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## **How Accurate is the Bible Code?**

There has been a lot of hype about the supposed "codes" found in Scripture. For those unfamiliar with this find, researchers have found selected words in the Bible by putting skip sequences into the computer. For example, every third letter from Genesis 1:1 through Deuteronomy is examined until the word or phrase is found. If the word being searched out is not found with every third letter, then every fourth letter may be scanned, and so on.

Apparently the assassination of Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin was predicted in Deuteronomy by using a skip sequence of 4,772 letters. Since the Hebrew has no vowels the following was found: ytzhkrbn throughout 22 chapters. By adding the vowels, researchers came up with Yitzhak Rabin. In addition to this find, Yeshua Shemi (Yeshua is My Name) was found in Isaiah 53 and Dam Yeshua (blood of Yeshua) appeared in Leviticus.

I am not denying that there are definite patterns etc. within the Bible as God is indeed a God of order. However, one need exercise extreme caution before getting too carried away regarding this discovery. This information seems fascinating, and many Christians think that this "code" proves the Bible to be inspired.

However, what are we to do with the other information that has appeared within the Biblical text?

Using the same methods other researches have found the following: "The blood of Mohammed," "Mohammed" is found 2,328 times, Krishna 104 times, and Koresh 2,729 times in the Torah. Buddha, Lenin and Rev. Moon can also be found within Genesis and Daniel. In fact, even 5,812 references to UFO's can be found in the KJV of the Bible with many of them having reference to "Roswell." While some researches believe this is unique to the Bible, others claim that any sizeable piece of literature can obtain similar results. In fact, one researcher found 13 predicted assassinations of rather important people in the novel Moby Dick.

It is also important to point out that the man behind this discovery is a Jew and, therefore, does not believe in Christ. Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, who is an expert in mathematics and physics, with advanced degrees from Harvard and MIT, has also researched this "code." He states, "To be fair, I myself can't be 100% certain of the result." With so much confusion in regard to this find one must simply be cautious and not go overboard regarding this discovery. After all, "God is not a God of disorder but of peace" (I Cor 14:33).

For more information on this topic you can get the book, Decoding the Bible Code: Exposing the Danger and Deception by John Weldon.

## **A Genesis 3:15 in the Sky!**

I have briefly mentioned our new presentation entitled, "The Gospel in the Stars," in previous newsletters. This presentation shows the prophecy of Christ's birth, death, resurrection, and second coming are all preserved in the sky. Rather than taking

room to explain each constellation in detail, we will look at a general overview of the pictures seen in the sky.

For many Christians, the stars are either viewed as some evolutionary byproduct or astrological nonsense. However, history and Scripture clearly show that the stars are much more important than realized and have much more Christian meaning than most understand.

Before we begin one must have a clear understanding of the difference between astronomy and astrology. Astrology is the pagan practice of telling future events and personal characteristics from the stars while astronomy is simply the scientific study of the stars. As Christians we reject astrology and accept astronomy. Though astrology has corrupted the original intent of the stars, their role in God's creation is clearly seen when one look far back into the roots of the constellations. It is commonly thought that the names of the constellations are modern and astronomers or astrologers named them, however, this is not true. As far back as our archaeological and historical records go, we see that the names and, for the most part, pictures of these constellations are unchanged.

There seems to be nothing among the stars to suggest these pictures, so someone must have had a specific purpose to give these designs. This fact alone, suggests the stars are much more than astrology. How could people over the entire world have the same constellations? Their roots must go back at least to the tower of Babel. I believe that Adam indeed knew of these constellations and their meanings. What better way to preserve the Gospel message from the beginning of the world.

We see many of the constellations recorded in Scripture. It even tells us God created them: "He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south" (Job 9:9; see also

Job 38:31-32).

Not only did God create the stars but He also knows them by name, “He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name” (Ps 147:4).

It didn't take long for Satan to get his ugly hands in this permanent message inscribed in the heavens. To make sure people would not see that message he got them to worship the stars rather than the star Maker, the creation rather than the Creator. The following shows why satan would not want any Christian to know about this message.

Over and over in the stars we see a serpent having his head crushed by Christ, the promised Savior and Seed. In Genesis we read, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel” (Gen 3:15). Note the masculine gender of the One who would do the crushing. The word for “He” is ipse and is translated as so in the Latin translation of the Bible by Jerome (405 A.D.), as well as every ancient translation of Scripture we have. Why do I point this out? Because Rome had done a great disservice and wrongly translated this verse by making ipse into ipsa, a feminine gender, so that Genesis 3:15 read “She will crush your head.” Rome tried to portray Mary as the one who destroys Satan, which is why so many Roman statues and paintings have had Mary standing upon the serpent. Thankfully, this does not seem to be taught any more.

There can be no denying the witness of the truth preserved in the stars. In the presentation CIA gives, entitled "The Gospel in the Stars," we see a male figure called Ophiuchus. He is seen standing upon the head of Scorpio, a scorpion who represents satan. In addition, the scorpion is stinging the heel of this man. A vivid picture of Genesis 3:15. We see Christ represented again in Aries

as HE binds up Cetus the sea monster (satan). We see Christ as Orion, not only destroying satan with HIS club, but also standing upon Lepus, another representation of satan. Hercules (Christ) also has HIS foot raised to crush the head of Draco, the dragon (satan). And finally, the last of the constellations is Leo who stands upon the devil as represented by Hydra. One can not find a better picture of Genesis 3:15.

There can be no denying that the theme of the stars in the heavens is that Christ would not only come to conquer death and the devil on the cross, but, He is coming again to destroy satan forever. When Christ does appear again, He will be taking His multitude of believers to live with Him in paradise. AMEN! AMEN! HE IS RISEN! PRAISE THE LORD!

There is much more that can be discussed on this topic but for our purpose here we need only show the witness of the stars regarding Genesis 3:15. For more information on this glorious topic, call us to set up a presentation on the stars. Indeed, "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Ps 19:1).

## **Did the Ancients Believe the Earth was Flat?**

I once had a man ask me if the world was flat or round. His intention in asking the question was to try and make a point that the "church" shouldn't but their nose into science, and thus creation was ridiculous in his eyes. What did the ancients believe in this matter?

First we must realize that just because the catholic church persecuted Galileo and others, because their teachings didn't fit church assumptions, doesn't mean that Scripture taught the same

thing the church did. We must always remember that it is Scripture which bears truth, not the church, no matter what religious affiliation you may have. In fact, it is interesting that it is the cults which demand that membership of their particular denomination is NEEDED for their salvation. For example, to obtain salvation as a Mormon, you must be in good standing among the church. The same is true of the Jehovah's Witness, the Christian Scientist, Buddhists etc.. Anytime the church dominates over Scripture one can expect to find serious problems.

There is no question that prior to the catholic church involvement in science, the ancients understood the world to be round. However, because they rejected God and His word, God destroyed these cultures and the knowledge of a circular world was lost.

The pictures shown on this newsletter prove the ancients knew of a circular world. The first picture shows you the Trajan Fountain that is along the marble road of Ephesus, in Turkey. In the center is a ball-like figure which is blown up in scale below. Only the foot of Trajan remains outside, unprotected. In any case, what was seen at this fountain was the emperor Trajan with his foot upon this round globe, symbolizing that he had conquered the world.

I find it amazing that people can view the ancient astronomical observations, the very accurate maps of the North Pole (without ice), the impressive architecture and the rather advanced medical knowledge, yet still believe that we are a more advanced society intellectually, while the ancients were "primitive." I recently asked an archaeologist in Greece (not a creationist) if she believed we were more advanced today than four or five thousand years ago. She did not even hesitate before answering an emphatic NO. She went on to describe a number of archaeological finds that are still mysteries for us today. Not just things that are impressive, but rather, accomplishments that we cannot even do today. It seems that most archaeologists think the same way as the one above, yet

we continue to build up our own pride in thinking that we, somehow, are getting better.

Did the ancients know the world was round? Of course they did! The only thing amazing about it all, is that it took us so long to realize that they were right. If we would only follow God's Word for our lives and studies, just think how much further we could be scientifically.