

Rare occurrence of 4 consecutive total lunar eclipses lining up with Passover and Sukkot
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Tetrad – 4 consecutive total lunar eclipses. The period for the occurrence of tetrads is variable and currently is about 565 years (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eclipse_cycle/).

I found some very important information at the Astronomy.com Forum regarding how many tetrads that line up with Passover and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) have occurred since Yeshua's First Coming (<http://cs.astronomy.com/asycs/forums/p/46750/447015.aspx>).

Note: Total lunar eclipses can only occur when the moon is full. The moon is full at the start of Passover and Sukkot – each begin on the 15th of the lunar month during the time of the full moon (Passover begins on the 15th of Nisan; Sukkot begins on the 15th of Tishri). That is why tetrads line up with these two Appointed Times of the Lord (Biblical Holy Days).

Tetrads occur with intervals of 6 lunations, meaning every six lunar cycles. As the months of the Biblical calendar are based on lunar months, this means that the 4 total lunar eclipses of a tetrad series occur at six-month intervals – exactly the number of lunar months between Passover (during the 1st Biblical month of Nisan/Aviv) and Sukkot (during the 7th Biblical month of Tishri). This certainly shows God's design and is not due to random occurrence.

God created the sun and the moon for signs and also for the Appointed Times of the Lord:

Gen. 1:14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons [Hebrew *mo'adim*], and for days and years;

Gen. 1:15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

The Hebrew word (Strong's #4150 - *mo'ed*, singular; *mo'adim*; plural) actually means a fixed or appointed time for religious assembly. Therefore, God said that He made the sun and the

moon not only for the purpose of life on earth but also for the precise calendar of the Appointed Times of the Lord, the Biblical Holy Days.

The apostle Paul taught the Gentiles that the Appointed Times of the Lord provide the prophetic pattern for God's plan of redemption through Messiah Yeshua (Colossians 2:16-17 – the Appointed Times referred to as Biblical “festivals”; the “new moon” marks the start of each lunar month, including Rosh HaShanah, the 1st of the 7th month Tishri; “Sabbath day”).

The eclipse cycle for tetrads is about 600 years: “The first of a group of tetrads normally begins in April or one of the surrounding months. There is a long term cycle of nearly six centuries in which the first half has no tetrads and the second half quite a few. We are in the middle of one of those rich periods right now” (<http://cs.astronomy.com/asycs/forums/p/46750/447015.aspx>).

When tetrads line up with Passover and Sukkot and at the same time align with key events in Israel's history, this is a prophetic sign that requires our attention.

Since the First Coming of Yeshua, there have been 7 tetrads lining up with Passover and Sukkot. There will be an 8th tetrad in 2014-2015, with the 4th total lunar eclipse lining up with Rosh HaShanah 2015. The complete list of tetrad years is as follows:

162/163 - 795/796- 842/843 - 860/861 - 1493/1494 - 1949/1950 - 1967/1968 - 2014/2015

In reviewing the history of the Jewish people and the Land of Israel for the period encompassing the first 5 tetrads, all I could find was a pattern of persecution of the Jewish people. This pattern of persecution was exemplified by the expulsion of 150,000 Jews from Spain in 1492 associated with the 5th Tetrad.

Then, with the 6th Tetrad, we see the restoration of Israel as a nation in 1948, after almost 2,000 years of exile and persecution of the Jewish people. With the 7th Tetrad, we see the restoration of Jerusalem as a reunited city in 1967. With the 8th Tetrad, will we see the final restoration and

redemption that can only be accomplished by Messiah Yeshua Himself when He returns to Jerusalem?

We will see.