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If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, or aren't sure and would like to become one, then you need to believe that Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God, that he was God who became a man, that he lived a sinless and perfect life, keeping the Law of God perfect in every way, that he kept faith perfectly, and that he was crucified on that cruel cross for your sins, mine and the entire world - he died for our sins! His death on the cross paid the penalty fully, one time for all sins that we have ever committed and that we will ever commit. He died; he went down into the bowels of the earth, even into Hell, and was raised from the dead on the third day in a resurrected, eternal body. He ascended back into heaven, was seated at the right hand of God, and is now Lord over heaven and earth. He is coming again to judge the world, to raise the dead, where he will give an eternal, resurrected, glorified body to everyone that has believed on him as their Lord and Savior, and to establish his kingdom one earth.

You come become a Christian right now as you read this, by personally placing your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior; believing that he is God's only begotten Son, that he died on the cross for you and that he was raised from the dead and is now seated in heaven at the right hand of God the Father. *"Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.."* Acts 16:31a And when you do trust Christ, and Christ alone, as your Lord and Savior, then go to God the Father in heaven in prayer and tell him so. Tell him that you have believed on his Son, thank him for his Son, and thank him for forgiving your sins and saving you! *"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."* Romans 10:9,10 *"For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Romans 10:13 *"Therefore, being justified by faith (declared righteous), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 5:1

## 40 Days of Repentance

In the OT there was a period of time set aside for repentance; it began on the first day of the month Elul and went on for 40 days. This year it begins at sundown August 21 in our calendar, which is the first day of the month of Elul and is the beginning of 40 days of repentance. It begins August 21 and ends September 30, which is the Feast of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. August 21 is also the beginning of a new moon.

It was on Elul 1 that **Jonah** left for 40 days to tell Nineveh to repent. It was on Elul 1 that **Moses** went up to Mt. Sinai after the sin of the Golden Calf, trying to make atonement while Israel was repenting for that. It was on Elul 1 **Jesus** went out into the wilderness for 40 days, coming out on Yom Kippur. Elul 1 starts the month of repentance and to have the solar eclipse happening at this time is of huge significance!

A solar eclipse is significant because it applies to Gentile nations, which base their calendars on the sun, while lunar eclipses applied to the Jewish nation because it based its calendar on the moon. There was a solar eclipse over eastern Europe and the Ottoman Empire and WWI began in August, which resulted in the Ottoman Empire being destroyed.

There was a solar eclipse August 21 over Nineveh before Jonah came. Archaeological evidence shows that there had been a plague going on for 3 years before that, plus a civil war. When Jonah came to Nineveh they were ready to repent! They had a plague for 3 years, a civil war, another plague and a solar eclipse and along comes Jonah telling them to repent!

The solar eclipse that is coming over America will begin on the first day of Elul, August 21 in our calendar, and it will begin on the coast of Oregon, go directly over Salem, go southeast all the way across the entire nation of America and come out in South Carolina. In the Jewish mind the nation over which the eclipse took place is the nation that is under judgment and it has 40 days to repent! An interesting note is that the path of the solar eclipse is over the American people of whom 95% voted for Trump!

The sign of the constellation Virgo also fits in this time frame of the time of repentance that goes this year from August 21 to September 30. It comes in 3 days after the month of Elul in the month of Tishrei on September 23<sup>rd</sup> our calendar. Luke 21:25 says, “*And there shall be **signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars**; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;*”

The doctrine of repentance is a concept that certainly applies to the people of God, whether in the OT or NT. 2 Chronicles 7:14, “*If **my people**, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*” 2 Timothy 2:25, “*In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance** to the acknowledging of the truth;*”

There are 3 dynamics that are found in repentance. 1) Repent – to change one's attitude about God, his Word, their life styles of following after the things of the world and OSN activity. 2) Convert - is to turn one's soul once again toward God, which implies that one has to turn his/her soul away from the

things of the world and the flesh nature. 3) Faith – is where the believer has to start living again in the faith rest dynamic. See my Online study: Repentance, Conversion and Faith.

*James 4:4-8, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”*

Even though the solar eclipse's pattern at its darkest point covers an narrow swath from Salem, Oregon to South Carolina; the entire swath of the eclipse up to a .7 magnitude will actually cover the **entire** United States! Now that's significant! What this tells us is that by the solar eclipse occurring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Elul, which was, and still is, the month in which repentance is to begin, and then 40 days of repentance; and with the swath of the eclipse covering the entire nation, America now has 40 days to repent. The 40 days go from August 21 to September 30. The day after is October 1 is the Day of Atonement.

In the Old Testament, when God destroyed the earth with water, He caused it to rain 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:12). After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian, where he spent 40 years in the desert tending flocks (Acts 7:30). Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 24:18). Moses interceded on Israel's behalf for 40 days and 40 nights (Deuteronomy 9:18, 25). The Law specified a maximum number of lashes a man could receive for a crime, setting the limit at 40 (Deuteronomy 25:3). The Israelite spies took 40 days to spy out Canaan (Numbers 13:25). The Israelites wandered for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2-5). Before Samson's deliverance, Israel served the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1). Goliath taunted Saul's army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him (1 Samuel 17:16). When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb (1 Kings 19:8).

And virtually everyone knows that the Lord Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness, and that there were 40 days between His resurrection and His ascension.

In addition, I already noted yesterday that the prophet Jonah gave the people of Nineveh 40 days to repent before judgment would strike.

It is interesting to note that there is a town known as “Nineveh” in the United States as well. On Monday, 93 percent of the sun will be blotted out by the moon in that little town, and 7 years later the eclipse of 2024 will blot out 100 percent of the sun in that same town.

### God's judgment on an area.

Normally having a doctrinal believer in the home, one who is positive to Bible Doctrine and walks with the Lord by faith in holiness, meets God's requirements to set that home aside, (sanctification), for blessing and protection. But a people can become so corrupt, so arrogant, so caught up in the evil of their nation, so negative to Bible Doctrine and the spiritual life provision God has supplied to us that he must take out anyone who has now come under his judicial wrath. 1 Corinthians 7:14, “For the unbelieving (non faith) husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving (non faith) wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.”

Genesis 18:17-32. Abraham bargained with God not to destroy Sodom if there were 50 righteous who people lived there, then it was 45, then it was 10, but, as we know, he destroyed the entire area made up of 5 towns. But before he did **he moved Lot** and his family, without his wife who turned back, **out of the area before the destruction hit**.

God did not destroy the entire earth, nor did he destroy a large geographical area, but only the **area** where the wickedness of the people was so great. We also notice that there was no warning beforehand and no warning to repent, only that they went on living their lives as usual, then destruction hit! We also want to notice that the righteous were spared by God getting them out of the area.

The principle is: 1) if there are enough righteous people in a nation, then God will spare that **nation**. 2) if there are not enough righteous people in a nation, but there are in certain geographical areas, then God will not spare that nation, but he will spare the **geographical areas** these righteous people live in. 3) if there are not enough righteous people in a geographical area, but there are family units with righteous people in them, then he will not spare the geographical areas, but he will spare the **family units** if there is a righteous doctrinal believer in them. 4) is when it gets so bad that even though there is a righteous doctrinal believer in a family unit he will not spare the family unit, but **only the righteous doctrinal believer!**

Ezekiel 14:14, “*Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should **deliver but their own souls** by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.*” Ezekiel 14:20, “*Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, **they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.***”

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