

I have this to say regarding the Lunar Eclipse of April 3rd, 33 A.D.:

I've only the basics of biblical information to share, along with the link for the NASA Webpage that includes it as well:

<https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/LEcat5/LE0001-0100.html>

(Scroll down to number 04904, and the details - what I don't yet know what it all entails - are provided regarding that Lunar Eclipse. If you click on that number, as a link, it will bring you to the Webpage for April 3rd, 33 A.D.)

Here's what's interesting that the Bible teaches:

Scripture states that darkness was visibly seen from the 6th to the 9th hours at Jesus' crucifixion - which puts that time at noon to 3pm using the Hebrew clock. Their day started at 6am, and nightfall was at 6pm, so the 6th hour would be 12 noon and the 9th hour would be 3pm. (You may already be aware of this!)

(See Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, and Luke 23:44 for the biblical evidences that darkness was seen during those times. Also, see Acts 2:15, whereof the baptism of the Holy Spirit was experienced at the 3rd hour, which is stated in the King James Version, but is interpreted as 9 o'clock in the morning by the scholars that interpreted the New International Version, based on the Hebrew clock.)

However, I want to bring a point of reference to light of which was spoken in the account of Luke about that darkness:

Luke 23:44 says this:

(44) And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness >over all the earth< until the ninth hour.

This to me does NOT concur with the Partial Lunar Eclipse of that year and date, but - TO ME - signifies that God did something much more profound:

I believe there was total blocking of the Sun's rays for 3 hours BY GOD HIMSELF, OR BY HIS ANGELS SENT BY HIM, and that THAT occurred during the day of Passover WHILE the Lunar Eclipse was taking place! THIS WAS DARK DARKNESS!!!

A Partial Eclipse would not bring absolute darkness to the WHOLE surface of Earth, as the image at NASA's Webpage for that Eclipse reveals the coverage of that event:

<https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/5MCLEmap/0001-0100/LE0033-04-03P.gif>

I don't doubt that the Eclipse was a point of reference for us to follow, but I'm reminded of the Scripture of the plagues that Moses invoked over Egypt. See these verses for what I mean to convey:

Exodus 10:21-23 KJV

(21) And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, **that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, >even darkness which may be felt.<**

(22) And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; **and there was >a thick darkness< in all the land of Egypt >three days:<**

(23) **>They saw not one another,< neither rose any from his place for three days: >but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.<**

THAT was SUPERNATURAL!!!

The light that the Israelites experienced was JESUS WITH THEM - He said, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD", did He not?

But the darkness that was experienced was ALSO SUPERNATURAL - as it was FELT, and it LASTED 3 DAYS!!!

THEY COULDN'T EVEN SEE ONE ANOTHER!!

THAT is NOT a Lunar Eclipse, NOR even a SOLAR Eclipse!!!

So, what I will share is not what I'd normally write to others about the matter, as it would only negate the idea that the Lunar Eclipse is valid!

However, I DO BELIEVE the Eclipse AND THE SUPERNATURAL DARKNESS WERE SIMULTANEOUS during THAT Passover Feast, as how would we even KNOW that Jesus was crucified in A.D. 33 on Passover's April 3rd if it were not plausible that an event of consequence had occurred that would validate the Scripture's remarks about the times and seasons?

See here:

Genesis 1:14 KJV

(14) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; **>and let them be for signs,< and for seasons, and for days, and years:**

I believe with all my heart that God has revealed His Son's Passion's timing by that reference of the SIGN OF the Eclipse, BUT THAT HE DID SOMETHING FAR MORE MARVELOUS, MIRACULOUS, AND SPLENDID AT THE VERY SAME TIME!!!

If there was ONLY a Lunar Eclipse, even a Total Lunar Eclipse, or even a Total Solar Eclipse - which there was NOT one during that Passover that has been recorded - **then PEOPLE WOULD STILL SEE ONE ANOTHER!!! I believe the darkness that was seen in Egypt that blackened the landscape so they couldn't even FEEL THEIR WAY FOR 3 FULL DAYS was THE SAME DARKNESS AT THAT PASSOVER!!!**

I will conclude with this verse to give you that thought from Scripture:

Luk 23:44-47 KJVR

(44) And it was about the sixth hour, and there was **a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.**

(45) And **the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.**

(46) And **when Jesus had cried with a loud voice**, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, **he gave up the ghost**.

(47) Now **>when the centurion saw what was done,< >he glorified God,<** saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

The centurion SAW the Sun "darkened" and the veil of the Temple ripped in two from the top downward to the bottom (see Matthew 27:51 right now!)

The word "darkened" is vague in the English, but the word in Greek means "**obscured**". Noah Webster stated that the word "obscure" meant literally "Dark; **destitute of light**". **This means NO light at all!**

If I am wrong, forgive me, but I must insist that God DOES present a case for it in Scripture!

I've told you what I can! I hope it was a blessing to receive this small nugget of inspiration from the Almighty – as I myself have!

Blessings2u!!

~Roger Funk, II

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(Most of this was originally written in a letter on 9-11-2023)

I'm adding to this original letter hereinafter:

You will note that God did AWESOME, MIRACULOUS THINGS WITH THE SUN IN THE TIME OF THE ISRAELITES...here are the accounts of them:

Joshua 10:12-14 KJV

(12) Then spoke Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, **and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.**

(13) **And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.** *Is not this written in the book of Jasher? >So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.<*

(14) **And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man:** for the LORD fought for Israel.

AND:

Isaiah 38:7-8 KJV

(7) And **this shall be a sign** unto thee [King Hezekiah] from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

(8) **Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. >So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.<**

So, you see, the Sun WAS AND IS IN GOD'S HANDS TO DIRECT AS HE WILLS, AND THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE HE DID ON THE DAY OF PASSOVER, THE 3RD OF APRIL, 33 A.D., **AS A SIGN THAT GOD'S OWN SON (NOT A MERE MAN, BUT GOD THE SON!) HAD DIED ON THAT CROSS FOR ALL THE SIN OF MANKIND!!!**

9-27-2023, 4:07 a.m., Blessings2u!! ~Roger Funk, II

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