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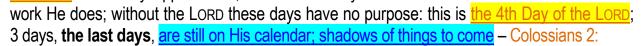
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Dr. Luke

to my excellent friend of God

Luke, the beloved physician, what an interesting person he must have been. The renowned archaeologist Sir William Ramsey wrote of him: Luke is a historian of the first rank. Not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... but he should be placed along with the very greatest of historians. Luke has been compared with the Greek historian, Thucydides, who is often called: the father of scientific history... because of his strict standards of evidence gathering and analysis. Luke was not an eye-witness to Christ; but he was a disciple of Paul. Luke wrote:

¹ When the day of Pentecost / in Leviticus 23; Moses told us about 7 set times... 7 specific days... belonging to the LORD... like any appointment; to be fulfilled by some



when the day of Pentecost was fully come / the word is: sumpleroo; used 3 times in the New Testament: 1. when the boat was filled up with water and the disciples were in jeopardy; 2. when the time in the life of Jesus had fully come... and He set his face to go to Jerusalem; and 3, here:

not a minute too late; not a minute too early,

they were all with one mind / united in one place.



Day 4: Pentecost

²And suddenly there came a sound, like a rushing mighty wind from heaven / perhaps, it was a sound like those powerful jumbo jet engines whirring through the atmosphere; it was something unexpected; a sound not only with the clarity of a trumpet, but more like 10,000 voices whispering: peace and joy and love. Notice, the wind was powerful; but it wasn't necessarily noisy. And the disciples could identify the direction from where it came,

and it filled all the house / the whole house... where they were sitting.

³And they saw what looked like tongues of flames of fire / dividing up and being distributed throughout the room; notice, it was not fire,

and rested on each of them.





⁴ And they were all filled, with the Holy Spirit / the 4th Day appointed by the Lord... had fully come during this 2nd annual festive time in Jerusalem; the house was filled full... and now,

and began to speak with other idioms / glossa; where we get our word: glossary, as the Spirit gave them bold proclamation / bursts of truth, the ability to boldly proclaim these plainly spoken, pointed sayings; the language of prophets, philosophers and the wise.

- ⁵ Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem devout people from every nation under heaven / those of the House of Judah, ethnos; lots of ethnicities had come to Jerusalem for the Pentecost.
- ⁶ Now when this dialect thing happened / dialektos;

a massive crowd came together, and they were baffled / when this common dialect thing, for a 2nd time; apparently, they had assembled in disorder being a little confused,

because each person heard them speak in his own dialect / each man and woman; heard in their own language.

⁷ And they were all astounded, and marveled saying one to another / they were puzzled, perhaps, some were going a little berserk; yet as they wondered, some curiously admired what they heard,

Look, aren't all these who speak Galileans?

- ⁸ How is it we hear each person in our own dialect of birth? / each man and woman,
- ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
- ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
- ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs / devout men and women from east to west; from north to south,

we hear them declare the wonderful works of God in our idioms / our glossa; megaleios: used twice in the New Testament. Luke used this describing when Mary is told she would give birth to the Savior. Now, he writes about the coming of the Spirit; and about the outpouring of His power from on high. So, Luke tells us about more wonderful works of God.

¹² And they were all amazed, and perplexed, saying one to another,

What do you think of this?



¹³ But others mocking sarcastically said, These are full of new / sweet wine.

14 Then Peter, standing up with the eleven,

lifted up his voice, and boldly proclaimed to them,

Men of Judaea, and all who dwell at Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words / receive it for your benefit,

15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose,

since it is only the third hour of the day / 9:00am; when the morning offerings began.

¹⁶ But this is what prophet Joel declared / and what Joel told us... has 2 parts:

[1] The new way things will be; and

[2] Things to expect in the last days when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end.

¹⁷ And it will be in the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people; and your sons and your daughters will prophesy: / the bible is so interesting, isn't it? Young men and women will prophesy; which is also translated, will teach;

your young men will see visions,

and your old men will dream dreams/ in the middle voice. This dreaming is for the individual's benefit, to produce greater faith; your dreams are for you and the Lord to work on; not for public testimonials leading to proud hearted, pharisaical behavior;

¹⁸ And on My doulos <u>and</u> on My doule / on God's <u>male</u> and <u>female</u> servants; this word, is used 3 times in the NT; 2 times when Luke writes about Mary as the maid servant of the Lord. And now s for the prophet Joel who tells us about other women who will come just like Mary as servants of the Lord. Wow! That's good news for women, right?

and in those last days / so, we learn things will continue in this new way... all the way to its end when those 3 remaining days of the LORD approach their fulfillment;

I will pour out My Spirit / Luke tells us about this Church Age 2,000 years ago; what Jesus began to do and teach as He builds His Church... through His Spirit given on Pentecost;

and they will prophesy / the doulos and doule of God; the male and female servants of God,



¹⁹ And I give wonders in heaven above, / teras: prodigies; a prodigy is: an exceptional talent or remarkable power; an extraordinary act or event, something extremely rare so as to inspire,

and signs on the earth below / semeion; miracles and signs When He came the first time, the first miracle of Jesus was to change water into wine. The bible is so interesting, isn't it? All His miracles were done to strengthen the faith of men and women. These signs were never done to show off. Moses and Ezekiel tell us worshiping God on the 7th day is a sign:

blood, and fire, and smoke vapors / this word: kapnos; is used 13 times in the NT... here... and only in the Revelation. God almighty has a way of editing, so when we pay attention to His Word... we see a rich and full meaning... beyond what lovers of their traditions tell us. Here, Joel says there will be some miracles of **blood, fire and smoke vapors** the Lord will someday work on the earth:

Thus, says the Lord God:

The sun transmutes from light to darkness / many say, this indicates an eclipse of the sun; that might be so. But with blood, fire and smoke vapors filling the atmosphere, this can be done. As a result, miraculous calamities of war and destruction on the earth... not the miracles people expected;

and the moon to blood / 9 times the moon is cited in the NT, pointing to the end times; it is a sign.

the night of Passover: April 14-15 2014, America had front row seats to this unusual, very rare event which included the appearance of Spica, brightest star in the Virgo constellation.

The lunar eclipse, when the Earth lies between the sun and the moon, it appears red. Why? Deborah Byrd – science journalist writes: Thanks to Earth's atmosphere, what actually happens is much more subtle and beautiful. As sunlight passes through our atmosphere, the green to violet portion of the light spectrum is filtered out. This same effect is what makes our sky blue during the day. When this reddish light first entered the atmosphere, it was refracted toward the Earth's surface. It is bent again when it exits on the other side of Earth. This double bending sends the reddish light onto the moon during a total lunar eclipse.

Depending on the conditions of our atmosphere at the time of the eclipse -- dust, humidity, temperature [fire, or smoke vapor?] can all make a difference, the surviving light will illuminate the moon with a color that ranges from copper-colored... to deep red.

In the last 2,000 years, only 8 times has a lunar tetrad -- 4 successive total lunar eclipses, with no partial eclipse in between... been associated with Passover, April 15, 2014; Sukkot, October 8, 2014; Passover, April 4, 2015; Sukkot, September 28, 2015.

The Lord God says, I will give wonders -- plural... in heaven above; marvelous events, spectacular happenings in the heavens... and miracles -- plural... including blood and fire and smoke vapors... on earth below; which does not really sound like the same event on the same day at the same hour, does it?



Only then, He adds some details: the sun turns to darkness... and the moon into blood. The Creator's calendar creatively schedules His various appointments. Thus, says the Lord...

Soon before that great epiphany day / this word is used only one time in scripture; here! At its root the epiphany word means: His glorious appearing!

So, hear it again...

the sun transmutes from light to darkness,

and the moon to blood,

soon before the great epiphany Day of the Lord comes:



²¹ And it will be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord / all appealing to our great God and Savior,

will be saved.

His name is JESUS! He will rescue;

He will deliver His people.

He is an awesome God!

Call Him; and rejoice!

Our redemption is near!

