

CONSTELLATIONS:

The Word of God Written in the Stars

INTRODUCTION

"God said, 'Let there be luminaries in the firmament of the Heaven to separate between the day and the night; and they shall serve as signs, and for festivals, and for days and years; and they shall serve as luminaries in the firmament of the Heaven to shine upon the earth.'" Genesis 1:14-15 TANACH

"For the conductor, a psalm by David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament tells of His handiwork. Day following day utters speech, and night following night declares knowledge. There is no speech and there are no words; their sound is not heard. But their precision goes forth throughout the earth, and their words reach the end of the inhabited world. In the midst He has set up a tent for the sun, which is like a groom emerging from his bridal chamber, it rejoices like a powerful warrior to run the course. Its source is the end of the heavens and its circuit is to their end; nothing is hidden from its heat." Psalm 19:1-7 TANACH

No one pays much attention to the heavens anymore. We are so connected to the things of the world that we do not see the magnificence of the LORD all around us and above us. Example: Our children are given an assignment to study the stars for an astronomy session. Instead of going outside and looking at the night sky, we sit them in front of a computer or other technical devices, letting them search on-line for what is right outside their window. It would be so much easier to open the door and say, "Here is your study guide, search the heavens for what you need." As a matter of fact, as parents we should be out there enjoying the search with them, showing our own enthusiasm for God's handiwork. As always the LORD is all-knowing! Knowledge beyond what mankind cannot fathom because we are beneath Him – the Almighty One Who is in control of life and eternity. Before we began to write, to carve His Words on stone, cut them into skin, and write them on papyrus and paper, He had already written them down permanently in the heavens. It was just a matter of reading the signs that He put in place. In ancient times men looked up and saw the patterns in the skies and read their message. The stars spoke the Word of God without us hearing a sound! The patterns, every star in the patterns are designed to speak of our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, from Creation to Revelation.

Astronomy is a beautiful science; people whose life work is to keep their gaze in the heavens, trying to discover the meaning of the universe. How did it start? What can we learn from it? Their curiosity and research have found planets, nebulae, galaxies beyond our own that are astounding. Even our own, the Milky Way, is a wonder to behold. Yet and still, many of them do not see the glory of God in the sky. They worship or come very close to worshiping what they see and are awestruck by the formations and patterns, even though it does not make sense to the scientific mind claiming that they do not believe in a higher authority than what science makes evident. And after they have exhausted everything they “know,” they come to the conclusion that there is someone much greater than man who placed all of this in the heavens – maybe there is a GOD after all!

“Raise your eyes on high and see Who created these things! He brings forth their legions by number; He calls to each of them by name; by the abundance of His power and by vigor of His strength, not one is missing!” Isaiah 40:26 TANACH

What are we talking about when we say the universe? This massive area called the universe is made up of many fascinating things. There are Galaxies, which are “massive gravitationally bound systems consisting of stars, stellar remnants or interstellar mediums of gas, dust, and dark matter.” They have black holes either visible or not visible that are “regions of space time from which gravity prevents anything, including light, from escaping (NASA Science).” There are many galaxies, mostly spiral in their shape (not round but elliptical) and range from dwarfs, having about ten million stars to giants with about 100 trillion stars. The word, galaxy is derived from the Greek language, meaning, milky, hence our “Milky Way.”

Nebulae are “interstellar clouds of dust, hydrogen, helium and other ionized gases forming magnificent patterns in the heavens.” In other words, a Nebula is a bunch of atoms and molecules floating around in outer space, and looks like a dust cloud. Because of the Hubble telescope we can see many of them clearly and also because of special kinds of lenses on the telescope we can see them in color. Nebulae form patterns that resemble things on earth and the gases that caused the colors in the Nebulae will eventually give way to a gravitational pull that will cause the gases to explode.” These explosions can cause minor changes in the universe, but some are called, “Supernovas.”

Supernovas are exploding stars. The Nebulae become what is known as a Red Giant, exploding when they have exhausted their supply of hydrogen and helium fuel, and converted most of their atoms to iron atoms. We live in a complex system that was

designed by only One Being Who thought of how to put all of this greatness into motion. Scientists believe that before there were stars there was one giant Nebula that exploded in the heavens causing stars to jet out and fill the universe. But, it was at the command of God's voice that these things happened. Scientists call it the "Big Bang Theory," but the bang that they heard was the voice of God saying, "Let there be...and it was."

"When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have set in place, [I think,] 'What is frail man that You should remember him, and the son of mortal man that You should be mindful of him?'" Psalm 8:4-5 TANACH

This is a study on the signs in the Heavens, the "Zodiac," the twelve images that appear in the night sky yearly. As the earth turns, you will see them carved out in the stars telling you many wonderful things, leaving you awestruck about the God we serve. It is a very old source dating back to at least 4000 B.C., according to archaeologists, when it was finally translated and written on stone.

The word "Zodiac" has long been thought to have come from the Greek root word, "Zoe" meaning, Life; and it does not refer to the word "zoo" because of the animal-shaped constellations. There are inanimate objects in the constellations as well such as, scales, a lyre, ship, the cross, an altar, and a crown to mention a few.

The term "Zodiac" (the Greek word, Zodiakos) is rooted in the Hebrew and Sanskrit word, "Sodi" סודי which means "the Way." It also means to "live" and the "path." Because of our believing in God and His Mighty Word, we are called, "People of the Way." The ancient ones followed the stars using them as a guide and a pathway to everything; from planting and harvesting the crops, to navigation for traveling on land and sea; from naming their children according to what the stars directed, to celebrating the feasts of the LORD; the stars gave direction. There are those who say that the Zodiac cannot be accurate because we do not plant and harvest at the same time all over the world. They forget that the earth is turning and they receive the same planting and harvesting times as we do even as they are on the other end of the earth — the earth turns. When it is our winter, it is their Summer, but the planting and harvesting is the same.

Mazzaroth

Many Christian scholars (and some Jewish) have separated the Zodiac into two distinct interpretations. One group says the Zodiac or signs speak only of the "Old Testament." While others claim that the signs are all "New Testament." The truth is

you cannot have one without the other. Those things that are spoken of or prophesied in the Old Testament are revealed in the New Testament. When the LORD wrote His message in the stars, it was for the benefit of all mankind.

The Zodiac is also called in Hebrew "Mazzaroth" מזרחות meaning that it is connected to the twelve Tribes of Israel, to give direction or to transmit; Mazzaroth is also another name for the Scriptures. One of the sources of the Zodiac connection to the twelve tribes comes from Joseph's dream of the sun and moon and eleven stars bowing down to him, he himself was the twelfth. (See Genesis 37:9) According to ancient Jewish traditions authorities believed that each tribe bore one of the signs on the Zodiac on their standard or banner called an "Ensign."

The signs according to each tribe and their arrangement around the Tabernacle in the Wilderness:

Popular Name	Hebrew Name	Tribe
1. Virgo	<i>Bethulah & Tsemech</i>	Zebulon
2. Libra	<i>Mozanaim</i>	Levi
3. Scorpion	<i>Akrab</i>	Dan
4. Sagittarius	<i>Kesith, Naim & Nehushta</i>	Asher
5. Capricorn	<i>Gedi</i>	Nephtali
6. Aquarius	<i>Deli</i>	Reuben
7. Pisces	<i>Dagin</i>	Simeon
8. Aries	<i>Taled</i>	Gad
9. Taurus	<i>Tor, Shur, Re'em, Ramah</i>	Ephraim and Manasseh
10. Gemini	<i>Thaumim</i>	Benjamin
11. Cancer	<i>Sartan</i>	Issachar
12. Leo	<i>Arieh</i>	Judah

(Resources for Hebrew names come from four different sources, mainly, Rolleston, "Mazzaroth: Or, the Constellations;" camping chart from E.W. Bullinger, "The Witness of the Stars," p. 18)

Before man had an alphabet, he had word pictures that described what he was trying to say. If we were to look at the ancient alphabet, we would see symbols that are found in the constellations used as word pictures because they were the only source of what early man could see, interpret, and understand. To this day, their way of seeing life's pathway is far better than ours. Even with our knowledge of Jesus Christ we have ignored many sources and signs of Him and His coming in favor of the written word according to our classical alphabet, not realizing that it is not always the written word that tells of His greatness. He is all around us! And we ignore the word pictures in front of us. If we were to stop and think about the simple words in our vocabulary we, too, could see word pictures. For instance: if we say cat, we picture a cute fur ball either purring or meowing, who wants to cuddle up as long as you are feeding and taking care of them. If we say, Lion, we hear him roar and see the beautiful mane on his head; we see the very powerful sharp teeth and big paws with claws that can rip a man to pieces. If we say tree, we picture our favorite kind of tree; if we say flower, we can smell the fragrance as well as see the beautiful colors in the blossoms. The patterns found in the stars gave us pictures to see and interpret. "These pictures were designed to preserve, expound, and perpetuate the one first great promise and prophecy of Genesis 3:15, that all hope for Man, all hope for Creation, was bound up in a coming Redeemer; One who should be born of a woman; who should first suffer, and afterwards gloriously triumph; One who should first be wounded by that great enemy

who was the cause of all sin and sorrow and death, but who should finally crush the head of 'that Old Serpent the Devil.'" (E.W. Bullinger, "*The Witness of the Stars*," p.19) The Magi, when searching for the new king followed a new and shiny star that led them to the birthplace of our LORD, following a chartered course that was laid out for them years before the birth (*we will come back to this later*).

Why Are We Afraid of the Zodiac?

The sins of man caused him to forget the truth found in the constellations. Instead of the truth, they created new meanings for the stars in the minds of man; a sorcery that distorted the view, clouded by deceit to hide the real meaning. This new view is called "Astrology" and is still in use today to deceive by using those new meanings to control the lives of the confused. Even Christians who should know better run in fear considering these signs in the heavens to be demonic. Who put the signs in the heavens? Did man have anything to do with their creation or placement? NO! When the firmament and everything in it was formed, we were nowhere to be found on this earth; the LORD had not made us yet. So, if the stars are His Handiwork why would we question His creation? The evil one is very clever in that he can make those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ question His efforts to increase our wealth of knowledge by blessing us with a magnificent canvas, the most beautiful art form, to express Himself telling us Who He is. If God put it in place, then it is good, in fact, it is very good!

From the time of the Confusion of the Tongues at the Tower of Babel and the LORD scattering the people to other parts of the world, man forgot most of his knowledge of God. He turned to the stars for his answers, but instead of reading what was there he chose to reinvent the wheel.

The Egyptians used the Zodiac in their temples, proof being found in the Temple of Denderah (2000 B.C.). According to Josephus, Abraham was a learned man with great and honored skills, especially in his own land, the Chaldees. "He communicated to the Egyptians Arithmetic, and delivered to them the science of Astronomy" (*Josephus, Book 1, Chapter 8, 167*). Many historians claim that the Egyptians learned the Zodiac from the Greeks, but this is not so. The design, the word pictures (hieroglyphs) and symbols are identical to the Sumerian and Babylonian astronomy found in the birthplace of Abraham. The example found in the Temple of Denderah dates from the time when Abraham would have been in Egypt, traveling there to escape the famine in

Canaan. Abraham found the Egyptians in a religious conflict when he arrived. They were arguing over the traditions and customs of worshiping their idols. Abraham sat with them and taught them that their arguments held no truth and their reasoning no merit. The One True God was introduced to them through the stars as proof of His power over all of the gods of Egypt (*Josephus, Book 1, Chapter 8, 166*). After Abraham left Egypt, the Egyptians perverted the Truth changing it to match their gods: for instance, changing Virgo, the virgin to Isis; the Son of the virgin became Isis child, Horus. This perversion was done for two reasons: one, to maintain their lifestyle that all their gods allowed which was to obtain great wealth at the expense of their own people; the second, for political reasons – keeping the people under the control of the Pharaoh who was considered a god. The ancient Babylonians studied the stars; a library was discovered dedicated to the study containing seventy (70) stone tablets on the constellations, compiled by Sargon of Agade thirty-eight hundred (3,800) years before Christ. They observed the heavens from towers built for the purpose of star-gazing in each of the major cities. Realizing that the sun moved in an ecliptic pattern rather than a circle, they were able to plot planets and comets on tablets called “planispheres,” that had numeric figures and calculations (on display in the British Museum--*Bullinger, p.13*).

Many resources have been written to create a record for future generations. The King of Macedonia asked one of his poets, Aratus, to put the description of Creation in a poem based on the works of Eudoxos, an astronomer (403 to 350 B.C.), and Aratus, a citizen of Tarsus, called it “Diosemeia” -- **the Divine Signs**. This is important because the Apostle Paul knew the poem and quoted from it in his address at Athens on Mars Hill:

“For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.” Acts 17:28 KJV

Here is a small portion of the poem translated into the English language:

“We are his offspring : and He, ever good and mild to man, Gives favoring signs, and rouses us to toil, calling to mind life’s wants : when clods are best for plough and mattock : when the time is ripe for planting vines and sowing seeds, He tells, Since He Himself hath fixed in heaven these signs, the Stars dividing : and throughout the year Stars He provides to indicate to man the seasons’ course, that all things duly grow...”

If we use the twelve tribes to connect us with the meaning of the constellations we will have twelve different constellations and each of the twelve has major stars that are named according to their brightness. The main stars are called fixed stars, but some

do move about 50 inches per year; these are the fastest moving ones; reaching another constellation close by would take about five thousand years. Others move much slower and would take about 25,800 years to reach another constellation, unless the hand of God intervenes. The names of the constellations today are mostly Latin and Greek translations. Each constellation has an ancient Hebrew name and these given names are important to understanding the signs in the heavens. There are twelve constellations, but each main constellation has three attached constellations associated with them called "Decans." In this study we will cover all forty-eight (48) of these patterns.

The question asked is where do we start? The answer is with Virgo. Remember, we are not dealing with Astrology we are working with the "Divine Signs." Astrologists begin with Aries, the Ram, and they are out of sequence. Even the Egyptians who governed everything by the stars knew to start with Virgo. The "Sphinx" meaning, "to bind closely together" is made up of a woman's head and the body of a lion - Virgo and Leo - the beginning and the end.

The Sources used in the Hebrew names of the Tribes are:

Banks, William. D. "The Heavens Declare: Jesus Christ Prophesied in the Stars"

Bullinger, E.W. "The Witness of the Stars"

Rolleston, Frances. "Mazzaroth: Or, the Constellations"

The Reading of the blessings of each tribe found in Genesis 48 (Joseph's sons) and 49; Exodus 33

THE REDEEMER

VIRGO: The Virgin

Ancient Hebrew Name: "Bethulah"

A Woman holding a branch in her right hand and an ear of corn or a sheaf of wheat in her left, representing the Promised Seed of the Woman

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring (seed) and her offspring (seed), He will pound your head, and you will bite His heel." Genesis 3:15

TANACH

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son..." Isaiah 7:14 KJV

The constellations are meant to be read like books; four constellations to one book. Using this as our method of study, we, of course will start with book one called, "The Redeemer" covering Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius.

CHAPTER ONE

There are 110 stars, approximately 29 planets, and approximately 11 galaxies in the Virgo constellation and the brightest star is called by the Hebrew name, **"Tsamech"** צמח meaning, ***branch, to flourish, sprout***. There are twenty (20) words translated as branch in the Bible, but only Tsamech (another form of the word is "Zemach") is used four times exclusively referring to the Messiah (*Bullinger, p.32*).

Isaiah 4:2 – *"In that day shall the Branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious." KJV*
(the Hebrew word for gloriously beautiful is "Zavijaveh," another name for Messiah)

Jeremiah 23:5-6 – *"Behold, days are coming – the word of the LORD – when I will establish a righteous Sprout (Branch) from David; a king will reign and prosper and He will administer justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the name people will call Him: the LORD is our Righteousness." TANACH`*

Zechariah 3:8 – *"Behold, I will bring forth My Servant, Zemach (the flourishing One)." TANACH*

Zechariah 6:12 – *“Thus speaks the LORD of Hosts, saying, Behold the Man whose name is the Branch.” KJV*

Virgo represents the “**Virgin Birth**” that was prophesied in Scripture from Genesis to Isaiah and beyond.

*“...Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”
Isaiah 7:14 KJV*

Many of the modern-day scholars who interpret the signs as being strictly Old Testament suggests that the virgin is Sarah, Abraham’s wife, who gave birth to the “Promised Seed;” saying that technically Jesus is the son of Sarah thru Mary. They use Galatians 4:21-31:

“Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman the other by a freewoman. But he who was born of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was are children of the promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.” NKJV

Their play is on the word “seed” explaining that it was not the plural used in Genesis 3:15; so it justifies their version that Sarah was the mother of Jesus, because she was the mother of the Promised One and the LORD promised her she would be the “Mother of Nations.” But the Old Testament constantly testifies to the Coming One, the Promised One, not speaking of Isaac who was dead, but the Messiah who was yet to come. Some of the prophecies spoke of the “others” who would become apart of the fold (*Ezekiel 17:22-23*). The main thing these scholars missed is that the prophecy spoke of a virgin. Sarah was a married woman and had been with Abraham many times. Because she was past the age of her fertility, according to scholars this was the same as her being a virgin. You cannot compare her being barren to a virgin; they are not one and the same.

The Scripture said, “A virgin shall conceive” not a barren woman who has had sex many times with her husband.

Within the womb of the Virgin was our salvation given thru her Son; a Holy Child, Royal and Divine, Whose Father is God Almighty. He is called the Branch, gloriously beautiful, the administrator of justice and righteousness, the preserver of Life. To fully understand the story of His beginning as it is portrayed in the stars we have to study the related constellations in the first book; the lesser constellations that are called “Decans.”

The Three Related Constellations -- “Decans”

- 1. Coma (Hebrew - “Desired”):** The Woman with Child. The Desired of all nations.

This constellation emphasizes the prophecy that the Branch will be One Who is Desired of all nations as found in Haggai 2:7:

“I will shake the nations and the desire of all nations will come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of Hosts.” KJV

Even those who are against Him today will desire Him. His presence is shown in this constellation as a small child with His mother; a baby being nourished and cared for. There are 43 stars in this constellation, none of them are super bright stars known as the first magnitude stars; there is a reason for this. We come back to the Magians, the Astronomers of the Orient, who, following a star went in search of the new King. It was in the Decan “Coma,” according to traditional prophecy, that a new star would appear as a sign that the One foretold as the Branch, the Desired One would be born. This star actually appeared in 125 B.C. and was so bright that it could be seen even in daylight. It slowly took its place in the rotation of the stars and was at its closes point at midnight each night, giving the Astronomers a chance to plot its course, mainly the latitude. The longitude was already given in the Scriptures as the “Land of Jacob.” It took approximately 123 years for the proper alignment for the star to reach its zenith.

When this writer was teaching in the Czech Republic, a beautiful and aspiring thing happened. My students were new teachers who were so hungry for the Word of God and had been deprived and restricted from learning about their faith because of the Communist Regime. Their churches had been closed for more than thirty years and

they were not allowed to enter them for any reason. In those thirty years, their churches had been used by the Communists for storage and even as parking areas for many of their military vehicles. Because of the massive doors and high ceilings, you could drive trucks and Armored Personnel Carriers (APC's) inside them; even their city fire trucks were kept inside of them. Now, they had their churches back and a massive cleanup was under way! The weekend study was on Lesson Planning and since the timing of the class was near the Christmas season, we talked about the nativity. Part of the lesson was for them to draw the images they had in their minds of what the Christmas story was to them. On brown paper bags that we tore opened and used as canvases, some of the most remarkable pictures appeared. The one that was most desirable was the scene of the Wise Men searching for the Christ child. Most of the students did their pictures in 3D, going outside on the school grounds to collect what they needed to make the picture come to life. Instead of the picture of the Magi in the desert pointing to the star which is what we always see, one of the students drew them overlooking a stone terrace, actually building the wall out of pebbles, gazing down at where the bottom tip of the star shone and they were rejoicing that they had found Jesus. The Magi were in Bethlehem; not in a cave at a manger, but at a house where the point of that star looked as if it was sitting on the roof. The other pictures were just as remarkable. On that day, the teacher learned from her students because the view of Jesus that they had not been allowed to worship freely was new and fresh, and the images were powerful. The other remarkable thing is that none of the students had ever experienced a time when they could worship, because they were born during the Communist occupation that would not allow them to celebrate religious holidays, and had only been from under communist control for about two years. Why couldn't their families secretly celebrate, keeping the Bible alive in their homes? Some of them were brave enough to do this, but many were not. Their children were taught in school to turn their family members in to the government if they were practicing their faith. IT WAS FORBIDDEN! Now, some continued practicing their faith in secret, celebrating on different days from the one marked on the calendar and by substituting traditional holiday foods using the Scriptures as the guide. For instance: Fish was served as the Christmas meal instead of Lamb which was the custom. They could have holiday parties, but never mention the birth of Jesus. You never knew who would stop by to visit, especially the police. But, there were some brave souls who found pieces of family Bibles that were supposed to have been destroyed, and they hung on to that portion of the Bible either pages or an entire book of the Bible; and held clandestine meetings learning what they could of the Scriptures; sometimes a page at a time or a chapter or

more of what they had. They hid the pages in the linings of their coats and in the soles of their shoes. How blessed are we today!!!

One of the traditional stories about the Magi is that after leaving Jerusalem and their visit with Herod, they continued to Bethlehem where they got off their camels to rest and refresh themselves by David's Well. When they bent over to draw from the well, the star was mirrored in the water directly overhead and they knew they were in the right place. This had not occurred before; the star always stayed in front of them. From "Coma" comes the prophecy and proof of the birth of the Messiah.

This Decan has 43 stars, 5 stars have planets, and approximately 8 galaxies and Nebulae.

2. Centaurus (Hebrew – "*Bezeh*" meaning, *the despised*) The Centaur with two natures, holding a spear piercing a victim. The despised sin offering.

This constellation speaks of Jesus as a man with two natures: one divine and the other human. Centaurs are half men and half horse, meaning the emotions and mind of a human, but having power through the strength of the beastly side. And because of his double nature, the Centaur is despised as a freak of nature. Jesus was not a freak of nature, but His power was frightening to those who did not understand or want to believe in Him. He was fully human and Divine at the same time; Isaiah 53:3 says,

"He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows; and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." KJV

Beneath the Centaur's belly is the star pattern called the Southern Cross, four very bright stars adding to the prophecy of the Crucifixion, the death of Jesus (*explained later*). There are two other names for the brightest star in the Centaur: first, "*Toliman*" meaning, "the Heretofore and the hereafter" – "which is, which was, and which is to come – Almighty," (*Revelation 1:8*) and second, "*Asmeath*" meaning, sin-offering (*Isaiah 53:10*):

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand." KJV

There are thirty-five (35) stars at 1st-4th magnitude; 281 stars at the 5th magnitude; 13 stars have planets in the Decan. The brightest star is Toliman found in the front leg of

the horse. The star represents Jesus' eternal status as is found in the name – **Toliman**. Even though He was despised, suffered and died for our sins, He rose from the dead as proof of Who He was and is still alive, seated at the right hand of the Father, awaiting the time of His return. All others who claimed to be gods or messiahs are dead, and still dead!

3. Bootes - (from the Hebrew word, "Bo" meaning, "Come" or "the Coming") A man walking with a branch; his name is "Arcturus."

Arcturus is another ancient name for the extremely bright star at the man's knee. The Book of Job is one of the oldest if not the oldest book in the Bible. There are descriptive names of the heavenly bodies found in the Book, and Arcturus is called by name. Job called the constellations by name! (Job 9:9):

"Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south." KJV (the word, "chambers" is referring to tabernacles in the sky for each constellation)

(The LORD challenges Job):

"Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?" (Job 38:31-32) NKJV

The man is carrying a spear and a sickle. He is a warrior of great stature. The star in the spear head is called **"Al-Katurops,"** meaning, "a branch," (symbolism of the branch being used to describe the Messiah) and the other meaning is "treading under foot." The star just below the waist on his right side is called **"Mirac," or "Mizar," or "Izar;"** All names meaning, "coming forth as an arrow," "mighty," "the preserver," "guarding." Another star found on the calf of his left leg is called, **"Muphride"** meaning, "Who separates as a Judge handing down a verdict." The bright star in his head is called, **"Nekkar"** meaning, "the pierced one." This Decan has 54 stars; 10 stars have planets.

Here is the story of Bo (Bootes): The Man Who is the Branch comes to tread His enemies under foot. He comes forth swiftly as an arrow in flight; Mightily He preserves what is His and guards it with His life. He carries the sickle to thrust into the harvest and reap. He becomes the Judge Who separates the sheep from the goats rendering the final verdict of life eternal, and those Who see Him will KNOW that He was the One Who was pierced for them.

"And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for His only son, shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." Zechariah 12:10 KJV

CHAPTER TWO

LIBRA: Scales

Ancient Hebrew Name: "Mozanaim"

A pair of scales representing being weighed in the balance and falling short of perfection

As was previously stated, there are a number of ancient languages that are used to tell us the story. Of course the ancient Hebrew word is "**Mozanaim**" meaning, the Scales, weighing. The Arabic name is "**Al Zubena**" meaning, "Purchase," or "redemption." In the Coptic language the word is "**Lambadia**" meaning, "station of propitiation" (from Lam, graciousness, and badia, branch.") (Bullinger, p.45) Libra is Latin which means, weighing.

The sign contains fifty-one (51) stars; three have planets. We are blessed by the stars with knowledge of the purchase price for redemption. The brightest star, in the lower scale is called "Zuben al Genubi" meaning, "the purchase or price which is deficient." Man is "weighed in the balance and found wanton" because he has been ruined by sin and selfishness. From his time in the Garden, he lost touch with God and began to live a life that was selfish; selfish because his sin brought shame and harm to all generations, and the generations are paying the price. Man's disbelief in the One God has cost humanity eternal life. With this in mind, it leaves the question for man to ask, "Is there no hope for us?" The answer is a resounding **Yes!** Why? Because the meaning of the next star, "Zuben al Chemali", meaning, "The Price which covers." When Jesus gave His life for us, He covered our sins with His blood, cleansing us from all sin and shame. After the Truth has been laid at our feet, we will sometimes think too much about what we believe, and can end up walking away from the LORD because His way does not make good sense to us, telling Him that our way of thinking far outweighs anything He has to say. But, even in our disobedience, in our ignorance of

His Almighty power, in our disrespect of His Holiness, He does not walk away from us and still offers us a chance to get it right so that we can be with Him in Paradise.

If we were using the scale, we would see that putting Genubi on one side and Chemali on the other perfectly balances out. What is deficient on the one is completely covered by the overflow of the other. Jesus is our overflow!

1. Crux (Hebrew word – “Adom”): Cutting Off.

The Southern Cross (the name for it today) was visible above Jerusalem until the ultimate sacrifice was made. That sacrifice was Jesus on the cross. After His death, the cross began fading away finally disappearing. It wasn't until the 16th century that men began to travel farther south and visiting the tropics and the southern seas, that the cross was seen again. The travelers brought back the news of the reappearance and called it “a cross more glorious than all the constellations of the heavens.”

Of course, the meaning of the cross has been perverted by other false religions, by the Babylonians-Persians, Egyptians, and especially the Roman Catholic Church that should have known better. The Babylonians-Persians and the Egyptians worshiped the cross as a symbol of the “Mother of Heaven, giving her the status of a god.” The Catholic Church adopted this worship and to this day, on Good Friday little cakes are served with the sign of the cross on them in honor of her. This was not the meaning of the cross; the meaning was and still is, **“It is finished.”** To the ancient people the cross meant and stood for “life.” But today, we see it as a symbol of death. Yes, death occurred on the cross, but that death wiped away the sins of man. It means eternal life for all believers. What Jesus did for us on the cross is never to be repeated; no more suffering, no more hardship, only peace and love at a greater magnitude than we can ever appreciate. The cross is not passing judgment on us, but relieving us from the pain and sinful shame that man wallows in. We are free because of the cross! With the cross comes Victory! There are 5 stars; 2 stars have planets.

2. Lupus (Hebrew – “Asedah”): to be slain

Lupus is the modern-day name for this Decan because it favors a wolf. But, it is more than just an animal; it is an animal that has been killed. He is a victim in the hands of a wicked crowd Who is being slaughtered (it seems) by the Centaur. The

point is that Jesus was slain not by a crazed mob of people; He was slain by His own hand. Remember, the Centaur is Jesus Who conquered the grave. So, He was slain by His own hand. The mob had nothing to do with His death! He said,

"...I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd. Therefore does My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I may take it again. No man takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father." (John 10: 15-18 NKJV)

The people who have held grudges against the Jews for the death of Christ were and are so wrong for calling them murderers of the Savior. **They could not kill what was Divine!** Jesus knew what He was doing when He went willingly to His death. He gave Himself as a lamb to be slaughtered to conquer death; not to dwell in it. Satan thought he had power over Jesus in His death, but the joke was on satan. We are back at Genesis 3:15 when the Scripture said satan would bruise the heel of the Seed of the woman. But, satan had forgotten that the rest of the prophecy said that Jesus would crush his head. A horrible death awaits the devil and all power belongs to Jesus.

Lupus has 22 stars; 5 having planets.

3. Corona (Hebrew word – "Atarah" meaning, a royal crown): a crown or jewel; twenty-one (21) stars in the Decan.

The power of Redemption is revealed every time we speak of the death of Jesus Christ. It is never without the knowledge of this great achievement through death that we had eternal life given to us. The Decan, Atarah is a royal crown that only Jesus can wear. He defeated death and is King of kings and Lord of lords! As the King of eternity He blesses us to live as royalty in His kingdom, with each of us receiving crowns of our own, though of lesser value than the crown of the Almighty. In the Scripture above, He said that there were "other sheep" that He had and they had to be brought into the fold. We are the other sheep, ignorant and dumb as we may be, because our knowledge of the Almighty lacks maturity since our sins have been so great. If we are willing to learn, Jesus will teach us so that we are gifted in the Word of God and can teach others of His goodness. Corona has 21 stars; 4 have planets.

CHAPTER THREE

SCORPIO: Scorpion

Ancient Hebrew Name: “*Akrab*”

A giant scorpion trying to sting the heel of a mighty man who is struggling with a serpent, but the scorpion is crushed by the man, who has placed his foot on the scorpion’s heart

The Hebrew word, *Akrab*, meaning, “Scorpion,” but also means “conflict or war.” The war is between good and evil; the victor gets the world! But, that world is falling into temptation. It has succumbed to the things that are distracting, not being able to see what is righteous because of the mess that is in the way. Our world is now a sorrowful place and its approach to the Truth assumes that it knows the truth, no worship for God, but for the accomplishments of man. The giant scorpion has come in many forms to destroy what God has created as good. From the beginning of the Bible to the present day, we can see how man has had to struggle to stay close to God.

From the enmity that was set between God and man by the serpent in Genesis 3:15, the battle has been on, starting with the promise given to Abraham, his precious descendants being enslaved in Egypt and Pharaoh giving the order to slaughter all boy babies two years old and under. His attempt to keep the prophecy from happening, a leader that would rise up and take his people out of bondage, fell flat as he was outwitted and unknowingly raised that powerful leader under his own roof as his son.

Athaliah, in 2 Kings 11, wanted to destroy the royal family and proceeded to wipe them out, he thought. But, one prince was saved and grew up in plain sight, living in the one place Athaliah would not enter: the Temple.

Of course there was Haman, who convinced the King of Persia to write an edict against all the Jewish people for the annihilation of a race because one Jewish man did not bow down to him, but his plot failed because he did not know that God already had someone on the inside very close to the king to protect His people – Queen Esther.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, King Herod ordered all the boy babies two years and under to be killed, not realizing the Christ child was in another country because the LORD had told the Magians to go home another way and to the earthly father of Jesus to take Him to Egypt.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the cup of suffering to pass from Him, but accepted it as He knew that it would save the world. The devil thought he had won when he saw Jesus die on the cross, but again, his plan was thwarted. Jesus arose from the dead and is still alive taking from the devil the souls that he thought he had; He is drawing more of the heathen world to Him.

The Holocaust was another attempt to destroy, but instead, the nation of Israel was reborn on the soil of the Promised Land given to their earthly father Abraham; though a tiny nation, it is a powerful one that **cannot be defeated!**

This constellation has forty-four (44) stars; 14 have planets and approximately 4 galaxies in it, but overlap with the Decans that are apart of this redemptive conflict: Serpens, Ophiuchus and Hercules. These Decans focus on the first Messianic prophecy in Genesis.

1. Serpens and

2. Ophiuchus (Hebrew word - "*Alyah and Afeichus*"): meaning, the accursed and the serpent held.

The Decans are comprised of 144 stars; 24 have planets and approximately 11 galaxies/nebulae. Evil is always lurking its ugly head in our lives! Its purpose is to blindside us so that we will not be able to concentrate on the power of the Holy Spirit that lives within and make us dwell only on the negative. Especially those of us in ministry, we are always fighting that evil serpent that is constantly nipping at our heels. He wants to bring us down by wearing us down because he knows that we will not stop until you have the Truth; there is so much work to do and sometimes we will not rest when we need to in order to get it done. For some we resist him and for others, they fall to the temptation because of the weakened spirit. Ophiuchus is a man who is wrestling with a very big serpent that is trying to bite him and at the same time it is reaching for the crown of glory directly over its head – the Corona that we previously discussed. This is the so-called life of the accursed one, so busy trying to take us down that he does not realize that his power is weak and his existence is worthless. Ophiuchus is holding the serpent, controlling him as the two of them struggle for dominion over this world: good vs. evil. There can only be one left standing. In the constellations you will notice that Ophiuchus is also killing the scorpion by crushing his heart with his foot.

Why is the serpent so important in this teaching from the heavens? It was the serpent who caused man to lose his innocence, his godliness, and his integrity. Man was royalty, made in the image of God, but his listening to the smooth-talking serpent cost him his dominion over the earth. We still have that dominion, but we have lost the knowledge of kingdom rule.

3. Hercules (*Hebrew word - "Bau"*): meaning, who comes to crush the serpent's head and destroy the work of the devil; the strong one, the head of him who bruises the kneeling branch, the wounding, the punisher, and treading under foot.

The mighty Hercules is seen bending on one knee, with his right heel lifted as if he is wounded right above the head of the dragon (will introduce later).

The Greeks have totally perverted this constellation turning it into a myth of epic proportions. He is seen in their eyes as the strongest man in the world, defeating any and every thing that comes in his path, that is, if the Greek gods agree. Many of the myths found in ancient history come from a people lost without the True God. From the time of the Tower of Babel, when the nations were divided and scattered according to their languages, man has lost touch with the Truth. Many of their mythological stories have a ring of truth in them in that they do remember some things as to the Creation and the beginning of man, but the words are put in the perspective of what is human (fleshly beliefs) and not in the Spirit. They found a reason to make it meaningful so that almost all men will accept the myth as truth. The learned men of Greece knew from their travels throughout the Greek Empire that they had lost much of the meaning of the Word of God, especially after they visited the Middle East and hearing the Truth from the Israelites. They recognized the teachings as pure and unadulterated, but did nothing to bring the truth back to the people. Politics was now involved and control of the people was more important than offering them freedom through knowledge of the Bible. Even today, after two thousand years of the knowledge of God, they still hold on to many of their myths through the Greek Orthodox Church. The Greek Orthodox worship services are absolutely beautiful, but they require you to bow and kiss icons of the saints as part of the worship. Having been in a Greek service and watched as people went forward to kiss and fall prostrate before the icons that were to be celebrated on that day, was shocking. They adapted the worship style of the synagogue with the music and scriptures sung by the Bishop and a choir. But, the worship of the saints by way of icons and statues comes from the Catholic Church.

According to Greek Mythology, Hercules has become the man in almost every story of the Bible with the supernatural as his source. He was Jonah in the belly of a great fish for three days and three nights. He was also part human and part god similar to Jesus. He would defeat the serpent and be given three golden apples substituting for eternal life; he already had eternal life as a god. Hercules was the one that was killed by the poisonous venom of the deadly three-headed hydra, but came back to life much more powerful than when he died. The stories are endless. The feats of Hercules are based on biblical prophecy and mainly the life of Jesus.

Hercules has 113 stars; 15 have planets; approximately 2 galaxies/nebulae.

CHAPTER FOUR

SAGITTARIUS: Archer

HEBREW: Kesith

The Coming One who is going forth, full of grace, “conquering and to conquer”

The Hebrew and Syriac word is the same for Archer - “Kesith.” In other languages the names are similar or related: he is called the “arrow,” “the gracious one” (Naim - Hebrew), and “the beauty of the going or sending forth” (Nehushta - Hebrew). Sagittarius is a Centaur again representing double nature. Here, he is gracious and tolerate and at the same time, one who will slay his enemies so fast that they will not be able to retaliate. The brightest star in this constellation is called Naim, the gracious one, for the mercy he has shown his enemies. His power is awesome and he destroys his tormentors quickly. This Centaur is located on the ecliptic of the Zodiac moving towards the final revelation of the Truth. He is a warrior, but his work is for the faithful to rejoice over. He is destroying the wicked and unbelievers. Compare Sagittarius to the Revelation of John when he describes the conqueror on the white horse - Revelation 6:2:

“And I saw, and behold a white horse; and He that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto Him, and He went for conquering, and to conquer.” KJV

In most all of the pictures of the Archer, he has an arrow in his bow aimed at the Scorpion. Remember, the Scorpion is always waging war against the saints of God and always trying to defeat our LORD and Savior. There are 69 stars in this constellation, 32 have planets; approximately 15 galaxies/nebulae.

- 1. Lyra - (from the Hebrew word - Gnashor - Harp; Neshar - Eagle) - “He shall be exalted”**

The Lyra is an instrument of praise; it is used to greatly exalt the LORD. Some see the constellation as an Eagle (Neshar) and others see it as a Lyre (Gnashor) harp, but they

are the same, an eagle and a harp representing “praise ascending as an eagle toward heaven.” (Bullinger, p.67)

“Hallelujah! Praise God in His Sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power; praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him as befits His abundant greatness; praise Him with the blast of the shofar; praise Him with lyre and harp; praise Him with drum and dance; praise Him with organ and flute; praise Him with clanging cymbals; praise Him with resonant trumpets. Let all souls praise God, Hallelujah!” Psalm 150 TANACH

The harp in the Zodiac stands as a symbol and proof that music is a part of the worship of God. There are denominations that claim musical instruments should not be played in church, but the Psalmist called for all instruments to praise the LORD. There are some who will accept a harp, but believe pianos have no place in the church because they are not listed in the list of praise instruments in Psalm 150. This statement is wrong! The piano is definitely in this psalm. We are so use to electronics nowadays that we do not know that the sounding board of a piano is a harp. If you were to stand a grand piano upright and remove the framing and housing that holds it together, you would be left with a harp. This is why some pianos are called uprights, because the harp is standing upright inside. The very shape of a grand piano is a harp. The difference between a piano and a harp is in the way that it is played; the strings are struck with hammers rather than plucked. The very fact that this instrument appears in the stars indicates that the LORD approved.

The brightest star in this Decan is called, *“Vega”* – He shall be exalted. This is speaking of the Messiah whom everyone will recognize as LORD; they will bow down to worship Him and sing His praises. See all of the songs of praise in the Scripture, from Moses in Exodus to Revelation and they all tell you that the LORD is to be highly exalted.

There 62 stars, all 62 have planets; approximately 2 galaxies/nebulae.

2. Ara (Hebrew word – Mizbeah - Altar): – wipe away sin, it nourishes the higher man, it fosters love for God, it atones for all guilt – to slaughter

In this chapter of the first book we have read much about conflict and the constant attempt of the enemy to destroy what God has built for Himself. The Altar is shown upside down with fires burning and pointing towards the lower regions into “outer darkness.” Even though its meaning is powerful towards redemption, in this case, it

stands for judgment. It is for the slaughter of the enemy who will see eternal fires burning in the abyss of hell. The road was paved by the LORD for peace and love, but was rejected in favor of the lust of the flesh, pride, and arrogance. Again, this is a consuming fire prepared for the enemies of the LORD.

"The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend; and them which do iniquity. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 13:41-42 KJV

"Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:13-14 KJV

Ara has 9 stars; 7 have planets.

3. Draco (Hebrew word – Dahrach – Dragon): - to tread on, giant serpent; a dragon cast down

We have not seen a dragon and no one has claimed to have seen one (except for those who claim to have seen "Nessie," the Loch Ness Monster). It is spoken of in all ancient folklore, mythology, and the Bible as a creature that has to be destroyed. Its only purpose as an evil creature is to wreak havoc everywhere it goes; whether on earth or in the sea. This is the dragon spoken of in Revelation 12: 7-10:

"And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." KJV

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17 KJV

It does not matter if the dragon is man or beast, he must be destroyed before he destroys us. He will use all kinds of guises to hurt us, but they will not prevail. He will cause turmoil on this earth like none that man has ever seen. We may have experienced

remnants of turmoil, but nothing like on the scale that the dragon will cause. But the LORD will save and protect us. Even Jesus said it Himself:

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:22 KJV

Draco has 80 stars; 7 have planets; approximately 2 galaxies/nebulae.

BOOK TWO:

THE REDEEMED

CHAPTER ONE

CAPRICORNUS: *Sea Goat*

HEBREW: Gedi

"I have never beheld the stars that I do not feel that I am looking into the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."
Abraham Lincoln

There is a region of Israel on the Dead Sea called En Gedi. It is an oasis, a place of serenity and contentment, absolutely beautiful. The name refers to the abundance of one kind of animal in the region; beautiful goats that are at home in the valley and on the mountains. They are hard to see because the color of the coats blends in with the surroundings so well that you cannot see them unless you are purposely looking for them. They are not very big and in fact are smaller than North American goats, looking more like baby goats than full grown. As wild goats they are not that skittish around people, but will come near you (not too close) if you do not try to chase them. You look at them and wonder how could anyone use such a beautiful creature as a sacrifice? They seem so innocent, and they are.

Gedi (goat) has two meanings: "cut off," and "sacrifice."

The Scripture tells the story of Saul's pursuit of David. Saul and three thousand of his best men were crazily pursuing David to kill him because he was to be the next king and Saul was not about to relinquish his crown to him, and Saul was extremely jealous of David's fame among the people. He had received word that David and his men were at En Gedi, but where exactly they were not sure. Providence seemed to have been on David's side because Saul went into a cave to relieve himself and rest in the place of the "Wild Goats," tired from the search and from an encounter with the

Philistines. Saul may have drifted off to sleep or was too tired to realize that there were others in the same dark cave up against the wall; it was David and his men thinking they were safe from Saul. David crawled over to him and cut off a piece of his royal garment. When Saul finally left the cave, David waited until Saul was a short distance away before he called out to Saul, saying, "Saul, I could have killed you, but I didn't. Even though you were evil to me I can only do good to you," bowing as he spoke giving honor to his king. He held up the piece of Saul's garment as proof that while he rested he held Saul's life in his hands. Saul was granted grace and salvation by David and Saul said so while crying, acknowledging that David was truly the next king of Israel. He even asked that the lives of his children be spared (*1 Samuel 24*). He asked because a new king taking the throne would always kill off the remaining members of the old king's family to keep any of them from trying to overthrow him. David swore to Saul that he would not hurt his family, and he kept his word.

Now, let us look at this passage with new meaning: the symbolic gesture of David cutting off a piece of Saul's garment was very significant; it meant that Saul's kingdom was no longer his. When a king was defeated a part of his robe was cut off and added to the robe of the conquering king; the more kings he defeated the longer the train on his robe. In other words, Saul was cut off from his kingdom by David. It was predicted by Samuel when Saul grabbed hold of Samuel's robe and tore it in desperation, leading Samuel to say that just as Saul had torn the robe of Samuel, Israel had been torn away from him and given to another (*1 Samuel 15:26-29*). The future had been spelled out for Saul but he did not want to accept it. David cutting off a piece of his robe sealed his fate. Even Jonathan, Saul's son knew the truth and stripped himself of his own robe and gave it to David, along with his battle garments: his sword, bow, and belt (*1 Samuel 18*). Saul lost a piece of his garment, but in reality, he was "cut off" from his kingdom, his family through his obsession to destroy David, and from life, period, because of his disobedience. He was saved from the sword by David, granting him time to admit his wrong, but it was not enough for Saul because his salvation granted by David was short-lived.

We were cut off from our kingdoms and from the Kingdom of God because of our sin and were in need of salvation. Remember, we were the same as royalty in the eyes of God because we were made in His image. He spared our lives, even paying the ultimate price to wipe away our sins and restore us. Just as the goat was used in the sacrifice to atone for the sins of a nation, our LORD and Savior became the sacrifice for all mankind to keep us from being cut off by the Almighty, granting us undeserving eternal life; it was an enormous price of great value that He paid for us. The goat has

been the main sacrifice for the Jews since the LORD gave the command to use them for the sins of the nation (*Leviticus 9 and 16*) and it had to be done every year. Our personal grace is forever, but for the nation is another matter.

Nations have been destroyed because of disobedience; they were cut off from their blessings by the LORD. Even today, our nation is very close to destruction; a place where we can be cut off from His generosity because as a nation, we have sinned greatly. We have turned our backs on the very One Who gave us this beautiful land to live on. To each of us who prayed asking, He blessed us with homes and land that is considered our kingdom to watch over and protect. He has given Pastors their dominion over a kingdom of people to watch over and protect, leading them to righteousness even though they are a stubborn lot. He has granted each of us hope for a better life and yet, most of us rejected what He had laid out for us and we wonder why we are not more successful. So, the sacrifice came and fulfilled His promise that we may live in His kingdom with Him, regaining our royal status as Children of God, wearing our crowns and precious garments that will never be cut off or torn from us.

The goat in this constellation has no hind legs; his back end is part fish. It is a conflict between death and life; total destruction – a new life. The fish is a representation of a multitude being caught up in nets in abundance. The fish is a symbol of the soul of man – *easily snared and difficult to set free*. Fishermen love to catch fish as a sport, a tug of war over who is the stronger of the two – man or fish, and when man wins, he throws the fish back into the water after the fight has ended. The problem with the fish is that the fisherman is trying to bring it in so that he can set it free, but the fish will not stop fighting until the fisherman can get close enough to it to grab hold with his hand and release it from its snare. We humans are like that; the LORD trying to rescue us and we are constantly fighting Him until a “Mighty hand compels us” to stop and let the rescue come so that we are freed from our entanglements. The goat is dying on the one end; and the fish is thriving on the other; this is the “Mighty Hand” compelling us to stop and notice with a careful and sincere eye the goat sacrificing himself for the multitude, giving the multitude hope. We are the multitude! We are the Redeemed for whom the sacrificial offering was made! The goat of atonement is a symbol of Jesus slain for a redeemed people. (*Bullinger, p.75*)

“And to the Children of Israel speak as follows: Take a he-goat for a sin-offering... He brought near the offering of the people; He took the sin-offering goat that was for the people, and slaughtered it and performed the sin-offering service, as for the first one.”
Leviticus 9: 3, 15 TANACH

There are 51 stars in the constellation, 5 have planets and there is 1 galaxy. The names of the main stars all seem to have the same meaning or close to it; "the sacrifice slain," "the sacrifice comes," and "the cutting off." You may think that this is a strange symbol for the LORD to use to represent the redeemed. Remember! Our first language was written in word pictures; a living creature is sacrificed so that others (the multitude) may live and the multitude will not be cut off because of sin; they will thrive and continue to be blessed.

1. Sagitta (Hebrew word - "Sham," Arrow): destroying, or desolate

There are eighteen stars in this Decan; 2 stars have planets; approximately 1 galaxy. The main focus of this constellation is the war between good and evil; the need for the enemy to destroy those whom the LORD wants to save. He wants to destroy by way of killing the Savior and in the process we would be destroyed. The arrow in this Decan has been released from the bow of an invisible shooter and is targeting the Lamb of God. Those of us who are protected by the Lamb will always be in his sights and he will not stop because he truly thinks that he can destroy the works of God. There is no greater deception than what satan believes is his role in the world. He is forever trying to do away with the King of glory and his efforts are fruitless. Here, he tried to kill the Son of God underhandedly by shooting an arrow from an invisible bow. But, the LORD is in charge of this arrow. The arrow is usually under the control of the shooter, the one who sent it flying through the air. It will hit whatever it is aimed at because it cannot think on its own. The archer takes into consideration the wind and the distance it will travel before he shoots it. Yes, it is aimed at the Son of God to kill Him, but the death of the Son will ensure that the door to eternal life for all mankind will be opened and remain open for those who believe. What satan meant for evil God used for good. We are saved!

"He bent his bow and set me up as a target for the arrow. He shot into my vitals the arrows of His quiver." Lamentations 3:12-13 TANACH

2. Aquila (the Eagle; Hebrew name - "Tarared," the wounded)

This Decan is also showing the volunteer death of the Messiah. It is a portrait of the life of an eagle who will sacrifice its own blood to keep its children alive. When eagles cannot find enough food to feed their offspring they are known to tear their own flesh

and let their chicks feed on their blood to keep them alive and healthy. Jesus sacrificed Himself for us to keep us alive and whole by shedding His blood, and we are to be grateful for that kind of love. There are 74 stars; 9 with planets in this Decan. The ancient Hebrew name for the Decan is taken from the third brightest star. The eagle is dying because he has been pierced through and sacrificed. Again, death of the strong to save the weak.

3. Delphinus (*the Dolphin; Hebrew word –“ Dalaph”*): pouring out of water; swift as the flow of water; In the Syriac and Chaldean languages, meaning, swiftly running.

The Dolphin is a beautiful mammal that lives in the sea and in some rivers. It is playful and will socialize with man and other animals. It has been known to follow boats and ships just to interact with the people and if the boat is a fishing vessel, they will come along side to eat the fish that is thrown back appreciating the free meal. This beautiful mammal will protect even humans who are in danger in the water. They will swim in circles around you to protect you from shark attacks. They make noises that warn of impending danger and may even offer their dorsal fin to you to carry you away from the attack because of their speed, out-swimming sharks and other predators. They will also save you from drowning if one is near you because they seem to sense when a human is in trouble. One of its characteristics is to rise up out of the water and leap into the air in defiance of its weight. The dolphin can weigh from 90 pounds to 9.8 tons, depending on the species. Again, it defies gravity and natural life force to lift itself out of the water. It is a reminder of Jesus Who was dead and is now alive. He rose up out of a sea of sin that should have weighed Him down permanently, but He rose from the dead in defiance of those who thought that He was gone forever and against the weight of the world's sin. In your times of trouble He will come to your rescue, defeating your enemies of all kinds, whether, spiritual or physical; your home, your finances, your children, He will come to your rescue! His rise will even be greater with His second coming. Jesus will come so majestically that there will be no doubt as to Who He is: The Great King of kings and LORD of lords! There are 19 stars; 5 stars have planets in this Decan.

CHAPTER TWO

AQUARIUS: *The Water Bearer*

HEBREW: Deli

When we speak of Aquarius, we often acquaint it with the Redeemed and the Church, but the Church is not the subject of this main constellation; the redeemed here is Israel. Remember, the Old as well as the New Testament is found in the stars. Israel is a blessed nation. Contrary to the beliefs of many, even in its sinful state, when the nation was defying God, they were still blessed. When they were punished by the LORD, and having tolerated incomprehensible abuse by mankind through hatred of their status, they were still blessed.

There are 108 stars in this constellation; 12 having planets, and approximately 3 galaxies/nebulae, only three are extremely bright. The name of the brightest stars all have to do with the flow of water: Sa'ad al Melik, "the record of the pouring forth;" Sa'ad al Sund, "who goes and returns" or "the pourer out;" Sheat, "who goes and returns." One of the greatest blessings bestowed on the nation is found in the Book of Numbers, chapter 24:

"How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel; stretching out like brooks, like gardens by a river, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars by water. Water shall flow from His wells, and His seed shall be by abundant waters." Vv. 5-7a
TANACH

The Symbolic Principle of Hermeneutics (the interpretative study of the Bible) is at work here with water as a symbol of blessing. An abundance of water is counted in two ways: extreme wealth spiritually, and physically, having all your needs met. Nations had heard of the Israelites' God and were afraid of them. As Israel is camping in the valley across from Moab, King Balak sees this massive sea of people and was stricken with terror. He sent for Balaam who called himself a prophet, asking him to come and curse the strange people. But, when Balaam tried, he could not curse Israel; each time he opened his mouth to curse them blessings came out. Balaam was not a real prophet, he was a sorcerer. He would go into trances, closing his eyes and falling down, and when he came out of the trance he would perform his "magic." Not in this case! He fell, but his eyes remained opened and each time the blessing was bigger and better. Here is another portion of the above blessing:

"I shall see Him, but not now, I shall look at Him, but it is not near. A star has issued from Jacob and a scepter-bearer has risen from Israel, and He shall pierce the nobles of Moab and undermine the children of Seth." Numbers 24:17 TANACH

He spoke of the Messiah that was to come! In the blessing Balaam tells Moab what is in store for Moabites because of their mistreatment of the Jewish people. They will fall and their fall will be great; not at that time but in the future.

The focus of the water-bearer is not so much on the man in the image, but it is the urn that he uses to pour water from that is a miraculous unending flow. The blessings of Israel have been an unending flow. We have seen some of them come upon the nation even in our day. But, they were bursting forth in ancient days. For instance:

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose, For in the wilderness shall waters break out, And streams in the desert." Isaiah 35:1, 6 TANACH

"I will open up rivers upon the hilltops and springs in the midst of valleys; I will turn the desert into a pond of water and a parched land into sources of water." Isaiah 41:18 TANACH

Israel is a difficult land to live in especially if you are not Jewish. When it is uncared for it resembles a bit of a swamp in the northern part, but the majority of the land is desert. The Jezreel and Jordan Valleys are fertile land because of the moisture from the Mediterranean on the coast and the Jordan River inland. In the north, the place that supplies the water to the Jordan is nothing more than a waterfall, spewing out of rock. It feeds the nation, supplying it with fresh water that it needs to grow crops and to drink from, even to fish in. The water moves swiftly and navigating by boat can be difficult. There are areas after the rainy season where the rapids are treacherous. In the dry season the water still flows even though its amount is much less. On the other end of the country, there are two deserts: Judean and Negev – dry places. And yet, you can see river beds where the water builds up a supply for the inhabitants to survive - streams in the desert. Some of the riverbeds are dry most of the year and are used as roads. You may say that there is plenty of water in the Negev Desert in the form of the Dead Sea. You would be right, but you cannot drink it, in fact, ingesting it can kill you if you do not receive medical attention immediately. It is called the Dead Sea for a reason. The Sea is located at 1,401 ft. below sea level and is nearly 10 times as salty as other oceans. The Scripture said that the desert would blossom as a rose (lily in some translations, having the same meaning) and it has.

If water is a symbol for the posterity of Israel, where do we as Christian believers fit in? We are connected to the next constellation, the Decan Piscis Australis.

1. Piscis Australis (*the Southern Fish; Arabic name – “Fom al Haut”: the mouth of the fish; Hebrew name – “Dagim”- multiples of offspring*)

In this Decan is a teaching from both the Old and New Testaments. The Hebrew name is based on the scriptures that speak about Noah and the Ark, and Jonah and the big fish. The Ark of Noah was the deliverer of eight people from the destruction of the flood, saving the one man who walked with God, and his family. In Noah's time, there were very few if any other than Noah that cared to serve God, and God chose this man after searching His heart for the righteous among men and finding only Noah. He built an Ark, a place of safety and salvation to preserve mankind. Jonah and the big fish was another teaching that led to the salvation of the multitudes in the New Testament. It was referred to by Jesus, using the sign of Jonah, the story found in Jonah 1:17:

“Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” KJV

in Matthew 12:39-42; 16:1-4; and Luke 11:29-32 as a prophecy of Him, saying, “

“As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonas, and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it; for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.” Matthew 12:39-42 KJV

If you would look at the Decan you see the fish's mouth is open and the water is flowing in. The fish is not drinking, the water is poured in. This is a representation of the Holy Spirit being poured into the saints of God. We are the fish, the multitude of believers who are receiving His blessings and serving in His kingdom. We know that Jesus rose from the dead just as was predicted and because of His resurrection, we have been given an ark of safety. The fish with the big mouth is gathering us up, not to devour us, but to deliver us up out of the grave and into righteousness and eternal life. Our home is not this place; this is a temporary stop over until we go home to be with

the LORD. Until we leave this earth, we are held in protective custody covered by the blood of the Lamb Who is Jesus Christ. In Noah, a few people went into the belly or the mouth of the Ark, but from those few, multitudes (generations) were saved. When Jonah went into the belly of the fish, he went in as one, but through him were multitudes saved. Nineveh, located in ancient Mesopotamia on the eastern bank of the Tigris River across from the modern-day city of Mosul in present-day Iraq, was a city of great importance in ancient times and was the seat of idol worship of the god Dagon and goddess Ishtar. They did not care for the Israelites and rebelled against the True God. But, when Jonah was spit out by the great fish, he went straightway to the city as commanded by God and preached a warning to them, they repented and God “repented of the evil, that He said He would do unto them.” (*Jonah 3:10*) They called for a one-day fast that was celebrated from that time until recently in memorial of Jonah bringing them the Word of God. It was once the largest Christian family in the Middle East and there was a memorial erected to Jonah in Nineveh, but it was recently destroyed by the terror group ISIL, and the fast day was forbidden by these same evil forces on 24 July 2014.

. There are 23 stars in this constellation, 3 have planets.

2. Pegasus – The Winged Horse (*Hebrew words, “Peka or Pega”, the chief, and “Sus” – horse*): the blessings quickly returning

Pegasus is a great and powerful horse, but it is not a natural horse; it has wings which are significant to its purpose in the planispheres. Its Hebrew and Arabic names of its brightest stars refer to its purpose: *Markab (Hebrew) – returning from afar; Sheat (Hebrew) – who goes and returns; Al Genib (Arabic) – who carries; Enif (Hebrew) – the water and the branch; Matar (Arabic) – who causes to overflow and The Great King*. It is speaking of the return of Christ.

Pegasus moves at incredible speed and represents the power and magnitude of the strength of Jesus upon His return to redeem us and take us home. Jesus rose from the dead and went to Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Over the millennia He has watched over us carefully releasing the Holy Spirit on us causing it to overflow. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we see Him in His glorious splendor for Who He is: The Great King that will come swiftly to rule the world.

"In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2-3 KJV

*"He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly**. Amen. Even so, come, LORD Jesus." Revelation 22:20 KJV*

There are 89 stars in this Decan, 12 have planets; 1 galaxy.

3. Cygnus – The Swan (Hebrew words - "Deneb," the judge; "Adige," flying swiftly; "Fafage," glorious, shining forth; "Sadr," who returns as in a circle): The Blessor surely returning

There are 81 stars; 97 planets; 2 galaxies/nebulae in this Decan. The swan is connected to the One Who is coming to judge the earth. His judgment is swift and powerful, and especially painful for those who did not accept the Truth. Because of His dual nature of being a creature of the air and water he represents Heaven and earth. From the earth we will be caught up to meet the LORD in the air. The constellation Aquarius is come full circle from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to the return for the redeemed.

CHAPTER THREE

PISCES: *The Fishes*

HEBREW: Dagim

"May the angel who redeems me from all evil bless the lads, and may my name be declared upon them, and the names of my forefathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they proliferate abundantly like fish within the land." Genesis 48:16 TANACH

Joseph's Dreams

"Behold! We were binding sheaves in the middle of the field, when, behold my sheaf arose and also remained standing; then behold! Your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf... Look, I dreamt another dream: Behold! The sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." Genesis 37: 7, 9 TANACH

These were the dreams of Joseph, and the blessing of Jacob on the sons of Joseph who was given a double portion by his father. Usually the double portion is bestowed on the firstborn, but not in this case. Joseph had survived horrendous things in his young life because, first, his father did not truly believe the vision given to him (but he thought about it), and second, his brothers hated him so much that they first wanted to kill him, but instead sold him into slavery. Just as the vision revealed, he would be a great man that his brothers and his father would bow before. His suffering and perseverance had led him to a place of great authority. Joseph too, could say (to his family) as David did, “what you meant for evil was made good.” The LORD elevated Joseph to a place that was the second highest office in the land of Egypt; the only office higher and greater was Pharaoh. He put Joseph in Egypt to be a blessing to his family in the time of their trouble (severe famine) and to fulfill the prophecy that He gave to Abraham about his children living in a foreign land for four hundred years (*Genesis 15*). Joseph’s double portions were divided between his two sons: Manasseh and Ephraim. We are speaking of multitudes again. This time from the Old Testament scriptures about Abraham and the greatness of the multitudes that would come from him.

“I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth so that if one can count the dust of the earth, then your offspring, too, can be counted.” Genesis 13:16 TANACH

“...that I shall surely bless you and greatly increase your offspring like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore; and your offspring shall inherit the gate of its enemy. And all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your offspring, because you have listened to My voice.” Genesis 22:17-18 TANACH

These are the blessings bestowed on Abraham for his obedience to the LORD. He gave him a new land, a new home, and millions of children to fill his house. His wealth was far above what many would consider wealth to be. Men count wealth in monetary value and land; this is wealth in one way. But, a man is rich when his “quiver is full” of children and Abraham’s quiver is full. Your children carry on your legacy and make your name known to mankind. You may only reach a few people, but those few will remember you based on how well your children live up to your name.

“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127:3-5 KJV

“Behold! The heritage of the LORD is children; a reward is the fruit of the womb. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of youth. Praiseworthy is the man

who fills his quiver with them; they shall not be shamed, when they speak with enemies in the gate.” Psalm 127:3-5 TANACH

Pisces is mostly associated with Israel. Some consider it strictly an Old Testament Constellation and its focus is on the growth of a people that God has chosen to call His very own. There is no need to recap the wealth of Israel; their legacy alone as the Ambassadors to the world carrying God’s Word to the ends of the earth is enough. He has promised, made an everlasting covenant with them, offering the things that we hope for as Gentiles; he gave the Jews the command to defend their earthly home since it is the “everlasting possession” given to them by God (*Genesis 17:8*), and it will be until the LORD returns at the end of days.

“Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; It shall be an everlasting covenant with them! And I will place them, and multiply them, And will set My Sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore...” Ezekiel 37: 26-28 KJV

“I will seal a covenant of peace with them; it will be an eternal covenant with them; and I will emplace them and increase them, and I will place My Sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be among them; I will be a God to them and they will be a people to Me. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD Who sanctifies Israel, when My Sanctuary will be among them forever.” Ezekiel 27:26-28 TANACH

And yet, they are to yearn for a new home which is “The New Jerusalem;” they are never to feel comfortable with this earthly home as they are strangers on a journey, just passing through to their final resting place.

In a course called “Hermeneutics” we study the symbolic principle which includes the numbering system in the Bible. Book Two of the Constellations has focused mainly on the number *Two*, meaning multiplicity and contrast. We have studied the contrast between good and evil; between life and death; between selfishness and sacrifice; between giving and taking. Pisces is a symbol of both multiplicity and contrast.

As it appears to the Old Testament saints it also appears in its covering of us. We are seen in this constellation because of our connection to Israel by way of Jesus Christ. The contrast comes when we see the Old Testament saints believing in a Messiah through prophecy and having faith that He would come, and the New Testament saints who believed because He has come. The Old Testament saints such as Abraham were counted as righteous because of their belief; the ones accounted as faithful before Calvary. We are the ones who made the choice to receive Christ as our LORD and

Savior after Calvary and our faith is holding strong today; we, too, are counted among the righteous. So now, we are also children of Abraham through our conversion to the faith.

There is another contrast consisting of the “true” Church and the “so-called” Church. The true Church loves God and will do whatever is necessary to draw others to Him. They will serve Him faithfully until the end. The so-called Church are not true believers, and visit the Church on occasions or even attend every Sunday and sometimes, every service, but refuse to fully accept His Word into their hearts. If it does not match their lifestyle or way of thinking they will not do it or accept it. They use “logic” to differentiate between what they consider as truth and what make sense to them. None of us are as intelligent as we think we are, but some of us are willing to study hard and learn as much as we can of the Word of God. We are to need it so much that we will sacrifice most anything to get it in our hearts; we yearn to be filled with His Word, to know more of Him.

There are a number of opinions as to why the two fishes are going in opposite directions. One opinion is one fish trying to get to the water that flows from Aquarius receiving the Holy Spirit, and the other fish is content with what he has. Another opinion is that one fish is yearning to see heaven, while the other is content with what he has on earth. Still another is that there are two groups: Old Testament and New Testament saints who have not joined yet and are still not thinking on the same line because there is a destructive gap that keeps them from coming together as one group. That gap is satan doing his best to keep us apart because as one unit we would be too strong for the enemy. We are already inseparately bound by Jesus Christ, but the knowledge of how this could be is too much for Old Testament and New Testament saints to handle. This is why there is conflict between Christian and Jew. We couldn't break apart even if we wanted to.

Who is Ephraim? He is the son of Joseph by a Gentile bride – an Egyptian at that. The Scriptures are full of references that show that the LORD fully intended to bring Gentiles into the fold. From Rahab to Ruth, Gentiles have played a prominent role in the makeup of the Jewish people. There were two brothers that were spoken of earlier that Jacob blessed, giving Joseph a double portion of the inheritance, Joseph's two sons: Manasseh and Ephraim. In the blessing of Joseph's sons, Jacob reversed the blessings and gave Ephraim the blessing as would be bestowed on the oldest child. This is the blessing that Jacob gave on Ephraim:

"...yet his younger (Ephraim) shall become greater than he, and his offspring will fill the nations. So he blessed them that day, saying. By you shall Israel bless saying, May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh – and he put Ephraim before Manasseh."

Genesis 48:19-20 TANACH

Each time this blessing is repeated, it is not only speaking of the Jewish people, but also the Gentiles who would come to believe in the Truth. We are the ones who are represented by Ephraim and are spread out through many nations just as the blessing said and therefore bound to the Jews until the end.

Until the day comes that both groups can live in unity, we will continue to struggle to trust in God, and the attempt to think as one group will seem impossible. Another name for this Constellation is *"Okda" the united*. The two are held together by the first Decan.

There are 113 stars; 13 have planets, and 1 galaxy in this constellation.

1. Band (Arabic word – "Al Risha," the Hebrew root is the same – the Band or Bridle): the Redeemed bound

The band ties the Old and New Testaments saints together. The two fishes seem to be going in opposite directions but they are connected by their tail fins by this band so that they cannot pull apart and be destroyed. The next two Decans bring the story to a point of understanding. First, the two groups of saints are bound, not free as yet. Especially the Old Testament saints – the Jews are bound because they did not accept Jesus when He was on earth. He came for them first, but they rejected Him. Because of what they expected in a Messiah and their opinion of Jesus, it makes it difficult for them to understand our acceptance of Him as Messiah. You may notice that Aries, the Ram has its foot on the band waiting to set us free, but we are not there yet.

2. Andromeda (Hebrew word – "Sirra," the chained; "Persea," the stretched out; "Adhil," the afflicted): the chained woman

Andromeda continues this story because she represents a people who are bound and afflicted; burdened down because of little faith. God sees the Children of Israel as bound and weak because they have not accepted Christ as their LORD and Savior. He had His prophets prophesy to them only for them to reject what they heard. They

understand their status in this world and know that they are a royal people, but they cannot see any king ruling without extreme power and authority; they were looking at the natural. It did not matter that Jesus said that all authority had been given to Him (*Matthew 28:18*); to the Jews, He just did not act like a king of the Jews and especially one that would rule the world. Until they accept Him they are like Andromeda, bound by chains and suffering, and now, they have to be watched over and protected.

We are vulnerable too, because the Church is not united. We talk a good game, but we are not walking the walk. Our chains have not fallen off completely and they will not until we accept God's Word as the Truth and do His will without question.

The LORD uses a woman as a representation of the weak; not so much that a woman is weak because women are *very strong*. He is speaking of their compassion and love that they will give at a moment's notice that is seen as weakness in the eyes of men. It is that love and compassion and the willingness to work until the work is done that separate them from men. It is their nurturing ability that can capture the heart of the most broken and bring them back to life with patience and a gentle hand. If a woman has to, she will stand her ground even unto death to protect who and what is important to her. The Jewish people are the "Daughters of Zion," the name the LORD calls Jerusalem, and that precious city is never to be divided in any shape, form or fashion. It is the *Holy See* of the world (not the Vatican). Because of their weakness they need protection and encouragement to stand once again.

"Awaken, awaken! Don your strength, O Zion; don your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for uncircumcised and defiled people will no longer enter you. Shake the dust from yourself; arise and sit, O Jerusalem; undo the straps on your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus said the LORD: For naught were you sold, and without money will you be redeemed." Isaiah 52:1-3 TANACH

There are 65 stars; 12 have planets; and approximately 3 galaxies/nebulae in this Decan.

3. Cepheus - (Hebrew word - "Cepheus" - the Branch): the crowned king

There are 43 stars; 1 with planet in this Decan.

Because of Israel's vulnerability she must be protected from her enemy. Her enemy is anyone who hates her and tries to destroy her. Cepheus represents the King that they have been looking for, for so long and His name is Jesus. This is the True King of Kings, the warrior of Heaven, and He will be there to fight to prevent them from

being overwhelmed and destroyed. The ones who come to defeat Israel will find themselves defeated and they will not recover because the LORD will destroy them. Israel is the son of God as well and He calls Israel His firstborn:

"You shall say to Pharaoh, So said the LORD, My firstborn son is Israel. So I say to you, send out My son that he may serve Me..." Exodus 4:22-23 TANACH

The LORD treasures Israel as a child that He fathered. They are His and no one is to do harm to them. Some think that the LORD has given up on Israel, but He has not. All you have to do is watch how He comes to their rescue every time an enemy comes against them. Some enemies He sends when Israel is disobedient to punish them, but if you have read the Scriptures you know that the enemy that comes against Israel is punished severely for causing them pain. In the end, Israel always triumphs!

CHAPTER FOUR

ARIES: *The Ram*

HEBREW: *Taleh*

The importance of what Aries represents is found in many ancient languages. He is called *Taleh* in Hebrew, meaning "The Lamb;" in Arabic – *Al Hamal*, "The Sheep, gentle, merciful; in Syriac – *Amroo*, "The Lamb of God;" in Akkadian – *Bara-ziggar*, "The sacrifice of Righteousness."

This is the Lamb of God who has returned for His people. Even though the picture shows no wounds, it represents the Lamb in Revelation that was fatally wounded, but now lives (*Revelation 5*). This is the Lamb of God Who came to set us free.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." Revelation 5: 11-12 KJV

Moses was given a command by God to set up the Passover as a feast that was to be observed forever because it represented death passing over the chosen of God. It was to be on a certain month and date on the lunar calendar that this feast was to take

place (*Exodus 12*). The Jewish people were granted salvation on that dreadful evening when the death angel came to every Egyptian home in search of their firstborn. The blood of the Lamb was marking the doorpost of every Jewish home and no death came anywhere near them. When they slaughtered the Lamb, its blood acted as a protective shield against the death angel; it was a sacrifice so great that the people of Israel had no idea how precious the act was. For many years they celebrated (and still do) the Passover. It took 1490 years for the stars to be properly aligned for the next great sacrifice of a lamb to take place. This one was the Lamb of God. At the time of the crucifixion the second brightest star in this constellation was seen. You may ask how the star could be seen in the daytime. Remember, during the crucifixion the sky went dark and the light that shown from heaven was the star called *Al Sheratan*, meaning, "*the wounded* ;"(Rolleston, Frances. "*Mazzaroth: Or, the Constellations*," pp. 132-134 and other sources) the sun was in eclipse - the times and the seasons ordained by God. When the LORD gave Moses the command, it was the first time that the LORD would allow man to see the stars in this particular pattern and this one star in such intensity. At the crucifixion of Jesus the stars were at the same place; again, the mystery of God.

In some ancient drawings of the Constellation there is a triangle over the head of the Ram and it is called in Hebrew, "*Salisha*", meaning, the Exalted One or the Chief.

There are 67 stars; 6 have planets in this constellation. The constellation is a definite tie in to the previous constellation and Decans. Pisces is bound together by a band and it is clamped to the sea creature called Cetus who is determined to keep them bound. But, Aries has his foot on the band and at the right time He will break it and set them free.

1. Cassiopeia (*This is the Hebrew name; another Hebrew name is "Shedar," the freed*): the enthroned, the beautiful

Cassiopeia has 53 stars; 7 have planets; 2 galaxies/nebulae. This is a woman who is free and is now highly exalted. She is also referred to as the "daughter of splendor" because she is so beautiful to the LORD and represents the "Bride of Christ." She is busy making herself ready for the bridegroom who will welcome her. The time has come much closer to when she is to be with him and she has already taken her seat on her throne. Some say that this is Israel alone, but others believe that she represents all the saints of God who have waited to be with Him. She is reminded of Who she is espoused to as found in the Book of Isaiah and just how much He loves her:

“For your Master is your Maker, the LORD of Legions, is His Name; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, God of the world will He be called. For like a wife who had been forsaken and melancholy has the LORD called you, and like a wife of one’s youth who has become despised, said your God. For but a brief moment have I forsaken you, and with abundant mercy will I gather you in. With a slight wrath have I concealed My countenance from you for a moment, but with eternal kindness shall I show you mercy, said your Redeemer, the LORD.” Isaiah 54:5-8 TANACH

The LORD has given her beautiful and exotic gems as her garland:

O afflicted, storm-tossed one, who has not been consoled: Behold, I will set down gems as your [flooring] stones and lay your foundation with sapphires. I will set your window [frames] with ruby and [make] your gates of carbuncle stones, and your entire boundary of precious stones. All your children will be students of the LORD, and your children’s peace will be abundant. Establish yourself through righteousness, distance yourself from oppression, for you need not fear it, and from devastation, for it will not come near you... Any weapon sharpened against you will not succeed, and any tongue that will rise against you in judgment, you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness from Me – the word of the LORD.” Isaiah 54:11-14, 17 TANACH

2. Cetus (Hebrew word – “Menkar”): the bound or chained enemy

There are 88 stars; 23 have planets, 1 galaxy. Cetus is a Leviathan, a sea monster that is bound because he wants to wreak havoc, but is not allowed to do so. He represents satan who has been bound in the pit for a thousand years. He is also called “Mira” meaning, a rebel or rebelling. Mira is a variable star, meaning that it has the capacity to be extremely bright and then disappear or seem to disappear from view of the naked eye. Cetus rebels against God and His people and therefore he must be done away with. The LORD promised through His prophecies that this creature would be destroyed:

“On that day the LORD will bring punishment with His harsh, great, mighty sword, upon Leviathan, the bar-like serpent, and upon Leviathan the twisting serpent and He will kill the great fish that is in the sea.” Isaiah 27:1 TANCH

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit,

and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”
Revelation 20:1-3 KJV

3. Perseus (Hebrew word is “Peretz,” the breaker; “Athik,” who breaks; “Mirfak,” who assists): the breaker delivering the Redeemed

65 stars; 7 stars have planets; and 2 galaxies/nebulae

This is a powerful man, supernatural in that he takes his position as a mighty warrior seriously. He is the one who defeats and releases the bound, breaking their chains and destroying the enemies of the poor souls who did not give up hope. In one hand he carries a huge sword and in the other the head of a Medusa. The Greeks turned the Medusa head into a Greek myth of evil proportion; not realizing that it represented the down trodden who was attacked and nearly destroyed by wickedness. The root word of Medusa is Hebrew. The head represents two forces: the souls retrieved from the enemy who had been stricken by the serpent satan having caused affliction. Another name for this Decan which is the other force comes from one of the stars called, “*Rosh-satan*,” the head of the adversary, meaning the man has taken off the head of the one who would destroy what the LORD has redeemed (*Genesis 3:15*). It is also a variable star and changes about every 69 hours from a star that can barely be seen to a bright star of the 2nd magnitude. Most of the variable stars found in the constellations seem to have something to do with the enemy; being deceptive in that one minute it is a bright star seeming to light the way, and then reversing itself, leaving men blind and stumbling in the dark. There is always a catch to satan’s deviousness. This is why you have to be careful and listen carefully to what he is saying to you. His imitation of the voice of God is phenomenal and he will convince you to not listen, especially if what he says is exactly what you want to hear and comfortable, but is more than likely disobedient to the Word. Perseus says, “No more.” He represents Christ as the mighty Conqueror, the King of kings, large and in charge.

BOOK THREE:

THE REDEEMER: HIS SECOND COMING

CHAPTER ONE

TAURUS: *The Bull*

HEBREW: *Re'em*

"Do you know the laws of Heaven; did you place its rule upon the land? Did you raise your voice to the clouds, so that a multitude of water should drench you? Did you dispatch lightning bolts, so that they would go forth, and they say to you, 'Here we are?' Do you know who placed wisdom in the innards? Or who imbued the heart with understanding?" Job 38: 33-36 TANACH

We are at the final book in our study on the constellations and it is also called "The Redeemer" like the first book, but with the added, "Second Coming." The first book speaks of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ and His life on earth, dual nature as both human and divine. This time, we are talking about the Conquering King of Glory.

The Heavens have been described by the ancient ones as the Word of God written in the sky. Enoch, the prophet of God before the flood who did not see death, but was taken away by God (*Genesis 5:24*) called the constellations, "The Heavenly Tablets."

"And he said to me: Enoch, look at these Heavenly Tablets and read what is written on them, and mark every individual fact. And I looked at the heavenly tablets, and read everything which was written on it and understood everything, and read the book of all the deeds of mankind, and all the children of flesh; that shall be on the earth to the end of generations. And I blessed the Great LORD the King of Glory forever, in that He has made all the works of the world, and I exalted the LORD because of His patience, and blessed Him because of the children of men." 1 Enoch 81: 1-3 (Lumpkin, "The Books of Enoch," p. 144)

Why are we quoting from an ancient book, especially one that is not a canonized book of the Bible? As you have been taught in the past, there are other books referred to in the Bible that are important because of their content. The Books of Enoch is a treasury of teachings that many thought were lost to the world, but in fact, have been around and in use for thousands of years. Many thought that these books were written around the beginning of Christ's time on earth, but they were written down long before then. Copies of the Books of Enoch were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls and the oldest copy was penned on papyrus more than 200 years before Christ. Much of what is stored in these books was translated from oral tradition spread by word of mouth before man could write. Enoch was important enough for early Christians to use as an example of faith for more than 500 years after the Crucifixion. He was quoted in the Book of Jude verses 14 and 15, and mentioned in the roll call of the faithful in the Book of Hebrews 11th chapter in the New Testament. The sole purpose for using this reference is to show you that God considered the firmament to be His writing tablet for mankind with pictures and illustrations. His work is scientific and mathematically precise even to the spacing of the galaxies from each other. Light traveling at enormous speeds in order for us to read with spiritual eyes the knowledge of what God has laid out before us; travelling at a speed of one foot in a nanosecond (which is one billionth of a second) to bring the images that we see in the sky into sight. Think on this great speed when you look at Taurus, the bull, who is coming swiftly with great force and determination. He is symbolic of the unimaginable power and determination of the returning Redeemer. He comes running with His head lowered and charging toward his goal and swiftly attacks his enemy. Taurus is the name given to this bull, but, the poetic Hebrew name is *Re'em*, meaning, loftiness, exaltation, power, and pre-eminence; it also means high father and high place. A Re'em was a much more powerful animal than the domesticated bull; it is sometimes referred to as a unicorn because at times it could have only one horn. In reality, it is an extinct animal that could not be domesticated – a true wild bull. The Egyptians hunted it for sport with many men dying from the injuries inflicted by the bulls and the Romans hunted it to extinction in the first century A.D. They are spoken of in Scripture a number of times.

"Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns."
Psalm 22:21 KJV

"Save me from the lion's mouth as You have answered me from the horns of the reimim (plural of the word)." Psalm 22:21 TANACH

"But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil." Psalm 92:10 KJV

"You raised my pride as a re'im's, I was saturated with ever-fresh oil." Psalm 92:11
TANACH

In some translations, the Re'em is called a wild ox.

"Would a wild ox be willing to serve you? Would he lodge by your feeding trough? Can you hitch a wild ox to the plow with its rope? Would he hoe valleys behind you? Could you trust him, though his strength is great, and leave your labor to him? Could you rely on him to bring back your seed and gather your threshed grain?" Job 39: 9-12 TANACH

The unicorn is not a myth but a real animal that once roamed the earth. Unfortunately, when seen in its mythological state, it looks like a horse with a horn. But, the unicorn was a bull, a raging bull. A charging bull will knock whatever is in his way out of the picture even turning back to finish off his enemy and destroying it. The LORD is coming in the same way; charging forth and finishing off the enemy satan and the many who have tried to destroy His people and His name. He will clean house and then judge them for their disobedience and hatred for both His Word and His children. The time has come for the LORD to redeem His people and He will not let anything stand in His way. He is the Judge of the world and will prove that His authority is the real thing. The bull's name in the Chaldean language is Tor and another Hebrew name is Shur, meaning coming and ruling. One bright star in the bull's eye is called Al Debaran and means the leader; another bright star on the left horn El Nath meaning wounded or slain representing the Savior.

There is a cluster of stars known as the Pleiades (Job 9:9; 38:31-32). The Hebrew name for this cluster is Kimah, which means the heap or accumulation and the congregation of the Judge. Pleiades also has another meaning – booths, a place of refuge for a short period of time. The Children of Israel lived in booths in the desert during the Exodus, never allowed to get comfortable in them to make it their permanent home; they had to keep moving. Even when they were stuck in the wilderness for forty years, the LORD did not allow them to stay put, but constantly move emphasizing always that the desert was a stopover point. Pleiades also represents the followers of our Savior, and He is our protector and has cleared the way for many to come into the fold. On the face of the bull is another group of stars called, Hyades relating it to the Pleiades; it is called "the congregated unified" – people who are alike in their belief. As stated before, we are not to see this place as our permanent home, but to see it as a rest stop before moving on to our eternal home.

Once again, we come to the Tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, the two sons of Joseph. They are considered the two powerful horns of Taurus and are prophesied in Deuteronomy describing their future impact on the world by way of Joseph:

“Of Joseph he said: Blessed by the LORD is his land – with the heavenly bounty of dew, and with the deep waters crouching below; with the bounty of the sun’s crops, and with the bounty of the moon’s yield; with the quick ripening crops of the early mountains, and with the bounty of eternal hills; with the bounty of the land and its fullness, and by the favor of Him Who rested upon the thornbush; may this blessing rest upon Joseph’s head, and upon the crown of him who was separated from his brothers. A sovereignty is his ox-like one – majesty is his, and his glory will be like the horns of a Re’em; with them shall he gore nations together, to the ends of the Land; they are the myriads of Ephraim, and the thousands of Manasseh.” Deuteronomy 33:13-17 TANACH

Why was Joseph blessed with a double portion of inheritance? Reuben was the first born of Jacob, but with the help of two of his brothers, they performed an act of extreme cruelty supposedly to protect the honor of their sister (See the story of Dinah, Genesis 34). Instead, it tarnished the reputation of Jacob and the family and caused them to have to pack quickly and move on. Joseph was the first born of Rachel, the wife that Jacob truly loved, and he showered his favoritism onto the boy in front of the other brothers. Again, another act of cruelty from the older brothers; having captured their brother in a pit and with one brother convincing the others not to kill him, they sold their little brother Joseph into slavery, but he survived. On his deathbed, Jacob gave the authority as head of the family to Joseph and all the land that he possessed was also given to Joseph. When this story was told in an earlier part of this teaching, we saw the connection to the Gentiles because of the marriage of Joseph to an Egyptian woman. This time, the connection is strictly Israel. The Messiah that Israel wanted, the conquering King, will show Himself to them and save Israel from her enemies. During the time of tribulation, there will be a period of absolute turmoil for the Children of Israel when they find out that the one who befriended them as a savior of sorts is really the enemy. They will flee Jerusalem going to the naturally petrified fortress of Petra for protection and the LORD Jesus Christ will come to fight for them in a battle that will make all wars seem like a little push and shove match between small children.

Petra is an ancient city and could be as old as 7000 years. It is carved out of beautiful sandstone rock and is a place of refuge. It is also associated with Moses and Aaron in that there are portions of the area named after them; one entrance to the area was around Aaron’s mountain (Jabal Haroun) where he was buried, and the other entrance is from the east through the Valley of Moses (Wadi Musa). The city was once a

thriving and wealthy place as caravans traveled through, and it sold its water supply to the nations surrounding it. The settlers called, Nabateans learned to harness water by building dams over the natural conduits that flowed through the area. They could store water for years of dry seasons. The area reached its grandest state during the first 200 years A.D. before it was overrun by the Romans and their wealth confiscated for Rome and by the trade routes diverting to the sea. Through severe natural disasters the area was nearly destroyed; one earthquake after another, destroying the many buildings and crippled the water management system that had been built. After the last massive earthquake, the Nabateans disappeared without a trace. This area is known in the Bible as Sela and Seir. Petra is the place where Moses struck the rock and water poured out. At the time of Moses, these were the Edomites.

The LORD will annihilate the enemies of the Jews. All the great preparation for war that the enemy had planned with so much precision is no match for the King of kings. He will help them out by paving the road for them to come and fight; even drying up rivers so “mighty” armies can march into the Promised Land. The enemy had to gather armaments and massive amount of war machines to fight with; the King of kings drew His sword and spoke the words and the battle was over. In the past, the enemy wounded Him and considered Him dead. He has even attempted to push the Messiah out of the minds of the Jewish people, demonstrating to them that the Third Temple was truly the way of showing them that they did not need to look any farther for the Messiah because He was here in the form of the false prophet, a puppet of satan. But Jesus, the Great Messiah proves that He is alive and well and stronger than the enemy could have ever expected. The true Messiah’s judgment will be forceful and permanent -- no more grace and mercy; that time will be gone forever.

Depending on the time of year, you may be able to see 141 stars, but most of the time you can see 132; 9 stars have planets; 2 galaxies/nebulae.

1. Orion (*Hebrew – Oarion, coming forth as light; Chesil, strong one, hero, a giant; Akkadian language – Ur-ana, the light of heaven*) The Coming Prince

In the past lessons we have seen how animals and strange creatures were used as a symbol of Christ. Now, we turn to the a human figure that is the image of Christ; not the human Christ, but the powerful Prince of Peace who, as the Prince of Peace fights as a mighty warrior that cannot be defeated.

Orion is the most brilliant of the Decans. When Orion appears, he is accompanied by several other constellations that light up the night sky when in the right position in the heavens. There are 78 stars and many of them are ranked in the highest magnitudes of brightness. There is a scientific term associated with astronomy called the meridian. We know one form of it by our usage to the time of day -- ante meridian (a.m.) and post meridian (p.m.). Meridian comes from the word, Meridies, meaning, midday. The meridian here is celestial and it is "a great circle passing through the celestial poles, the zenith, and the nadir of a particular location. It also contains the horizon's north and south points, and it is perpendicular to the celestial equator and to the celestial horizon. A celestial meridian matches the projection, onto the celestial sphere, of a terrestrial meridian. There are an infinite number of meridians because they are dependent upon where you are located ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meridian_\(astronomy\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meridian_(astronomy))).

A celestial object such as Orion crosses through your (local) meridian reaching a high point, making the brightness of the object more visible and because the line of the equinox passes through Orion. This is why Orion is one of the easiest constellations to find and view, and also one of the few constellations that you will be able to see a nebula with the naked eye, and even better with an ordinary telescope; with a more powerful telescope, you can see all three nebulae associated with this constellation. The names are the Orion (M42) – distance approx. 1,344 light years, Horsehead (B33) – distance 1500 light years, and Flame (NGC 2024) – distance 900-1500 light years. Again, a light year is approximately 6 trillion miles away. The Orion Nebula is sometimes called the "Great Nebula" or the "Great Orion Nebula." It is the closest massive star formation to Earth. It has a mass of about 2000 times the mass of the Sun

(Wikipedia.org/wiki/Orion_Nebula). Orion's belt is magnificent and is easily recognizable in the night sky. This is an example of the LIGHT to come; the One Who is called the **"Light of the World."** We said earlier that He is the Prince of Peace. Using the term Peace does not label Him a wimp or a person Who is afraid of His shadow. He is the Prince of Peace because He demands peace through His commandments. He is gracious and loving, but again we say that He is fierce and mighty. Every part of Orion represents victory over the enemy; His stance: His foot placed on the head of the enemy, His sword being the Word of God with the hilt of the sword being in the shape of a lamb's head, even His belt is gloriously studded with three of His brightest stars, He wheels a club in His right hand, and the head of a lion in His left, already announcing Himself as the Lion of Judah. He is called the Light of the World because when the world will be shrouded in darkness, the only light that it will see is the Messiah. Orion is seen in Isaiah 42:13-14:

"The LORD will go forth like a mighty warrior, He will arouse vengeance like a man of war; He will shout triumphantly, even roar; He will overpower His enemies. I have long kept silent, I have been still, I have restrained Myself, but now I will cry out like a woman in childbirth; I will both lay waste and swallow up." TANACH

"The glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh together will see that the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, 'Proclaim!' and the prophet asks, 'What shall I proclaim?' All flesh is [like] grass, and all its kindness like a blossom in the field. Grass withers and blossom fades when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; indeed the people is grass. Grass withers and blossom fades, but the Word of our God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40: 5-6 TANACH

The names of the brightest stars reveal Who He is: **Betelguez** - "the coming of the branch;" **Rigel or Rigel** - "the foot that crushes;" **Bellatrix** - "quickly coming and swiftly destroying."

There is an enemy who refuses to believe that the Word of God will stand forever and this enemy insists on trying to wipe out the Word of God and all believers of it. This enemy and its cohorts are represented by the next Decan.

2. Eridanus is the Hebrew name - river of the judge or heavenly waters

Eridanus is a river that is filled with the wicked coming before the Judge for the last time before being thrown into the lake of fire. If you have ever looked at a picture of a

river you will see that it sometimes look like a serpent as it changes its course cutting a new route for itself. It flows right and then left, never seeming to know where it wants to go. At the foot of Orion is a river of people who could not make up their minds to either serve the LORD God or to serve man. They go one way and then the other, never making a commitment to either side. They were disobedient in that many of them heard the Word of God and rejected it. Now, they stand in this long line with nowhere to run waiting on a verdict that will declare them guilty, with punishment so severe that they can't believe that they are not going to have a way out. *There is no way out!* There is no purgatory, no waiting place to see if you can work off your sentence, no chance to beat the legal system, because there is only One Judge and there are no appeals.

Eridanus is known as a supervoid; the only constellation with this astronomical title and is the largest supervoid in the universe. What is a supervoid? All galaxies are made up of stars, planets, gases, and dust clouds. They are not spread evenly in space, but are in clusters; some clusters are so tight that they are called super clusters. But, a supervoid is what its name implies, there is nothing there; no galaxies or hints of galaxies, no dust clouds or gases (*Timothy Jones, Science Scholar*). There are other areas without galaxies, but none have a "cold spot" this big. "At a diameter of about one billion light years, it is much larger than any other known void and represents a challenge for current theories of the origins of the universe to explain."
(spacetheology.blogspot.com/2012/06/eridanus-supervoid-multiverse)

Notice that this is a supervoid, a cold spot in space with no vitality, it is lifeless. What a place for a river of Judgment! This constellation is sometimes referred to as "Heavenly waters," but the irony is that the lost are headed in the opposite direction – hell or the Lake of Fire. These waters may have come from Heaven, but it is a place of everlasting torment for the lost. Even though it is full of people, it is already a supervoid of lifeless souls.

3. Auriga (*Hebrew name for the shepherd*) Safety for the Redeemed in the day of wrath

"He is like a shepherd who grazes His flock, who gathers the lambs in His arm, who carries them in his bosom who guides the nursing ewes." Isaiah 40: 11 TANACH

This is the Great Shepherd (*John 10: 11*) who will come to protect what belongs to Him. He will show kindness and lead those who strived to know Him to safety. His

second coming will shield those who are in harm's way and He will place His loving arms around them; the oldest to the youngest, He will protect and take care of. This beautiful constellation finds Auriga seated on the Milky Way holding a she goat and two kids. He is a shepherd in love with His flock.

Eridanus and Auriga are explained well in Malachi 4: 1-3 (Malachi 3: 19-21 TANACH):

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the wicked people and all the evildoers will be like straw; and that coming day will burn them up, says the LORD, Master of Legions, so that it will not leave them a root or branch. But a sun of righteousness will shine for you who fear My Name, with healing in its rays, and you will go out and flourish like calves [fattened] in the stall. And you will trample the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on that day that I bring about, says the LORD, Master of Legions."

This is life and salvation for the sheep that followed Jesus and cried out for Him! This is life and salvation for the ones who would have done anything to protect His Name! This is life and salvation for the ones, who after doing all they could, reached out to the LORD and He took them into His bosom and gave them peace!

"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."
Revelation 7:17 KJV

There are 65 stars in this constellation and 3 galaxies/nebulae.

CHAPTER TWO

GEMINI: *Twins*

HEBREW: *Thaumim*

United

"These two figures have the dual roles, and multifaceted natures of Jesus: Savior-Suffering Servant; King-Priest; God-Man; King-Servant; Sacrificer-Sacrifice." (Banks, *"The Heavens Declare,"* p. 187) But, they are also the Bride of Christ and Christ; the Bride being the mirror image of the Bridegroom. They are twins, Jew and Gentile united in

their peace. They are what will be when peace covers the world. They hold tools of war, but they are not at war. They are victors; one holding a bow and the other holding a club.

The stars of the highest magnitude are found opposite of each other in the eyes and knees of the twins. The star in the eye of the one twin holding the bow and arrow represents coming quickly, and the star in the other eye of the other twin holding the club represents judgment. The star in the knees represent both twins wounded; one for His role as the Messiah, the other for the role of the believer wounded for their faith in the Messiah. They are united in belief; united in eternity; they are one as in the declaration made by Adam before the LORD:

"This time it is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and cling to his wife and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:23-24 TANACH

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:31-32 KJV

This is the nature of what the Church should be and will be: one in unity celebrating the majestic and magnificent God! We will be one unified in spirit, one unified in victory, one unified in indescribable love of God. We will hear His voice and immediately bow to it. We will feel His heartbeat and respond in rhythm and timing as an echo that will be heard around the world. We will love and celebrate; love and celebrate!

There are 85 stars; 8 having planets and 1 galaxy found in Gemini.

1. Lepus (Hebrew word - Arnebo; the enemy of him who comes) the enemy trodden under foot

A small Decan, having only 20 stars; 3 have planets, and 1 galaxy.

Lepus is a modern-day (within the last two thousand years) Latin name for this constellation, but the meaning of the ancient Hebrew name is the tell-all about this group of stars. We would never expect a rabbit to be seen as an enemy, but there he is under the foot of Orion about to be trampled on. In the beginning of book three of the heavenly tablets, we see the LORD preparing the way for the end to come. He is

already declaring victory and peace. The enemies are awakening to the Truth because they have finally realized that the LORD is Who He says He is and He means business!

2. Canis Major (The Dog) (*Hebrew word – Sirius; the prince*) the Prince of Princes; The Ruler; The Leader; Chieftain; The Shining; the Illustrious; the glorious; the Mighty.

Canis Major has the brightest star in the heavens known as the “Dog Star” and that name has been distorted by men to be an ill-omen.

Some ancient civilizations worshiped the Dog Star because of its brightness, centering a large portion of their religion on its many legends. “Ancient Greeks worshipped it as Orion’s Dog, affecting all earthly dogs behavior, making them behave abnormally during the dog days, the hottest days of Summer” (spacetheology.blogspot.com/2012/05/Sirius-worship-by-humans). The Greek writer, Homer described in the Iliad the approach of Achilles toward Troy in these words:

“Sirius rises late in the dark, liquid sky

On summer nights, star of stars,

Orion’s Dog they call it, brightest

Of all, but an evil portent, bringing heat

And fevers to suffering humanity.” (Homer, “Iliad;” Translated by Stanley Lombardo)

The superstitions were so profound that a dog biting someone was an evil omen of the Dog Star. It is not an evil sign, just the opposite! The name Sirius means the Prince, the ruler, and many names that refer to its holy state, that of the Messiah. The names of the stars are: Mizram, the prince or ruler; Wesen, the bright or shining; Adhara, the glorious; Aschere, who shall come; Al Shira and Jemeniya, the prince or chief of the right hand; Abur, the mighty. Based on the names of the stars alone, how could anyone consider this to be an evil sign? He is the coming Christ and is chasing down its prey, because it is the nature of the dog or wolf that is representing Him. Canines are princes in their own right in the animal kingdom whether wild or domesticated, they revert to their royal status when in the midst of most other animals. The male growls, showing his teeth and strutting his haunches to warn his enemy not to enter his space or attack his group. He is the protector and will tear to pieces anything entering his territory. And by his actions, the others in the group will also attack to protect the young. In

other words, he marks his territory and dares anything to cross the line. Here, Jesus is the Prince; we call Him the Prince, the King ruling over everything living. But He is a fierce warrior, too. We have seen Him in the previous book protecting His own, and when those who chose to challenge Him attempted to cross the line, He destroyed them. Now we see the Holy One again, drawing the line in the sand, and as the Great Shepherd, He is guarding His flock. There are 32 stars of which nearly half are the brightest, 1st to the 4th magnitude.

3. Canis Minor (Hebrew word: Procyon - Redeemer) called the second dog

There are 14 stars and 1 planet in this Decan.

Do not let the name Canis Minor confuse you; it is not to be taken as lesser of the two dogs. Yes, the dog in this constellation is smaller, but it has the same meaning as Canis Major, with two additional meanings: burden bearer and victorious.

Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, for His kindness endures forever. Give thanks to the God of the heavenly powers...To Him Who made the heavens with understanding...To Him Who made great lights; the sun for the reign of the day...the moon and stars for the reign of the night, for His kindness endures forever." Psalm 136: 1-2, 5, 7-9 TANACH

CHAPTER THREE

CANCER (*The Crab*)

HEBREW/SYRIAC: *Sartan*

Who holds or binds

"To be held in the sheepfold; to be bonded in safety by the only King of the Universe! His love increases day by day! His power overwhelms! His glory takes your breath away! His creations, both the heavens and earth are to be seen as the greatest event the heart and eyes will behold; a treasure the mind can barely contain! To Him we humbly bow in awe and give glory! His Name is Jesus!" Loretta Robinson

There is a difference of opinion as to what this constellation is. Some say it is a crab, others say it is a sheepfold; it could be either. The sheepfold is a holding pen to protect sheep. It keeps the sheep from straying and most predators out. It is watched over by a shepherd who, like David who defeated a lion and a bear to protect his flock (1 Samuel 17:34-36), will do whatever is necessary to prevent predators from killing the sheep. The one thing we know about a crab is that if it grabs hold of you it will not let go until you pry it off. It will also take its legs and gather in a prey, locking it in the center between its mouth and the legs to keep it protected from other predators and to keep its prize catch from getting away. The crab will go to any lengths to fight off those wanting to steal what it has. This is the way that the LORD will cling to us in the last days. We will be raptured, taken out of the near clutches of the enemy and be free in His place of protection. We are already apart of His sheepfold, and the enemy, though it tries hard to capture us in our earthly home, it is not allowed to enter the fold. At the Rapture, the fold cannot be consumed by evil or destruction because we will be in a place of safety and we will have passed the time in our lives when we must struggle between good and evil; no more earthly pursuits or earthly gains, all of the future is heaven-placed. We belong to the Shepherd and He is tenacious in His hold on His beloved; as His possession no one and nothing can lay claim to His treasure. There are things that have to be completed on the earth and we will be a part of the heavenly army that will return with the Messiah to finish off the enemy. We will not fight, but are there to observe as the King of kings destroys the enemy of the world, but that is another story.

There is a cluster of stars in this constellation that are so bright that they can be seen with the naked eye called, *Praesepe*, meaning, a "multitude, offspring." Many

astronomers once saw this cluster as a comet, but soon discovered that these were actual stars so close together that they resembled to some a “beehive” and to others, a manger. In the Greek and Latin languages and culture, Praesepe is called the “manger” because of its resembling a feeding trough, and two stars just a short distance from the trough are called Asellus Boreas, and Asellus Australis, both seen as donkeys moving toward the manger. These two donkeys have been related to a number of Scriptures:

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a scholar from among his descendants until Shiloh (Messiah) arrives and his will be an assemblage of nations. He will tie his donkey to the vine; to the vine branch his donkey’s foal; he will launder his garments in wine and his robe in the blood of grapes. Red eyed from wine, and white toothed from milk.”

“Issachar is a strong-boned donkey; he rest between the boundaries. He saw tranquility that it was good, and the land that it was pleasant, yet he bent his shoulder to bear and he became and indentured laborer.” Genesis 49:10-12, 14-15 TANACH

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! For behold, your king will come to you, righteous and victorious is He, a humble Man riding upon a donkey, upon a foal, a calf of she-donkeys.” Zechariah 9:9 TANACH

“Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.” Matthew 21:5 KJV

This constellation has 76 stars, 10 having planets and 2 galaxies/nebulae. There are other names for this constellation that come from the brightest stars: Tegmine, holding; Acubene, hiding place; Ma’alaph, assembled thousands; Al Himarein, the kids or lambs. The rest of the story about this constellation lies in the attached Decans.

- 1. Ursa Minor – (Hebrew word – *Dohveh*, rest and security; *Dohver*, a fold; *Kochab*, waiting Him who comes; *Al-Ruccaba*, the turned or ridden on - “The Polar Star”); the Lesser Bear or the fold**
- 2. Ursa Major – (Hebrew word – *Ash*, the Assembled):**

The meaning of this Decan and the next one following has been misinterpreted, the Greeks having changed it because they misunderstood the meaning of the Hebrew words, *Dohv*, a bear, and *Dohver*, a fold. So, Ursa Minor and Ursa Major or described as bears enriching the Greek philosophical and astrological ideas, the opposite of what was read in the constellation by Seth. Many of you have looked in the night sky and seen two dippers: the big dipper and the little dipper. Ursa Minor is the little dipper.

Ursa Minor is small in comparison to others constellations: 23 stars with 4 stars having planets. Through our observation of the night sky, we see a very bright star called by astronomers "Polaris," the Polar Star – Ruccaba, meaning, "the turned or ridden on." It is the northern most star in the tail of the Ursa Minor and is a fixed star; meaning that the other stars and constellations in the Northern sky rotate around it. If you remember the introduction of this study, we talked about how the stars could move from one constellation to the next taking thousands of years to make the move; here is an example of this movement. The Polar Star used to be a part of Draco, the evil serpent, the third Decan in the constellation Sagittarius, but Draco shifted with the help of the earth's wobble on its axis, and now Polaris (Ruccaba) is in the tail of the lesser fold. It is aligning itself for the end times.

One of the names for this Decan is the fold, meaning a place where animals are kept, especially sheep and cattle. It is a make shift fortress, heavily fortified on three sides and a shallow opening in the front to make it easy for the shepherd to lead the animals in and out. The part of this Decan that we call the dipper is compared to a sheepfold with the fortified sides and front opening. Why is this important to us? This set of constellations is an interpretation of the end times – the Book of Revelation. Another name for this star is, "Cynosure" or "Annassurra," meaning, "high in rising" or "heavenly position." As was said when we talked about the constellation Cancer, there will be a gathering of the saints; here a small group in the Lesser Fold or Little Dipper (sheepfold) and a larger group in the Great Fold or Big Dipper (sheepfold), assembling thousands of souls. The significance of the different groups, this writer is not sure. Here are some interpretations of why the two sheepfolds: one, the smaller (Ursa Minor) is for the Jews who will be saved from destruction; the larger is for all others who came to know Christ as their LORD and Savior (*Read Revelation, chapter 7*). Another source says that the lesser sheepfold is "the Stronghold of the Saved," and Ursa Major is "The Assembled Flock" (*Ken Fleming, "God's Voice in the Stars," p. 102*); the reasons go on and on. There is another word in the Hebrew language that is associated with Dohver: (Dohveh), the meaning, "rest and security." "The lesser fold are they who all through the ages have been 'partakers of the heavenly calling,' who desired a better country, that is, a heavenly; wherefore God 'has prepared for them a city,' the city for which Abraham himself 'looked.' This was no earthly city, but a city 'whose builder and maker is God (*Hebrews 11:10-16; Bullinger, "The Witness of the Stars," p. 153*).'" No matter who the two groups are in the folds, they will find peace and be secure in the presence of the LORD.

There are miraculous things happening to this Decan; they are things that have happened before, but not at a time when we may possibly see it. The effects that these things will have on the earth, we do not know. All we can say is that the celestial system is realigning itself for the end times. There are seven stars that make up the design of the little dipper and its handle, and three are changing into objects called giants: Red giant, orange giant, and white giant. As was said earlier, Polaris is the brightest star in the constellation, 434 light years away. It is a yellow-white super giant, 6 times the mass of our sun, 45,000 times its luminosity, and 45 times its radius (Wikipedia.org/wiki/Polaris). It is the celestial North Pole and is sometimes called the lodestar (guiding star). Polaris is the key navigational star for maritime. As was said earlier, Polaris has moved from Draco to the Lesser Fold. It could not be in the serpent's possession at the appointed time for the LORD to return. So that wobble of the earth moved it so it would be in its proper place when the time was right. We can see through the years of wars and rumors of wars that the earth, itself is going through turbulent times. We are seeing Matthew 24 coming to life before our eyes, but we must continue to believe and have faith in a God that is so awesome that He will not leave us here to suffer the worst that mankind can do to each other. No matter how difficult it gets, we must stand strong and face the world with all our might; never stop teaching and preaching the Word of God until He returns to take us home. And remember:

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not lack. In lush meadows He lays me down, beside tranquil waters He leads me. He restores my soul. He leads me on paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Though I walk in the valley overshadowed by death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in view of my tormentors. You anointed my head with oil, my cup overflows. May only goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the House of the LORD for long days." Psalm 23 TANACH

Ursa Major is an enormous constellation and even though only seven stars are recognized, it has 93 stars, 21 of them having planets, and 7 galaxies/Nebulae. It is one of the best known constellations because of the Big Dipper. Like the Ursa Minor, it represents a sheepfold, a place of safety and rest. The names of the stars are spectacular!

1. *Ash* – the seven stars
2. *Annaish* – the assembled together
3. *Dubhe* – a flock
4. *Merach* – the flock
5. *Phaeda* – visited, guarded or numbered

6. *Cor* – the Lamb
7. *Cab'd al Asad* – many assembled
8. *El Kaprah* – protected, covered
9. *Duhheh Lachar* – the latter herd of flock
10. *Helike (Greek)* – company of travelers

There are many scriptures that explain these names, but one stands out among the others:

"I will care for My sheep and I will lay them down – the word of the LORD God. For the lost I will search; the banished I will retrieve; the broken I will bind; the ill I will strengthen." Ezekiel 34: 15-16a TANACH

3. *Argo* – (Hebrew word for "the Ship"; the company of travellers; the possession of Him who comes)

Argo is a constellation that has undergone a massive change by modern-day astronomers as being too big to remain one constellation, breaking it up into three constellations. At first, it was thought to have about 64 stars, but with the help of the Hubble telescope the scientists have discovered a massive amount of stars that could not be seen with the ancient and ordinary telescopes. The pictures/illustrations that were designated as Argo are disappearing from astronomical journals and the internet, and will one day be found only in old books. BUT, they cannot erase the image from the night sky. It is too massive to miss and the message is too big to destroy. The Argo is a ship carrying a precious cargo, the prize possession of the LORD to their heavenly home. The "company of travellers" are the redeemed who have waited for this trip from ancient times to the day when the LORD will return. Some theologians have equated Argo with Noah's Ark seeing it as the ark of safety. Others see it as the story of Jason and the Argonauts from Greek folklore, who went in search of and to retrieve the Golden Fleece, which was considered the lost treasure of the universe. Jason's name is the Greek equivalent of Joshua (Yeshua) or Jesus, and he had to retrieve the Golden Fleece from the serpent who guarded it. It is amazing how close the myth comes to the truth! The treasure is the saints of God who are now enroute to their heavenly home, and His Name is not Jason, but Jesus! The Word Argo is the ancient Hebrew for company of travellers.

"Lift up your eyes all around and see, they are all assembling and coming to you; your sons will arrive from afar and your daughters will be raised at their side. Then you will see and be

radiant, your heart will be startled and broadened, for the affluence of the West will be turned over to you, and the wealth of nations will come to you. For the islands will place their hope in Me, with the ships of Tarshish in earlier times, to bring your children from afar with their gold and silver with them, for the Name of the LORD, your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, for he will have glorified you.” Isaiah 60: 4-5, 9 TANACH

The four constellations combined have spoken of the unity of the saints of God, safe and protected for eternity.

CHAPTER FOUR

LEO (*The Lion*)

HEBREW: *Arieh*

A roused Lion Ready to Render or Tear its Prey

"A lion has roared; who will not fear?" Amos 3:8 TANACH

"I was in the Spirit on the LORD's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia...And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not, I am the first and the last: I Am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I Am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."
Revelation 1:10-11a, 12-18 KJV

This is the **Lion of Judah!** The LORD has gathered His flock and they are protected from the evil that is left in the world; they are out of the reach of the enemy. Now, it is time for the LORD to clean up the mess that the serpent caused by persuading His creation to disobey; shedding their royalty for slavery to sin and death. The voice of the LORD spoke clearly His truth and man ignored it. He has given His Word to us in many different ways; some ways we see and acknowledge and some ways we are not ready to see, because it is beyond what we are ready to take in, more than the mind can handle at that point. But, seeing will open our eyes and hearts to believing an eternal Truth that we will not be able to deny in the end. From the Books of Genesis through Revelation, the lion has been the symbol of the eternal power, representing the Name, the power and strength of God. In Genesis 49, the blessing on Judah's life was a prophecy of the end times:

“Judah – you, your brothers shall acknowledge, your hand will be at your enemies’ nape; your father’s sons will prostrate themselves to you. A lion cub is Judah; from the prey, my son, you elevated yourself. He crouches, lies down like a lion, and like an awesome lion, who dares rouse him? Vv.8-9 TANACH

Here, we speak of Judah, the son of Jacob, as the lion, but he is only a symbol of the true Lion, the Messiah. Judah did not end when the Messiah came to earth, he will be recognized by all who see his descendants as the one chosen by the LORD to bring the Messiah into this world. This is a true recognition because the world thinks of all Jews, no matter what tribe they come from, as being from Judah. They are still called by the term, *Jew*, a derivative of the name of Judah. In Europe, during the Second World War, the Jewish people were made to wear badges or armbands that identified them as Jews (*Jude, Juda, the Star of David, etc., the spelling depending on the language of the country*). When Hitler set out to slaughter all the Jews, he did not ask what tribe they were from; he saw them as one collective group that needed to be exterminated.

Judah represents us as well. He was not always the grandiose son that his father is making him out to be. To be acquainted with lions meant that he grew up to be a powerful man in his own right, one very well respected. But, like his brothers, he plotted against his little brother Joseph in hopes of getting rid of him for good, even he and his brothers lying to their father about Joseph’s death. We know the story of how they sold him to the Midianites and Joseph ended up in Egypt. If it had not been for Tamar, the heritage of Judah could have ended. Tamar was a Gentile woman who married Judah’s two older sons. Both died because the first one was evil, and the second refused the agreement of the Levirate marriage of producing an heir in his brother’s name. Levirate marriage is marrying the widow of your older brother and the first child born in that marriage would be considered the child of the first brother. So her second husband died because he spilled his seed (sperm) on the ground rather than allow it to enter Tamar’s body and produce a child to carry on his brother’s name. The LORD took the life of the second son because spilling your seed is the same as murder; it is the male form of abortion. She was promised the third and last son when he came of age to marry, but Judah did not do right by Tamar; he reneged on that promise. Judah’s wife died and after the time of mourning, he went to Timnah for the sheep shearing. Tamar pretended to be a prostitute; Judah consorted with her, not recognizing who she was because of the veil she wore, and she became pregnant by Judah continuing the line of the Tribe through her, producing twins – Perez and Zerah. Jacob showed himself a forgiving man and blessed his son with greatness, so that his name will be remembered forever. Like Judah, all men can change and become great.

It is what the LORD wants for us. He used Judah as an example of how much we can be like Him. In those days, a blessing on the child by the father was considered the way the rest of your life should be. Because of his wisdom, the father could see things in their sons and daughters that would either make them great or make them fall. The deathbed blessing was given to either encourage the ones who were trying to live a righteous life or scold the ones who were not and give them a warning to change before it was too late. The LORD has done the same for us who are not of the tribes, but were grafted in as family through Jesus Christ. We received our blessing when He saved us and allowed us to live in spite of our sinful ways. He encourages us to stand up for Him and praise Him every opportunity we get. And for those who are not living a righteous life, today He is still giving us the chance to get it right; to believe with all of our hearts in Him and His Word; to treasure every breath as a gift towards eternal life; to praise His Name and give Him the glory and honor that is due Him. Judah in the Hebrew language means "Praise!"

The Lion of Judah! That name is a call to arms because He is not Judah anymore. His earthly legacy was a way to enter this world through a tribe of a man who did not understand at first, the power that his tribe carried. Shiloh is another Name for the Messiah. And when the Children of Israel came into the Promised Land, they set up the tabernacle at a place called Shiloh. We know this because you can still see the holes that they had to make in the rocky surface to plant the poles of the tabernacle. These holes are not nature-made, but are spaced according to the distance between curtain poles commanded by God (*Exodus 26*). Many have misinterpreted this to mean that once they made it to Shiloh, that was the end of Judah's reign, but it was just the beginning. It was not Shiloh, the place, but Shiloh, the Son of God. Through Judah would come the kings of Israel, the royal seed that produced an earthly father and mother for the Christ child to be nurtured. It was through Judah that we have learned to proclaim the Name of Jesus, not with a whimper, but with a roar. **The Name of Jesus is Judah;** He is praise and glory and honor and peace, but He is also a mighty, Mighty Warrior ready to do battle!

When you hear the lion roar in the jungle, it is a sound that carries for a long distance. He alerts any creature in the area that this is his territory, and to enter at their own risk! Some will challenge him and come in anyway, but you can't blame the lion for destroying them because he had warned them to stay away from his territory. Jesus is the Lion Who is roaring and warning satan not to enter His territory. But, satan would not take heed of the warning and constantly entered the land of the LORD, believing that he, alone could defeat the LORD; that he was big and bad enough to take

over the LORD's domain and rule it like he wanted to. But, the lion began to roar and the enemy started to shake in its boots, knowing that what was about to happen to him was the truth that he had been hearing all along. This evil creature who had wreaked havoc on this planet for thousands of years, even thinking that he had destroyed the LORD, only to have Him get up from the grave that he thought was so secure. He did not realize that nothing can hold the LORD Jesus down, because He is the One True King and the ruler of everything, there is no other like Him. There are wannabes, who think that they can imitate Him, but their true colors come clear and people see them for who they truly are – satan in disguise. When a lion is called Arieh, he is a strong, mature lion, full of wisdom because he has learned how powerful he is and when to use that power; he knows his strength. Now, the lion is roaring, louder and louder. He is strutting His stuff just waiting for the right time. All through Scripture we have been warned of His roar:

"It is God Who brought Him out of Egypt according to the power of His loftiness. He will consume the nations that oppress Him and crush their bones, and His arrows shall pierce them. He crouched and lay down like a lion, and, like a lion cub – who can stand him up? Those who bless you are blessed and those who curse you are cursed." Numbers 24: 8-9 TANACH

"I will be like a lion to them; like a leopard I will lurk on the road. I will encounter them like a bereaved bear and rip open the enclosure of their heart; I will devour them there like a lion: the wild beast of the field will split them open." Hosea 13:7-8 TANACH

"Therefore, wait for Me – the word of the LORD – for the day when I will arise to plunder them. For My judgment will be to assemble nations, to gather kingdoms, to pour My fury upon them, all My burning wrath; for with the fire of My jealousy the entire earth will be consumed." Zephaniah 3:8 TANACH

The time has come for the LORD to move, and He moves with a vengeance. Everything that had to happen to the earth and to mankind was in a book, sealed by seven seals. The question was asked, Who is worthy to open the book, and no man in heaven, on the earth, and even under the earth was found worthy to open or read the book. Because no one was found worthy to open the Book in Heaven, there was weeping until the Lion of Judah came to open the book and it happen:

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof...And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals

thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.” Revelation 5:5, 9 KJV

The seals were broken and all hell was released on earth. Jesus started to crush those who had caused harm to His Children and refused to accept His Word.

The Lion Roared and the meaning of many things were revealed to man. He began to understand the things in Scripture that made no sense in the natural mind. The number “7” is prominent all through the signs of the Zodiac, but not more than they are in the previous chapter with the two sheepfolds. Both the Little and Big Dippers are made up of seven stars each. The number seven stands for completion in Heaven and on earth, in other words, **“It is finished.”**

1. The Seven Spirits - The Spirit of the LORD, wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and reverence

“He will be imbued with a spirit of fear for the LORD; and will not need to judge by what His eyes see nor decide by what His ears hear. He will judge the destitute with righteousness, and decide with fairness for the humble of the earth. He will strike the wicked of the world with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be the girdle round His loins, and faith will be the girdle, round His waist.” Isaiah 11:3-5 TANACH

“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” Ephesians 6:17 KJV

“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 KJV

“And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth Judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns, and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His Name is called the Word of God...And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He would smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a Name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19: 11-13, 15-16 KJV

2. The Seven Seals – The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, “the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held,” the great earthquake, great plagues
3. The Seven Trumpets – announcing the great plagues
4. The Seven Thunders – secrets of Heaven that John was told not to reveal
5. The Seven Beatitudes – *Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14*
6. The Seven horns and eyes of the Lamb that was slain – The Spirits of God
7. The Seven years of Tribulation

Leo is a very large constellation: 92 stars, 13 have planets, there are 5 galaxies/nebulae, and the Leonids meteor showers that are visible in April.

The signs or the stars in this constellation are significant: the brightest star is in the shoulder of the lion and called, *Regel or Regulus*, meaning, “*Treading under Foot.*” The second brightest star is on his tail – *Denebola*, meaning, “*The Judge or Lord Who Comes Quickly.*” The third brightest star is *Al Giebha* (Arabic), meaning, “*The Exalted.*” These names tell the story of the Great One coming to finish the job. Get ready folks for the greatest thrill of your life, to see the King in all of His glory. Every king on the earth will crumble and melt as they fall to their knees and bow because the presence of the LORD will cause them to cry and wail when they realize that they were nothing more than a speck of dust in the eye of God; when they realize that their antics on earth to rule and control men in a terrible way to hang on to their wealth and power, forcing men to live by laws not sanctioned by God, but by politics and greed. Their goal was to “rule the world” forgetting that no man can rule what the LORD has created. He gave us dominion over the earth, but we gave it back, totally disrespecting the gift that was laid at our feet. But some of mankind realized that they had made a terrible mistake and they turned their lives over to the LORD. Some who thought that they knew what they were talking about, ridiculed them for going back in time to antiquated ideas, but in fact, the souls that turned back to God were actually moving forward, accepting their role as Children of God and heirs to the kingdom of God. The kings of earth have had their reward, accepting crumbs when they could have had true dominion over lives through love and kindness to the Creation of God. They were to be servants to the people and not the people their servants. The roles were reversed: the people provided for their kings, but the LORD provided for His people.

The Lion roared and He began to crush everything in His path.

1. Hydra - (Hydra is the Hebrew name - He is the abhorred; The mother of evil; Hydrus - The Father of Lies;); the serpent fleeing

This Decan has 75 stars, 18 having planets, and 3 galaxies.

Another name for this Decan is *Minchar al Sugia*, "the piercing of the deceiver." The serpent realizes that he is in trouble. The picture that we see of the Hydra is him running away. He is no longer trying to steal the crown of glory or steal the souls of mankind; he is trying only to save himself from destruction. He is doing what most evil men have learned from him -- to save yourself and leave the others to suffer on your behalf. There are evil men living today who have done appalling things, but had someone extremely loyal to them, to cover for them when things got rough, promising them the good life for that loyalty. The person assumed that they would be rewarded for their efforts only to discover that their loyalty was misplaced and they are left holding the bag, and the one they were protecting now swears that they do not know them, keeping their name and reputation "pure." The serpent realizes that he may have to fight his way out because the force that is coming after him is more powerful than he had anticipated. By now, satan expected to be fully in control of not only the earth, but the universe as well. His ambition was far greater than his ability and now, he sees this Mighty God standing over his head with his foot raised, saying, "Remember the prophecy in the beginning?"

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will pound your head, and you will bite His heel." Genesis 3:15

TANACH

It is time!

God is a God of love, but He is also a God of vengeance! He is also VERY, VERY PATIENT! We see in the Book of Job that the serpent had access to Heaven and would go before the Throne of God with boldness, admitting what he was doing to mankind.

"The LORD said to satan, From where have you come? The satan answered the LORD, and said, From wandering and walking about the earth..." Job 1:7 TANACH

The serpent would accuse men before God (See Zechariah 3). He may have been in the heavenly places sizing up things to see where he might want to put the Throne when he takes over. But, the Scripture says:

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any

more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."
Revelation 12:7-10 KJV

We are dealing with a ruthless creature here and the only one who can destroy him is the LORD God Almighty, the Messiah, Jesus Christ! The LORD's punishment on the serpent begins.

2. Crater – (Hebrew and Arabic name, *Al Ches – the cup*): the cup of indignation

12 stars; 7 having planets

He will not let the serpent off that easy; the creature must suffer for what he has done to mankind. The Scripture speaks of the cups of wrath of God poured out on the earth because of sin and disobedience; for the acceptance of deliberate and devious behavior in His Sight, especially knowing that He had spoken against it in His Word.

In Systematic Theology, there is a teaching method which takes one simple item and teaches what God had intended for it to symbolize all through Scripture. In this case, it is the cup. The history of the cup in Scripture gives you a look at the progress of mankind. Cups were not mass produced as they are in our time; each one had to be handmade out of metals or carved out of wood. At one time in history, the cup was to be used only by Kings and Princes (some covered in jewels), and the head of the family (a wooden cup). This is one of the reasons why when Joseph's brothers were caught with a cup in their bag it was easy to recognize who it belonged to. Since Joseph was second in command in Egypt, he and Pharaoh had cups and no one else on Pharaoh's staff could have such magnificent cups (*Genesis 40:11 Pharaoh's cup; 44:2 Joseph's cup*). And of course their cups were made of precious metals such as gold and silver. Everyone else drank from bowls or shells or cup their hands to drink. For kings and royalty, the cup was a symbol of life, prosperity and fulfillment.

The cup was chosen as one of the vessels in the Temple: (*1 Chronicles 28:17*).

The cup also symbolized Superabundance: (*Psalms 16:5; 23:5; 1 Corinthians 10:16a*)

Humility: (*Matthew 10:42*)

We were offered the cup of salvation and redemption: (*Psalm 116:13; Matthew 26:27-28*)

We were offered the cup of the New Covenant: (*Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25-26*)

Rather than trust the LORD completely, many have tried to ride the fence: (*1 Corinthians 10:21*)

Refusing to accept the goodness of God, leads us to accept one of these cups: affliction, wrath, suffering, fury, trembling, indignation, fierceness, abomination and filthiness: (*Psalm 73:10; 78:5; Revelation 18:6; Psalm 80:5; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15; Zechariah 12:2; Revelation 14:10; 16:19; 17:4*)

The LORD gave all mankind the chance to choose which cup they would drink from and many chose the cups of damnation. The devil also chose this path, and as the people suffered on earth because of the wrath of God, so will the devil; he is NOT immune. In one last effort, he came up with a “bright” idea to engage all of the nations that he controlled to fight against the LORD in a great battle. If he cannot defeat the LORD on his own, surely he will defeat Him with all the major armies of the world. As was said before, the LORD is very patient, and even helpful. He dried up the Euphrates River to allow satan’s plan to work for the armies of the North and East to easily cross over into the Promised Land. Before He allowed this, He had one of the angels to shout out, saying to the all the “fowls in the midst of Heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God. That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.” (*Revelation 19:17-18 KJV*) This brings us to the last Decan.

3. *Corvus* - (Hebrew word – Chiba, the accursed; Minchir al Gorab, piercing of the ravens): The Raven

10 stars, 1 with a planet

“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse,

which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”
Revelation 19:20-21 KJV

Ezekiel also speaks of this event:

“Now you, Son of Man, thus said the LORD God: Say to every winged bird and to every beast of the field, Assemble and come, gather together from all around for My feast that I slaughter for you, a great feast upon the mountains of Israel; eat flesh and drink blood! Eat the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the earth’s princes – all of them like rams, lambs and he-goats, bulls and fatlings of Bashan. Eat fat to satiety and drink blood to intoxication from My feast that I have slaughtered for you; sate yourselves at My table with horse and rider, warrior and every man of war – the word of the LORD God.”
Ezekiel 39: 17-20 TANACH

We have already spoken of Eridanus, the river that seems to be unending filled with souls who are doomed. The Scripture speaks of them in Daniel:

“A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was, and the books were opened.” Daniel 7: 10 KJV

The destruction caused by one evil being is remarkable. Lives that should have been saved were lost to him; proper teaching of the Word of God was distorted by people who thought that they could outsmart God and grab some of His glory; they convinced many to follow them into hell and damnation. Instead of being in the House of God, they are in the fiery furnace, the bottomless pit. There are many who sit in Church week after week who do not believe what the preacher is saying, but feel that they must be there for show, in hopes that they can slide in on the coattail of others. It will not happen. You cannot ride on the back of another, but you have to come in on your own strength and faith, though faint it may be. The serpent was “thrown into the Lake of Fire where he will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (*Revelation 20:15*) But, the Raven and the rest of the birds of prey feasted on the dead; so many dead that according to Ezekiel, it would take at least 7 months to bury what is left (*chapter 39*). The example of the Raven piercing the serpent is symbolic of the serpent and all of his cohorts losing the battle to the LORD. At first the serpent was thrown into the bottomless pit and bound up for 1000 years, but he was still alive. Instead of repenting for his great sin, upon release he immediately started his campaign of deceit to the nations that were in the “four quarters of the earth,” making them think that yes, his followers were defeated at first, but there is nothing stopping them now. They listened to the serpent and he brought them to the LORD’s beloved city attempting to surround

the saints of God. The LORD said, "Enough" and He rained down fire from Heaven and devoured them. Just because things have calm down or because you think that since there has not been any trouble of a sort in your area of life for a long, long time that it is safe to breathe freely. There is no such thing as long as satan is in the world. You must never let your guard down! He is waiting for the moment when he can once again enter your house; your physical home, your spiritual home, the very core of your being is what he wants. Don't give in to him. He is already defeated; he just doesn't know it yet.

CONCLUSION

We have gone through all of the constellations tying them to the Word of God because they are the Word of God. Cherish what you have learned. The day will come (sooner than we think) when our Bibles will be taken from us. Our nation is backing away from the Truth and relying on lies to give the people false comfort and false hope for the future. Do not assume that what we have been talking about is just a load of junk, because what we cannot understand at this time will be revealed in the future; you MUST trust in God's infinite wisdom. He placed the stars in the sky in the patterns that we see to help us remember His miraculous power and glory; to remember Him in times and troubled circumstances when we are left wondering, "Is there truly a God?" When you feel empty and cannot figure out what is going on in this world, just know that the LORD has the answers and so do you. Pay attention to the Heavens! Lose the attachment to earthly things! Study His Word in the stars because He laid a foundation for you from the earliest man to interpret to the present. Our sophistication has caused us not to trust in God, but His wisdom is our protection; His glory is OUR glory, and He wants us to return to our regal places to be seated in Heavenly places with Him. He gave us the truth in the ancient languages, first in pictures and then in words. There is proof of His being the Creator in everything we see and touch. We have to learn to separate good from evil and not let evil control us. Just look in the stars as they tell you that evil will fail every time. We have to differentiate between false doctrine and the Truth and we can see the Truth by looking up. That is where our gaze should be! Remember that man took what was good and made it evil so the study of the stars is a confusing mess called Astrology, but His Word is the Theology of Space. The LORD has given us a pattern for studying the stars and that pattern will keep you humble when you realize that the universe is SO vast that we cannot comprehend its size or see it all with the human eye. He has shown Himself as the Redeemer through His birth to the

resurrection in the stars; He has shown us as the Redeemed that will be taken out of this world in the stars, even using the “Ole Ship of Zion” as our transport; He has shown Himself as the Redeemer once again, not as a man divided between Divine and human, but the Conquering King Who is in charge and the One Who has already defeated His enemy. Let it all soak in to your heart. Once it has been placed in your mind and heart you will not forget it. Have faith in God; trust in His every Word, whether written or visual. He knows what He is doing; we, on the other hand do not have a clue.

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