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The Great American Eclipse

Before we get started in our teaching this morning I think it's important that we set some guidelines down before we begin. As most of you already know we at Holy Impact Ministries are bound by the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our hands. We're not bound by the wisdom of men, nor are we bound by anyone's so called "Early Church Fathers, Bible Commentators, Professors, or PHD holding Doctors".

We don't stand on any denominational dogma or Papal bull.. and we don't venerate these men above and beyond the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our hands. We don't stand on speculation, or conjecture. we don't build our houses in the sand... we build our houses on the Rock. We don't care what mysticism, or the Gnostics, or what the great philosophers of our time would have us believe. We don't accept the Talmud or the Midrash, or the extra biblical writings of the Rabbi's as scriptural, and you certainly will not ever see us bowing down to some man sitting on a golden throne, to kiss his golden ring... at least... not until after our Messiah establishes his new kingdom.

So, as we talk about things like the soon to come eclipse that will literally draw a line across the United States... on August 21st... in just a few weeks from now... or the alignment of the stars found in Revelation chapter 12 that's about to happen on the 23rd of September of this year... or the Asteroid that's projected to skim by the earth this October.. we need to indeed put on the full armor of God... so that once again we can protect ourselves and our children from the darts of the wicked one, and be able to stand in the evil day.

Now... before we get started... I think it's safe to say that almost everyone has a theory, or a prediction, or a hypothesis, or an idea... about what this soon to come eclipse means to God's people. And some even think that this eclipse has nothing at all to do with God's people. Some think that this eclipse is going to wipe out the United States... some think it's a sign that God will strengthen the United States. Some think that it's a sign that the tribulation is going to begin. Some think we're all going to be raptured because they're convinced that God is going to rescue them when things really get bad... even though God has never raptured any of his prophets, apostles, or even his own son from persecution. And for those of us that read our bibles for ourselves.. we already know that there is going to be what is known as "The Greater Exodus" when God brings all of his people, from the four corners of the earth, back into his promised land. None of which has taken place as of yet.

Let's read Isaiah 11:11-13:

*Isa 11:11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand **yet a second time** to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.*

*Isa 11:12 He will **raise a signal for the nations** and will **assemble the banished of Israel**, and gather **the dispersed of Judah** from the four corners of the earth.*

Isa 11:13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Jeremiah 16:14-15:

*Jer 16:14 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, **when it shall no longer be said,** 'As the LORD lives **who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,**'*

*Jer 16:15 but 'As the LORD lives **who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.**' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.*

Even our Messiah spoke of these people who would once again be gathered in Luke 13:29-30:

Luk 13:29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

Luk 13:30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

And there is so much that we could get into concerning the "Greater Exodus" we could go on talking about it for hours if not days... but the point that I'm trying to make my friends.. is that these things are written in our scripture.. and if this greater exodus has not yet taken place... and if God tells us in his God breathed scriptures that it's going to take place... how then could he rapture us all out of the earth before fulfilling his promise to bring us from the four corners of the earth back into his holy chosen land?

You see my friends.. just like the rest of the trash that they sell on their DVD's, CD's, Books, Movies, and Blue Ray's.. it's all nonsense, and the only reason they preach and teach it is to get you to buy it. Hollywood has made money hand over fist with their so called "Pre-Tribulation Rescue" and money continues to change hands selling the biggest lie ever told to humanity, and the lost just keep fueling the fire, and burning their money thinking that when things really get bad... they're going to be rescued from it all because God loves them more than he loved his prophets... God loves them more than he loved the Apostles... God loves them more than he loved his only begotten Son... none of which were rescued from persecution... not one. But that's what they teach and that's what they preach because it sells well. There is no difference between these... and those our Messiah chased out of the house of God with a whip for making his Father's house a market place.

Some think that 2017 is going to be the last year of the age of mankind as we know it. Some think that this eclipse will be a sign from God that world war three is about to commence. Some think that there's nothing at all to this eclipse... and that it's simply a natural occurrence that has happened before... and will happen again in the future.

So, with all of that conjecture... and all of those theories, and philosophical understandings, and the rumblings of both fortune and doom... what we're going to do here today is to simply look at what we know to be the facts. And we're going to compare what we know to be fact... with what we know the scripture says, and we're going to allow the Ruach Hakodesh to show us what these things are all about through the God breathed scriptures that we hold in our hands, and the discernment that we've been given from our Father in Heaven and his only begotten Son Yahshua Mashiach.. Jesus the Messiah.

So... with our feet planted securely on the ground... and our heads out of the clouds... let's take a closer look at what we know to be true concerning this on-coming eclipse that's predicted to happen on August 21st of this year. And to start with.. I'd like to take us to what we find in Genesis 1:14-15:

Gen 1:14 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:

Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Now.. if you've been with us for any length of time here at Holy Impact Ministries you already know that the word Seasons in Genesis 1:14 does not belong there. The English word "Seasons" is translated from the Hebrew word "Moed".. the Hebrew word "Moed" means appointments, or feasts... God is not talking about summer, spring, winter, and fall here... he's talking about his appointments with man... his feasts days, and his Sabbaths... not about what season it is. But that's another teaching that we won't get into today for time's sake. But my point is that the scripture clearly tells us that God said the lights in the firmament of heaven were to divide the day from the night and to be for "Signs" and his appointments. The original Hebrew word for "Signs" is "Oth" and according to Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew definitions it means "A sign or a signal, a distinguishing mark, a banner, remembrance, a miraculous sign, an omen.. or.. a warning.

So, we can know and understand that our Father in Heaven does use the lights in the firmament of the heavens for different kinds of signs and warnings. So, we don't have to guess about that much.

Now.. I have heard pastors all around the country proclaiming that at the exact same time this eclipse occurs here in the U.S. that it will be dark in Jerusalem. And they'll tell you that for the first time it will be dark in both the U.S. and Israel. And I thought... well... that's certainly

interesting.. but the more I thought about that claim... the more I thought... is that really true?

As the moon moves in front of the sun it will not cast a shadow all across the U.S. at one time. Yes.. the shadow of the moon will move across the U.S....but.. it will not cast its shadow all across the U.S. at the same time... so how could someone say that it will be dark here in the U.S... at the same time that it's dark in Jerusalem? So, I decided to study to show myself approved.

First of all, let's start with what we do know. Here are some facts concerning the on-coming eclipse:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/facts-solar-eclipse.html>

(READ #3 A ONE TIME EVENT)

So, we know that this particular event is pretty rare. It's not the first time that it's ever happened... but it is rare... and ... it is the first time that it has crossed over the United States that the United States has been in existence. There was no United States the last time it crossed over this continent. So, none of our countries founders had ever seen this event in their lifetimes. We're the first as a nation to actually be able to see this event. I found that to be rather eye opening.

One of the things that I find rather interesting is that when the eclipse starts here in the United states... it will be 11:46am here on the east coast where I live. Sunset in Jerusalem is 7:16pm.

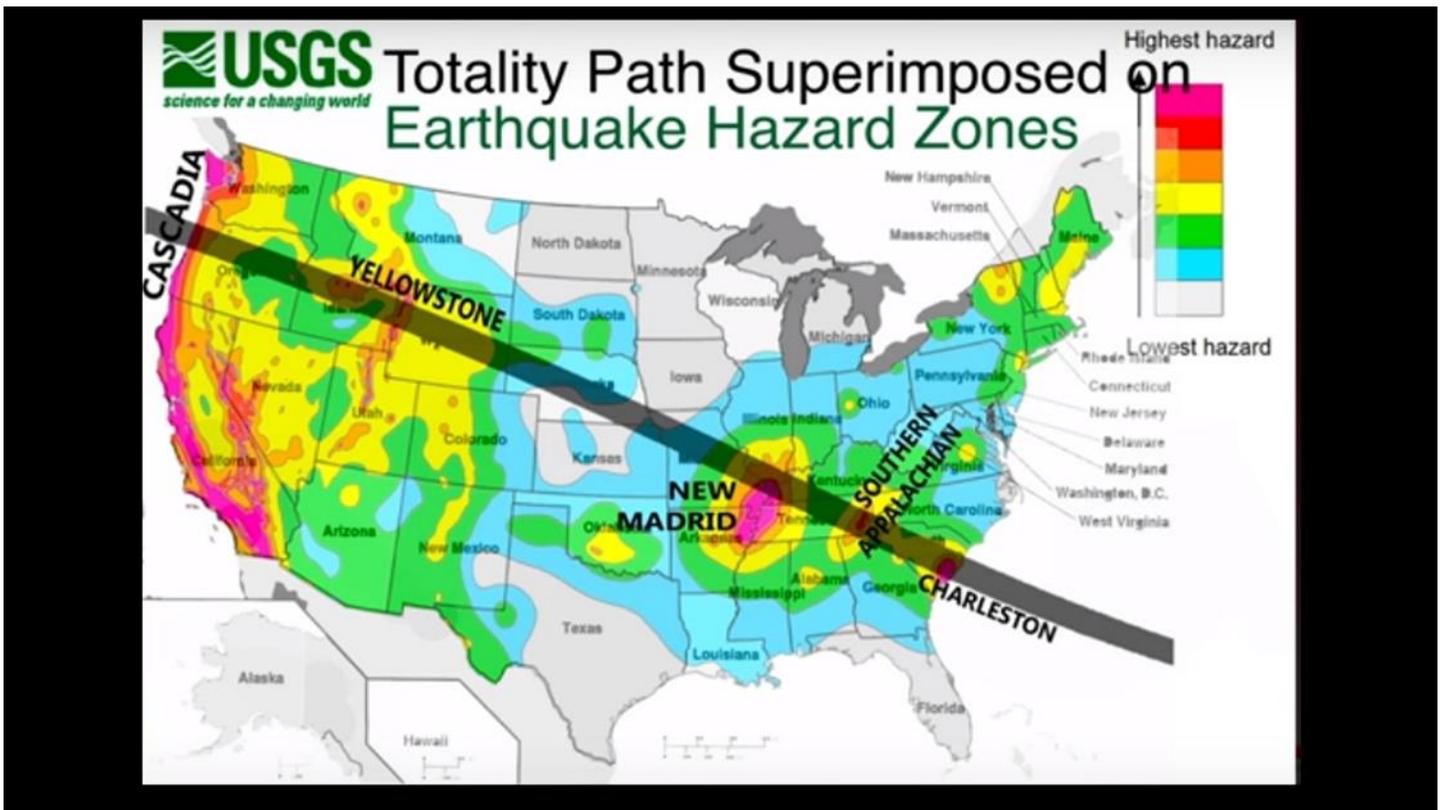
<https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/israel/jerusalem?month=8>

Now.. the time difference between here in Ohio where I am... and Jerusalem is 7 hours:

<http://www.happyzebra.com/timezones-worldclock/difference-between-Cleveland-and-Jerusalem.php>

That would mean at 11:46am when the eclipse starts here in the U.S. it will be 6:46pm in Jerusalem. Now.. we can clearly see that sunset in Jerusalem is at 7:16pm.. not 6:46pm. Not to mention the fact that we won't even see the partial eclipse here in Ohio until around 2:30pm.. In Oregon where the eclipse started.. the sun will be shining again... because the eclipse would have already passed them... so to say that it will be dark here in the U.S. at the same time it's dark in Israel.. is mostly false. It really depends on what time the shadow of the moon falls on your state that dictates when it will be dark in your city. The whole line all across the U.S. will not be dark at the same time. But I will concede that certain states out of the 14 states that will actually go dark.. will go dark for approximately the 2 minutes that it takes the moon to pass by...And this will happen while it's dark in Israel... none the less... I'm not convinced that this is really a big deal or some kind of game changer.

Now.. with that being said.. I have noticed that along the path of this eclipse.. lies some of our most hazardous earthquake zones. (SHOW PICTURE):



Seeing this and knowing that God is drawing a line across our country, that points out where the weakest places in our land are... I find quite interesting. And in fact.. I must admit.. that it makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up when I take the time to look around at the wickedness that can be seen in this country.

After we've taken it upon ourselves to remove his scriptures from our schools, and to replace his feast days, appointments, commandments, and precepts with our own pagan version of his son's birthday chalked full of a fat man dressed in a red suit that comes out of the fireplace to give our children all of the desires of their hearts, and to teach them the divination and magic of flying reindeer, and magical elves... and mystical Easter rabbits that lay colored eggs all over their houses, and blinding them with the things of this world rather than teaching them that all things come from God, including their very lives that were saved by his only begotten son. We've taken it upon ourselves to remove prayer from our schools and from our halls of justice, and we've taken it upon ourselves to re-define the God ordained holy matrimony of marriage... now making a demonic mockery out of what God ordained as holy.

When I see the rulers of our land demanding that our schools force our young children to use the same bathroom and to read them books and to teach them about homosexual penguins and transsexual butterfly's... it makes me think... why our father might be drawing a line across this country... pointing out our major earthquake zones.. that are the weakest points of land in our nation.

And so, with that being said.. I'd like to take us to another scripture found in 1st Corinthians 1:22-

24:

1Co 1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

1Co 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

1Co 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

So clearly even the scripture tells us that the Jews seek signs and the Gentiles seek wisdom, but to both of these.. the truth of God's word has become a stumbling block. Why? Because they do not understand that the Messiah, and the power of God only comes from him and his Holy Spirit that is given as a pledge to each one of us who pick up our cross and follow him to the end.

The Jews have always been about signs and wonders, and some of this comes from the word of God.. and some of it comes from places like the Talmud, or the Midrash or even the Kabbalah:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabbalah>

“Traditional practitioners believe its earliest origins pre-date world religions, forming the primordial blueprint for Creation's philosophies, religions, sciences, arts, and political systems.^[6] Historically, Kabbalah emerged, after earlier forms of [Jewish mysticism](#), in 12th- to 13th-century Southern France and Spain, becoming reinterpreted in the Jewish mystical renaissance of 16th-century [Ottoman Palestine](#).”

So, when we listen to Jewish teachers, or those of the Messianic persuasion we must be aware of exactly what it is that they believe in.. because just like there are different denominations with in Christianity... so too are there different denominations of Judaism, and this is important for those of us who seek after the truth to know and understand.

We also need to be aware of what the Jews call “GAMATRIA”:

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/gematria/>

“Gematria is a numerological system by which [Hebrew letters](#) correspond to numbers. This system, developed by practitioners of [Kabbalah](#) (Jewish mysticism), derived from Greek influence and became a tool for interpreting biblical texts.

In gematria, each Hebrew letter is represented by a number (for example, aleph = 1, bet = 2, etc.). One can then calculate the numerical value of a word by adding together the values of each letter in it. In the realm of biblical interpretation, commentators base an argument on numerological equivalence of words. If a word's numerical value equals that of another word, a commentator might draw a connection between these two words and the verses in which they appear and use this to prove larger conceptual conclusions.”

So why am I bringing all of this up? I'm bringing these things to your attention so that you will know how and why so many of these people put together all of these prophetic stories... most of which never come true. Our adversary has so many different tricks that he's used to blind the would-be follower of God that we can't even keep track of them. But tricks they are, and we need

to be aware of them.

Once again, my friends before we move on I want us to see, know and understand where our own Messiah told us that truth would come from... so just in case we have anyone new listening this morning lets minister to them very quickly, and let's turn to John 14:25-26:

Joh 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 16:13:

Joh 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Joh 16:14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

On the other hand, we also have the Christian side which just as the scripture tells us are mostly gentiles who seek after wisdom. They love to quote from their so called early church fathers, and their Bible commentators, and their PHD holding doctors, and professors who are all steeped in the underpinnings of philosophy, and the wisdom of their hermeneutics, and people like Chrysostom, Calvin, Irenaeus, and Origen. All who lived hundreds of years after the death burial and resurrection of our Messiah by the way.

So once again we're told to be careful, and to remember where the truth comes from.. and it's not from men.

And I say all of that to say this... once again... there is no Pastor, Priest, Bishop, or Pope that we can turn to for the truth. The truth is given through his God breathed scriptures and through his Ruach hakdoesh, and it simply is not found anywhere else my friends. So, when we see and hear all kinds of teachings and warnings about what's to come... take a minute.. and ask yourselves.. are these men who are teaching and preaching these things keeping Gods commandments? Do they know which day Gods commanded holy sanctified 7th Day Sabbath is that he said would be a sign between him and his people and a perpetual agreement forever? Or are they still keeping a first day of the week Sabbath not commanded by any prophet, not commanded by any Apostle, not commanded by any High Priest in the blood line of Aaron.. not commanded by our Messiah, not commanded anywhere in our God breathed scriptures, and certainly not commanded by our Father in heaven? Do they keep his appointed feast days, and his appointed Sabbaths or do they keep their own man made, man created, man fabricated appointments, and their own pagan festivals, rituals, and myths, not found anywhere in his God breathed scriptures?

And you know why I'm asking you these things. 1st John 2:4:

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

And so, I just wanted to repeat what we said in the beginning of this teaching and the importance of understanding that each of us needs to take these facts to our own prayer closet and ask for the discernment that can only come from him.. and if we'll do that instead of simply being spoon fed something that we can't prove... we'll be much farther ahead, and that narrow path that we all seek won't be so hard to find.

Now... getting back to our eclipse... some people will proclaim that Yahshua Jesus does not give signs, and they'll claim that he said that it's only the wicked that seek a sign from God... but let's hear what he really said... we can find that it Matthew 16:4:

Mat 16:4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

Clearly. what our Messiah was saying is that we should not seek for a sign. If we know our scriptures, and if we're in constant communication with him, most of the time a sign is not needed for those of us who are already following him. But he does give signs even to the wicked... just as he tells us in verse 4. He gave them the sign of Jonah.

So then the question for a lot of Christians is... so what was the sign of Jonah exactly? And the answer to that question can also be found in the scriptures. God called Jonah to go to the people of Ninava because they had turned away from him.. but Jonah had other ideas. Jonah hatted the people of Ninava, and Jonah was determined to make a run for it.

By the way... when God calls you to do something... making a run for it is never a good idea. Niniva is today known as Mosel. Now... according to what we know from NASA we can now predict when and where these kinds of eclipses have occurred in the past, and according to some people... they believe through their calculations, and through historical documentation... that before Jonah got to Niniva this same eclipse had already happened... and then of course... here comes this prophet from God.. Jonah.. and so, it's not hard to figure out why the people of Niniva were so ready to accept the word of God when Jonah showed up on the scene.

Jonah was shocked that the people of Niniva took hold and grasped the word of God so easily. Of course, Jonah had no idea that God had already been sending them signs and warnings before he arrived in Niniva.

From what we know a total eclipse crossed north of Niniva on the 15th of June 763 BC during the reign of King Ashur-Dan III. And this great sign from the heavens is what caused Niniva to

repent so quickly. Jonah didn't even want to be there. So, we already know that Jonah's heart was not into doing what God had sent him to do... and as always... God... who searches the hearts and minds of men already knew that Jonah was going to need a little help.

This eclipse in Niniva was dubbed the "Bur-Sagale Eclipse", and it was one of the most famous solar eclipses in ancient history, and it was recorded in the "Cuniform tablets" called the Assyrian Eponym Canon. Back in the days of Yahshua they were well aware of this eclipse, and so many people believe that the sign of Jonah was twofold. One sign was that our Messiah would be in the earth for three days and for three nights just like Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and for three nights... the other sign was the sign of the sun being darkened as in the days of Niniva. When our Messiah died on the cross... if we remember correctly... the sun was also darkened. And so, when the Pharisees saw this... it was then that they knew what Yahshua Jesus was talking about when he told them that the only sign that they would receive would be the sign of Jonah. When they saw that sun go dark... they knew what they had done.

Now... some will say that this eclipse is going to bring upon us all of the things that came upon the king who was presiding over Niniva... King Ashur-Dan III. And they'll try to tell you that plague, civil war, earthquakes, and all of these things are coming because that's what happened in the days of King Ashur-Dan III. But as for me... I'm not so quick to make these kinds of connections, even though I have no doubt that we deserve them.

Another very popular theory is that this eclipse will bring a plague or different kinds of plagues upon the U.S. because the last time this eclipse happened was back in 1918, and back in 1918 there was what was known as the "flu pandemic of 1918".

<http://www.history.com/topics/1918-flu-pandemic>

"The influenza or flu pandemic of 1918 to 1919, the deadliest in modern history, infected an estimated 500 million people worldwide—about one-third of the planet's population at the time—and killed an estimated 20 million to 50 million victims. More than 25 percent of the U.S. population became sick, and some 675,000 Americans died during the pandemic. The 1918 flu was first observed in Europe, the U.S. and parts of Asia before swiftly spreading around the world. Surprisingly, many flu victims were young, otherwise healthy adults. At the time, there were no effective drugs or vaccines to treat this killer flu strain or prevent its spread. In the U.S., citizens were ordered to wear masks, and schools, theaters and other public places were shuttered. Researchers later discovered what made the 1918 pandemic so deadly: In many victims, the influenza virus had invaded their lungs and caused pneumonia."

So... the question then becomes... will it be a plague that this eclipse will bring? Or will it be Civil War, or will it be World War III? Will it be the beginning of the Tribulation era, or will it be just a natural event, and nothing more?

In the end, my friends... let me share with you what I see so that you can take these things to

your prayer closet and test them through the fire of prayer.

There is no doubt in my mind that God is indeed drawing a line with his finger across the United States. The sun, moon, and the stars only do what they do because he tells them to. And although I do not presume to know the mind of our Father... I do know his heart... and I do know that he is slow to anger, so much so that at times I think his patience knows no bounds.

If our Father in heaven was to wipe the United States off the face of the earth tomorrow it would be well within his right to do so. But because I know his heart... I suspect that rather than wiping out the United States... he may bring upon her what she needs to get her attention.

We often times think that plagues and wars, and earthquakes, and asteroids, and sinkholes are for our punishment... and on some occasions I may agree. But more times than not these things are wake us up. They're here to get our attention. They're here to turn those who would turn, and to save those who would be saved. The problem is that they would have become acclimated to these things. God our Father has been trying to reach us for some time now, but rather than sit up and take notice... we've become so acclimated to seeing these things that we no longer pay any attention. And so, we force his hand to move on to greater things that will get our attention.

One thing is for sure my friends. In the end... no one who has been cast into the pit will ever be able to say that they were not warned. No one who has been cast into the pit will be able to say that they didn't know. No one who has been cast into the pit will be able to say on that day that they were not given every opportunity to come. No one who has been cast into that pit will be able to say that they were not called, and warned, and beckoned, time and time and time again. No one will be able to say that God was not patient with those who chose the god of this world over him. No one will be able to say that he did not call them over and over and over again. No one will be able to say that he wanted even one of them to perish.

The Great American Eclipse... is soon to come. What does it mean... what will it bring... will the next day be the same as the day before? Only time will tell. But I would not be surprised... if it did not have something to do with a last warning.

There is another Total Eclipse scheduled for the US in April of 2024 which would be the first of Aviv... which is New Year's Day... according to the Scripture. If... we make it that long.