THE GREAT SIGN
New, Unique, Revelations About An Incredible Heavenly Sign That Will Take Place in 2017

PART 3 - THE GREAT DEBATE
How are we supposed to react when we see Christians researchers espousing a belief that the heavens paint star patterns that we are supposed to observe? One could argue that there are two responses 1) The belief that seeking scriptural support for star gazing is an attempt to bridge Christianity with Astrology and is form of deception and infiltration by the occult 2) Or could it be the fact that we are missing the fact that Satan has corrupted something which originally was a tool for the prophets of the antediluvian age.
1. **THE BIBLICAL VERDICT ON Astrology**

There is debate as to whether the belief system that underlies predicting the future via the stars began in ancient Mesopotamia among the Babylonians or earlier. The Encyclopedia Britannica says this occurred in the third millennium B.C. while the International Bible Encyclopedia does not quite agree quoting a warning based on the stars given to King Ashurbanipal of Assyria (7th century B.C.). In rabbinic literature, the term Chaldeans later was often used as a synonym with those who practiced astrology.

The Britannica states the current form of horoscopes is really a Greek addition to these earlier ideas, such as seeing the sun’s path in the sky move through the twelve houses from east to west, which are each named for a constellation or sign of the zodiac (the Bible alludes to the zodiac in Job 38:32, etc.). Ptolemy (c. 150 A.D.), the ancient Greek astronomer who put into place the system of earth-centered astronomy, wrote a major book on this subject. Interestingly, the word horoscope is a word derived from the Greek meaning "one who observes the hour."

Astrology, as one would expect, is rejected entirely by God’s word. In fact the Bible considers consulting the heavens for guidance as a form of sorcery (Leviticus 19:26 - 28, 31; 20:6). God warned ancient Babylon about trusting in astrologers when he said,

“You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you.” Isaiah 47:13

God specifically condemns those who use the heavens to predict the future,

“There shall not be found among you [any one] . . . that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch . . . “ Deuteronomy 18:10

A person who is an ‘observer of times,’ according John Wesley’s Explanatory Notes, is someone who superstitiously pronounces some days as lucky and others as unlucky. Adam Clarke’s Commentary on the Bible states that astrology pretends to foretell future events by (among other things) the aspects of the planets.
What does God say about horoscopes, astrology, predicting the future or trying to predict where people will be in the future?

“There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God, for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this.” Deuteronomy 18:10-14

How clear is that!? God has not allowed us to do this. It is an abomination to God. That is, He detests it.

“And I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes.” Micah 5:12

Here God condemns fortune tellers. These include those who read palms, tea leaves, use tarot cards or any other device or practice that tries to predict a person’s future or fortunes.

In the book of Daniel, the Bible makes fun of astrologers and indicates that they are powerless to really observe the future. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a disturbing dream that none of his astrologers or "wise men" could interpret. The King had ordered all the wise men, including Daniel, a young captive from Judah, to be executed. Daniel convinced the king’s bodyguard that God would reveal the mystery to him and requested time to seek the answer. Having prayed to God and received the answer in a vision, Daniel reported to the king’s chambers. Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar:

Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said,

“The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, show unto the king; but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you lay on your bed are these.” Daniel 2:27-28
Later, when King Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's son, saw a finger appear and write on the wall at his party, he called in the astrologers, who, likewise, failed to interpret a writing that had appeared on the wall. These astrologers were again shown to be powerless deceivers.

God commanded His people, the nation of Israel, not to practice astrology by looking at "signs of the heavens." God calls such "signs" delusions:

"Thus says the Lord, Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them; For the customs of the peoples are delusion." Jeremiah 10:2-3

It was common practice at the time the Israelites came into the promised land that the native peoples would practice astrology and worship the heavenly bodies. The Bible specifically warned the Israelites not to practice those things also (see also Jeremiah 8:24):

"And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven." Deuteronomy 4:19

The Bible says that those who are stargazers and make predictions based upon that are in error and will not be saved from judgment:

"Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror. All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. That is all they can do for you—these you have labored with and trafficked with since childhood. Each of them goes on in his error; there is not one that can save you." Isaiah 47:12-15

The Kings (such as Josiah) were told to get rid of the worship of the heavenly bodies in their nation and did so—under penalty of the judgment of God. The seriousness of this offense is
clear, since the penalty for this kind of idolatry was death by stoning. God destroyed the ten northern tribes of Israel because they indulged in astrology and other forms of demon worship:

“And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him. So the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; none was left except the tribe of Judah.” 2 Kings 17:16-18

As a judgment of God, the northern tribes were conquered by Assyria. However, Manasseh, one of the evil kings of Judah, also established astrological worship of the heavenly bodies during his reign:

“For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them... For he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD... “Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, having done wickedly more than all the Amorites did who were before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols; therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am bringing such calamity on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.” 2 Kings 21:3-12

As a result of this idolatry, Judah was also enslaved and dispersed as a nation, because of their involvement in astrology. Israel's involvement in astrology and the worship of heavenly bodies was described by many of the Old Testament prophets, including Jeremiah, Zephaniah, and Amos. All described how this was displeasing to the Lord and that his judgment was the result of such practices.
2. THE HEBREW MAZZAROTH

What if everything you were ever taught or believed about astronomy, horoscopes, and the zodiac were false? What if the original zodiac was perverted, distorted, and changed to such an extent that no one knew its original meaning imprinted in the sky? What if the daily horoscopes printed in newspapers, magazines, or online are actually perversions of the original horoscope God inscribed in the heavens when he created the world? This is the premise of a number of a growing of scholars and researchers whose work has been labelled as “The Gospel of the Stars.”

The Gospel of the Stars was popular in the late 1800s. Some of the books published then have lately been brought back into print, among them E.W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars* (1893) and Joseph A. Seiss's *The Gospel in the Stars* (1884). These writings have been further expounded upon in our modern day by well-known "evangelical" D. James Kennedy Noah Hutchings, the late J.R. Church, John Barela, David Webber, Chuck Missler and also accepted by the late Dr. Henry M Morris (previous president of the Institute for Creation Research) in his book, *The Long War Against God* (pp. 265-269).

If so far there is unequivocal proof that the Bible condemns astrology then does this mean that believers should simply ignore the study of heavenly phenomenon? Does the so called “Gospel of the Stars” set a dangerous precedent for the convergence of Occultism and the Bible? The answer to this question requires an understanding of context, an understanding of historical misinterpretation but also an understanding of opportunities for danger and heretical undertones.

Firstly we know astrology is based on the concept of the zodiac. The zodiac, the 12 signs listed in a horoscope, is closely tied to how the earth moves through the heavens. The division of the ecliptic into the zodiacal signs originated in Babylonian ("Chaldean") astronomy during the first half of the 1st millennium BC. Around the end of the 5th century BC, Babylonian astronomers divided the ecliptic into twelve equal “signs” from which we now get the 12 star signs seen in astrology.
However the Hebrew name for zodiac is “Mazzaroth” and Hebrew history shows that the Mazzaroth has nothing to do with astrology or any attempt to tell our futures based on the stars. Rather, the Mazzaroth was a Hebrew mode of communication that used the stars to tell the story of redemption.

In *Primeval Astronomy,* “The Gospel in the Stars,” Joseph Augustus Seiss explains the purpose of the stars and their constellations in their original context. In an lecture entitled, “The Starry Worlds,” first published in 1882, he attests:

“Such wonderful creations of almighty power and wisdom were not without a purpose.”

Seiss explains that stars and groups of stars, constellations, were created to fill the galaxy in a particular order for a very specific purpose. God created the stars (Genesis 1:16) and positioned them in their exact places in the universe (Psalms 8:3). Stars were,

“for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years, in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:14, 15).

The Hebrews knew their constellations. They were not to worship the stars, but the first chapter of Genesis states that when God created the heavenly bodies, he did so for several reasons. He said,

“Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.” Genesis 1:14

According to Flavius Josephus, a Jewish historian of the first century, Seth, the son of Adam, invented

“that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies and their order.”

Josephus also credits the children of Seth with working to preserve the ancient knowledge in pillars of stone which some believe to be the Great Pyramid of Egypt which some believe has evidence of pre-flood construction.

Lambert Dolphin states,

“Rolleston says that the zodiac is attributed to Seth (the son of Adam) and to Enoch. She suggests that the Jews kept the word and the prophecy, the Arabs preserved the names of the stars while the Greeks and the Egyptians transmitted the figures to which they belong.”

E.W. Bullinger states that Persian and Arab traditions and Josephus ascribe the invention of star reading to Seth and Enoch. The Jews called Enoch the Great Scribe who wrote books on sacred wisdom, particularly astronomy, and he is quoted in Jude.

It’s probably important to remember that the Bible was not written until long after the creation and the flood, but the oral traditions were carefully passed down until Moses could record them
under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Hebrew traditions say that Adam, Seth and Enoch could have been among these early prophets. Since people lived for nearly a thousand years before the flood, and, of course, their evenings were not spent watching television, but often, sleeping under the stars, it is certainly possible that the average person was thoroughly familiar with the star patterns and that God might have revealed a system of identifying the constellations which foretold the story of salvation.

Researchers like Josephus and others believe that this mode of storytelling was corrupted at the time of the tower of Babel and became the distorted soothsayer’s tool we see today in astrology. This could be linked to why historical records associate the rise of astrology within Chaldea and Sumeria which were the first great kingdoms to emerge after the Tower of Babel.

Seiss argues:

“Evil is always perverted good, as dirt is simply matter out of place. It is the spoilation of some better thing going before it. And so there is reason to think that there is, after all, some great original, divine science connected with the stars, which astrology has prostituted to its own base ends, and which is our duty to search out and turn to its proper evangelical use.” 6

In the bible we see that the stars were given certain names, many of which have survived throughout the course of history. In Psalm 147:4, we are told that God named the stars:

“He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.”

And again in Isaiah 40:26, the prophet wrote:

“Lift up your eyes on high and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth.”

When David wrote, “night unto night sheweth knowledge” (Psalm 19:2), he must have been referring to meanings of the names of the stars. Though most people in our generation are not aware of those ancient names, David and his contemporaries were. In his native language of Hebrew, the names of the stars were commonly used in messianic prophecies.

Kenneth C. Flemming, in his book “God’s Voice in the Stars,” wrote,

“God Himself is responsible for the names of the stars. He did not entrust this task to Adam, as He did in the giving of names to animals. During the first 2,500 years of human history, before writing became widespread, these signs in the night sky were of particular importance. They declared the glory of God seen in the coming of the Savior.” 7

Job knew about the story God had placed in the stars. Job does not give a detailed account of the zodiac, but refers briefly to those constellations that deal with the final judgment. He is asked about certain objects in the constellation of Taurus.

It is quite remarkable that the conversation lands on this particular series of stars and sidereal sidepieces in Taurus because this is the constellation in biblical astronomy that deals with the
“Day of the Lord.” Note that God refers to a group of stars called the Pleiades and the constellation of Orion, both found in and around Taurus. Then Job refers to Arcturus (KJV), whose name in Hebrew is Ash agh “bear,” a clear reference to Ursa Major; and finally to the “chambers of the south”:

“Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea....Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south....Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.” Job 9:8-10

There is another other passage that deals with these same constellations. Note that the ancient star chart is called by its Hebrew term, “Mazzaroth,” rather than the modern term, zodiac:

“Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the

Researchers such as the late JR Church and Dr Chuck Missler believe that the tapestry of the constellations are a story of the conflict between the seed of the woman (Virgo) and Scorpio, the seed of the serpent. The son of Virgo they believe is none other than the Son of God, while Scorpio points to the Antichrist.

One of the most surprising discoveries for many is that the book of Job predates the writing of Genesis. Though the book of Job is placed just before the Psalms in the Bible, it was actually written about a man who lived before Moses which many Christians simply are unaware of. Job had no written Bible. The mosaic law was not yet in existence. The Bible this ancient pilgrim thus read consisted of a series of constellations that appeared in the night skies above the earth.

The Hebrew word Mazzaroth has the same meaning and is translated "constellations"

"Mazzaroth therefore... clearly signifies the twelve constellations of the zodiac through which the sun appears to pass in the course of the year, poetically likened to the "'inns,"... in which the sun successively rests during the several monthly stages of his annual journey.”

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“The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. “By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.”“Lo, these are parts of his ways.” Job 26:11,13-14

These verses explain that the constellations were devised to teach early man about God’s plan for redemption. Therefore it seems a natural fit that in the writings of his five famous books, Moses noted that the sun, moon, planets and stars were given for “signs” (Genesis 1:14).

In The Gospel in the Stars, Joseph Seiss wrote:
“For ages this whole field has been almost entirely left to a superstitious and idolatrous astrology, which has befouled a noble and divine science and done immeasurable damage to the souls of men. But we here find it claimed to be a sacred domain laid out of God in the original intent of Creation itself.”

The principles of the Mazzaroth are summarised below

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3. **THE ABRAHAM FACTOR**

In the book of Galatians, the Jewish Rabbi Paul, who had studied under the well-known and widely respected Gamaliel (Acts 22:3), made a significant comment. In Galatians 3:8 Paul stated that

"the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, preached in advance the Gospel unto Abraham"

The end result is stated in Genesis 15:6 namely “that Abraham believed God (by faith) and it was counted to him for righteousness.” Paul’s comment in Galatians implies that just as Abraham believed the Gospel by faith when it was preached to him by God, so, in a similar way, the Gentiles will be justified by faith in the same Gospel.

The question is, “How did God preach the Gospel to Abraham, and what was that Gospel?” A brief glance at Genesis 15:5 shows that the stars were intimately involved in this process, while Galatians 3:16 implies it was not the number of stars but the story they told that was important. So star names seem to be involved in this process.

As noted at the beginning, Galatians 3:8 says that God preached the Gospel unto Abraham. It is important that we know when He did this as the stars were mentioned by God to Abraham on two distinct occasions, once in Genesis 15, then again in Genesis 22. We must not confuse these two separate incidents. Galatians 3:6 gives us the answer to this question. Paul states that it was on the occasion when “Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness.”

Importantly as we search both Genesis passages, it becomes apparent that this quote comes directly from Genesis 15:6. The context was given by Genesis 15:5. Abraham was childless and had no heir. Then God

“brought him forth abroad, and said, ‘Look now towards heaven, and TELL the stars if you be able to list them’; and He said unto him, ‘So shall your seed be’.”

Several important points emerge from this interview that Abraham had with the Almighty. In the first place, the word "TELL" is the same census-taking word as used in Psalm 147:4 so the star names are in view here. The second point is vital. The Almighty made a key comment when Abraham had finished listing off the star names. He said: “So shall your seed be.” Does this mean that Abraham was to have many children? We have Paul’s exegesis of the original Hebrew on this.

In Galatians 3:16, Paul says:

“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He said not, And to seeds (plural) as of many; but as of one, ‘And to your seed (singular) which is Christ.”

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Here is an amazing statement! Abraham lists the star names in sequence from constellation to constellation telling the story of the stars from their names, and God says to him "So will your seed, the Messiah, be." Here was the promise to Abraham that the Messiah would come from his lineage. Furthermore, the Gospel was obviously associated with these star names as Galatians 3:8 states that God preached the Gospel to Abraham on that occasion - a Gospel associated with the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

It is important not to confuse this incident in Abraham's life with a later one. On the second occasion in Genesis 22:17, Abraham was promised seed like "the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea shore for multitude." This is a different interview with the Lord when the Patriarch received a different promise. According to Paul in Galatians 3, it was specifically on the first occasion in Genesis 15 that Messiah was promised from Abraham's lineage and Abraham believed God.

Finally note that God preached the Gospel of Christ to Abraham by this method, and by faith Abraham accepted the message. The stars must therefore be preaching the same message in every language around the world, because Psalm 19 states that there is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

In Genesis 15:5, in the Authorised Version, we read that God told Abram to "tell" (Hebrew "sephar") the stars, if thou be able to number (sephar) them: and he said unto him 'so shall thy seed be". This is usually translated in more modern versions as "count the stars" and the NKJV adds "so shall your descendants (zera, seed) be." (NIV - "offspring").

It is noticeable that the word "sephar" is used for both "tell" and "number" and to translate it as referring to "counting the number of the stars" is perfectly acceptable, but should it be used in this passage? The Hebrew word "sephar" can also mean "recount, commune, account, declare, shew forth, speak, talk, tell (out), writer." All these imply more than just counting a number of objects but can allude to recounting a story.

Furthermore, Paul examines this passage in detail in Galatians 3:16 where he says "He saith not, 'And to Seeds', as of many; but as of one, 'And to thy seed, which is Christ'." He is at pains to point out that the word "seed" was singular in the Hebrew and referred to Christ (as the Coming One). Now if the word "seed" is singular, it does not fit with the translation of this passage as referring to counting innumerable stars and saying "this is how many descendants you will have".

There is therefore an alternative view could refer to the future advent of one person - the Saviour. God may have told Abraham to "read out" the story in the stars of the gospel record of future events that was apparently also known by ancient peoples.
4. **THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS**

Whilst this section is labelled the *Gospel in the Stars* it is best first to contextualize this since it can give rise to one believing this is another gospel. However the gospel in the stars is simply a re-confirmation of the gospel of redemption already found in the Bible. This is a very important fact to grasp. If the gospel in the stars was coming with any additional information or revelation outside of the Bible then this would be a dangerous precedent. However all the gospel of the stars does is simply re-confirm what is already affirmed in the word of God.

“By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens...Lo, these are parts of his ways.” Job 26: 13,14

In Romans 10, Rabbi Paul gives us some key verses to help with this. Verse 15 states

"and how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written 'How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things'."

So the bringing of the good news and the gospel of peace is what Paul is talking about here in this context. In verse 18, Paul then goes on to say:

"But have they (the heathen) not heard? YES! Truly they have heard! For 'their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world'."

What a fascinating statement! Paul says here that the heathen have heard the Gospel of Peace, because “Their sound went into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the world.” The question is who are the “They” that are doing the preaching? Well, if you have a marginal reference, you find that Paul is quoting directly from Psalm 19:4 where the stars are being spoken of. Indeed, Psalm 19:3 gives the additional information that “there is no speech or language where (the stars) voice is not heard.” Therefore, the “They” in Psalm 19 and Romans 10:18 are the stars in the heavens. As a consequence, it can only be concluded that it is the stars that are preaching the Gospel - in a particular way by their names and the arrangement of the constellation patterns.

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The twelve major constellations along with their sidereal sidepieces present the original drama of the ages in the form of what the late Jr Church called a Three-Act play. One which provides an astronomical revelation of Genesis 3:15, a clear prophecy of the future conflict between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent which would ultimately be fulfilled in Christ’s death for us. Together these 12 Signs and their Decans (groups of stars) appear to tell the amazing story of the Gospel.

Act One is presented through the first four constellations, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius. It begins in Bethlehem with the birth of the “Seed” of the woman, and establishes his conflict with and victory over Scorpio, the “seed” of the serpent.

Act Two is presented through four constellations, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces and Aries. They represent the Church Age and New Testament Christianity, whose astronomical symbol is a fish.

The last four constellations, along with their sidereal sidepieces, represent the concluding act in the great drama of the ages, The Tribulation Period followed by the Second Coming of Christ. It is presented through the constellations Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, and Leo.

The first four signs would prefigure the person, work and triumph of the illustrious Redeemer.

**Virgo**, the Virgin, is the first sign. She has an ear of wheat in one hand and a branch in the other. The wheat is actually seed, and symbolizes the “seed of the woman.” The branch is a familiar Old Testament name for the Messiah. The same woman is seen in the first Decan of this sign, Coma, holding a baby, the Branch, or the Desire of Nations. The next Constellation in this Group is Centaurus, a half-horse, half-man. This could represent the child who is born, having two natures: being both God and man. The last Constellation in this Sign is Bootes, or Arcturus, who is the Great Shepherd and Harvester. Together these images seem to portray, as in the Bible, the virgin birth of a child who has two natures, and the role of that child when he is grown as The Great Shepherd, leading His flock.

**Libra**, the Scales, is a pair of balances, the universal symbol of trade or commerce. It depicts a purchase, or in this case, a redemption. It stands for the price to be paid. The three Decans of this sign are the Cross (or the Southern Cross), the Victim, and the Crown. The Cross would be the most obvious symbol possible for the death of Christ, by which the price for our sin was paid. He
Himself was the victim, and, since the victim is killed by the Centaur, which also presumably stands for Christ (from the previous Sign), we see again the idea that Christ willingly offered His own life. He said it was not taken from Him, but that He laid it down Himself. Thus, He was responsible for His own death. The Crown would picture the victory gained through the sacrificial death.

**Scorpio**, the Scorpion, is a giant deadly insect with its tail and sting ready to strike. It obviously portrays the enemy of the Deliverer. The three Decans of this sign all seem to depict the dreadful struggle between the Savior and the one who would keep Him from accomplishing His work. The Decans are The Serpent, Ophiuchus, and Hercules. The first two of these are engaged in a fight. The serpent is coiled around Ophiuchus. At the same time the scorpion stings the man in one heel, but the man crushes the head of the scorpion with his other foot. Hercules, the strong man is wounded in his heel, but places his other foot over the head of the dragon. Hercules also has a club in his right hand poised to crush the three-headed Dog of Hell held in his other hand. Together, these images appear to point to the triumph of the Redeemer over the Devil who is portrayed in all of the negative symbols of the scorpion, serpent, dragon, and three-headed Dog of Hell (See Unholy Trinity.)

**Sagittarius**, the Bowman, is the figure of a horse with the body, arms, and head of a man. This is the centaur, a creature that never existed as a mere animal, but would be an interesting depiction of the God-man with two natures. His bow is drawn, and the arrow is pointed at the scorpion. These images continue the thought of the struggle between good and evil from the former sign, and seem to assure us of the sure triumph of the Savior. The three Decans of this sign are Lyra, Ara, and Draco. Lyra, the heaven-bound eagle holds a lyre, symbolic of the song of victory. Ara, the Altar faces downward, presumably burning with the fires of punishment. Draco, the Dragon symbolizes Satan in the throes of defeat, winding himself about the North Pole.

The next four signs would depict the Redeemer's future work and mediatorship. This section would then foretell the formation and work of the Church.

**Capricornus**, the Goat, is another figure of an unlikely animal, partly a goat, sinking down, as if dying, and partly a fish with a strong tail. This could symbolize the death and new life of the Savior. The Decans which accompany this sign are Sagitta, the arrow of God, bringing death, Aquila, the pierced and falling eagle, and Delphinius, the Dolphin, springing up out of the sea, apparently with new life.

**Aquarius**, the Waterman, is a man with a large vase of water which he is pouring out from the sky. This would be an apt portrayal the giving of the Holy Spirit whose influence Jesus likened to streams of living water (John 7:37-39). One of the Decans of this sign is The Southern Fish,
drinking in the heavenly waters. As we all know, the early Church chose the sign of the fish to symbolize their faith since the Greek word for fish, ichthus, forms an acrostic meaning, “Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior.” The other two Decans are Pegasus, the winged white horse, presumably carrying the Good News with all speed, and Cygnus, the Swan, flying with the Cross over all the earth.

Pisces, the Fishes, portray two large fishes. This, again, would be a valid representation of the Church, as seen in the former sign. The vernal (spring) equinox, the point where the Sun passes from the south to north of the celestial equator moves very slowly from one of the 12 sections of the Zodiac to another. During the church age that point has been in the area of Pisces.

That point is now between Pisces and Aquarius, giving rise to the New Age teaching that we are entering the Age of Aquarius. Some believe this happened in 1982, while others believe it will happen about the year 2200. Carl Jung, the well-known Psychologist said that he looked forward to the change from the Christian era to a new occultic age.

This New Age teaching is just a resurgence of the ancient Babylonian mysteries which will come to an end when Christ returns. If there is any real meaning to the gradually changing position of the vernal equinox, it would be that the Age of the Church will give way to the even more glorious age of The Holy Spirit, The Millennium and New Beginnings.
The Decans of the sign of Pices are The Band, Cepheus, and Andromeda. The Band attached to the fishes is held by the Lamb (Ares, the Ram). This could symbolize Christ's hold on His church. Cepheus is a crowned king holding a band and scepter, with his foot planted on the pole-star as the great victor. Andromeda is a woman in chains, threatened by the serpents of Medusa's head. She could be a picture of the church as Christ's bride, bound and exposed on earth.

Ares, The Ram, is a strong lamb with powerful curved horns, lying down in peace and conscious strength over the field around it. This would be a fitting picture of Christ in Heaven, ascended and victorious. The Decans for this sign are Cassiopeia, Cetus, and Perseus. These all symbolize victory and dominion. Cassiopeia is a woman enthroned. This might be the bride, now released from bondage. Cetus, the Sea-Monster, a symbol of the evil one, is firmly held down by Ares, still alive, but subdued. Perseus, the armed warrior who has winged feet, would be another reference to the victorious Savior. He is carrying away the cut-off head of a monster full of writhing serpents.

The last four signs make the most sense if they stand for the final consummation of all things. This section would then foretell the coming judgments on the earth and the glorious outcome of Christ's reign.

Taurus, the Bull, is an angry, rushing animal, which would be a meaningful symbol of God delivering His wrath during the Tribulation. The Decans are Orion, Eridanus, and Auriga. Orion is the warrior-prince with a sword on his side and his foot on the hare or serpent. Eridanus, the torturous River, is the River of Judgment belonging to Orion. Auriga, the Shepherd, is a picture of a powerful shepherd-king who tenderly holds a she-goat and two little goats in his left arm. This
could be a picture of The Lord's comfort of the persecuted believers of this coming period of judgment.

*Gemini*, The Twins, are two human figures seated together in loving closeness. The Decans are Lepus, Canis Major, and Canis Minor. Lepus is the mad hare, the enemy under Orion's feet. Canis Major, Sirius, the Great Dog could prefigure the Prince coming in His glory. Then Canis Minor, Procyon, The Second Dog, would be his princely following.

*Cancer* the Crab is the figure of a crab, in the act of taking and holding on with its pincers. This could be a picture of the victorious King of Kings when He returns, and the Decans, Ursa Minor, the Lesser Bear, Ursa Major the Greater Bear, and Argo, could picture His privileged followers. Ursa Minor could also mean the lesser sheepfold, and stand for the first-born who will be rulers, and Ursa Major could be the greater sheepfold, the ones born later. Argo, the Ship, brings the weary travelers home from their toils and travels.

*Leo*, the Lion might easily picture Christ in His final victory over the Devil. All three of the Decans point to the destruction of the enemy, pictured as a serpent. Hydra, the fleeing Serpent, is about to be pounced upon by the lion. Crater, the Bowl of Wrath, is placed on the serpent. And Corvus, the Raven, the bird of doom, is also on the serpent, devouring his carcass.

The above list does not give the complete story, by any means, but does show enough to convince any open-minded seeker of truth that the constellations tell the story that begins in
Bethlehem and ends with the King of kings returning to conquer the old serpent who brought such ruin to the human race.

Further insight into the story comes by understanding that each Star Sign of the zodiac - Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces – is subdivided into the first Decan, second Decan and third Decan and this is where we get the other characters mentioned below.

The “serpent” mentioned in Job 26:13 is one of the leading characters noted in the Zodiac. The various constellations that refer to the serpent are:

Draco – a dragon curled around the northern polar star and whose tail covers a third of the circle of the heavens.

Cetus – the Leviathan or sea dragon.

Scorpio – the seed of the serpent.

Hydra – the many-headed dragon, whose tail also covers a third of the ecliptic path of the sun.

The Hebrew term used for “crooked” actually refers to a “fleeing” serpent.

Among the various serpent figures in the Zodiac, Hydra is the only one seen trying to get away from the lion, who pounces on his head; the bird, who eats his flesh; and the bowl of wrath being poured out upon him. Therefore, Hydra appears to be the “fleeing serpent” referred to in this most ancient of Old Testament books.

Additional characters include:

Centaurus – the Son of both God and the virgin – the one with two natures, divine and human.

Boötes – The Coming One – who holds the Sickle of judgment in his hand, which Sickle is also seen in the mouth of Leo.

Lupus – the Victim Slain upon the Cross.

Ophiuchus – the Serpent Holder who restrains the Serpent from snatching the Northern Crown

Hercules – the Mighty One, who clubs the many-headed Serpent seen lurking in the branches of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
Pegasus – the Winged Horse upon which Christ will return.

Andromeda – Representing the Church initially enslaved but will reign with Christ.

Cephus – Christ enthroned

Orion – the Glorious One who comes to judge the wicked.

A final point of consideration is to be given to the phrase “the wandering stars”.

Whereas the constellations of the Mazzaroth generally portray earthly entities, the five visible planets in our Solar System, which the Bible terms “wandering stars”, seem to represent supernatural individuals or aspects of those individuals. It appears that God uses rare conjunctions between these “wandering stars” and the constellations in the Mazzaroth to signal those on the earth that supernatural events are occurring. These are the five “wandering stars.”

The website unsealed.org makes the following statements regarding these wandering stars.

“Jupiter (Christ’s Star): Much has been written about this already, so the connection seems rather unambiguous. The work of researchers Craig Chester and Rick Larson’s identify Jupiter as Christ’s star: it is the “king” planet representing the chief deity or the chief deity’s son in ancient cultures throughout the Middle East and Europe and is covered in stripes just as Jesus was (Isaiah 53:5), has a Great Red Spot akin to Jesus’ spear wound, and is the
earth’s primary celestial defense against dangerous asteroids and comets, functioning like a cosmic vacuum cleaner (1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:4-6). It is also the largest and dominant planet in the Solar System - two and a half times larger than all of the other planets combined.

**Venus (Mother Star):** This planet is a little more difficult to pin down because Venus was frequently called the “Morning Star” in the ancient world and still is to this day. To add to the confusion, Jesus is called the Morning Star in Revelation 22:16 and there is a possible allusion to Satan as the Morning Star in Isaiah 14:12. What is apparent is that the term “Morning Star” does not refer to a specific planet, but to any of the five visible planets in the morning sky. Jupiter is a Morning Star, as well, and, as a matter of fact, Venus is also called the “Evening Star” when it is visible in the night sky. Some have attempted to argue that the Morning Star is *only* Jesus or *only* Lucifer, but if we let Scripture interpret itself, you will find a huge clue in Job 38:7: the Bible says there are many Morning Stars.

Venus, then must primarily signify its other ancient meaning: the *Mother Star* or *Queen Star*. When the King Planet (Jupiter) and the Queen Planet (Venus) come into close conjunction it seems that an appearance of Christ is close at hand. This was evident in June of 2 BC when Jesus was born and first appeared.

**Mercury (The Messenger):** Mercury was universally recognized as The Messenger throughout the ancient Babylonian, Grecian, and Roman empires, so the meaning of this planet is pretty clear. In the Bible, the creatures we now call "angels" were originally called "messengers". In the Greek language, there were earthly messengers (apostolos) and heavenly messengers (aggelos). Therefore some narrow down the supernatural individual that Mercury represents to either Gabriel or Michael. Most believe it is Michael because the Bible associates him with key events in redemptive history (Daniel 10:13-15, 21, 12:1; Revelation 12:7-8) and assigns him the chief role of “archangel” (Jude 1:9; see also 1 Thess. 4:16).

**Mars (God of War):** Mars in Rome, *Ares* in Greece, and *Nergal* in Babylon all referred to the same thing - the planet we now call Mars and their gods of war. Like everything else, it is the One True God who made this planet, so the real God of War is YHWH.

**Saturn (Satan?):** The Roman *Saturn* and the Greek-equivalent *Cronus* were obviously idols in the ancient world and the Bible directly connects idols with demonic beings (1 Cor. 10:20, Deut. 32:17, Psalm 106:37). The Roman god Saturn was associated with *liberation* and modern satanic cults teach that liberation is the key element of luciferianism. *12*
5. **THE STAR OF BETHELEM – A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAVENS**

We take it as an established and undeniable part of our faith that over 2,000 years ago, God used an astronomical event to communicate with man, the Star of Bethlehem. Many people, when picturing the Star of Bethlehem, if they picture it at all, think of this massive bright star over Bethlehem that was so obvious to everyone that it sent the Magi on a long trek to find the promised king.

We know that version of events is a simplified version, for when the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, just 8 kilometres from Bethlehem, they had to explain what it was they saw and why they interpreted it the way they did. King Herod, his court, and the rest of Jerusalem were largely ignorant of the events of the Star of Bethlehem. The people of Jerusalem, like us today, were busy providing for their families and going about their daily duties. Even though this great sign announcing the birth of the Savior, the very Son of God, was going on above their heads, they neither noticed it, nor cared about it.

What was the Star of Bethlehem and how did the Magi see it when everybody else missed it? Short answer, they were paying attention. There is a compelling case that the Star of Bethlehem was a series of regular astronomical events involving rare conjunctions that symbolically indicated the birth of a king. It is important to note that this is emphatically not astrology. The Encyclopedia Britannica defines astrology as:

“...type of divination that involves the forecasting of earthly and human events through the observation and interpretation of the fixed stars, the Sun, the Moon, and the planets. Devotees believe that an understanding of the influence of the planets and stars on earthly affairs allows them to both predict and affect the destinies of individuals, groups, and nations.”

The Bible explicitly condemns astrology, as it does all forms of divination. But signs like the Star of Bethlehem are not divination of fates ordered by the stars, but regular astronomy and
symbology with the idea that the God of the universe sometimes uses his creation to communicate with man. The bible is replete with instances that make this case. Psalm 19 states:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” Psalms 19:1-4

Paul directly quotes this Psalm in Romans when making the case that the Jews had knowledge that the Messiah had come.

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. But I ask: Did they [the Jews] not hear? Of course they did: “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” Romans 10:17-18

Paul is clearly making the case that the Jews had knowledge of the Messiah because the heavens told them so. Obviously Paul is not endorsing astrology, but indicating that God can and does sometimes use the heavens to announce his plans.

In 3/2 B.C., there occurred a rare triple conjunction of Jupiter (the king planet) and Regulus (the king star). The Magi likely interpreted this rare triple conjunction as a giant neon sign in the heavens blinking KING-KING-KING. This all began at the Jewish New year and all within the constellation of Leo (the lion, a symbol of the tribe of Judah). So it heavily symbolized a Jewish King from the tribe of Judah, a clear indication for those familiar with the Messiah. Further, rising right behind Leo was the constellation Virgo, with the sun and the moon at her feet.

After this incredible triple conjunction, Jupiter began moving westward in the sky, eventually coming into conjunction with Venus, a planet long symbolically associated with motherhood. The conjunction of the king planet and the motherhood planet was so close, that no man alive had ever seen anything like it and together it formed the brightest object in the sky.
All this symbolism of a Jewish king from Judah and a Virgin was enough to get the well-versed Magi moving to Jerusalem, but you can understand why the average citizen of Jerusalem missed it. Jupiter continued its western movement in the sky until it finally stopped. When it stopped (as seen from Jerusalem), it stopped directly south, directly over the small village of Bethlehem.

The Star of Bethlehem story is also interesting because of who the Magi were. “Magi” is actually the greek behind what was then translated into our Kings James Bible as “wise men”. Yet Christmas carols such “We Three Kings of Orient Are” has done much to place the emphasis on these three wise men being Kings.

As early as the second century Tertullian considered the Magi to be kings. He argued their visit fulfilled Solomon’s prayer in Psalm 72—“May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.” But Tertullian found Isaiah 60 to be the most compelling evidence:

“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn...and all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.”

It’s impossible to miss the clear parallels to Matthew 2.

“The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall bring him gifts: and all the kings of the earth shall adore him.” Psalms 72:10
The emphasis on “Kings” could be the case that historically Christianity on a whole was uncomfortable with too much emphasis on the term “Magi” because it implied magician. Matthews account is vague and shrouded in mystery:

“No after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem...” Matthew 2:1

To the contrary, John Calvin felt strongly about anyone who would label them “three kings”:

“Beyond all doubt, they have been stupefied by a righteous judgment of God, that all might laugh at [their] gross ignorance.”

In fact many early Christian writers said the Magi were Zoroastrian priests.

Despite the disagreement, here are a few facts. The word magus is of Persian origin; however, research shows that they were not confined to a specific empire but scattered all over the country. Herodotus’s accounts of magi in his Histories (440 B.C.) portrays them as conniving political figures vying for royal power. Various kings in the ancient world frequently consulted these men because of their skill in interpreting omens, signs, and the stars.

These external witnesses corroborate the picture of magi we see in the Old Testament. The Persians and their magi crop up in the biblical timeline in the days of Daniel and Esther. One particular statement concerning King Xerxes’s magi might raise an eyebrow:

“Then the king said to the wise men who knew the times...the men next to him being...the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king’s face, and sat first in the kingdom” Esther 1:13–14
They eventually became a sort of priestly caste, and were attached to the royal courts of Babylonia and Persia and even those of more distant lands such as Arabia and India, as consultants and advisers to the nobles of those lands.

There is even an ancient tradition that Balaam, the notorious prophet from Mesopotamia, was an early member of the Magi, perhaps even their founder. If so, this fact would at least partially explain why the Magi at the time of Christ were aware that a special star would be used by God to announce the Savior's birth to this world. It was Balaam's prophecy, of course, as recorded in the Bible, that spoke of this future star. Here is his prophecy, actually constrained by God to be uttered against the prophet's own will.

“I shall see Him, but not now: I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth, and Edom shall be a possession. Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.” (Numbers 24:17-19).

Thus Balaam's reluctant, but divinely inspired, prophecy, revealed that a unique Star associated with Israel would accompany a future Sceptre (that is, King) who would eventually rule the world.

The later Magi, especially those in Babylon and Persia (where the influence of Daniel, as well as Mordecai and Esther) had been profound and long-lasting, would surely be familiar with this prophecy and also the various prophecies of Daniel (who had been the most respected of the "wise men" at the courts of Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus? note Daniel 2:45; 6:28.

Some of the Magi may even have been Jews in religion, if not in ethnicity. At the time of God's great deliverance of the Jews in Persia during the days of Queen Esther, it was recorded that "many of the people of the land became Jews" (Esther 8:17). This event in itself would constrain many of the Persian members of the Magi at that time to study the Jewish sacred books, especially the Messianic prophecies of Daniel. This lore would have become a key part of the Magi's traditional learning, handed down generation after generation, even to the time of Christ.

Among these Danielic prophecies, of course, given during the reign of Darius the Mede, was the great prophecy of the "seventy weeks," which revealed that the Messiah would come as Prince of Israel 483 years after the Persian emperor gave the commandment to the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:24,25). It would easily be possible for the Persian Magi, as the promised date came near, to put these prophecies of Balaam and Daniel together, and thus be watching for "His star" to appear.
6. **THE GREAT PYRAMID: A SIGN AND A WITNESS**

For thousands of years, the great Pyramids of Giza stood as a testament to one of the greatest civilisations on earth. Weighing some 2,300,000 tonnes, and originally 481.3949 feet (now 450 feet) tall, the Great pyramid was built to house the eternal tomb for a divine king. This extraordinary monument stands at a point on earth’s surface exactly one third of the way between the equator and North Pole (i.e. 30 degrees latitude) and its ‘north-south’ axis is aligned to within 3/60 of a single degree to the true south. Because of its perfect geometry, we are deeply fascinated by the significance of its construction.

![Pyramid Image](image_url)

The Great Pyramid’s builder knew all the dimensions of earth and had a command of engineering, astronomy, and mathematics that would be impressive even today. The builder knew the weight and curvature of the Earth, the irregularity of that curvature at the poles, the location and size of every land mass and its height above sea level, earth’s mean temperature, its latitude and longitude scales, the exact direction of true north, the locations of the stars, and the fact that 1300 years later the earth’s orbit would change, increasing by 5.24 days.

He knew how to make things absolutely level, straight, and square, and how to pre-cut and position gigantic pieces of stone so that when in place they fit so perfectly that every course is level and square even today. He knew how to calculate the coefficients of expansion and contraction and compensate for them. The list goes on. The Pyramid’s height in inches equals the sum of all the letters in the Hebrew text of Isaiah 19:19-20 (5449). If this man didn’t have supernatural capability himself, he was certainly assisted by someone who does.
Over the years, Egyptologists have tried to uncover the secrets about Giza monuments but up till today, mystery continues to surround them. Different researchers have given different versions of the true significance of the monuments. While some believed the Egyptian pyramids were built to precise alignment to stars, others have their reservation towards that conclusion. Could it be mere coincidence that the pyramids did match with particular stars? Such notions are hotly disputed, hence we are forced to remain open-minded at present. Why did ancient Egyptians build the pyramids? How did they build the pyramids? When did they build the pyramids? There are even questions as to whether it was the Egyptians who built the pyramid since some believe there is evidence that these monuments were constructed before the great flood.

But what about a biblical perspective?

It is believed by some Christian researchers that the Great Pyramid at Giza in its design contains time markers or date ciphers concerning the First and Second coming of the Lord. There are two scriptures that are the basis for this conjecture.

“In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.” Isaiah 19: 19,20

“Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day”... Jeremiah 32:20

In 1868 Professor H. Mitchell, of the United States Survey, was sent by the Government to report on the progress of the Suez Canal. Struck with the peculiar curvature of the shore line of the Delta of the Nile, he took a good map and drew a curved line touching all the prominent points of the coast, and found that it formed an arc of a sector whose centre was located at the site of the Great Pyramid. Thus, without any knowledge of the Biblical prophecy, he confirmed the fact that the Great Pyramid was located at the centre or in the midst of Egypt, and as the Delta, or Lower Egypt, comprised the section of Egypt included in the sector, and the Great Pyramid stands ‘on the border between Upper and Lower Egypt. Therefore the Great Pyramid is both in the midst of Egypt, and on its border.

Prophecy researcher Daniel Matson has made some startling discoveries regarding the date ciphers of the Great Pyramid. In Chapter 16 of his book, Signs of the End he states;

“What is important is that there is valuable information that must be passed along that is a striking discovery concerning the Great Pyramid complex at Giza and its marking both advents of Christ. It is a discovery that is in line with the Bible, history, and the magnificence of the pyramids. It highlights the time in precise astronomical alignments. It is a discovery that fits the themes woven into the Bible concerning the coming King and it further supports the scenario developed in this book. It would appear this is another clue building the case for Christ’s return in 2017.” 14
His research has led him to believe that the Great Pyramid complex at Giza astronomically aligned with the first coming of Jesus, and will also at his Second Coming. This he believes is based on a mathematical concept known as the “Christ Angle” inside the Great Pyramid which occurs in the ascending passageway just before it opens up into the Grand Gallery. At the beginning of the angle, where the floor of the Queen’s Chamber intersects the Ascending Passageway, is the birth of Christ at 2 B.C. (the universally accepted birth date of Christ due to the errors in the beginning of our current Roman calendar) the top of the triangle ends at 33 A.D. Christ’s death and resurrection. If you take the angle which is produced from those two dates and lay it on the North face of the Great Pyramid and extend it outward toward the East, it will cross directly through Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. Matson says,

“...The basic idea is that the pyramid complex is a map of the heavens of a point in time when Christ the King returns with his armies. The pyramids show what is to be at meridian (Al Nitak in Orion), and also the causeways heading east from the pyramids show the importance of the rising sun or other items rising in the east. That the Sphinx also looks to the east is a factor as well. The point though was to see when there was a candidate for an alignment of Rosh Hashanah and the meridian alignment of Orion at dawn...Therefore, at dawn the morning before the Feast of Trumpets 2017, Al Nitak is precisely at meridian...

Therefore, the Christ angle not only bisected Bethlehem at Christ’s birth, but it also bisects Regulus at this possible time of his Second Coming. The year 2017 is the first year from present that Rosh Hashanah comes immediately after September 20th—the time Al Nitak hits meridian precisely at dawn, and also when Regulus hits the Christ angle... In analyzing the positioning of the stars, moon, and sun at the time of September 20, 2017, there was also another alignment. Venus will be in conjunction with Regulus at this time. So at this moment Venus the “Morning Star” will be aligned with the “King Star”, precisely at the Christ angle...”
The Orion correlation hypothesis is a major component in Masons findings. The claim is that there is a correlation between the location of the three largest pyramids of the Giza pyramid complex and Orion's Belt of the constellation Orion, and that this correlation was intended as such by the builders of the pyramids. The stars of Orion were associated with Osiris, the god of rebirth and afterlife, by the ancient Egyptians. Depending on the version of the theory, additional pyramids can be included to complete the picture of the Orion constellation, and the Nile river can be included to match with the Milky Way galaxy.

The theory was first published in 1989 in *Discussions in Egyptology, volume 13*. It was the subject of a bestseller, *The Orion Mystery*, in 1994, as well as a BBC documentary, *The Great Pyramid: Gateway to the Stars* (February 1994), and appears in some new-age books.

According to Dr Joseph Seiss,

"It has been ascertained and clearly demonstrated that there is in the measures, pointings, form, and features of that great primeval monument . . . a massive and indestructible stone memorial of a complete and faultless knowledge of the structure of the universe, of the exact and physical sciences both terrestrial and cosmical, a determination of a perfect system of weights and measures scientifically conformed to what the Opifex Mundi (Creator of the World) fixed in things when he fetched a compass round the worlds and weighed the hills in balances.

Scientific investigation on the part of different men competent to the task have made it clear that there is built into that edifice a record of the heavens at the time of its erection which gives its age by astronomy in full accord with all external indications and evidences; also a record of the size, form and weight of the earth and its relation to and distance from the sun, the true length of the solar year, the number of years in the precessional cycle, the average temperature of the habitable world, together with the multitudinous cosmical facts and mathematical formulas and proportions no better told by sciences now existing among men" 6

Another interesting discovery is the symmetry between the pyramids constructed in three different geographical locations. The pictures below are aerial views of the Great Pyramids of Xi’an in China, the Great Pyramids of Teotihuacan in Mexico and the Great Pyramids of Egypt.
Separated by thousands of miles of land and ocean, these three ancient civilizations whom never had contact with each other managed to design, engineer and build these fascinating structures that all match the Star alignment in Orion’s Belt, known as the ‘Orion’s Mystery’.

Additionally, the larger of the three Pyramids of Teothuacan has exactly the same size base of 750 x 750 square foot and is also exactly half the height of the largest pyramid in Egypt. And to top it off, each of the three locations are positioned in a near-perfect line with each other across the globe.

The long unconfirmed theory of the pyramids being built in line with Orion’s Belt has been confirmed by the Ministry of Antiquities. The theory states that the three Giza pyramids have been built to align with the three bright stars of Orion’s belt: Alnitak, Alnilam, and Mintaka. The Orion correlation theory has been contested for years although the theory does explain why the third, and smallest, is slightly away from the other two.
7. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BLOOD MOONS?

In the run up to the year 2000 the prophecies of Nostradamus had received exposure more than at any other time in history. The History Channel continually replayed the interpretation that the quatrains of Nostradamus seemed to converge on the run up to the year 2000 as being a time of great calamity in earth’s history in which the “King of Terror” would arise in July 1999.

The date being so close to a new millennium invoked apocalyptic prophecies and predictions of comets colliding with the earth, an alien invasion, a nuclear war, or the return of the plutonium filled cassini spacecraft which were all listed as possible terrors. Others interpreted it as the awakening of the spirit of Jesus within the masses, or the opening of the Hall of Records under the great Sphinx, who, in Arab tradition, was called “the Father of Terror”.

Many couples attempted to have a “millennium baby” by conceiving on or about April 9th 1999. BabyCenter.com sold a Millennium Conception Kit to increase couple’s chances of having a baby delivered on new year’s eve. This probably caused overload of artificial insemination clinics in early April, and mass confusion in maternity wards during late December 1999 and early 2000 as the millennium babies start arriving in quantity. This, even though the chances of delivering a baby on the nominal delivery date was slim. The chances of expecting a Caesarean section or induced delivery on that date was also remote. January 1st 2000 was both a holiday and a Saturday. Physicians normally do not schedule Caesareans and inductions for either holidays or weekends because of reduced staffing at hospitals. On the other hand, some couples avoided conception in April 1999 because they were concerned that there might be failure of hospital diagnostic and monitoring equipment on new year’s day - perhaps even a failure of the hospital’s entire electrical supply - fears that never materialized.

After the Y2K doomsday anti-climax the next prominent date in the doomsday calendar was 2012. The new “December 31st, 1999” was now December 21, 2012, the end of the Mayan Calendar, and linked with an astronomical event: the conjunction of the Winter Solstice Sun with the crossing point of the Galactic Equator. This was a new date for a new hope and a better future – and/or the demise of this earth.

Nostradamus had been exchanged for the often self-proclaimed heirs of Mayan priests, who claimed that the end of the Mayan calendar would mark the apocalypse. The concept gained momentum as supporters interpreted religious texts, historical documents and NASA research as having ‘predicted’ that there would be major changes to the earth in the year 2012. And with the help of the late Zecharia Sitchin, proponent of the ancient astronaut theory, 2012 had become the talking point at dinner parties everywhere.

So, where had this cultural phenomenon come from and why did so many people believe? The widespread panic that accompanied the end of the millennium and the whole Y2K debacle
seemed to have shape shifted into another end of the world scare. Why should we believe this one when Y2K believers became figures of fun to all those who had mocked them.

"What if the 2012 prophecies are true?" asked a Californian businessman known on the web for selling nuclear bomb and asteroid-proof clandestine bunkers to wealthy families. Vivos, a California based company, had created a $10 million bunker equipped to deal with global catastrophe. The company used the paranoia in the run up to December 2012 to provide a detailed overview of how its bunker and underground tunnels were equipped with their own power generation, food supply, water wells, filtration systems, security devices and medical equipment.

After the 2012 Mayan prophecies failed to materialize in a way that millions had anticipated it didn’t take long for a new date to emerge although this time the date to emerge came from within the bosom of Christianity.

After 2012 many people began hearing about the prophecy of the four total lunar eclipses of 2014-2015 that supposedly would usher in the Lord’s return. This idea was popularized by John Hagee’s 2013 book, *Four Blood Moons: Something is About to Change*. However, this idea did not originate with Hagee since it was Mark Biltz, who originated discussion of this topic in 2008. Biltz published his book on the subject, *Blood Moons: Decoding the Imminent Heavenly Signs*.

Biltz had looked at NASA’s tables for solar and lunar eclipses and found something unexpected: a unique string of four lunar and two solar eclipses starting in Spring, 2014 through Fall, 2015. Nothing else significant appeared in the charts for the rest of the century. In 2015 there would be a pair of solar and lunar eclipses two weeks apart (on the new moon and full moon) one in the spring and one in the fall. These could produce four blood moon eclipses in a row, a rarity. From that he postulated that Jesus might return that year, 2015, around the time of the final eclipses in the Fall. Note it was also about this time that Jonathan Cahn’s "Shemitah" concept was also starting to grow in popularity which also pointed to something big happening in September 2015.
Biltz had also looked back in history and found that the same astronomical blood moon anomaly (blood moon tetrad) had happened previously on dates of great significance for the Jewish people.

### 1493 - 1494 Jewish Holiday Eclipse Schedule

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In September 2015 the end time prophecy community waited to see if a global event of significant proportion would happen where Israel was concerned. Nothing materialized.

The Shemitah concept had also predicted that a significant financial calamity on the global financial markets would take place in the run up to September 2015 which was to be the end of a seven year cycle known as the Shemitah. Cahn had also stated many times that America was to experience a significant calamity as a result of this prophecy. September 2015 came and went...
without any major collapse of the global financial system in a way that had happened previously.

It is important to note here that Cahn did suggest that what he had found was a pattern that seemed to repeat itself every so often. He did state that God's ways were outside of our logic and that it was entirely possible that God could delay or even terminate coming judgement as he saw fit for he alone was sovereign. However many people felt this was simply a “get out” clause in the event his predictions were wrong.

The below is an article published in Charisma News back in 2016 where Cahn says

“Many got sidetracked by putting all their focus on September and on a single-day crash of Wall Street they believed had to take place on a set date,” Cahn says. “I’ve cautioned from the beginning against date setting and the idea that anything had to take place on any date, season or in any year.

“But the predominant pattern of the book is not of a day crash that has to take place on a set day, but rather on a long-term crash or collapse of Wall Street, taking place over a period of months. And this is exactly what happened in the Shemitah of 2015. The market peaked in the spring and then began a long-term collapse over months into the summer. The effect of the Shemitah of 2015 was so great that by its end, it had wiped away $11 trillion dollars from world markets.”

Another part of the template revealed in the book is that the effects of the Shemitah intensify as the year approaches the Hebrew month of Elul, or August and September.

“This, too, is exactly what took place in the Shemitah of 2015,” Cahn says. “This year, Elul began on August 16. Less than 10 days after its start, the world would witness one of the greatest collapses in Wall Street history and, beyond that, in world history, with the onslaught of Black Monday.

“It is not that something had to happen this year, or that the phenomenon had to manifest in every cycle—but the fact is—it did. That phenomenon concerns a specific biblical seven-year cycle of financial, if not economic, downturn. And now, as we begin 2016, financial sites and news services all over the world are proclaiming that 2015 was the ‘worst year for the market since 2008.’ It’s an extremely powerful confirmation. As 2008-2015 is exactly that—a seven-year cycle. And not just a seven-year cycle, but the specific seven-year cycle ordained in the Bible, the cycle of the biblical Shemitah.”

In the lead up to the September 13th 2015 date that Cahn had targeted something significant did happen on the global financial markets but it happened nearly a month before on 18th August 2015. China stocks crashed and all Asian markets suffered major losses. Europe's markets fell by about 5% and Wall Street was crushed at the open. The losses tipped Germany into a bear market as Frankfurt’s DAX had fallen more than 20% from its April peak, and its gains for 2015 had been wiped out. This led to a massive stock market sell-off.

Yet despite this there was a significant feeling amongst many that the Shemitah was overcooked into something that simply didn’t deliver. The fact that we are here long after the September 2015 dates, with the world continuing for the moment without a rapture, without a
war of Gog and Magog, without a peace treaty in the middle east and without a complete global financial collapse; does this mean that the prophecies of the blood moon and Shemitah were simply false prophecies?

Some researchers see the previous blood moon prophecies as a forerunner to the Great Sign. Daniel Matson states,

“However, let us go back 1260 days from the sign of Revelation 12 to the day of the first lunar eclipse of the Tetrad of 2014-2015. The eclipse of April 15, 2014 occurred at a specific place in the heavens. As a time marker that points to the sign of Revelation 12, it should also have some significance. This eclipse on Passover 2014 occurred right next to star of Spica in Virgo. Jesus’ own body was sacrificed for us on Passover. He was the Seed of the Woman. He was the ear of grain that must die that life may abound. Spica in Hebrew is Zerah meaning “seed”—the Seed of the Woman. It is the same word as found in the promises of Genesis. It is fitting then that this sign of the lunar eclipse points to the sign of Revelation 12, which speaks of the Messiah’s birth, but also to the necessary second part of Jesus’ coming back to earth. With an interval of 1260 days between the signs, it would seem logical that the day count represented a leg of the Tribulation. But it cannot anymore unless one is to believe we are in the Tribulation, but we are NOT. However, this sign straight from Revelation 12 that appears in the sky from September 23 to September 25 cannot be ignored. Placing this sign in context with all of the other signs and calculations presented here, it would seem that this sign is a warning of the Tribulation that will soon begin.

The conclusion on this website is that it looks like the Rapture will occur on the Feast of Trumpets 2017, which would be on September 21. This day is sandwiched between the sign involving the Great Pyramid and Revelation 12. If the Tribulation ends on the Day of Atonement 2024, then 2,520 back from that day is November 19, 2017. The sign of Revelation 12 then comes 57 days before the Tribulation. This gap matches the gap between the end of Daniel’s 69 weeks on Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Church on Pentecost. 14

Luis B. Vega in his book The Virgo Sign states

“What this illustration also seeks to highlight not only the approximate 9 month gestation period of Jupiter as a prophetic typology of the Manchild being birthed in Virgo but the 1260 numerical coefficient that is tied to the start of the Tetrad Blood Moons of 2014-15. There appears to be other dates pegged to the Great Virgo Sign or Revelation 12 as it is astronomically to occur on September 23, 2017.

The next approximation is also 9 months after the Virgo Sign that converges on the Central Blood Moon of July 27, 2018. This Blood Moon is pegged to the one that occurred in 2011 approximately 7 years from that time markers. This particular Blood Moon will be seen over Jerusalem and is referred also as a Bull’s Eye eclipse. It is part of a Triad of 3 consecutive Blood Moons that ‘bookmarked’ the 2014-15 Tetrad. If there will be a prophetic or geopolitical event or occurrence 1260 days after the Virgo Sign that will remain to be seen. Chanukah is an 8-day Jewish holiday known as the Festival of Lights. It is commemorating the rededication of the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem when Israel was under the domain of the Greek Empire. The descendants of one of Alexander the Great’s generals was Antiochus of Epiphanes.” 18

Note all we are doing at this stage is presenting what some of these researchers are stating. In Part 4 we will examine the positive and negative aspects of their research and why we need to learn from the lessons of the past.
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