefore the entire night is on one calendar day. This means that the full moon is typically on the 15th of every Hebrew month. (Sometimes it is on the 14th because the full moon does not occur exactly at moon-rise.) We won't sidetrack to learn the details of the Hebrew calendar here, but for general purposes, it can be said that the full moon is always on the 15th day of every Hebrew month. We purchased a Hebrew calendar by phone from a Jewish Book Store in Brookline, Massachusetts. From the Hebrew calendar and online research at <https://www.hebcal.com>, we verified the following corresponding Hebrew dates.



Do we see a pattern here? Yes! Note that the Super Moon and the third Blood Moon are both Shevat 14, like "bookends" exactly one lunar/Hebrew year (12 moon cycles), apart. So the first blood moon is the first day of this "lunar year", with the third Blood Moon being the last full day of this "Hebrew lunar-year cycle". The middle Blood Moon is EXACTLY half-way between the two. This makes July 27/28 a focal mid-point, and a center-point to emphasize the two ends of this year. In this study we are just looking at the big picture and will not be exploring the details of this date. It does however also make a statement that there are two distinct halves of this year. From other patterns which will be summarized at the end, we can suggest that we'll see more turmoil & conflict in the first half of the year and more victories and conclusions in the second half.

If you'd like to verify that mid-point, just add the days between January 31st and the end of July 27. We get 28 days for Feb. + 31 for Mar. + 30 (Apr) + 31 (May) + 30 (Jun) + 27 (Jul) = 177 days. Double 177 to get 354 days. A lunar cycle is 29.5 days, so a lunar year is 12 x 29.5 = 354 days. (The Hebrew months must be to a full day, so the months generally alternate between 29 days and 30 days. This keeps their calendar in sync with the moon cycles.) So

the 15th of Av (2nd blood moon), is exactly halfway between the first & last blood moons.
The 2nd Year of Darius is the Background

Knowing that the moons bookend a year, let's now look at this time-period on the "Christian (Gregorian) calendar". Is there a "year" of some type defined for that time on the "Christian calendar"? Yes, there is! This period also defines a Presidential Year. It is the second Presidential year for Donald J. Trump. We might wonder though, thinking that his 2nd year began on January 20th, the anniversary of his inauguration. Certainly that is true, but it can be represented in another way as well. January 30th is the date for the President's "State of the Nation" speech. This speech summarizes the accomplishments of his first year as President. That is the pivot point. This speech also outlines the plans for his second year. What is accomplished in his 2nd year completes by January 20th, 2019. The moons appear to be signs of what is to unfold in his 2nd year.

One thing we do know. On both calendars **2018 must be an extremely important year!**

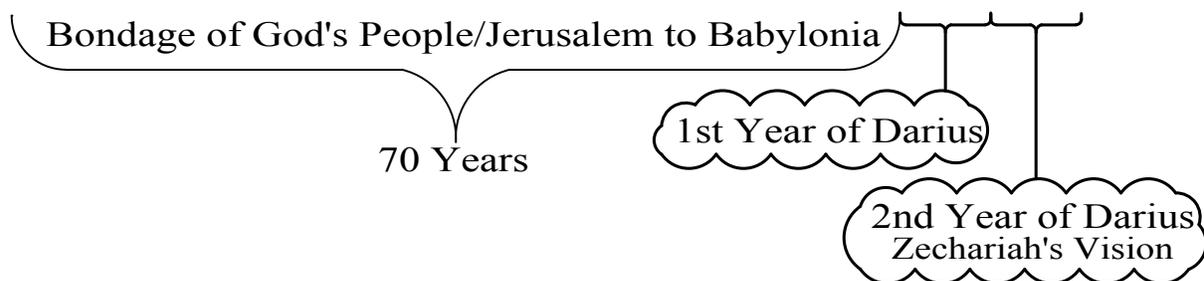
Our curiosity is stirred. Wouldn't God give us some sort of indication as to what is going to happen this year? Again, if we seek more, we should find more. So we turn to the Word. Our first clue is the month of Shevat because that 11th month of the Hebrew calendar defines the start and the finish. We look up "Shevat" in Strong's Concordance to see every time that month is mentioned in the King James Bible. Sadly, we find that there is no entry. We wait upon the Lord and He reminds us that "Shevat" can also be spelled, "Shebat". This is because the Hebrew letter for the "v" sound can also be the "b" sound. Strong's has the word listed along with a note to see "Sebat", which is how the King James interpreted it. Sebat is another valid interpretation. When we look up "Sebat" we find that it is used only once. It is found in **Zechariah 7:1**. We show it here in the more readable New King James Version:

*"7. On the 24th day of the 11th month which is the month SHEBAT, IN THE SECOND YEAR OF DARIUS, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah... the prophet:"
Zechariah 1:7 New King James Version*

This is exciting! This month "Shebat" is mentioned only once in the Bible, and it points to a word of the Lord in a new ruler's second year. And that's just what we have in 2018; a word of the Lord (in the heavens), in a new ruler's second year, (President Donald J. Trump). This hints that perhaps Darius is a prophetic shadow of President Donald Trump. We know now to find out more about this Darius in order to unlock the message for 2018. But which Darius is he talking about since there is more than one? Let's shift to a more readable & accurate translation.

*"1. In the FIRST YEAR OF DARIUS son of Xerxes (A MEDE by descent), who was MADE RULER OVER THE BABYLONIAN KINGDOM—2. in the FIRST YEAR OF HIS REIGN, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the DESOLATION OF JERUSALEM WOULD LAST SEVENTY YEARS."
Daniel 9:1,2 New International Version 2011*

The context of Daniel is that the 70 years were up in the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede. Here's what a sketch of it would look like. (For ease of viewing, this diagram is not to scale.)



A few verses later in Zechariah's first chapter we see the same time-frame of the 70 years relative to Darius. This confirms that we are talking about the same Darius.

“12. The messenger of the EVER-LIVING however, replied and exclaimed, “For how long, LORD, will you not have pity on Jerusalem? and the Cities of Judah, with which you have been angry for THESE SEVENTY YEARS?”

Zechariah 1:12 Ferrar Fenton Translation

The Man on the Red Horse

Now that we have the frame of reference for when Zechariah receives his word from the Lord, let's look at his prophecy for that time. It's a long word so we'll take it one bit at a time. And we'll use various translations to gain readability (ease of understanding), without losing accuracy where possible. We'll pick up where we first left off in verse 7.

“8. And I was enlightened in the night, and saw A MAN MOUNTED ON A RED HORSE, who stood AMONGST THE SHADOW OF THE MYRTLE TREES; and red, bay, and white horses followed him.” ***Zechariah 1:8 Ferrar Fenton Translation***

The word is “seen by night”, suggesting a time of spiritual darkness. The focus though is on this “man riding on a red horse”. What does this verse tell us about that man? First, he is riding on a red horse. Here is what the Word says about a rider of a red horse:

“4. and there went forth another horse – red, and to him who is sitting upon it, there was given to him to take the peace from the land, and that one another they may slay, and there was given to him a great sword.” ***Revelation 6:4 Young's Literal Translation***

We do NOT jump to any conclusions that the “4-horses” of Revelation are the same horses in Zechariah. That would be a real stretch. The horses in Zechariah are not all the same colors. Also, the ones that are the same color are presented in a different order.

Beyond that, Zechariah's word does not mention how many horses there are. A whole herd of horses is implied, not just three horses behind the man on the red horse. There are enough horses following him to cover the entire earth. Regardless of the differences, all of these horses in both passages are symbolic. Knowing that however, (and soon knowing better the context of Zechariah's word as confirmation), it is safe to recognize that Zechariah's rider of a red horse is symbolic of one given great power to take away peace and to wreck havoc like a wrecking ball.

The Myrtle Trees

What else do we know of this rider? The horse he rides is standing in the shade of the myrtle trees. As we continue, we see that the identity of the man on the red horse is associated with the myrtle trees two more times.

- “9. So I asked, :What are these, sir?” When the messenger who conversed with me replied, “I will show you what these are.”—*
- 10. Then THE MAN WHO WAS STATIONED AMONGST THE MYRTLES answered and said, “These are those whom the EVER-LIVING sends to patrol the earth.”*
- 11. Then they [the riders of all of the other horses] addressed THE MESSENGER OF THE EVER-LIVING WHO WAS STATIONED AMONGST THE MYRTLES, and said, “We have patrolled the earth and all the earth rests and is still!”*
- 12. The Messenger of the EVER-LIVING however, replied and exclaimed, “For how long, LORD, will you not have pity on Jerusalem? and the Cities of Judah, with which you have been angry for these seventy years?”*

Zechariah 1:9-12 Ferrar Fenton Translation

This is two more times since verse 8 that it is declared that the man on the red horse is positioned among the myrtle trees. Being a vision of symbols, we see that the myrtle trees are an important symbol, but of what?

“Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. WHERE BRIERS GREW, MYRTLES WILL SPROUT UP. This miracle will bring great honor to the LORD'S name; it will be AN EVERLASTING SIGN OF HIS POWER AND LOVE.”

Isaiah 55:13 New Living Translation

Then it is also found in **Isaiah 41:19** as associated with refreshment, and new life, as well as the power & love of God. There are other types of trees also associated with this, just as there are other types of horses behind the one on the red horse. Then again we find myrtle trees in **Nehemiah 8:15**. There it is seen that the myrtle branches were used to make dwelling places for God's people during the Feast of Tabernacles. Here too there are also other types of branches to be a part of the shelters.

The Word speaks often of trees as symbolic for men. Myrtle trees are consistently shown to be good trees wherein God's life dwells. This man on the red horse is among the myrtle trees. This symbolism is clear that the man is always associated with God's people. The man on the red horse is among God's people and he is one of them. He is in their shade. They cover him in prayer. They work together. The rider has power to take away peace and to destroy. *THE PEOPLE TO FEAR THIS RIDER ARE THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD!* This rider also sounds like he represents Darius and that Darius is also a shadow or type of President Donald Trump.

The Message of the Messenger

Let's identify who is who, and who is talking to who in this passage or we'd soon get confused. We note that the "messenger" is the one among the myrtle trees. The rider on the red horse is the one among the myrtle trees. The rider on the red horse is the messenger. The messenger is also the one who is answering Zechariah's question as to what this all means. Zechariah's question is addressed to the Lord, but it is the messenger sent by God who answers Zechariah. This word from the Lord to Zechariah is a message. The Lord is using the messenger to deliver the message. Some translations translate the Hebrew word for messenger as "angel", which can be misleading, but many translate it as "man". A messenger could be a man or an angel. The literal versions translate this most accurately as "messenger".

The messenger explains that the other horses (who apparently also have riders since they bring news), are from all over the earth. They have reported to him that the inhabitants aren't doing anything. They are satisfied with the way things are. Then the messenger goes on to make plain that *ALL IS NOT WELL!...THEY SHOULD NOT BE AT EASE!... FOR ALL IS NOT WELL FOR GOD'S PEOPLE & FOR JERUSALEM! They are still being harassed and nobody seems to notice or be concerned about their plight!* This man on the red horse notices and he is very concerned. The Lord encourages this man that things are about to change. The rider is about to move as God's instrument to take away the "peace" from the wicked and to help God's people. This also fits for both Darius and President Donald Trump.

"12. The Messenger of the EVER-LIVING however, replied and exclaimed, "For how long, LORD, will you not have pity on Jerusalem? and the Cities of Judah, with which you have been angry for these seventy years?"

13. And the EVER-LIVING responded to the messenger who spoke with me in kind words, consoling words,

14. when the Messenger ...who conversed with me said, "Proclaim and say, "Thus says the LORD OF HOSTS, I am jealous for Jerusalem, and for Zion with a great jealousy;

15. and I am angry with a great anger against the wanton Heathen!—When I was a little angry, they helped themselves to sin!

Zechariah 1:9-12 Ferrar Fenton Translation

The messenger continues that God has taken notice too. God has spoken of what he will do. **THIS IS THE MESSAGE!** The-rider-of-the-red-horse-messenger relays the heart of the message from God. There are three main points to the message. The messenger lets Zechariah know that the Lord is upset too...and about to do something about it. These nations who are content with continued corruption are about to be judged.

That is the **1st point** of the message: **THE CORRUPT OPPRESSORS WILL BE PUNISHED!** Reading on in an easier-to-follow translation, we discover that there is good news for God's people & their land & Jerusalem.

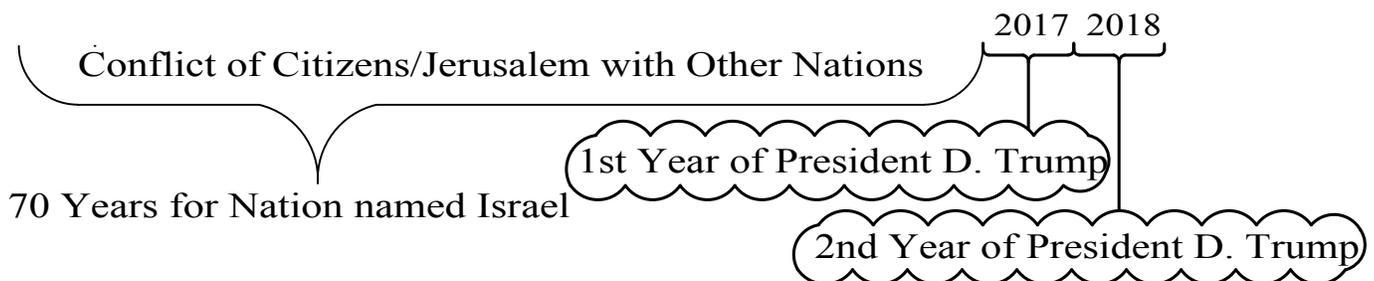
“16. Therefore, this is what the Lord says, ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and THERE MY HOUSE WILL BE REBUILT. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem’...

17. Proclaim further:...My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.”

Zechariah 1:16 New International Version

This passage is the **2nd point** of the message. **GOD WILL SHOW FAVOR UPON HIS PEOPLE EVERYWHERE & THEIR LAND & JERUSALEM.** He is doing this to rebuild His House. His House was symbolized in Darius' time as a temple building. But today His house is His people all over the earth. What is happening in Jerusalem represents what He is doing in a much bigger way upon the whole earth.

The obvious purpose of measuring Jerusalem is to plan for its expansion. The rider on the red horse seems to represent Darius. Why? Darius laid low the nations that were holding God's people captive. And his heart was to rebuild Jerusalem. He had respect for the House of the Lord. We cannot help but also see the parallel with President Donald Trump. The same pattern as with Darius is inescapable. They were both new rulers who unexpectedly had overthrown the mighty powers in charge. The pattern continues with President Donald Trump, who in his first year declared Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel. He has further demonstrated his heart for Jerusalem and the people of that country by setting in motion to move the embassy of the USA to Jerusalem before the end of 2018. And he has begun cutting off funding for nations that oppose the establishment of Jerusalem as the headquarters for a nation.



We'll revisit this prophetic parallel after seeing what else is said in Zechariah.

The Best Is Saved for Last

What is the **3rd point** of the message? It is found in Zechariah Chapter 2.

“4....Jerusalem will be so full of people that it won’t have room enough for everyone! Many will live outside the walls...and yet they will be safe.

5. For I myself, will be a wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!”

6. The LORD says, ‘Come away! Flee from the north, for I have scattered you to the four winds.

7. Come away! Escape to Jerusalem [to Zion].

8. ...Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession [the apple of my eye].

9. I will raise my fist to crush them, and their own slaves will plunder them.’ Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.”

10. The LORD says, “Shout and rejoice, O Jerusalem [O daughter of Zion], for I am coming to live among you.

11. MANY NATIONS WILL JOIN THEMSELVES TO THE LORD ON THAT DAY, AND THEY, TOO, WILL BE MY PEOPLE. I WILL LIVE AMONG YOU, AND YOU WILL KNOW THAT THE LORD ALMIGHTY SENT ME TO YOU.

12. The land of Judah will be the LORD’s inheritance in the holy land, and he will once again choose Jerusalem to be his own city.

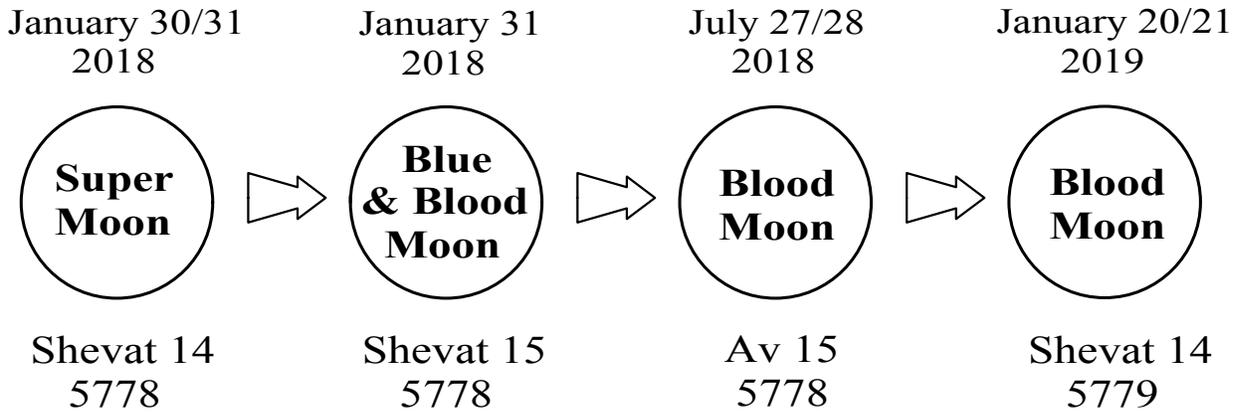
13. Be silent before the LORD, all humanity, for he is springing into action from his holy dwelling.”

Zechariah 2:4-13 New Living Translation

Here is the third point of God’s message as emphasized above: **A GREAT MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE WILL COME TO KNOW & SERVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

This is the glorious conclusion of the message from God found in the moons! To conclude, we’ll repeat the summary of the moons to explain what this means for 2018. This is all according to the prophetic type found in Zechariah 1 & 2 where he is given the vision of what is to unfold in the 2nd year of Darius the Mede. Darius is a foreshadow of the Spirit of the Lord working through President Donald Trump today.

Summary for 2018



Here are some highlights:

- The Super Moon is a sign of President Donald Trump's State of the Union Address. This is a conclusion of his first year in power following his unexpected "take-over" of a very corrupt government. His first year was one when God's people began to experience liberation from terrorism, political & religious bondage, etc.
- The blue moon, being the second full moon in the month heralds the beginning of President Trump's second year on the 31st of January.
- The super moon is the first bookend of the launch of his 2nd year to rule.
- This beginning of the 2nd year of President Donald Trump is also in the 11th month of the Hebrew calendar, linking us to Zechariah's word from the Lord in the 2nd year of Darius the Mede.
- The 3rd blood moon bookends the end of President Donald Trump's second year.
- The middle blood moon divides the year into two halves. Each half is critical.
- What we can expect to see unfold in 2018 is based on the 3-main points in God's message to Zechariah in more detail below:

1. Those who have opposed God, His people, & His ways will be brought to justice. This includes religious systems of man. We are warned to flee quickly from all forms of darkness and to come into the Light. In the natural expect to see the U.N. abolished by the end of the year. Repentance, prayer, & the exodus from religious systems will all increase. There will be more polarization & conflict, ending with more victories for God's people.

2. God's favor will continue to blossom upon all of God's people wherever they are, their land & upon Jerusalem. The embassy of the USA will relocate to Jerusalem. It sets the trend for other nations to follow, and many will. God's power & love will be seen in a people as never before. God's people will be raised up into many leadership roles of government to rule with a rod of iron in righteousness. Truth will begin to flow from the media. Pro-life will increase. His whole purpose is to inhabit his Temple...His people. Religious life will be replaced by the fruit of His life in a people. The convergence of God's people outside of religious systems will continue rapidly.

3. People all over the globe who witness this ushering in of God's Kingdom Age will come to know & love & serve the Lord. A clear choice is available, as seen in the natural by borders becoming well defined & secure. These people are a mighty multitude like the prophetic torrential rain of Elijah.

There is one last thing that you should be aware of. We did not mention it earlier because we felt that too much presented at once would bog down the grasping of the big picture. But *there is another blue moon in 2018!* And *it does fit* into the big picture as a very key component. It looks like this:

March 30/31 2018		Nissan 14 5778 Passover
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This is the day on the Hebrew calendar when the lamb was slain on the first Passover. It is the first of eight *HOLY CONVOCATION* Feast days. These 8-Feast Days are the only ones mentioned by the Lord in the Word as the most important feast days. They are to be set apart from *ALL* other Sabbaths & feast days & appointed times. None of the other of these 8-Feast Days would be possible without this first one. This Feast Day speaks of salvation in Christ Jesus, for He fulfilled this prophetic type as our Passover Lamb. This was the breaking of the first seal to set man free from the bondage of the Adam nature. (See Lesson No. 04 for a clear overview of the eight Feast Days.)

This Blue Moon is on the first day of the three major Passover Feast Days. It is in the month of Nissan, which is the first month on the Hebrew religious calendar. So this also speaks of a new beginning at this time. It is *EXACTLY* 2-months after the first blue moon of 2018 on the 15th of Shevat, (the 11th month). And it ends the first quarter of 2018 on the standard calendar that Christians tend to use.

What else does this timing of this blue moon suggest? It is clearly a “turning point”. What we see is that the worst of the conflict with its uncertainties will be dealt with by then. We also realize that as long as there is unredeemed man on earth that all 3-points of the message will continue, including more conflict. This however is the time for the ushering in of God’s Kingdom Millennial Reign of His Son, Christ Jesus, Head and Body. God’s Kingdom will now steadily increase and the Kingdoms of Adam will continue to crumble and be blown away. The religious church systems of man are still preaching doom & gloom...still missing what God is saying in His Word, by His Spirit, and in the Signs in the moons. It’s time to wake up, flee and move into what God is doing. As Mary Elizabeth & I often say to each other each month, “Come! You must come see the full moon!”.

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