

Prophetic Sensationalism

JEREMIAH 10:2 VS. MODERN OMEN-READING

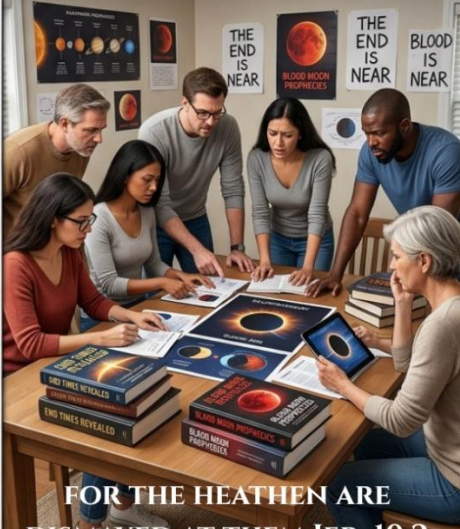
ANCIENT ISRAEL (TANAKH CONTEXT)

**“DO NOT BE DISMAYED
AT THE SIGNS OF HEAVEN.”**
— JEREMIAH 10:2



MODERN PROPHETIC TEACHERS/READERS

**STRETCHING COMMON EVENTS
INTO APOCALYPTIC OMENS**



**FOR THE HEATHEN ARE
DISMAYED AT THEM JER. 10:2**

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE

Modern prophecy ministries, teachers & students — treat normal astronomy as supernatural prophecy



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TANAKH vs Prophetic Sensationalism

In the light of the recent total eclipse, alignment of planets and a meteor shower that was all occurring near the same day in August of 2026, there has been so much being said by prophetic ministries as of late concerning these and other such like heavenly occurrences. It seems as if every time these normal and routine happenings occur, we are slammed on all the social media outlets by these cosmic omen-readers who try and connect such events with the Hebrew prophetic declarations, but primarily the prophecies of the New Testament.

Please bear with me if I come across as overly critical of Christianity and her prophetic ministries. I speak from experience, having once believed and taught those very same things. In fact, I readily admit that I am still unlearning some of them myself. My only motive here is a heartfelt longing to see people draw near to Yahweh, desiring to learn His instructions and walk faithfully in His paths (Micah 4:1–2).

In this teaching, we're going to examine a subject that has become one of the most dramatized topics in modern Christianity: *signs in the heavens*. Eclipses, blood moons, meteor showers, comets, planetary alignments — all of these are treated as prophetic warnings, end-times signals, and fulfillments of prophecy.

But when we return to the Tanakh — the true and actual prophetic foundation — we discover something very different. The Hebrew Scriptures do not treat predictable astronomical events as prophecy and yet Yahweh has performed **supernatural disruptions of His creation's natural order**.

We will compare:

- The Tanakh's standard for when supernatural heavenly events alter the natural order
- The NT's expansion and Christian sensationalism
- Modern prophecy teachers' exaggerations
- How the Feast of Trumpets + Revelation's trumpets fit into this pattern

And at the end, we will introduce a teaser for a future teaching — one that may challenge everything people assume about prophecy and fulfillment.

The Tanakh's Prophetic Standard: Signs as Cosmic Disruption

Tanakh Prophetic Heavenly Signs Are Supernatural, Immediate, and Unrepeatable. When Yahweh gives a sign in the heavens, it is never a normal astronomical event. It is always a **direct intervention** that breaks natural law. Such signs are not on a repeated cycle such as eclipses, meteor showers or known comets, etc.

In the Tanakh, unnatural astronomical events are **never** normal astronomical cycles. They are **interruptions** — moments when Yahweh overrides His natural cycles.

Examples:

Joshua's Long Day, the Sun Stands Still — Joshua 10

“There has been no day like it before or since.” Not an eclipse. Not a shadow. Not atmospheric. A literal suspension of the sun's movement.

Hezekiah's Sign, the Shadow Moves Backward — Isaiah 38

A physical impossibility. Not refraction. Not a cloud. Not a trick of light. A reversal of time's visible marker.

Three Days of Darkness — Exodus 10

Not atmospheric. Not natural. Not a normal eclipse if an eclipse at all. Possibly not a solar event at all. A supernatural darkness that could be *felt*.

Stars Withdraw Their Light — Isaiah 13, Joel 2

A supernatural cosmic disorder tied to the Day of Yahweh.

Heavens Tremble — Joel 2

A divine shaking of the normal cosmic order.

The Tanakh's abnormal astronomical happenings are creation-breaking events. Not predictable cycles. Not on normal and natural astronomical expected schedules. When the prophets speak of the sun being darkened, the moon turning to blood, or stars falling, they are describing unprecedented, direct divine actions, not routine astronomy that can be scheduled years in advance with modern NASA software.

The Tanakh Warns Against Treating Normal Astronomy as Prophecy

One of the most important restorationist distinctions is the difference between **predictable celestial cycles** and **supernatural prophetic occurrences**. The Tanakh directly warns Israel not to imitate the nations by treating normal astronomy as omens:

“Do not learn the way of the nations; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the nations (unrighteous Gentiles) are dismayed at them.” — *Jeremiah 10:2*

In the ancient Near East, pagan cultures interpreted **every eclipse, conjunction, or comet** as a divine message. Often of an omen and warning of catastrophe to come. We are seeing this same interpretation in our day. Christianity and primarily her prophecy teachers but also their followers are dismayed at these types of heavenly natural occurrences. Not only do we often see the prophetic ministries in social media platforms, using the natural and normal cosmic events as omens of judgment or of a coming rapture and then in the comments we see their followers falling all over these predictions as if they have no doubts that what they are seeing is real time prophecy being fulfilled and this is the end of the world and the return of Christ!

May we ask though, just **how many times can the same prophecy be fulfilled in real time?** Israel was commanded to reject this practice entirely. Israel is commanded of Yahweh our Elohim thru Jeremiah not to learn these heathen ways, which ways are being put into practice by the religious sect of Christianity.

Genesis 1:14 — The Purpose of Celestial Cycles/as Signs

Genesis 1:14 states that the sun, moon, and stars were created not just for lights and warmth, but for:

- **signs** (the Hebrew term: *otot*)
- **seasons / appointed times** (*mo'edim*)
- **days and years**

This means:

- They are **predictable**
- They are **cyclical**
- They are **calendrical**
- They are **not prophetic omens**

A solar eclipse is not a divine warning. It is a **mechanical shadow** that follows exact mathematical cycles (an example of this is known as the Saros cycle) and has occurred every few months for many a millennia.

To treat predictable orbital mechanics as prophecy is to **misuse the concept of the Hebrew term “ot,”** as it is being used in the context of Genesis 1:14.

A Note on Genesis 1:14 and Modern "Omen-Reading"

There is a common point of confusion stemming from the Hebrew word used in Genesis 1:14: *'ot* (אוֹת), being translated as "sign." Because some lexicons list "omen" as a possible translation, sensationalist prophecy teachers frequently claim that every routine eclipse, blood moon, comet, or planetary alignment is a divine warning.

However, we must distinguish between how Biblical Hebrew actually uses this word:

- **The Creation Clock ('Ot as a Marker):** In Genesis 1:14, Yahweh appoints the sun, moon, and stars as *'otot* to function as a predictable, mathematical timekeeping system. They mark day, night, and His appointed feast days (*mo'edim*). An eclipse or comet is simply part of this routine, creation clockwork running on schedule.
- **Supernatural Interventions ('Ot as a Miracle):** When Yahweh uses the heavens to deliver an apocalyptic sign or judgment elsewhere in Scripture—such as making the sun's shadow go backward (2 Kings 20) or halting the sun over Gibeon (Joshua 10)—He is not letting the clock run normally. He is actively interrupting physical laws.

To convert standard, mathematically predictable orbital mechanics into apocalyptic omens misinterprets the text. Genesis 1 actually demotes the celestial bodies from pagan "lords of fate" to mere physical lamps serving humanity. Furthermore, Yahweh explicitly warns Israel against adopting the pagan practice of reading routine celestial events as omens ("*Do not be dismayed at the signs [otot] of heaven,*" Jeremiah 10:2).

We must not confuse the steady ticking of Yah's creation clock with the miraculous, unrepeatable disruptions of His sovereign judgment.

The Mechanics of "Sensationalist" Prophecy Teaching

The modern habit of linking every blood moon tetrad, planetary alignment, or passing comet to biblical prophecy usually relies on two main fallacies:

- **Cherry-Picking Data:** They highlight the rare coincidence where an eclipse happens near a historical event, but conveniently ignore all the times the same thing happened and nothing occurred.
- **Treating Poetry Like Omen-Reading:** Passages like Isaiah 13 and Ezekiel 32 used dark skies as a dramatic figure of speech for a fallen empire. Popular prophecy culture strips away the poetic meaning and turns it into basic horoscope-style omen reading.

Restorationist Contrast

Modern "Blood Moon / Eclipse" Prophecy	Tanakh Prophetic Reality
Predictable Astronomy: Orbiting bodies following set natural laws, calculated centuries in advance.	Supernatural: Interventions by YHWH that break standard physical patterns.
Routine Cycles: Occurs continually throughout human history.	Unique: Defined by unprecedented events ("no day like it before or since").
Omen-reading: Driven by fear and constant date-watching.	Covenantal: Linked directly to moral accountability, repentance, and divine judgment.

Modern Prophecy Pop-Culture: The "Blood Moon"

Most modern prophecy theories focus on **lunar eclipses**—predictable events where the Earth passes directly between the Sun and the Moon.

What Actually Happens:

- **Natural Sunlight Filtering:** As sunlight passes through the edges of Earth's atmosphere, blue light scatters, but red light bends around the planet and reflects off the moon.
- **The "Blood" Color:** This gives the moon a copper-red tint. The exact same optical principle makes everyday sunrises and sunsets look red.
- **100% Predictable:** Astronomers calculate every total lunar eclipse hundreds of years in advance using standard orbital physics. Nothing in nature breaks or pauses; it is routine orbital clockwork.

Tanakh Prophetic Reality: The Reversed Sun

When Yahweh gives a genuine astronomical sign in the Tanakh, it defies the laws of nature, it cannot be understood by the human mind and cannot be mapped out on a calendar.

In **2 Kings 20:8–11** and **Isaiah 38:7–8**, King Hezekiah asks for a sign that Yahweh will heal him. Isaiah offers a choice: should the sun's shadow go forward ten steps, or backward ten steps?

What Actually Happened:

- **A Physics-Defying Miracle:** The shadow on the sundial moved *backward*.
- **Unrepeatable:** This required either the rotation of the Earth to reverse or the light traveling through the atmosphere to bend in an impossible way. It was a direct, sovereign intervention that no astronomer could ever predict or even explain.

Tanakh Prophetic Reality: The Darkness That Could Be Felt

In **Exodus 10:21–23**, during the ninth plague on Egypt, Yahweh commands Moses to stretch out his hand toward heaven so that darkness may come over the land—**"a darkness that can be felt."**

What Actually Happened:

- **Three Continuous Days:** A total solar eclipse lasts only a few minutes. This darkness blanketed the entire land of Egypt for three full days.
- **Targeted Divine Control:** While all of Egypt was pitch black—preventing anyone from leaving their home—the text notes that *"all the Israelites had light in their dwellings."*
- **Beyond Nature:** An eclipse cannot target one neighborhood while leaving the next bright, nor can it last for 72 hours. It was an unmistakable act of judgment.

The Tanakh's signs are when creation stops behaving normally. Christianity's signs are when creation behaves normally. Modern prophecy pop-culture takes standard orbital mechanics that happen all the time and calls them "apocalyptic signs." In contrast, the Tanakh shows Yahweh interrupting the natural order entirely to deliver a sign that leaves no room for doubt.

Normal Astronomy: What Christianity Mistakes for Prophecy

Modern Christianity — and especially modern prophecy teachers — treat normal astronomy as supernatural prophecy.

Eclipses

Predictable centuries ahead. Not prophetic. Eclipses are routine, happen often. Can only be seen by a portion of the earth's population. For an Eclipse to be supernatural it would have to occur abnormally such as for a much longer period of time or as another example, the moon might move across the face of the sun and then go back across the sun in the direction from which it came. That would make it a supernatural sign or event. A normal eclipse is predictable in its development and conclusion unlike a possible supernatural eclipse.

Blood Moons

Atmospheric scattering. Not prophetic. I have seen so many blood moons in my life. They are normal in their occurrence. To be supernatural they might remain the blood red color for many days on end as an example. But that is not how a blood moon acts, although they are often used as prophetic warnings by the prophecy teachers of our day, especially if they occur near one of Israel's feasts which is also quite common as a full moon always takes place near Passover and Sukkot.

Planetary Alignments

Routine orbital mechanics. Not prophetic. I couldn't tell you over all my years how often there has been a planetary alignment and every time the modern day prophecy ministries claim a prophetic significance as if this is a sign of the return of Christ or the beginning of the endtimes or a coming rapture. It seems as if Christianity is mocking their own eschatological interpretations by claiming such a thing that occurs so routinely often as prophetic fulfillments.

Christianity treats routine "OT" of Genesis 1:14 as:

- warnings
- fulfillments
- signs
- messages
- end-times indicators

But they are **normal, predictable, and non-prophetic** by Tanakh standards.

Revelation's Trumpets and Astronomical Catastrophes

The Feast of Trumpets is commonly connected to the trumpets of Revelation, interpreting and repurposing them as:

- asteroid impacts
- meteor storms
- poisoned waters
- burning mountains
- collapsing atmospheres
- destruction of ships and fish

This is a classic NT-driven sensationalism pattern:

Take a Tanakh feast → attach NT imagery → reinterpret normal astronomy as prophecy.

But the Tanakh never uses:

- comets
- asteroids
- meteor showers
- volcanic imagery
- cosmic impacts

as prophetic signs.

Tanakh trumpets announce covenantal events. NT trumpets announce cosmic destruction.

This is a major difference.

Why Christianity Sensationalizes the Feast of Trumpets

Christianity takes:

- a Tanakh feast that uses a similar term as is found in the NT
- adds NT apocalyptic imagery
- overlays modern astronomy
- and calls it prophecy fulfillment

This creates a **triple distortion**:

1. Tanakh → NT reinterpretation

The NT expands the meaning of trumpets beyond it's Tanakh category.

2. NT → modern astronomy

Modern prophecy teachers apply Revelation's imagery to:

- eclipses
- blood moons
- meteor showers
- comets
- planetary alignments

3. Astronomy → sensationalism

Normal events become “prophetic signs.”

This teaching exposes this entire chain.

Restorationist Correction: Returning to the Prophetic Standard

Here is the restorationist principle:

The Tanakh’s unnatural cosmic signs are when creation stops behaving normally. Christianity’s signs are when creation behaves normally.

This is the cleanest, most powerful contrast!

Tanakh = supernatural disruptions NT = symbolic cosmic destruction = Modern prophecy = sensationalized astronomy

Comets, Asteroids, and Catastrophic Events: Tanakh vs. NT

Tanakh

Catastrophic heavenly events are **supernatural interventions**, not natural disasters.

NT

Revelation introduces:

- burning mountains
- wormwood
- stars falling
- poisoned seas
- demonic locusts
- etc.

These are **not Tanakh categories**. They are NT additions. Therefore, we have prophetic categories of events occurring under NT prophecies that differ or in addition or an exaggeration to prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures.

A Teaser for a Future Teaching

Before we close, we need to acknowledge something quietly — something that sits beneath all prophetic discussions but is almost never addressed. For this section we need to ask a question: What if the NT prophecies and how they are interpreted in our day by prophetic ministries were to actually come to pass in the future, although they do not properly align with the Hebrew Scriptures? What if the prophecies spoken of in the NT book of Revelation were to come to pass, does that make them legitimately endorsed and ordered by Yahweh? Does that make them legitimate just because they came to pass? That may seem like trick questions and in some ways it might very well be so, but to answer that question there is actually a **test** in the Tanakh. A test that does not principally care about:

- accuracy
- fulfilled predictions
- signs
- wonders
- cosmic events

It cares about something deeper — something foundational — something that modern prophecy teachers never mention and possibly do not, nor can they see.

And here is the teaser:

What if the real prophetic test is not whether a sign comes true... but what the sign leads people *toward*?

What if the issue is not astronomy... not symbolism... not fulfillment... but might we say.....**allegiance**?

What if a coming teaching reveals a Tanakh principle so sharp, so simple, and so devastating to modern prophecy frameworks that it reframes the entire conversation?

We will explore that in an upcoming teaching.

Closing

Today we restored the prophetic standard:

- Tanakh unnatural astronomical signs are supernatural disruptions.
- Tanakh natural signs in the sun, moon and stars are as signals of days, weeks, months, years, seasons and the accompanying festivals
- NT signs depict cosmic destruction.
- Modern interpretive signs are sensationalized astronomy.

We exposed how Christianity attaches NT imagery to Tanakh feasts and to normally ordered signs as directed in the natural cosmos. That they take their NT prophecies and then use normal astronomy to create prophetic hype around them. Why do the prophecy ministries and teachers do this? It sells books, draws crowds, gets more likes on social media platforms, brings in more donations.....yes they use sensationalism as a way to even bring fear in the hearts of their followers, which forces a repeat of the cycle again and again and again. It is how they survive and thrive, knowingly or not.

This type of apocalyptic speculation creates a continual, non-stop, repeating fulfillments of the same theoretic NT prophecies over and over again. Again, we ask, how many times can the same prophecy be fulfilled without then being fulfilled? They use routine, natural astronomical occurrences as the catalyst for the justification of their dire impending warnings of judgment, rapture, tribulation, wrath and destruction. It is as if those who promote this hype seem to have a short memory so that each time another natural cosmic event takes place, they repeat the same prophetic warnings. Do they not realize that they or their predecessors have done this again and again in previous fulfillment declarations?

But we will soon explore a deeper question — one that does **not** rely on astronomy, symbolism, or sensationalism:

What happens if a NT or a Christian interpretive prophetic sign actually comes true... but leads people in the wrong direction?