

Erring Teachers Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth with Prophetical Speculation

We live in an evil and adulterous generation which is looking for “signs” in all the wrong places, because they have not understood the past. The average person, including those claiming to follow Yeshua is blown along from one false prognostication to the next by teachers who are really astrologers in sheeps clothing. These wolves act as if they have special knowledge of the future and then spin just so tales using bible chronology, astronomical phenomenon, scripture texts, and false hopes or forebodings to make up ear tickling scenarios about the end of days. They have fallen into the temptation to gain a following by constantly making up fables about the end and selling them as serious understandings of what may happen. The vast majority of them are nothing but hucksters. I don't mean everyone who models an end time scenario, but 99.9% of them are. I will show you the difference.

I tell you that I hold these hucksters in utter contempt and approbation because I am a legitimate biblical chronologist, and an expert in the astronomical matters relating to chronology and the calendar, and I know their exegesis and interpretations to be false. And the sheep should know them to be false too because they keep making short term “predictions” that turn out to be false. I know them to be the equivalent of mentally retarded in chronological matters and undeserving of the followings they have gained with their mathematical trickery, and charismatic ability attract followers by selling suggestions about the future with a smile on their face.

I confess that I have put forward scenarios which are long term for the second coming. (Scripture does not, in fact say that no one will know closely when the time will be when it is very near.) The nearest one was 2035 (based on the Jubilee), and I am beginning to think it is less and less likely now (There will still be Jubilees in 2035, 2084, and so on.). I have always noted that my speculations are educated guesses and that the

foundation for those guesses is a well thought out and proved biblical chronology of the past and nothing more. And if I have anything to repent of then it is not underlining that fact even more. By pointing out that they have no chronology of substance I am also underlining the fact that they should not be speculating. If I have omitted anything, then it is that I have omitted other possible interpretations of the text would become likely if my educated guesses did not pan out, but then I have earned the right to do so by correctly explaining the past and proving it.

I have never ever backed up any educated guess with any sort of claim of special knowledge revealed to me directly from the Almighty, other than that which is already revealed, and readily available in the Scripture. I have thought that two dates might be prophetically significant (2007 and 2012), but not in connection with the second coming. These dates I proposed concerning a map changing war in Israel and the return of the Kingdom to Israel. The failure has made me much more cautious about even making educated guesses, and doubly cautious about boring the faithful with them. I am inclined now only to give the chronological facts, and say it is possible here, here and here, but not there and there. In other words, I am not going to get people's hopes up about the end or a next major happening in the plan of redemption until a real prophecy from Scripture actually happens, and the last prophecy that I know of is the return of the Jews to Israel, which started to be fulfilled in the 1880's. Jews continued to return enmass even in the 1990's, over 100 years later, and the return of Israel still is not yet completed! Really, one cannot even pick an exact date, 1948 or 1967 and say for certain that that prophecy was fulfilled then by divine appointment. Indeed, I only have good speculations about those dates and no certain word from the Almighty. I'd like to think my speculations that the sevenfold punishment of the Jewish people ended in 1948 or 1967, but it is still even an educated guess...and that about something already past. It appears to be that the fulfillment of many prophecies have no set date, but are strung out over a period of time.

I have never proposed a date and then sealed it with God told me so. There are many who do, and their prophecies fail

regularly making them false prophets. More often these teachers do not open themselves to the charge of being false prophets, but they keep on building short term prophetic schemes that keep failing. What they are proving is that they are surely erring teachers and incompetent for the position of making an educated guess that anyone should become acquainted with. They are surely wrongly dividing the word of truth, and showing themselves to be unfit interpreters of the the Torah and Prophets, and the words of Messiah Yeshua.

So with that said, I have become more cautious about any speculation as time has passed and as I have become more experienced about what to say, and what not to say. And certainly what I do not do is keep making short term predictions that keep failing, and then run out shortly thereafter and make a new prediction making the sheep feel it is probable. Any reasonable person would not do so. But what is reasonable to someone trying to be honest is not reasonable to someone trying to sell something. They will do it again and again because they are able to sell false hopes to guillible sheep. I could sell a lot more by claiming to know the future exactly, but I will not. What amazes me is that so many religious people are looking for sinful human messiah to tell them what is going to happen.

Now let me say that many of these erring teachers are teaching good stuff from the Scriptures about Messiah, the good news, and Torah right along with their erring teachings. However, what I can say I am certain of is that because the gullible sheep keep promoting these shepherds (with their money, purchases, and donations) even after their constant failed scenarios, and because they have not sought out more accurate teachers who do not make prophetic speculation a centerpiece of selling the truth—I will say that they have severally shortchanged themselves on receiving the best of Scriptural teaching and training. And above all they have shortchanged themselves on understanding prophetic events that are already past, and that they should understand that don't.

For I can tell you that when these erring teachers keep coming up with prophetic scenarios that fail you can be certain of one thing: they don't understand real biblical chronology. They don't know the answer to it. The reason is

simple. They have made a career out of prognostication and have ignored the stuff that is already past which we can actually come to a certain knowledge about. If they really had that knowledge, then they would not have keep making their stupid predictions about the tribulation coming in the next few years.

Those who have known me know that I don't make a career out of promoting prophetic scenarios of the end. My emphasis has always been on the wonderful things will can find out about biblical chronology that have already happened, concerning the birth of Messiah, his death and resurrection, concerning the parts of Daniel 9 already fulfilled, concerning the Exodus, concerning the historical Jubilee, and concerning an accurate calendar of scripture events.

So now, that was the introduction. Let me now proceed to show what these teachers are doing wrong in a general way with regard to the subject of astronomical events. We hear talk of blood moons, solar eclipses, comets, feast day alignments, and so on. With no sure understanding of chronology these erring teachers are speculating about what might happen. Let us consider lunar eclipses.

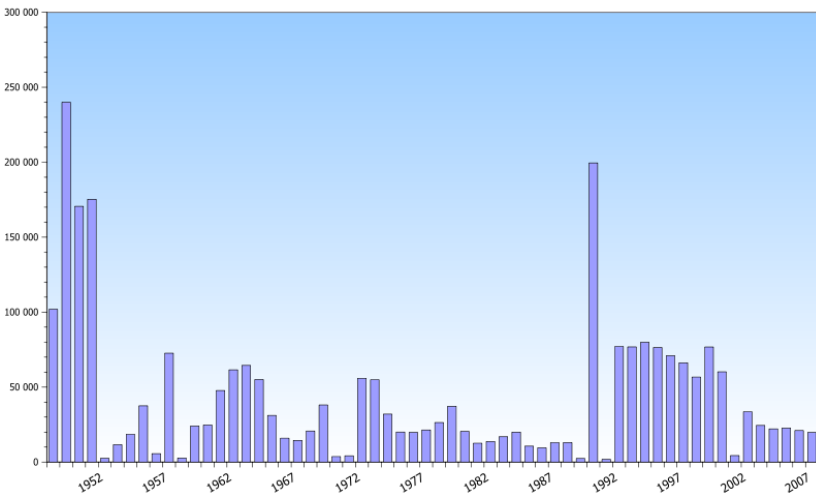
Lunar eclipses are periodic happenings. The false teachers say that four in a row are coming up that will land on the biblical feasts. Honest teachers will tell you that the alignments are not exact. Honest teachers will tell you that none of these events can be seen from Israel. But the difference here is not the root of the problem. The root of the problem is expecting these events to mean anything at all. Why should we believe that any series of eclipses should have an intelligent prophetic value, or be the result of any intelligent prophetic arranging by the Almighty?

The only way we can be certain that any astronomical event means anything is if the Almighty tells us that he arranged it to mean something either before it happens or after it happened. What did he say about the four eclipses coming? Nothing! He said nothing at all. And even if the kingdom should be restored to Israel after these eclipses I would not say the eclipses were any sort of harbinger! Being short of a divine word on the matter, we are only left with inductive reasoning to judge it. First, one cannot pick out a periodic phenomenon and say that

there is a pre-planned correlation between the astronomical occurrence and certain events unless the two events repeat three or more times thus ruling out the possibility of a coincidence.

Now with these total lunar eclipses we don't have more than one event correlating with each set. And since there is some event that always correlates with every astronomical happening, there is no intentional plan in the connection. Anyone who says there automatically is, IS an astrologer. First in 1949 and 1950 the eclipses fell at a time of maximum Jewish immigration to Israel. Here is a chart:

Jewish immigration to Israel from 1948 to 2007



Now please notice that while 1949-1950 saw a peak in immigration, that 1967-1968 saw little, and even a slight decline. Further, Israel gained statehood in 1948, but did not repeat gaining statehood in 1967. Sure there was a war on both dates. Israel was at war in 1956 and 1973 also. Eclipses are periodic. Feast days are periodic. And immigration is obviously episodic, and so are wars. The occasional line up of periodicities is expected on mere chance alone without any intelligent design in the matter. The line up of feast days is not exact.

So unless A. The Almighty tells us he lined things up on purpose, or B. A qualified statistician says that a correlation could not have happened by chance, we have to discount the whole thing. The art of reading meaning into events, or even

suggesting that they have certain meaning is like reading tea leaves. It subliminally leads the mentally weak audience down a primrose path to disappointment.

Did the Almighty say that red blood lunar eclipses four in a row mean something on his prophetic agenda? He does speak about the moon turning to blood in the end of days in Joel 2:32 (quoted in Acts 2:20) and again in Rev. 6:12. Peter is only quoting the prophecy in Acts 2:20. The text does not say the moon actually turned to blood then. Peter is quoting the text as an explanation for the pouring out of the Ruakh HaKodesh.

The Revelation texts says, “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; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places” (Rev. 6:12-14).

Revelation presents the moon looking red as an unusual event, and not a usual or expected event. The events that go along with the blood moon are also unusual. But total lunar eclipses wherein the moon looks red are not unusual, and they are completely predicatable. So the attempt to connect any of these prophecies with the regularly periodic lunar eclipses is equivalent to the interpretation that astrologers put on the meaning of planetary positions for you life. It is at best uneducated and incompetent reading of the text and at worst divination.

So now, did the Almighty ever line up some astronomical events? We have instances where the Scripture actually says he did. He lines up by design the first day of the seventh month with the new moon, and every other feast date on the biblical calendar is by design, and is timed according to an astronomical sign. There is reasonable reason to suppose that the Almighty set the star on its course or set the birth date to coincide with regular occurrences (after the fall of man) that guided the Magi to Bethlehem, and that he prompted the Magi to look for a Messianic interpretation in it. That he did this in this one case does not legitimize the practice of astrology or the finding of

prophetic meanings in the motions of the stars. The Almighty simply met the Magi where they were at on this one occasion. There is no reason to suppose that he will have similar mercy on other astrologers by making their hunches come true. One who engages in reading future meaning into particular periodic astronomical events where the Scripture has not defined a meaning already (i.e. new moon, year, day, etc.), or where it is suggested that it has meaning that the Scripture does not say it has is engaging in astrology. The practice is condemned by the Scripture.

When the Scripture says that the sun, moon, and stars are for signs, it means that they are signs for days, months, seasons, and years, not for prognosticating the future! Christian astrologers are now in the regular habit of denying they are making predictions and then proceeding to suggest that the signs “may” mean such and such, or “could” be signaling something. Whatever language they pad it with, they are still engaging in imagining what the signs mean according to their own whims.

I should mention that Joseph Seiss and E.W. Bullinger put out works such as the “Gospel in the Stars” and the “Witness of the Stars.” It may be true that Enoch or someone else told a redemptive story in the Zodiacal (Mazzaroth) figures and star names before the Babylonians corrupted it, however, the only way we can know what the redemptive story is, is by relying on the Scripture first, cross cultural agreement on what the figures are, and the most ancient star names. It is a nice idea to propose to correct the Babylonians on their corrupt story. None of this has anything to do with prognosticating the future or suggesting that certain events will take place in the future by “reading” these signs according to a redacted biblical story in them. It is all too easy to fall into making suggestions about the future because such and such a planet lines up with such and such a star. That my friends is ASTROLOGY.

Christian astrology is increasing. Even Messianics are falling into this, such as Avi Ben Mordecai. Also the faithful in Messiah should know that many religious movements and sects get started with false prophecies that did not come true. The wierd thing is that they don't loose followers over the false

predictions. They gain them, keep them, and revise their views. The righteous thing to do is to FIND ANOTHER TEACHER. I really don't have to name them all. You the reader should be able to identify them based on the principles I have stated here.

Finally, until these people can come up with a complete chronology of scripture for the PAST, establishing when Messiah was born, died, and resurrection, and when the sabbatical and Jubilee years are, then they have no business in teaching ANY sort of suggestion about the future to the sheep. The fact is they have not done their homework, and are in no position to even make an educated guess as to the end of days, so long as they have no chronology of the past. In so far as they cannot explain perfectly the past fulfillment of Daniel 9:24-26. They have no business forecasting the fulfillment of Daniel 9:27.