

**THE STARS:
GOD'S WORD IN
THE SKY**

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Introduction

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 looks 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. Even though the Latin name for the first constellation in the Zodiac is *Virgo* and the Hebrew is *Bethulah*, both mean "virgin," and thus the meaning is unchanged. Who came up with these names and pictures? We do not know for sure, but Josephus states that "God gave the antediluvians [specifically, Adam, Seth and Enoch] such long life that they might perfect those things which they had invented in astronomy." When one looks at the constellations and their pictures, some are, at best, only imaginable. 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 astronomy is much more than corrupted astrology. How could people over the entire world have the same names for 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? Even Enoch prophesied about the Gospel just as it is preserved among the stars: "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone'" (Jude 14-15). Perhaps Enoch helped in drawing up the constellations, as Josephus believed.

We see many of the constellations recorded in Scripture. In Job we read, "Can you bind the beautiful *Pleiades*? Can you loose the cords of *Orion*? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the *Bear* with its cubs?" (Job 38:31-32). Orion, Pleiades, and the Big Dipper (Bear) are all well known constellations today. It is even recognized that the constellations come forth in their seasons. This is in reference to the Zodiac. The Zodiac is composed of 12 constellations which follow in the ecliptic (basic path of the sun across the sky), with a

new one coming up on the horizon each month (all of which will be discussed later in this book). Job notes other constellations as well: “By His breath the skies became fair; His hand pierced the gliding serpent [*Draco*, the dragon]” (Job 26:13). In the book of Acts we see reference to Gemini, known as Castor and Pollux to the Greeks: “It was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux” (Acts 28:11). As seen even prior to the days of Christ the constellations had found meaning both in the pagan and Christian realm.

Job makes it clear that it was God who created these constellations, not some act of chance through evolution: “He is the Maker of the *Bear* and *Orion*, the *Pleiades* and the constellations of the south” (Job 9:9).

Not only did God create the stars but He also knows them by name: “Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing” (Is 40:26). Likewise we read in Psalms: “He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name” (Ps 147:4).

So why did God create the stars? The Bible states, “And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.’ And it was so. God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars” (Gen 1:14-16). First, note that the stars were made separately from the “greater light” or the sun and, therefore, the sun is NOT a star as science tries to portray. We see this in the New Testament as well: “The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor” (1 Cor 15:41). Secondly, the stars, sun and moon are to serve as signs. Not astrological signs, as the pagans have done, but as signs of the times. We read in Isaiah: “The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light” (Is 13:10). In Matthew the disciples asked, “What will be the *sign* of your coming and of the end of the age?” Part of Jesus’ response was, “Immediately after the distress of those days ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ At that time the *sign* of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory” (Mat 24:30-31). Thus the stars falling will be a sign of the end of this age and the beginning of the age to come (See also Eze 32:7; Joe 2:10; 3:15; Rev 6:13; 8:12).

Another example of stars as signs is seen at the birth of Christ. The Magi had seen a star in the east and went to Herod asking, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. . . .He asked them where the Christ was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the Shepherd of My people Israel.' Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared" (Mat 2:2-7). We read in Peter: "[Jesus] was chosen before the creation of the world." Knowing this, it makes perfect sense that God would have put this plan into His creation.

An interesting side-note should be made regarding the knowledge of the star of Bethlehem. How did the Magi know this was the star of the King? Part of God's plan back around 586 BC, when Babylon captured Jerusalem, was to have this knowledge shared with others. Daniel was one of the first men to be exiled to Babylon, and because of the Lord's care was made head of the Magi. There is no doubt that Daniel shared his knowledge of the stars with these Magi, who in turn passed it down through the generations.

The stars also served as notice of seasons. As mentioned, the 12 Zodiacal constellations all serve as seasonal notices. Like clockwork, each constellation appears at the proper time. Even the Babylonians recognized this. In the Babylonian Creation account we read of Anu, their image of the Creator: "Anu made excellent the mansions of the great gods in number [12 Zodiacs]. The stars he placed in them. The lumasi [groups of stars] he fixed. He arranged the year according to the bounds [12 signs] which he defined. For each of the twelve months three rows of stars [constellations] he fixed. From the day when the year issues forth unto the close, he marked the mansions [Zodiac signs] of the wandering stars [planets] to know their courses that they might not err or deflect at all." A poem entitled *Diosemeia*, written by Aratus in 270 BC, also notes the use of constellations in knowing times of planting, harvesting, etc.: "From Zeus we lead the strain; he whom mankind ne'er leave unhymned. . . . 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." The poem then continues to list the signs of the Zodiac and give explanation of each one's indication. Incidentally, Paul knew of this

poem, as he quoted from it in Acts 17:28 when he said to those in Athens, "As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'"

Finally, the stars were created to give God praise and to lead people to the knowledge of God's existence. We see from Romans that no man will have an excuse if he denies God's existence because, from the stars, mountains and all that God has created, man can see a Divine hand. We read, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Rom 1:20). It is also interesting to see a similar message in Revelation: "Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--" This is the only time the gospel is called eternal, showing a gospel message from the beginning of time right up to the end. What is this message preached by the angel? "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. *Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water*" (Rev 14:6-7). The eternal gospel seems to say, "Worship the Creator because you have to know He exists."

Finally, in Romans we see a reference to Israel's unbelief: **"Faith comes through hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: 'Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world'" (Rom 10:18).** Whose voice and whose words has Israel heard but not listened to? The prophets? The teachers of the Law? No! The Stars! According to Romans the "Word of Christ" is in the sky. This is a direct quote from Psalms where we read, "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" (Ps 19:1-4). We should look at the stars, recognize God's hand in them, and praise His name: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him? . . . O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Ps 8:3-9). Clearly the stars serve a purpose outside of astrology, for they are to "Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars" (Psa 148:3).

With all of these Scriptural references pointing to a deeper message in the stars, why do we look past them so often today? As Satan often does, he takes whatever is good and corrupts it a little bit to make it all evil. The purpose of this book is to point out that corruption, so that one can view the stars as they were meant to be, and as a result, praise the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am confident that when

you are finished reading this book, you will never look at the stars with only a passing glance again. It didn't take long for Satan to get his ugly hands on 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. Paul writes, "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen. . . .Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts" (Rom 1:25-26).

Soon after Noah's Flood had cleansed the earth, the majority of people gathered in Babylon to make the tower of Babel. Many people believe that the tower of Babel was built to escape any flood that may happen again. This is not true, because they wouldn't build a tower in the middle of a plain if height was of any importance. Rather, the tower of Babel was an attempt of pagan creation worship; a tower that was dedicated or built "unto the heavens." The pyramids may well have been used for similar astrological purposes.

Lieut. Gen. Chesney, who has excavated ruins in Babylon, wrote, "About five miles southwest of Hilah, the most remarkable of all the ruins, the Birs Nimroud of the Arabs, rises to a height of 153 feet above the plain from a base covering a square of 400 feet, or almost four acres. It was constructed of kiln-dried bricks in seven stages to correspond with the planets to which they were dedicated: the lowermost black, the color of Saturn. The next orange, for Jupiter. The third red, for Mars; and so on. These states were surmounted by a lofty tower, on the summit of which, we are told, were the signs of the Zodiac and other astronomical figures; thus having a representation of the heavens" (Bullinger, 10). Whether or not this is the true tower of Babel we cannot be sure; however, this is indicative of what we see of the Babylonian culture. Babylonian libraries have been excavated, filled with books on astronomy mixed with astrology. Many records show that the Babylonians were skilled in astrological data, knowing of sunspots, comets and calculated eclipses. They would observe the sky from ziggurats (perhaps similar to the tower of Babel) and then report information back to the king. Perhaps that is why Isaiah wrote, "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" (Isa 47:13-14). This is a perfect example of what the stars are not meant to be used for. Those who practice such satanic arts will one day be destroyed just as those in the time of King Josiah: "He did away with the pagan priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on

those around Jerusalem--those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts” (2 Ki 23:5, See also Deu 4:19; 17:3). What God had created as good was used for evil purposes.

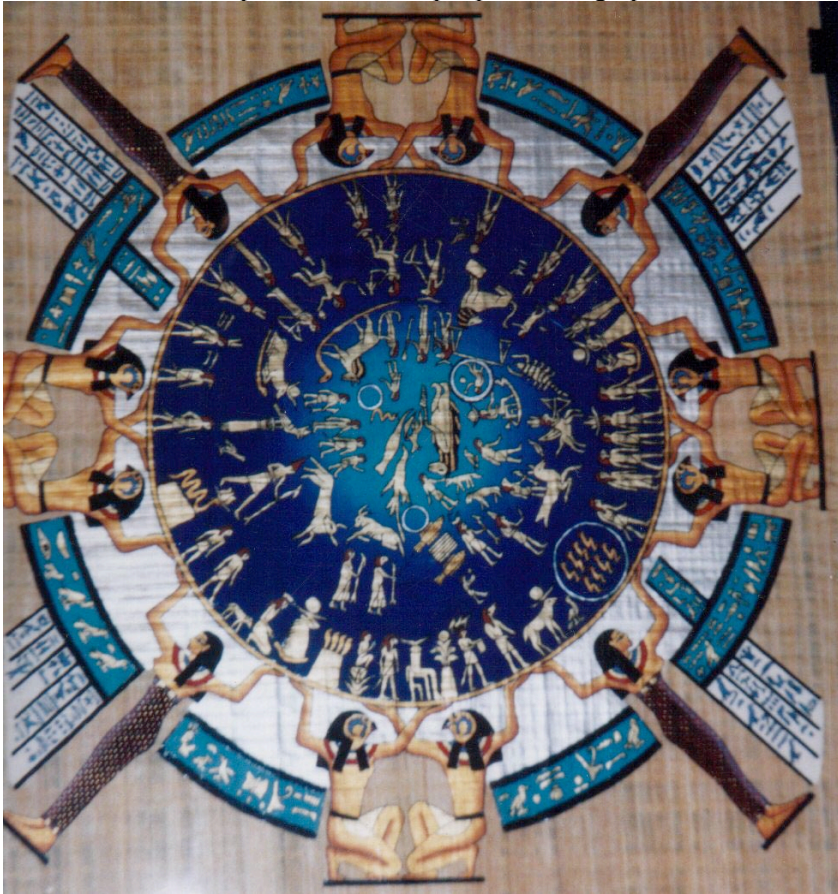
Understanding that there are Christian roots and purposes for the stars, let us put astrology and the ways of Satan behind us and further examine the Gospel in the stars. Our primary focus will be on the twelve Zodiacal constellations and their stars. (These 12 constellations will be discussed in three chapters, devoted to four constellations each). At the end of each chapter we will examine other nearby constellations (above or below the Zodiac) that follow the theme of that chapter. Though our focus is the Zodiac, every constellation in the sky clearly points to the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

CHAPTER ONE

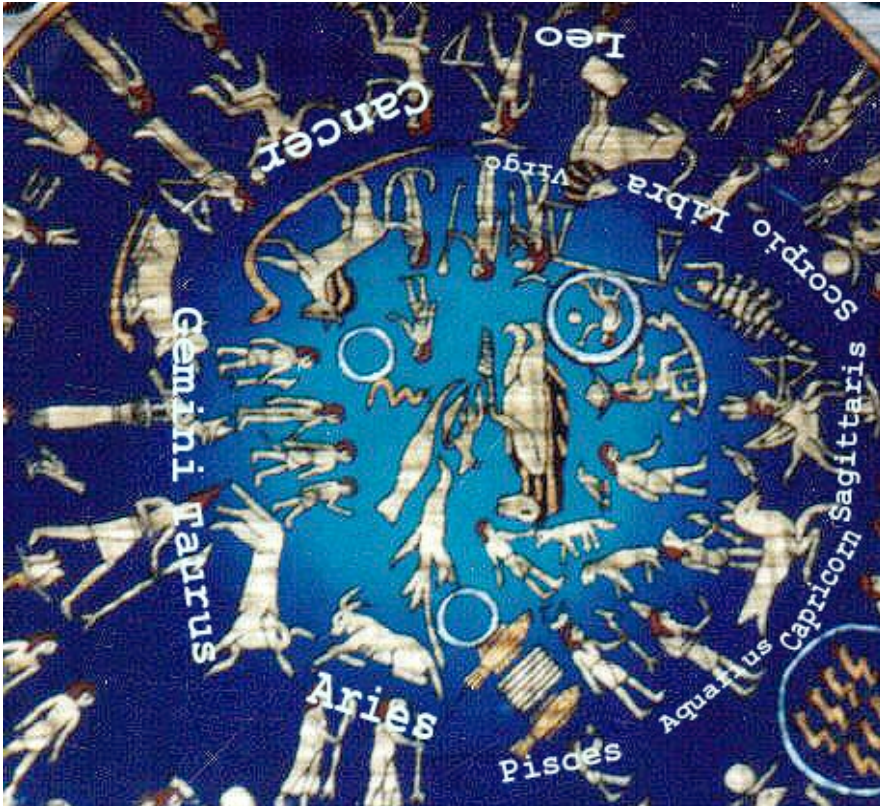
The 1st Zodiacal Chapter

With twelve constellations in the Zodiac, where do we begin chronologically? We go to Egypt for that answer. As mentioned, the constellations are not newly named. While in Egypt, I took a picture of an ancient Egyptian calendar dating two to three thousand years BC.

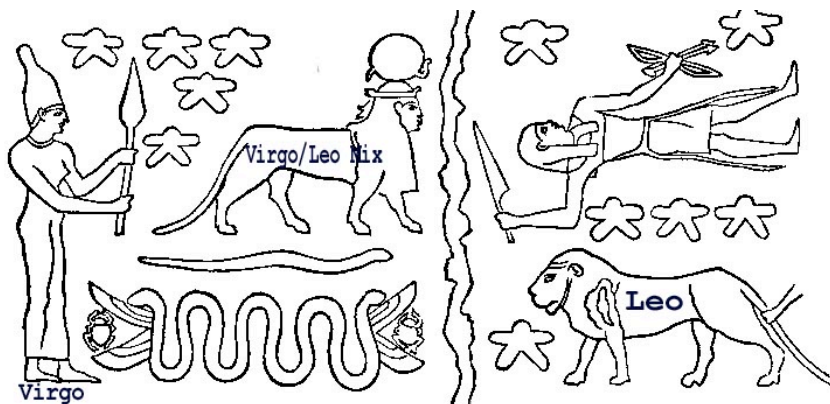
The calendar is composed of twelve people holding up the world,



representing the twelve months of the year. Their twenty-four hands represent the twenty-four hour day. Above their hands are fifty-two symbols representing weeks in a year and above those symbols are the Zodiacal constellations. This calendar is extremely accurate, testifying



to the great knowledge the Egyptian people had of time and astronomy. The twelve Zodiacal constellations are the same pictures represented in our modern pictures of the constellations. However, being in a circle, we still do not know where to begin among the twelve, so we go to the Temple of ESNEH where we see on the ceiling the twelve Zodiacal constellations being connected by the Sphinx. This is important because not only does the word Sphinx mean “to bind or unite together,” but the Sphinx itself bears the head of Virgo (first in the Zodiac) and the hind end of Leo (last in the Zodiac). Thus, the Sphinx unites the beginning and the end of the Zodiac. Not only does the Sphinx suggest Virgo is first, but the story told among the stars could only begin logically with Virgo. As we begin going through this first of the three chapters of the stars, it should be pointed out that each chapter will have four Zodiacal constellations. The first constellation in each chapter will simply identify the person or prophecy to be discussed. The second will show the work of this person through grace. The third constellation will show the work of this person through conflict, and the fourth will show the final fulfillment of the prophecy.



Of the three Zodiacal chapters, the first will give a general overview from the prophecy of Christ's coming, His death and resurrection, to His second coming. The second Zodiacal chapter will focus primarily on His death and resurrection. The third Zodiacal chapter will focus on Christ's second coming.

VIRGO- #1 of chapter 1 (The Virgin)

The virgin bringing forth the promised Seed

Virgo is pictured as a woman with a branch in her right hand and grain (usually corn) in her left hand. She represents the Virgin Mary and her Seed. The following are the names of this constellation in various languages:

- Latin - *Virgo* means "virgin," which is closely connected to *virga*, meaning "branch."
- Hebrew - *Bethulah*, meaning "virgin."
- Arabic word also means "branch."

The Greeks called her *Ceres* and showed her with corn in her hand. This was appropriate, because for the Greeks she was the goddess of harvest, since she appeared around harvest time. In the Egyptian Temple of Denderah (2000 BC) she was seen with the branch in her hand and was representative of the god Isis. They called her *Aspolia*, meaning "ears of corn" or "the seed," showing the Seed was the focus of this constellation. Even in the poem by Aratus it states:

Beneath Bootes feet the Virgin seek,
Who carries in her hand a glittering spike.
Over her shoulder there revolves a star

In the right wing, superlatively bright;
It rolls beneath the tail, and may compare
With the bright stars that deck the Greater Bear.
Upon her shoulder one bright star is borne,
One clasps the circling girdle of her loins,
One at her bending knee; and in her hand
Glitters that bright and golden **Ear of Corn**.

The stars name themselves, give us further insight into why the Corn, and not the Virgin, is the main focus of this constellation. The brightest star (Alpha) in Virgo is named *Al Zimach* in Arabic, meaning “the branch.” This is very similar to the Hebrew, *Tsemech*, which also means “branch.” An interesting discovery is that in the Hebrew language there are 20 words for “branch” but only *Tsemech* is used exclusively four times, all in reference to the coming Messiah. They are as follows:

1) Jer 23:5 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up to David a righteous **Branch**, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.’”

2) Zec 3:8 “Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring My servant, **the Branch**.”

3) Zec 6:12 “Here is the man whose name is the **Branch**, and He will branch out from His place and build the temple of the LORD.”

4) Isa 4:2 “In that day the **Branch** of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious.”

Closely connected with Isaiah 4:2 (seen above) is another star, the second brightest (Beta) in this constellation in the right wing. It is called *Zavijaveh*, meaning “the gloriously beautiful.” The fifth brightest star (Epsilon) found in the right arm is *Al Mureddin*, meaning “who shall come down or who shall have dominion” (See Psalms 72:8). This star is also known as *Vindematrix*, a Chaldee word meaning “the son or branch who comes.” Other stars include *Al Azal* (the branch), *Subilon* (spike of corn-Isa 17:5), *Subilah* (who carries). The star *Subilah* should remind us of Isaiah, who wrote of Christ: “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you” (Isa 46:4).



Clearly, the person identified by this first constellation of the Zodiac is Christ Himself, born of the Virgin Mary. It was this Branch that was prophesied back in Genesis when God said, "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). We also read in Isaiah, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a **sign**: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel" (Isa 7:14).

LIBRA- #2 of chapter 1 (The Scales Weighing)

**The scales which weigh our sins, or the sacrifice
that paid the price for them.**

Libra is pictured as a pair of scales, which symbolize our redemption through the blood of Christ. In ancient times scales were often viewed as the means of weighing man's heart. In the judgment scene, as seen in many temples of Egypt, we see that when a person died



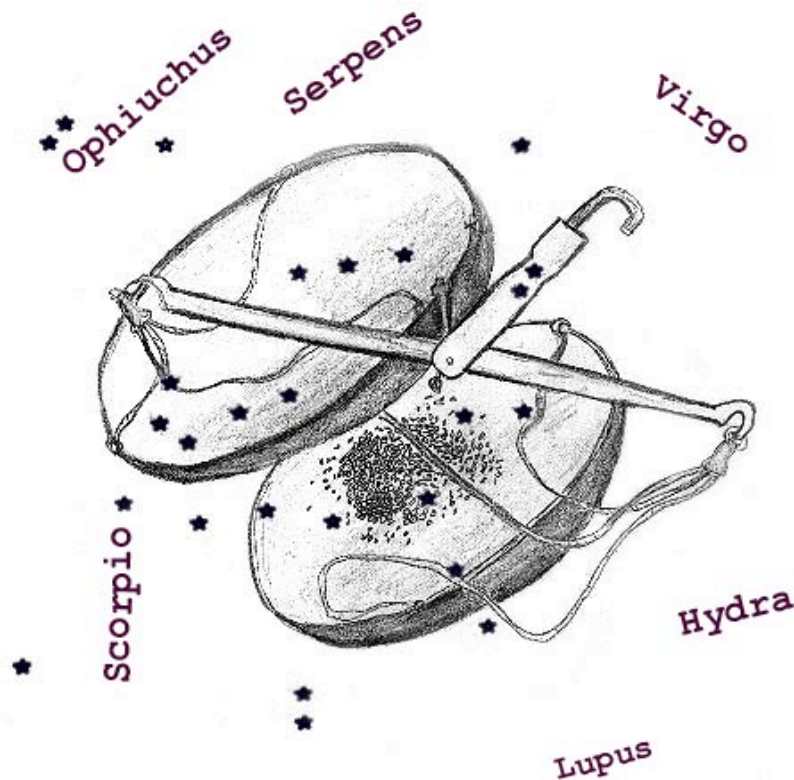
he was brought before the judge. His heart was put on a scale to weigh his deeds. If his heart was found lacking he would be devoured. If his heart was found to be good he would be taken into the after-life. Libra is the Christian view of this judgment scene.

The following constellation names give further evidence of this interpretation:

- Hebrew- *Mozanaim*, meaning “the scales weighing.”
- Arabic - *Al Zubena*, meaning “purchase or redemption.”
- Coptic- *Lambadia*, meaning “station of propitiation.”
- Latin- *Libra*, meaning “weighing.”

We see that Scripture also makes reference to man being “weighed” to determine his righteousness: “Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie; **if weighed on a balance**, they are nothing; together they are only a breath” (Psa 62:9; see also Isa 40:12).

Even the handwriting on the wall testifies to this measuring of right and wrong. When Daniel interpreted this divine message he said, “This is what these words mean: Mene : God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. Tekel : You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting” (Dan 5:26-27). These verses fit well with the alpha star, *Zuben al Genubi*, in the lower scale. It means “purchase or deficient price.” Just as described in Psalms, if weighed on a balance by



ourselves we are found wanting or deficient. David also wrote, “No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him--the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough--” (Psa 49:7-8). We need Christ’s blood (no matter how good we may be) to be made truly righteous, or else we are doomed. That points us to the beta star in the upper scale, *Zeben al Chemali* meaning, “price which covers.” John wrote, “And they sang a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood **You purchased men for God** from every tribe and language and people and nation’” (Rev 5:9). Christ’s blood is the price which covers our sin. Through Him we have been made righteous and our redemption price has been paid.

Another star in Libra is *al Gubi*, which means “heaped up or high,” showing the value of this redemption price. The gamma star is *Zuben Akrabi*, meaning “price of conflict.” This star is toward Centaurus, who is the victim slain, showing the great price it would take for our redemption.

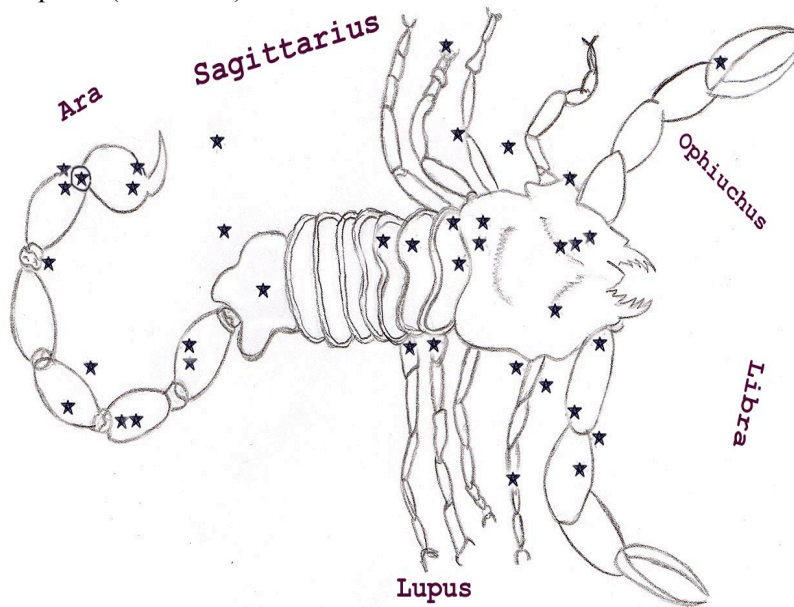
It is also possible that the Egyptian version discussed above was corrupted from the earlier Akkadian version. In the Akkadian, Libra was called *Tulku*, meaning “sacred mound or sacred altar.” *Tul* means “mound” and *ku* means “sacred.” Therefore, Libra may not be scales but rather an altar. This would agree even more so with the three constellations that go with Libra outside of the Zodiac (Cross, Victim slain, and Crown). This also fits well with the meaning of the stars’ names, showing Christ to be the sacrifice that covered the cost of our sins by the conflict of death and the cross. Christ overcame, however, by His resurrection. Thus, we see the Virgin bring forth the promised seed in Virgo, and that Seed then pays the price for our sins on the cross, therefore, showing the work of this person through grace.

SCORPIO- #3 of chapter 1 (The Scorpion) Satan trying to sting Christ’s heel, but getting his head crushed.

Scorpio is pictured as a scorpion, representing Satan, with its tail raised to sting. One does not see the whole picture without looking at three other constellations nearby. We will go through these constellations in more detail later, but for now let it suffice to visualize the image as it appears in the sky. Above the scorpion is a man named Ophiuchus, who represents Christ. Ophiuchus is standing with his foot over the head of the scorpion (Satan). Meanwhile, the scorpion is attempting to sting Ophiuchus’ heel. This is a vivid picture of the prophecy in Genesis which states, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you [Satan] will strike his heel” (Gen 3:15). Further evidence is seen in Ophiuchus, who is holding a serpent (Satan) who is trying to reach a crown with its mouth. Ophiuchus is not allowing the crown to be taken because it belongs to him, as we will see in another constellation. In any case, it shows the struggle for power and dominion over this world.

Other names for this constellation are:

- Hebrew - *Akrab*, meaning “conflict or war.” “You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent” (Psa 91:13).



- Coptic - *Isidis*, meaning “the attack of the enemy or oppression.” See Ps 17:9.
- Arabic - *Al Akrab*, meaning “wounding He that comes.”

The star names clearly identify Scorpio as Satan. The alpha star in the heart is *Antares* (the wounding) and the lambda (11th) star in the stinger is *Lesath* (the perverse). Even in ancient times, Scorpio was feared by sailors because, when he arrived, so did the autumn storms.

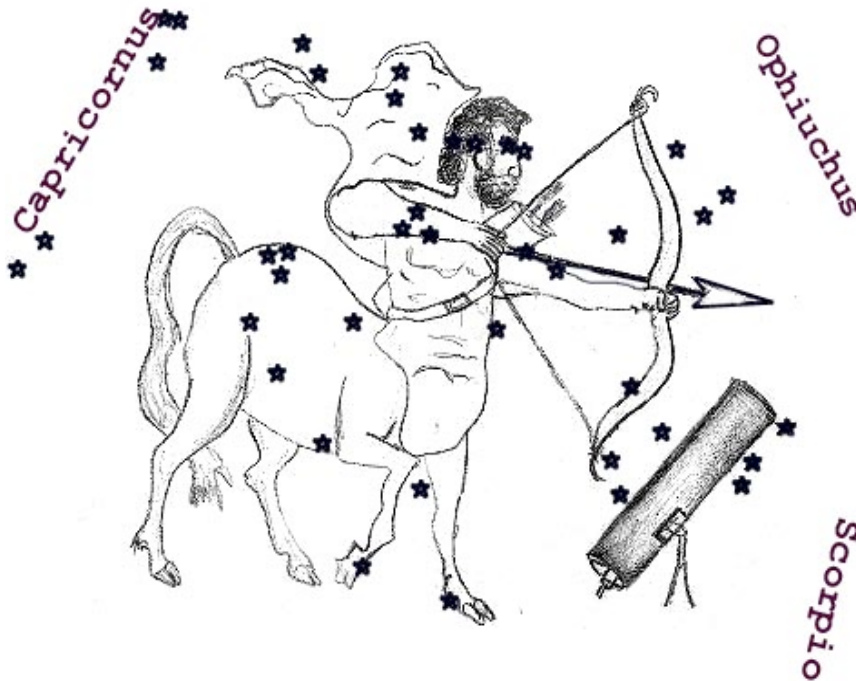
Although the promised seed would pay the price for our sins, Satan, would indeed, bruise our Redeemer’s heel on the cross. Not to fear, however, because Satan’s head was crushed and his doom awaits, as we see in the final constellation of this Zodiacal chapter, Sagittarius.

SAGITTARIUS- #4 of chapter 1
(The Archer)
Conqueror coming forth to judge.
(Concludes first chapter of
this heavenly revelation)

Sagittarius is seen as half horse, half man, riding forth as if to conquer. He has a bow in his left hand and a strung arrow in his right hand. His arrow is pointing directly at the heart of Scorpio. Both constellation and star names show that this is Christ returning to judge the world and destroy Satan forever.

The constellation names are:

- Latin is *Sagittarius*, meaning “archer.”
- Hebrew & Syriac is *Kesith*, meaning “the archer.”
- Arabic is *Al Kaus*, meaning “the arrow.”
- Coptic is *Pimacre*, meaning “the graciousness, or beauty, of the coming forth.”
- Greek is *Toxotes*, meaning “the archer.”



There are many Scripture verses describing what is seen in this constellation. David wrote, “Gird Your sword upon Your side, O Mighty One; clothe Yourself with splendor and majesty. In Your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness; let Your right hand display awesome deeds. Let Your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies; let the nations fall beneath Your feet” (Psa 45:3-5). Not only are we told God is going to “ride forth,” but He will

also pierce the “hearts” of His enemies with “His sharp arrows.” In Revelation we read, “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He **judges** and makes war” (Rev 19:11). And finally, “God will shoot them with arrows; suddenly they will be struck down. He will turn their own tongues against them and bring them to ruin; all who see them will shake their heads in scorn. All mankind will fear; they will proclaim the works of God and ponder what He has done. Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in Him; let all the upright in heart praise Him!” (Psa 64:7-10). What a beautiful picture Sagittarius shows in these verses.

The names of the brightest stars in this constellation fit with this interpretation: *Naim* (Hebrew for “the gracious one”), *Nehushta* (Hebrew for “going or sending forth”), *Al Shaula* (Arabic for “the dart”), *Al Warida* (Arabic for “who comes forth”), *Ruchba er rami* (Arabic for “riding of the bowman”), *Nun-ki* (Akkadian for “Prince of the earth”) and in the Denderah he is called *Pi-maere* (same as Coptic- “beauty of the coming forth”). These names give us a clear indication that the rider is the “beautiful bowman” who is “riding forth” to conquer Satan and redeem His loved ones at His second coming (Rev 19:11).

Reviewing this first chapter, we saw Virgo bringing forth the promised Seed. Although that seed would die on the cross to pay for our sins (Libra), and thus bruise His heel, His resurrection would crush the head of Satan (Scorpio). Because of this, when Christ comes again, He will destroy Satan for good (Sagittarius). We have seen in this first Zodiacal chapter an overview from the prophecy of the coming Savior to His death and resurrection and His predicted return.

Constellations connected with Zodiacal chapter one

COMA (*Woman and Child*)

Coma is closely associated with Virgo, the virgin. Whereas Virgo pointed us to the “Branch,” Coma was always seen as a virgin holding an infant in her arms. The eighth century Arabian astronomer, Abu Masher once wrote, “There arises in the first Decan [constellation] as the Persians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, the two Hermes and Ascalius teach, a young woman, whose Persian name denotes a pure virgin sitting on a throne nourishing an infant boy having a Hebrew name, by some

nations called IHESU, with the signification IEZA, which in Greek is called CHRISTOS.”

However, today the picture Abu Masher describes is on no modern maps. Instead, we find a woman’s wig. In this instance, though, we are able to see in history how this perversion came about. It seems that in the third century BC Bernice (wife of Ptolemy III) vowed to dedicate her head of hair to Venus and had it put in the temple. Later, her hair was stolen, and to console Bernice she was told that Jupiter had taken it and put it up in one of the constellations.

Ursa Major

Leo



Bootes

Virgo

The most ancient name for the constellation was *Comah* (the desired or longed for). We see the same word in Scripture: “I will shake all nations, and the *desired* of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD Almighty” (Hag 2:7). The Hebrew word *Coma* (desired) is very close to the Greek word *Co-me* (hair). *Co-me* is the same as the Latin, *Coma*; therefore, *Coma Berenice* (hair of Bernice) originated and corrupted the true, more ancient meaning, “The Desired.”

The aged names and information which follow show the true intent of this sign:

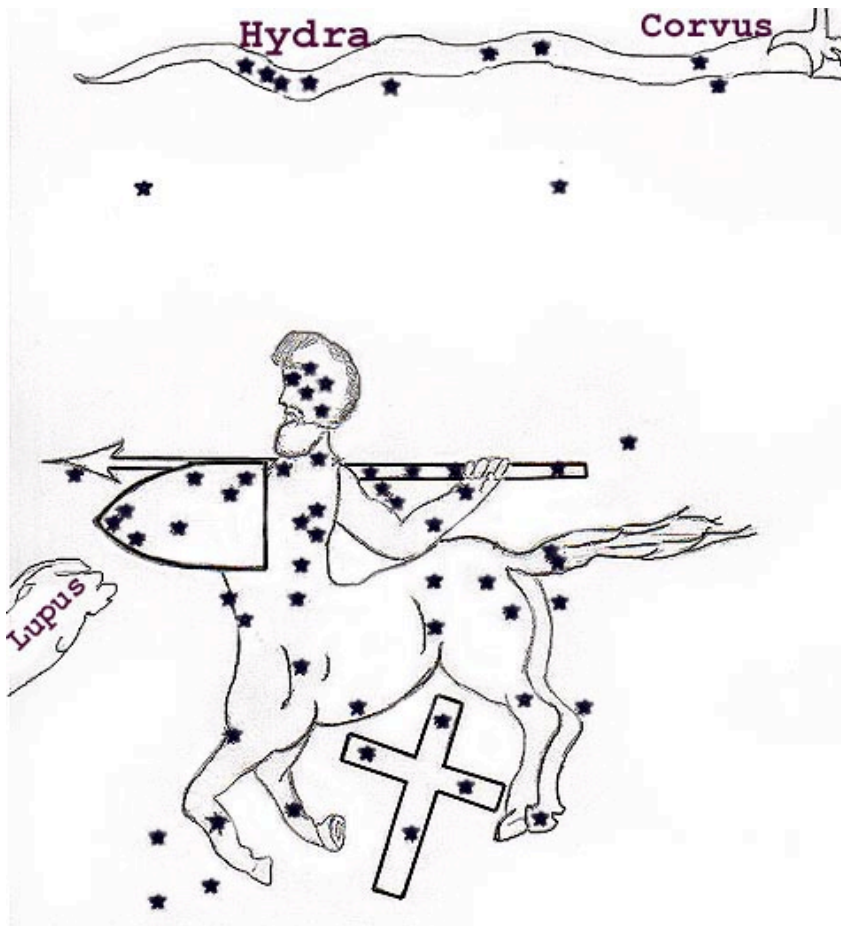
- The ancient Egyptians called Coma *Shes-nu*, meaning “the desired son.”
- The Denderah (2000 BC) pictured Coma as a woman with child, as we have shown for this sign.
- Even Shakespeare knew of this child, because he wrote in his *Titus Andronicus* about an arrow being shot into the heavens to the “Good boy in Virgo’s lap.”
- Abulfaragius (1126-1286), an Arab historian, recorded in the *Zend Avesta* that the star of Bethlehem appeared in this constellation. Thomas Hyde (1636-1703) wrote on the Persian religious beliefs and quoted Abulfaragius in reference to Daniel’s role in the Persians’ religion. He said that a man named Zoroaster was a pupil of Daniel’s when he was head of the Magi, as mentioned in our first chapter. Daniel was supposed to have taught that the star of Bethlehem would appear in this constellation. Whether true or not we cannot say; however, the historical records at least disprove the perversion of this constellation into a mere wig.

The facts clearly suggest that Coma was the “desired” child prophesied by the “Branch” in Virgo. However, once again, Satan does all he can to keep the truth from being known. But the glory of these stars will not be allowed to fade, because the Desired has come and He has conquered that ancient serpent, the devil. This is clearly shown in our next constellations.

CENTAURUS (*The Centaur*)

The coming Judge

The constellations outside of the Zodiac tell the same story, often repetitively, as the Zodiac itself. Therefore, we will see many constellations representing Christ and many representing Satan. None are more or less important than the other; rather, all of these constellations validate the interpretation given of the Zodiac. The constellations above those in the first chapter will follow the same theme. Likewise, the constellations above those in the second Zodiacal chapter will follow the theme of those four constellations and give a clearer picture of the true meaning of the stars. The constellations outside of the Zodiac are underlined. Though we will not discuss every single constellation, the majority will be explained to give you an accurate picture of what is being said. Those not discussed are minor constellations that do follow the same theme of the others, and are only left out for the sake of time.



Centaurus is very similar to Sagittarius, in that he is in the act of destroying the enemy (Scorpio). Rather than an arrow, however, Centaurus uses a spear. Also interesting is that Centaurus is situated directly over a cross, representative of his own death, through which Satan's destruction will come. The following are other names for this constellation:

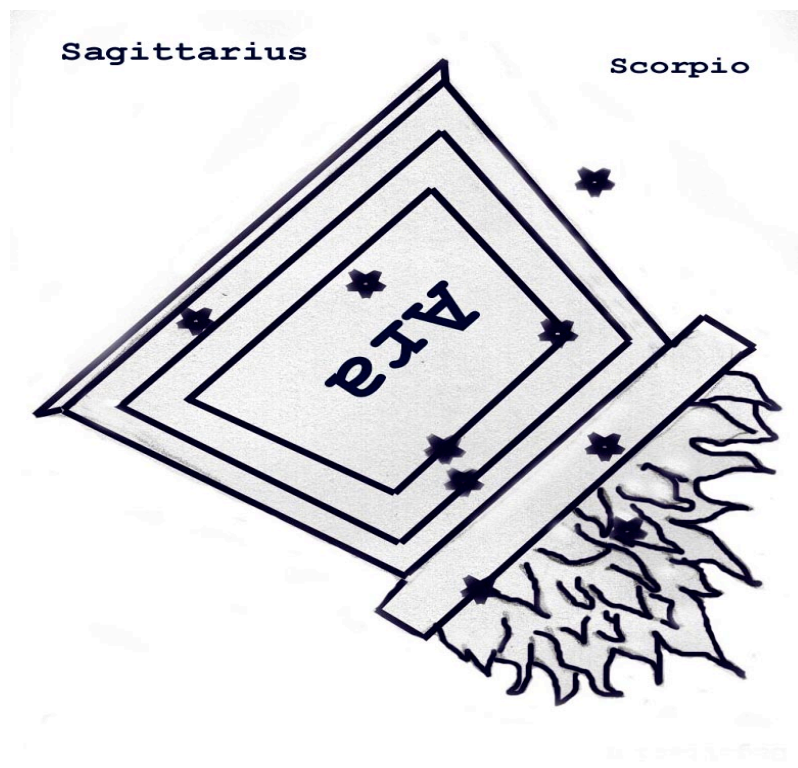
- Greek is *Cheiron*, meaning "the pierced."
- Arabic is *Al Beze*, meaning "despised."
- Hebrew is *Bezeh*, meaning "despised."

All of these names and meanings remind us of Isaiah, where we read, "He was despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was **despised**, and we esteemed Him not" (Isa 53:3). Also, "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit

of grace and supplication. They will look on Me, the one they have **pierced**" (Zec 12:10).

The brightest of all stars in Centaurus is *Toliman* (heretofore and hereafter) which can only speak of Christ. John wrote, "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty'" (Rev 1:8).

ARA *(The Altar)*



Ara is seen as an altar with a flame upon it. In the Denderah (2000 BC) it was viewed as a man enthroned with a flail in his hand. The Egyptians called him *Bau* (who comes) and shared the same theme as Hercules. *Bau* comes from the Hebrew word *Boh* (to come) and is seen in Isaiah where it says, "Who is this *coming* from Edom, from Bozrah, with His garments stained crimson?" (Isa 63:1). Obviously, Ara closely follows the theme of Libra which, as mentioned, could also have been viewed as an altar.

The Arabic for this sign is *Al Mugamra* (finishing). The Greek word *Ara* was sometimes used for "praying" but most often for

“cursing.” It therefore shows the curse put upon Satan as a result of the work done by Christ on this altar.

SERPENTARIUS (SERPENS) & OPHIUCHUS

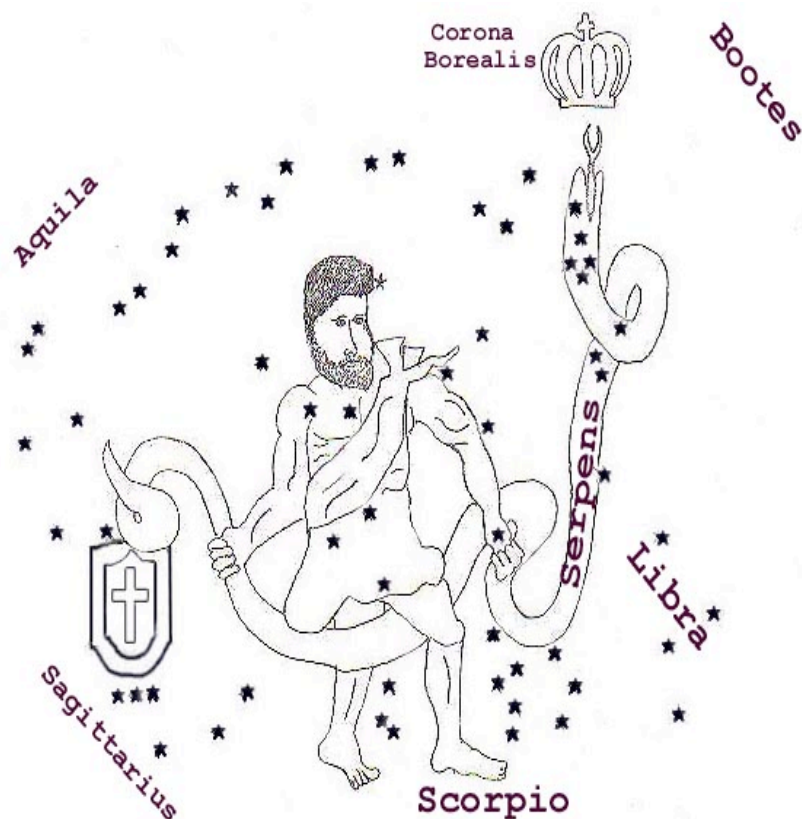
Shows the struggle for dominion with the enemy (Satan)

As mentioned earlier, Serpens and Ophiuchus go hand in hand with Scorpio. Ophiuchus serves the same function as Sagittarius, in that Satan is being overpowered. Ophiuchus is seen holding a serpent (Serpens) in his arms, keeping him from obtaining the crown. Ophiuchus is also standing on the head of Scorpio (Satan), at the cost of receiving a scorpion sting and a bruised heel, fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 as shown on this book’s cover. The Greeks called Ophiuchus “Asclepius,” the healing god. He had the serpent wrapped around him (serpent’s poison used for medicine) and to this day this has been the symbol for the medical profession. This is a perversion of this constellation, which really shows the true Healer of the world, Christ.

Ophiuchus comes from the Hebrew & Arabic *Afeichus* (serpent held). In the Denderah, Ophiuchus is a throned figure called *Api-bau* (chief who comes) with a hawk’s head (enemy of the serpent). The serpent’s name is *Khu* (ruled, or enemy). Serpens is identical to the person of Scorpio (Satan), and both are being subdued.

The star names tell the same story. The alpha star in the serpent’s neck is *Unuk al Hay* (encompassing reptile). Another Hebrew name for the same star is *Alyah* (the accursed). The beta star in Serpens’ jaw is *Chelebalrai* (serpent enfolding).

The alpha star in the head of Ophiuchus is *Ras al Hagus* (the head of Him who holds). Even more amazing is the star in the heel which is being bruised by Satan. It is called *Saiph* (bruised). Other stars



in Ophiuchus include *Triophas* (tread underfoot), *Carnebus* (the wounding), and *Megeros* (contending). All show the battle for dominion between Satan and Christ, as summed up in Genesis 3:15.

HERCULES & CORONA BOREALIS ***(The Crown)***

The Corona Borealis is the crown that the serpent (Serpens) is trying to grab. However, Ophiuchus is not allowing Satan to get it, since it is the symbol of power. Later on we will see that Cepheus the King will be wearing this crown. The Hebrew name for this constellation is *Atarah* (royal crown), and in Arabic it is *Al Iclil* (ornament or jewel). The brightest star in the crown is *Al Phecca* (the shining), showing its beauty.



Hercules appears upside down in the sky and sits head to head with Ophiuchus. His identity is the same as both Sagittarius and Ophiuchus. Just as Ophiuchus was standing on the head of Scorpio (Satan), the left foot of Hercules stands over Draco the dragon (Satan), showing once again that Satan's head would be crushed. In addition, just as Ophiuchus has one heel being bruised by the sting of Satan, the right foot of Hercules is up as if wounded. Hercules holds a club in his right hand, which he will use to strike the three-headed monster (Cerberus) that he is holding in his left hand. The three-headed monster shows the evil trinity, just as we see in Revelation with the dragon, the beast out of the sea, and the beast out of the earth. When God comes to judge the world, all three are cast into darkness, just as shown here by Hercules.

In the Denderah, Hercules is called *Bau* (who comes) and in Arabic he is *Al Giscale* (strong one). Both show Hercules to be the one who will come to judge with strength and power, and therefore, the Victor.

Likewise, the star names show the identity of Hercules to be none other than Christ returning. The alpha star in his head is *Ras al Gethi* (head of him who bruises). The beta star in his right arm-pit is *Kornephorus* (branch kneeling), showing this is the Branch brought forth by Virgo. The kappa star (10th brightest) in the right elbow is *Marsic* (the wounding), and the lambda star (11th brightest) in the upper left arm

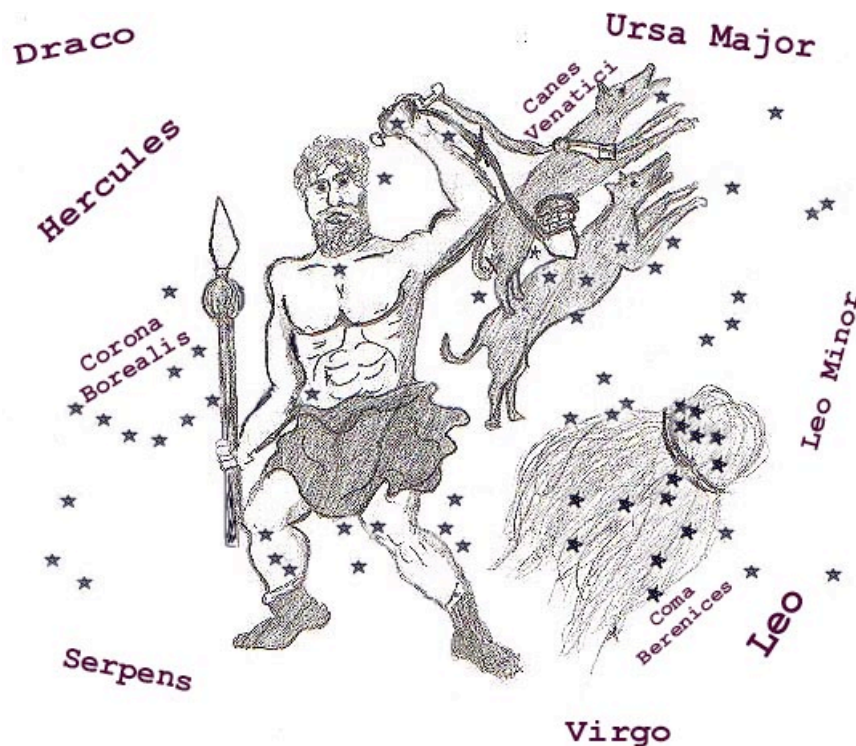
is *Maasyn* (sin offering). Both show Hercules to be our Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ, who was wounded on the cross. And finally, the omega star (24th brightest) in the lower right arm is *Caia*, or *Guia* (punishing or treading under foot), showing that Draco the dragon (Satan) is being punished and destroyed. We see testimony of this in Psalms: "You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; You will trample the great lion and the serpent" (Psa 91:13).

BOOTES (*The Coming One*)

Bootes symbolizes Christ's second coming, just as Sagittarius did. However, this time He is seen as the Harvester of the earth. Bootes has a sickle in his left hand and a spear in his right hand, just as we read in Scripture: "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested" (Rev 14:15-16).

The Hebrew name for Bootes is *Bo*, meaning "to come." The Egyptians call Bootes *Smat* (one who rules, subdues and governs) or *Bau* (coming one). We read in Psalms, "they will sing before the LORD, for **He comes**, He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His truth" (Psa 96:13). Another clear picture of Christ's return is seen in Matthew: "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Mat 3:12).

The star names also validate Bootes as the coming judge. The alpha star in the spear head is *Al Katurops* (branch treading under foot). The epsilon star below his waist on the right side is *Mirac*, or *Mizar* (coming forth as an arrow or preserver). The eta star is *Muphride* (who separates) and the beta star in his head is *Nekkar* (the pierced). Again we read in Zechariah a reference to Christ's second coming: "They will look on Me, the One they have pierced" (Zech. 12:10; see also Rev 1:7).

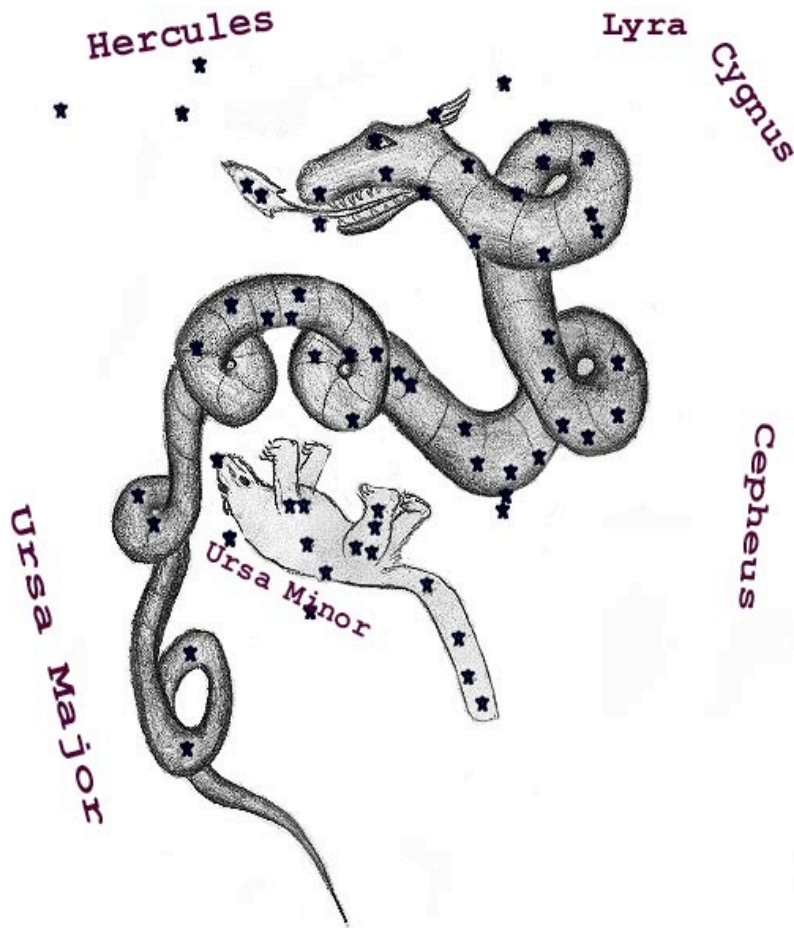


DRACO (The Dragon or Satan Cast Down)

A common theme at the end of each chapter is Satan's destruction. Here we see Draco (Satan), one of the final constellations in the first chapter, being cast down out of heaven. Likewise, our second chapter will end with Cetus the sea monster (Satan) being bound. The third chapter, as well, ends with Hydra (Old Serpent) being destroyed.

Draco is very similar to Scorpio, in that he is one and the same person, Satan. In the Denderah, Draco is a serpent under the foot of Sagittarius and named *Her-fent* (serpent accursed). The Greeks call this constellation *Draco* (trodden on) and the Arabics, *Al Waid* (who is to be destroyed). All clearly point to Satan's destruction.

The stars also clearly identify Draco as the devil himself. The alpha star in the latter coil is *Thuban* (the subtle). The beta star in the head is *Rastaban* (head of the serpent). The gamma star, also in the head, is *Ethanin* (long serpent or dragon). Other stars are *Grumian* (the subtle), *Giansar* (punished enemy), and *Al Dib* (reptile). There can be no question, based on these ancient star names, about Draco's identity.



Even Scripture talks of Satan as a dragon or serpent who has been cast out of heaven, and who will one day be cast into the Abyss for eternity. Consider the following:

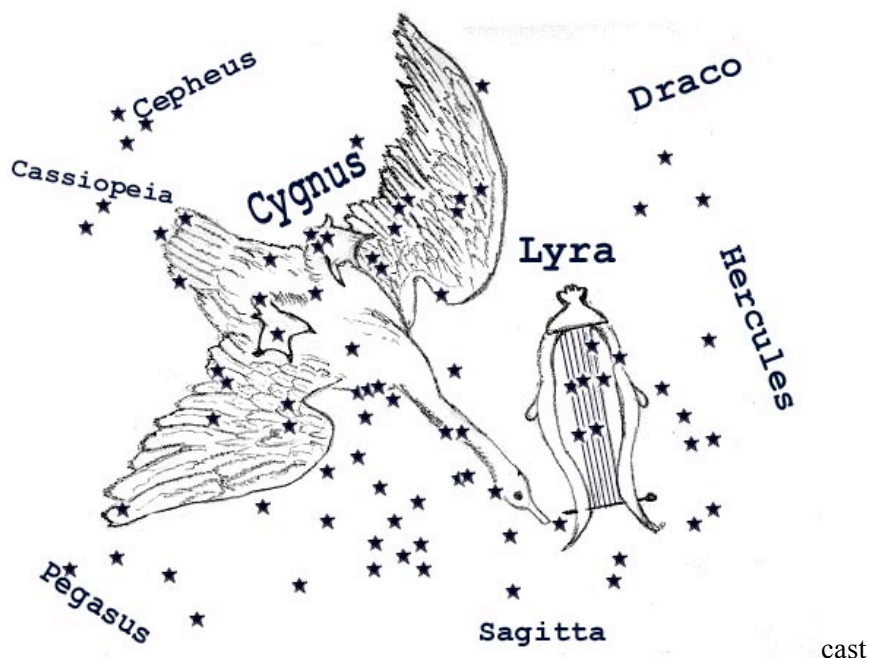
- Rev 12:9-10 “The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.’”
- Psa 74:12 “But You, O God, are my King from of old; You bring salvation upon the earth. It was You who split open the sea by Your power; You broke the heads of the monster in the waters. It was You

who crushed the heads of Leviathan and gave him as food to the creatures of the desert.”

- Isa 27:1 “In that day, the LORD will punish with His sword, His fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; He will slay the monster of the sea.” (Remember the beast out of the sea -Rev 13:1.)

LYRA -(The Harp)
Praises are sung after horseman
(Sagittarius) is victorious.

Lyra shows the praises being sung from heaven when Satan is destroyed by God (represented by Sagittarius, Centaurus, Hercules, Ophiuchus and Bootes). In the Denderah, Lyra is a hawk or eagle (enemy of serpent) called *Fent-kar* (serpent ruled). In Hebrew it is known as *Nesher* (eagle) and *Gnasor* (harp). Now that the serpent is



down and destroyed by the bow and arrow of Sagittarius (God) the praises come forth. We read in Scripture: “Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready” (Rev 19:7); “O LORD, the king rejoices in Your strength. How great is his joy in the victories You give! . . . for You will make them turn their backs when You aim at them with drawn

bow. Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your might” (Psa 21:1, 12-13).

Again the stars show us what is taking place. The alpha star is *Vega* (He shall be exalted) and the beta star is *Shelyuk* (Eagle). The two brightest stars show Christ’s name is being exalted as “on the wings of eagles.” Finally, the gamma star is *Sulaphat* (springing up-as in praise). Won’t it be wonderful to be a part of this joyous choir?

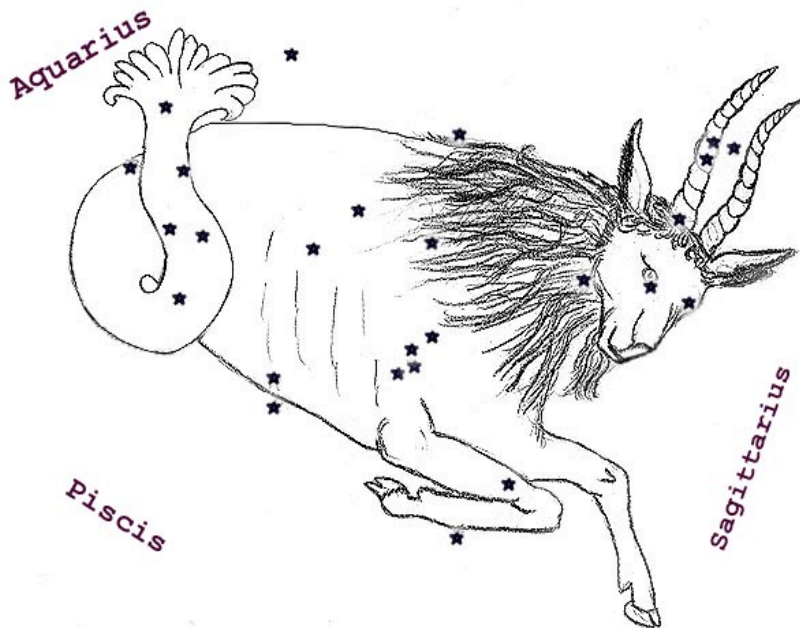
CHAPTER TWO

The 2nd Zodiacal Chapter

CAPRICORNUS- #1 of chapter 2 (The Goat)

Prophecy of the Coming Sacrifice - His Death and Resurrection

This second Zodiacal chapter begins with a goat and ends with a ram, with the two between both dealing with fish.



Capricornus is pictured as a goat bowing its head as if it were dying. Its right leg is tucked under so that it cannot rise, yet its tail is full of life. All of the ancient Zodiacs show Capricornus as a goat with a fish tail. In the first Zodiacal chapter we saw the coming Messiah represented as the “Branch” and “Corn” of Virgo. Now, however, He is represented as a goat who appears to be dying but yet is still full of life (fish tail), symbolizing His death and resurrection.

Keep in mind, death is not the issue yet. The first sign in each of the three books only identifies the person of the prophecy, the last sign shows the fulfillment of that prophecy, and the two middle signs will show the work done leading to the fulfillment of the promise.

The names and meanings of this constellation throughout the world follow:

- In the Denderah it is called *Hu-penius*, meaning “place of the sacrifice.”
- The Hebrew is *Gedi*, meaning “kid or cut off.”
- The Arabic is *Al Gedi*, meaning “cut off.”
- The Latin is *Capricornus*, meaning “goat.”

Capricornus is obviously picturing a goat which is to be “cut off” and sacrificed. In Scripture there are two purposes for goats:

1) a sin offering “given to you to take away the guilt of the community by making atonement for them before the LORD” (Lev 10:16-17).

2) a scapegoat: “The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place” (Lev 16:22). Hence the goat was “cut off” from the community, just as the star and constellation names suggest.

We read of Christ, “For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth” (Isa 53:8-9).

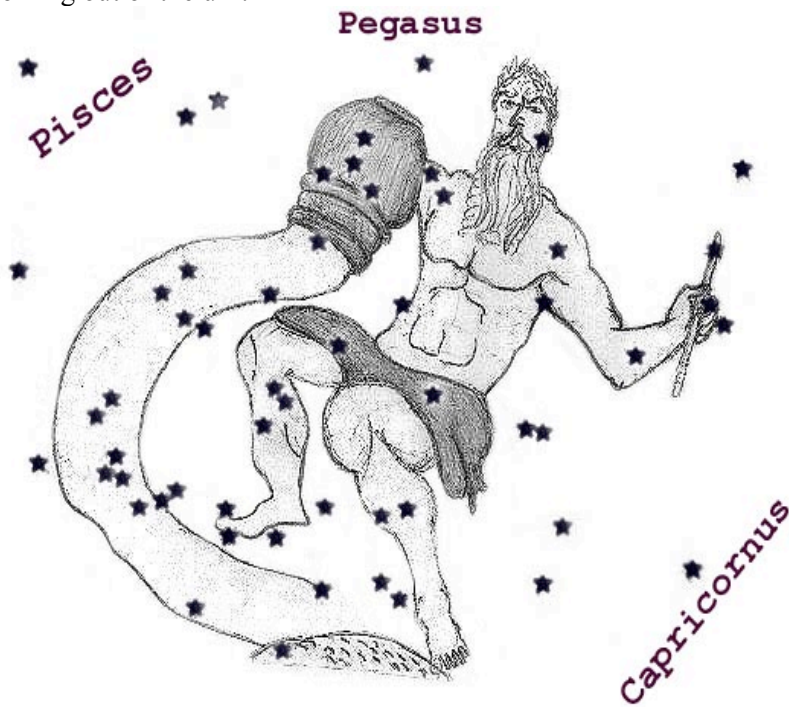
There is also no question that the sacrifices mentioned in Leviticus all pointed to the sacrifice to come, Christ Jesus, our Savior. The star names also point to Christ as this “coming sacrifice.” The alpha star is called *Al Gedi* (the “kid” or “goat”) and the delta star is *Deneb Al Gedi* (“the sacrifice comes”). Other star names include: *Dabih* (Syriac for “the sacrifice slain”), *Al Dabik* (Arabic for “the slaying”), and *Sa’ad al Naschira* (Arabic for “record of the cutting off”).

It is also interesting to note that it has been calculated that when Christ was born the sun was in the constellation of Capricornus, indicating that the time for the coming sacrifice was at hand. Also, from this point on in the year, the daylight lengthens.

AQUARIUS-#2 of chapter 2 (The Water Bearer)

Living Water of Blessings Poured out for the Redeemed

Aquarius is seen as a man pouring water out of an urn into the mouth of the southern fish, who represents spiritual Israel. In the Egyptian Denderah the man holds two urns and the fish appear to be coming out of the urn.



The man's name is *Hupei Tirion* ("place of him coming down", or "pouring forth"). Other constellation names include:

- Hebrew is *Deli*, meaning "water-urn or bucket."
- Arabic is *Delu*, meaning "water-urn or bucket."
- Latin is *Aquarius*, meaning "pourer forth of water."

The star names also follow the theme of the constellation:

- Alpha star in the right shoulder is *Sa'ad al Melik*, meaning "record of the pouring forth."
- Beta star in the left shoulder is *Saad al Sund*, meaning "who goes and returns" or, "pourer out."
- Delta star in the lower right leg is *Scheat*, meaning "who goes and returns."

- Other star in urn is *Mon* or *Meon*, meaning “Egyptian for urn.”

From Scripture we get an even clearer understanding of what is seen in this constellation. God is pouring out His blessings and His Spirit upon His people, just as He promised.

- Num 24:7 “Water will flow from their buckets; their seed will have abundant water. Their king will be greater than Agag; their kingdom will be exalted.”
- Isa 44:2-3 “Do not be afraid, O Jacob, My servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.”
- Isa 32:1-2 “See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.”
- Isa 33:21 “There the LORD will be our Mighty One. It will be like a place of broad rivers and streams. No galley with oars will ride them, no mighty ship will sail them.”
- Isa 35:6 “Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”
- Isa 41:18 “I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.”
- Ezek 36:24-25 “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.”
- Joel 2:28 “And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”

Therefore, Aquarius represents Christ who died, rose from the dead, and who will pour out blessings, turning this cursed world into a paradise. “The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with

compassion on all her ruins; He will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD” (Isa 51:3).

Pisces Australis (Southern fish)

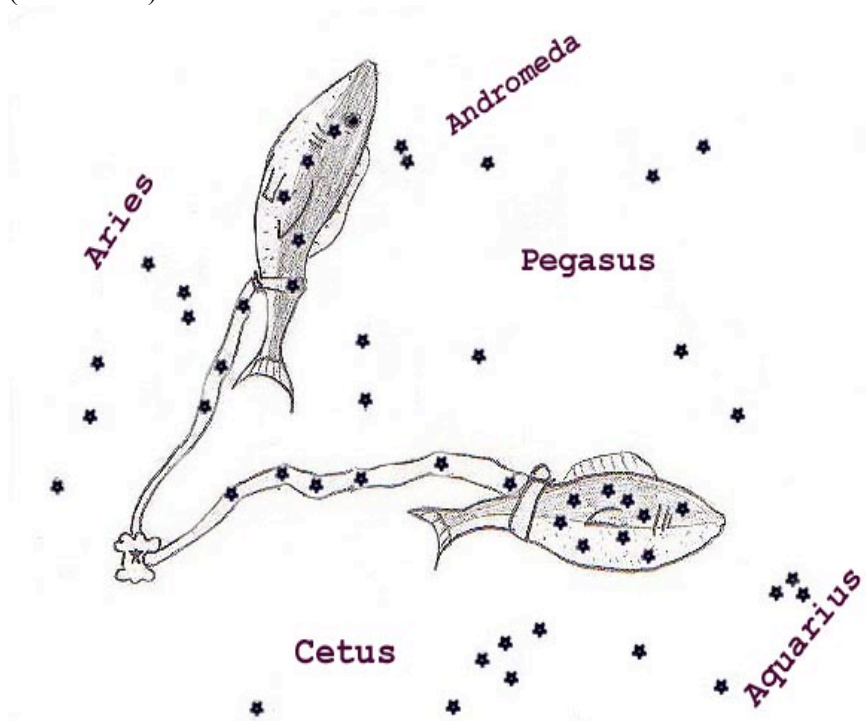
The Southern fish (Pisces Australis) is actually a separate constellation but is closely connected with Aquarius and, therefore, must be included in this section. The fish represents spiritual Israel and shows that the blessings poured out will be received by those for whom they are intended. The Arabic is *Fom al Haut*, which means, “mouth of the fish.”

PISCES- #3 of chapter 2 (The Fish) The Redeemed United

As the third part of our second Zodiacal chapter, Pisces focuses on the work of Capricornus (Christ) done through conflict. The fish represent God’s people being blessed. There are two of them, one for Israel and one for Judah. In Scripture, both of them were God’s chosen people, and we find many prophecies of their being united in the future. We read in Ezekiel: “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘I am going to take the stick of Joseph--which is in Ephraim's hand--and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand. . . . I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms’” (Ezek 37:19-22).

The fish are also connected by a band or chain. The band is being held by Cetus, who represents Satan and, therefore, shows God’s people in a sinful state. Satan does indeed have a hold on this world at the present time. We read of Satan in John: “I will not speak with you much longer, for the **prince of this world** is coming. He has **no hold on Me**, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what My Father has commanded Me” (John 14:30-31). The bands represent Satan’s hold on God’s people (our sinful nature); however, a day is coming when these bands will be destroyed forever. Though we are righteous because of Christ’s blood, we are still bound by our sinful nature, which is why we cannot be sinless on earth. But through the blood of Christ, our sins are forgiven. The good news, as seen in the

stars and in Scripture is “the prince of this world now stands condemned” (John 16:11).



Now is when the stars really shine. In our next constellation we will see Aries, who has his paw on the bands, breaking them and freeing His people. We read again in John, “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself” (John 12:31).

We are Christ’s blessed offspring: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance” (Psa 33:12). We also see in Isaiah that we are God’s chosen and blessed seed: “Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him [Christ] and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life a guilt offering, He will see **His offspring** and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand” (Isa 53:10). Even the names of this constellation throughout the world show these fish to be God’s people:

- Egyptian name is *Pi-cot Orion* or *Pisces Hori*, meaning “fishes of Him that cometh.”
- Hebrew name is *Dagim*, meaning “fishes.” Closely connected with “multitudes” in Genesis 48:26, which is *dagah*.
- Syriac is *Nuno*, meaning “fish lengthened out- -as in prosperity.”

Consider the following verses which show that the fish (God's people) will one day be united with Christ, where they will receive abundant blessings:

- Isa 61:9 "All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed." (See Isa 65:23; 26:15; 9:3; Ps 37:22; Jer 3:19; Ezek 36:10-11. All show God's people increasing.)
- Isa 41:8-9 "But you, O Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham My friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are My servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you."
- Isa 14:1 "The LORD will have compassion on Jacob; once again He will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. **Aliens will join them and unite with the house of Jacob.**" (Showing the two fish can represent the house of Jacob and Spiritual Israel.)
- Jer 3:18 "In those days the house of **Judah will join the house of Israel**, and together they will come from a northern land to the land I gave your forefathers as an inheritance."

It should also be noted that one fish is horizontal, while the other is facing upward. This may show the heavenly focus of Judah and the earthly focus of Israel.

The star names also speak of the day when the two will be united spiritually in heaven. In Hebrew one of the stars is *Okda* (united) while another in Arabic is *Al Samaca* (the upheld).

In summary, we have seen that Christ was prophesied to come and be our scapegoat (Capricornus) through His death and resurrection. As a result of Christ's resurrection and the New Covenant, God poured out His Spirit and His blessings upon us (Aquarius). Though we are righteous, we are still bound by our sinful nature and fall prey to the prince of this world; however, a day is coming when God's people will be brought together to live as one in our heavenly home (Pisces).

The Band

The band is a separate constellation from Pisces, but in order to get the full message it should be included with this sign. As mentioned, the fish are attached to Cetus, the sea monster by this band. In addition, above the fish is a woman (Andromeda) chained to Cetus. Both Pisces and Andromeda are going to be delivered by Aries, our next

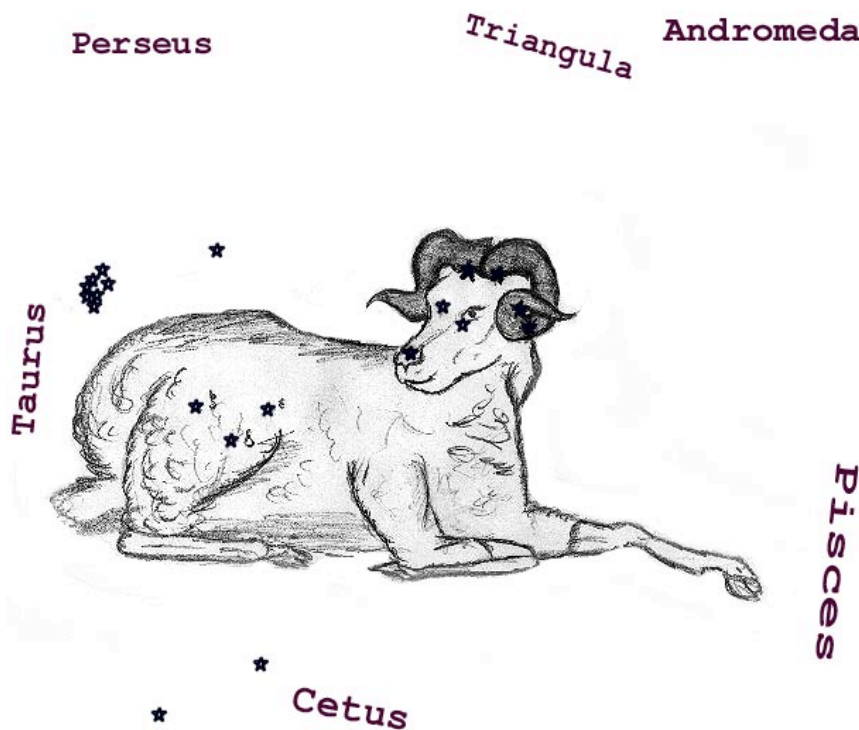
constellation. Other names for Pisces are *U-or*, Egyptian for “He cometh,” and *Al Risha*, Arabic for “the band or bridle.” When Christ comes again we will be freed. But until then, Christ leads us with this bridle to our heavenly home. We read in Hosea, “It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them” (Hosea 11:3-4).

**Aries- #4 of chapter 2
(The Ram)
Reigning and Resurrected Sacrifice
Who Breaks the Chains of His People**

**(Concludes second chapter
of this heavenly revelation)**

Aries is seen as a ram or lamb lying down peacefully. It shows the blessings having been consummated. At the beginning of this Zodiacal chapter we saw Capricornus predicting Christ’s death, but we also saw the lively tail predicting His resurrection. Aries is the resurrected and heavenly reigning Lamb of God. We get a similar picture in Revelation where it says, “Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders” (Rev 5:6).

One of the most important parts of this sign is the left paw, which is extended out. It rests upon the bands that bound Pisces and Andromeda, both of which represented God’s people. Aries breaks those bands, freeing His people from their sinful nature as we reign with



Him in heaven. The related constellations will make this view even more vivid, as we will see God's people again, but this time with no bands, as they are united with Christ as His bride.

The various names of this constellation are listed below:

- In the Denderah (no horns) it is *Tametour is Ammon*, meaning "reign, dominion or government of Ammon."
- The Akkadian is *Baraziggar* (*Bar* means altar or sacrifice; *ziggar* means to make right, so "righteous sacrifice.")
- The Arabic is *Al Hamal*, meaning "sheep, gentle, merciful."
- The Hebrew is *Taleh*, meaning "the Lamb."

From these names it is clear that Aries can be none other than Christ, the **Lamb** of God who laid down His life on the altar of the cross to be our "**righteous sacrifice**." When He rose from the dead, He conquered death and the devil so that He would reign forever. We read, "For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the **government** will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa 9:6).

Likewise, the star names point to the source of Christ's victory, the cross. Some of the names and their meanings are as follows:

- Alpha star in the forehead is *El Nath* or *El Natic*, meaning "wounded, slain."
- Beta star in the left horn is *Al Sheratan*, meaning "bruised or wounded."
- Gamma star is *Mesartim*, meaning "the bound."

John summed up the message of these stars when he recorded, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Rev 5:12). Note the time this praise is given is when Christ is coming again, the exact time Aries represents.

Another interesting sidenote is that Herodotus, an ancient historian, tells of Egyptians sacrificing rams at the festival of Jupiter Ammon when the sun entered Aries. This usually took place on the 14th of Nisan, the exact same time as the celebration of the Passover. Since Christ was our Passover Lamb, during the time of His crucifixion the sun was in the constellation of Aries.

In closing this second Zodiacal chapter, we see Capricornus pointing us to the coming sacrifice which was slain, yet would live. Because of Christ's resurrection, His Spirit and blessings were poured out upon His people (Aquarius). Though bound by our sinful nature (Pisces) we are freed by our Passover Lamb who now reigns in heaven (Aries).

Constellations connected with Zodiacal chapter two

ANDROMEDA (Chained Woman)

Andromeda shows a woman who is bound by chains and left helpless. Her chains are connected to Cetus, the sea monster who represents Satan. Andromeda is the same picture as Pisces, in that she represents God's people; however, here there is only one person representing all of God's people (the church--the Bride of Christ). As with Pisces, she is freed by the work of Aries (Christ). The two constellations following Andromeda will show that she will soon be

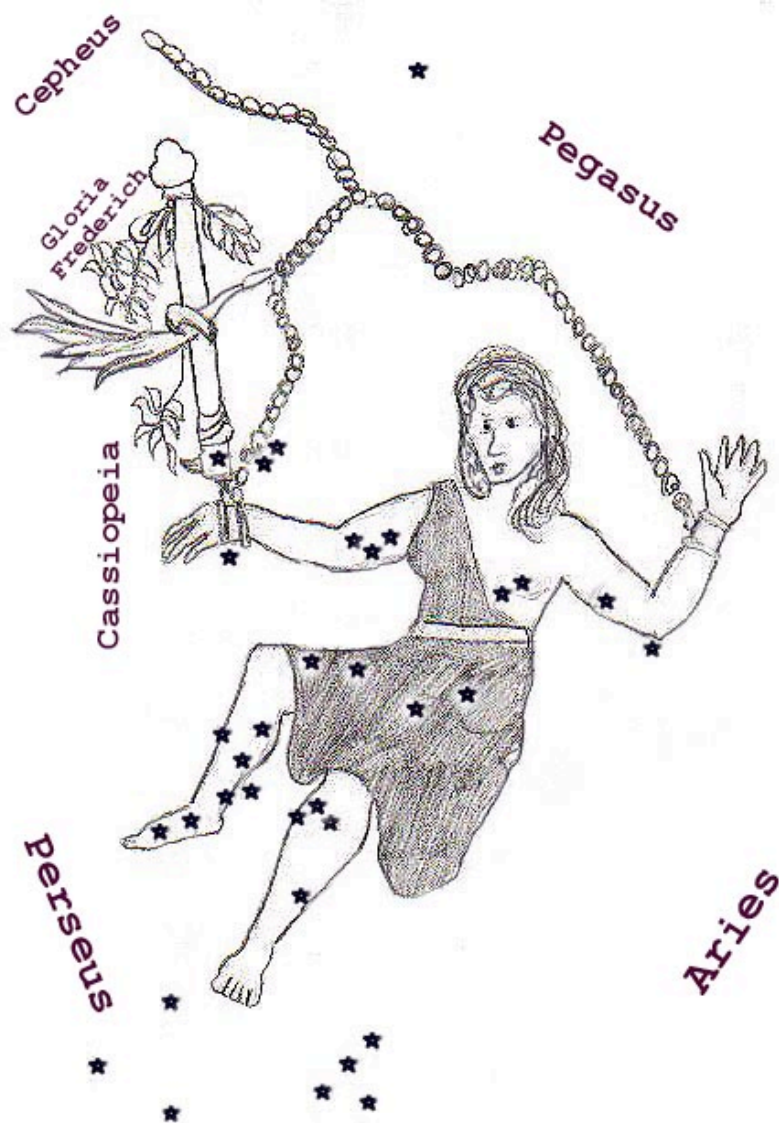
freed from her chains and will be married to the King, Cepheus. Therefore, we are being set up for the picture of the great wedding banquet of Matthew 22, where the bride (church) and the Bridegroom (Christ) are finally united.

In the Denderah, Andromeda is called *Set* (set up as a queen), showing she will be united with the King. In the Hebrew she is *Sirra* (chained) and *Persea* (stretched out). The star names below also show Andromeda to be afflicted by the chains of her sinful nature:

- Alpha star in her head is *Al Phiratz*, meaning “broken down.”
- Beta star in her body is *Mirach*, meaning “weak.”
- Gamma star in her left foot is *Al Maach* or *Al Amak*, meaning “struck down.”
- Other stars: *Adhil*, meaning “afflicted”, *Mizar*, meaning “weak”, and *Al Mara*, meaning “afflicted.”

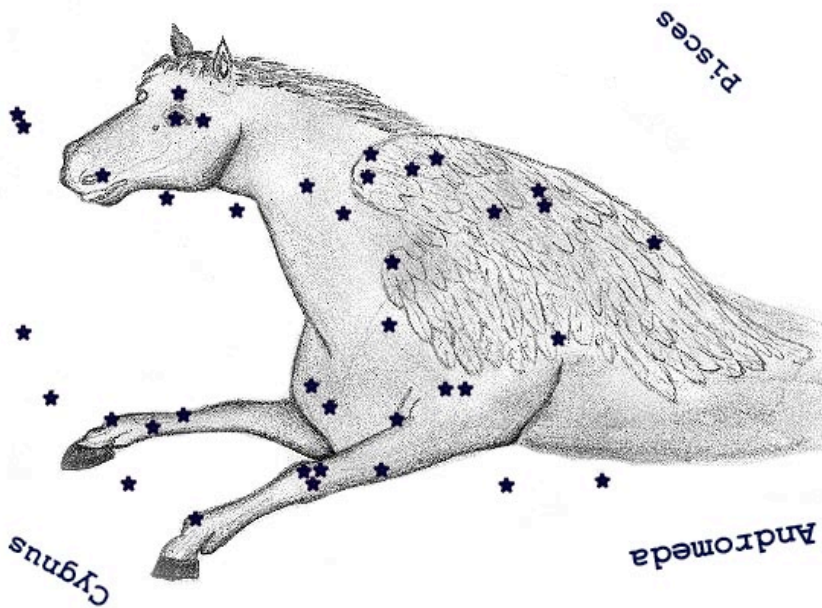
The following verses show that although Andromeda was bound and afflicted by her chains, she has not been forgotten by her Lord. She will soon be strengthened and put on her throne with her King.

- Isa 51:21 “Therefore hear this, you afflicted one, made drunk, but not with wine. This is what your Sovereign LORD says, your God, who defends His people: ‘See, I have taken out of your hand the cup that made you stagger; from that cup, the goblet of My wrath, you will never drink again. I will put it into the hands of your tormentors, who said to you, ‘Fall prostrate that we may walk over you’ . . . Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. For this is what the LORD says: ‘You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.’”
- Isa 54:11-14 "O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. . . great will be your children's peace. In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.”



PEGASUS
(Winged Horse)
Blessings quickly coming

Pegasus is seen as a winged horse riding forth, and represents the coming blessings when Christ returns.



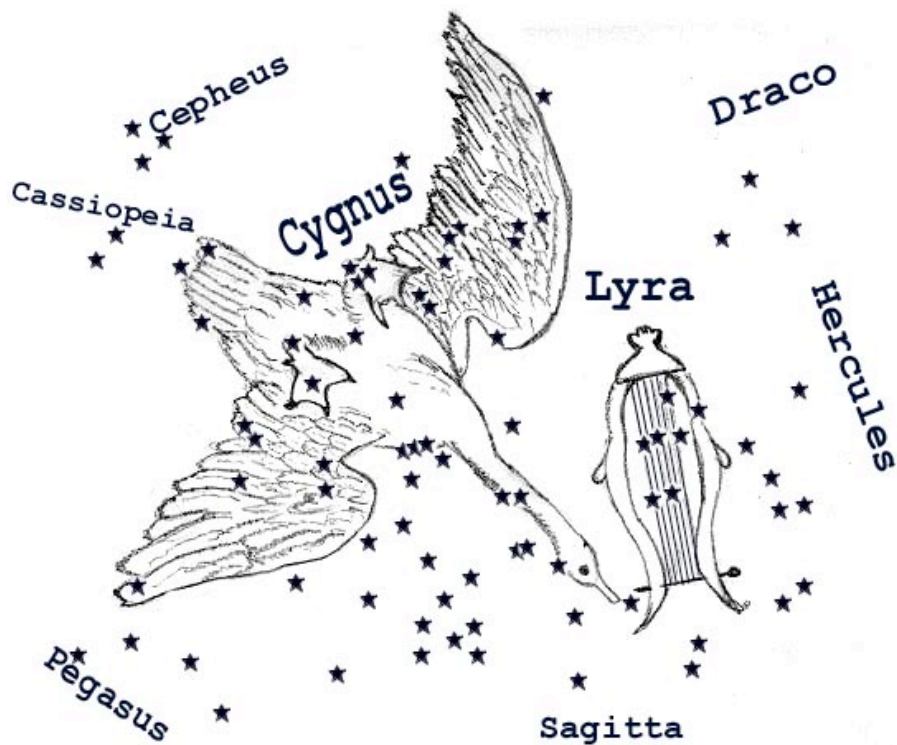
Its theme is closely related to Aquarius and its star names follow:

- The alpha star on the neck is *Markab*, meaning “returning from afar.”
- The beta star in the shoulder is *Scheat*, meaning “who goeth and returneth.”
- The gamma star at the tip of the wing is *Al Genib*, meaning “who carries.”
- The epsilon star in the nostril is *Enif*, meaning “the water.”
- The eta star in the near leg is *Matar*, meaning “who causes to overflow.”

Thus we see Christ is “returning from afar” and is bringing His blessings which “overflow.”

CYGNUS ***(The Swan)***

Cygnus, like Pegasus, follows the theme of Aquarius, in that it represents God’s blessings coming forth through His quick return. It is pictured as a swan flying in the air. In the Denderah it is called *Tes-ark*,



meaning “this from afar.” Therefore, the swan is returning to earth from heaven to gather His redeemed.

The star names follow:

- The alpha star is *Deneb*, (like the one in Capricornus) meaning “judge.”
- The beta star in the beak is *Al Bireo*, meaning “flying quickly.”
- The gamma star in the body is *Sadr*, meaning “who returns as in a circle.”
- The Pi stars in the tail are *Azel*, meaning “who goes and returns quickly,” and *Fafage*, meaning “glorious shining forth.”

SAGITTA (The Arrow), AQUILA (The Eagle), and DELPHINUS (The Dolphin)

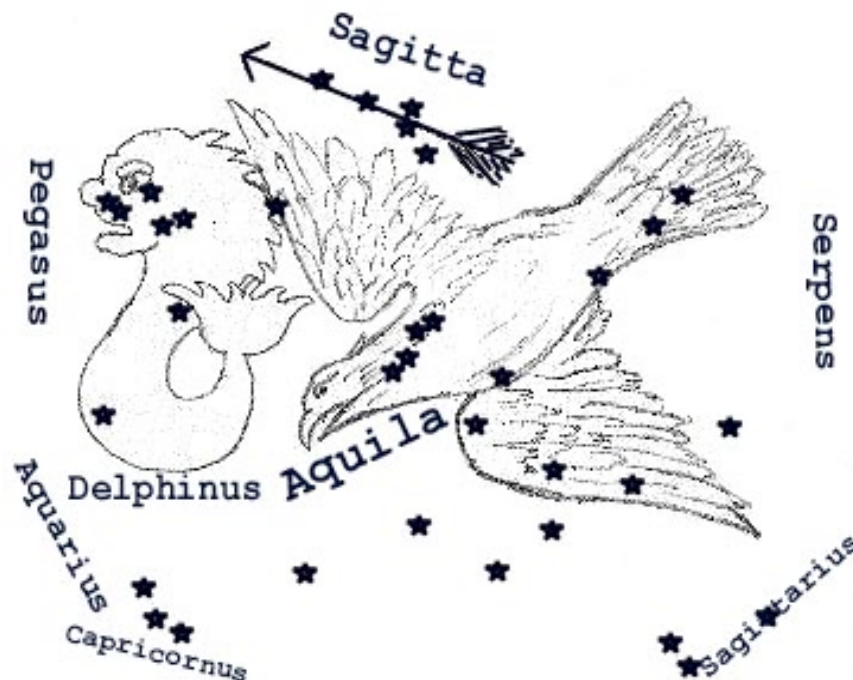
These three constellations go together in the sky. The first, Sagitta, is seen as an arrow (not the one coming from Sagittarius) on its own. This arrow is not for God’s enemies, but rather for the Son of God. We read

about Christ's death on the cross in Isaiah: "Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted" (Isa 53:4). We also read in Psalms: "For Your arrows have pierced Me, and Your hand has come down upon Me" (Psa 38:2). It is precisely this arrow that is seen in Sagitta. This arrow is near the falling eagle and the dying goat (Capricornus).

Aquila is viewed as a falling, wounded eagle, showing the effect of the above arrow. The stars further this interpretation:

- The alpha star in the Eagle's neck is *Al Tair*, meaning "the wounding."
- The beta star in the throat is the Arabic *Al Shain*, meaning "bright," and comes from the Hebrew meaning "scarlet colored."
- The gamma star in the back is *Tarared*, meaning "wounded or torn."
- The eta star in the tail is *Al Okal*, meaning "wounded in the heel."
- The star in the lower wing is *Alcair*, meaning "the piercing."

These stars leave no doubt that the Eagle represents our "wounded" and "pierced" Christ. The star *Al Okal* especially affirms the passage in Genesis which shows that Christ's "wounded heel" would come from Satan: "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).

Finally, Delphinus is seen as a lively dolphin with its head pointing up (in contrast to the eagle with its head down). Here we see the same story unfolding as we saw with Capricornus; a dying goat with a lively fish tail. As in Capricornus, the resurrection of Christ is portrayed. On the cross Christ was “poured out,” and as we read in Psalms, “Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over Me” (Psa 42:7). Here we see that, though Christ would die, He would soon jump out of these deep waters of despair. The names of this constellation reveal this truth:

- The Hebrew name is *Dalaph*, meaning “pouring out of water.”
- The Arabic name is *Dalaph*, meaning “come quickly.”
- Another Arabic name is *Scalooïn*, meaning “swift.”
- The Syriac is *Rotaneb*, meaning “swiftly running.”

Therefore, we see that Sagitta is the arrow which would pierce Christ and bring Him down to the depths of hell. The eagle shows us Christ dying as a result of this fatal blow. However, the glorious dolphin shoots out of the depths as Christ rises from the dead to conquer death and the devil.

CEPHEUS (Crowned King of Israel) **Redeemer Coming to Rule**

Cepheus represents Christ ruling in heaven at the end of this present age. It is the same basic story we see with Aries reigning in heaven. However, here we see a King rather than a sacrificed Lamb. The King is really the Bridegroom of our next constellation, Cassiopeia (Andromeda freed). Note also the crown upon his head. In the first Zodiacal chapter we saw Serpens (Satan) attempting to get the crown, but Serpens failed, as it was obtained by Cepheus through His death and resurrection.

In the Denderah, Cepheus is *Pe-ku-hor* (this one comes to rule), and in Ethiopian he is *Hyk* (a king). Both clearly show Cepheus as having dominion. The star names and meanings are as follows:

- Alpha star in the right shoulder is *Al Deramin*, meaning “comes quickly.”
- Beta star in the girdle is *Al Phirk*, meaning “the Redeemer.”
- Gamma star in the left knee is *Al Rai*, meaning “who bruises or breaks.”

The brightest star (Alpha) points us to the following verses in the book of Revelation:

- “Rev 22:7 “Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”
- Rev 22:12-13 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
- Rev 22:20 “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”



CASSIOPEIA

(Enthroned Woman; the Bride of the Lamb)

Cassiopeia represents the church, the Bride of Christ. She is one and the same as Andromeda or Pisces; however, she has now been freed from her chains and sits on her heavenly throne with the King (Christ) in the stars.

Other names for this constellation are as follows:

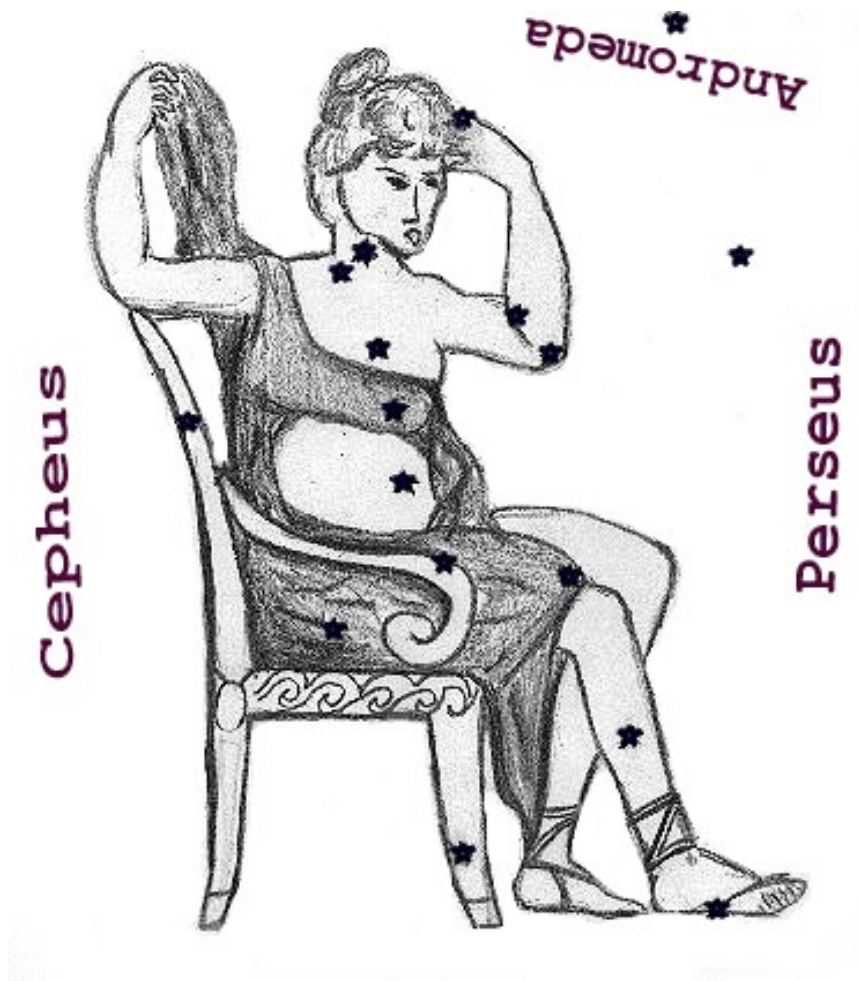
- Arabic is *El Seder*, meaning “the freed,” or *Ruchba*, meaning “enthroned.”
- Denderah is *Set*, meaning “set up as queen.”
- Chaldee is *Dat al cursa*, meaning “enthroned.”

These names make it clear that she was at one time enslaved, but now is **freed** just as Scripture says: “No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you” (Isa 62:4).

The stars also show Cassiopeia to be adorned, exalted and enthroned as queen, or the bride of a king. The alpha star in her breast is *Schedir* (the freed), and the beta star at the top of the throne is *Caph* (branch). Consider the following verses:

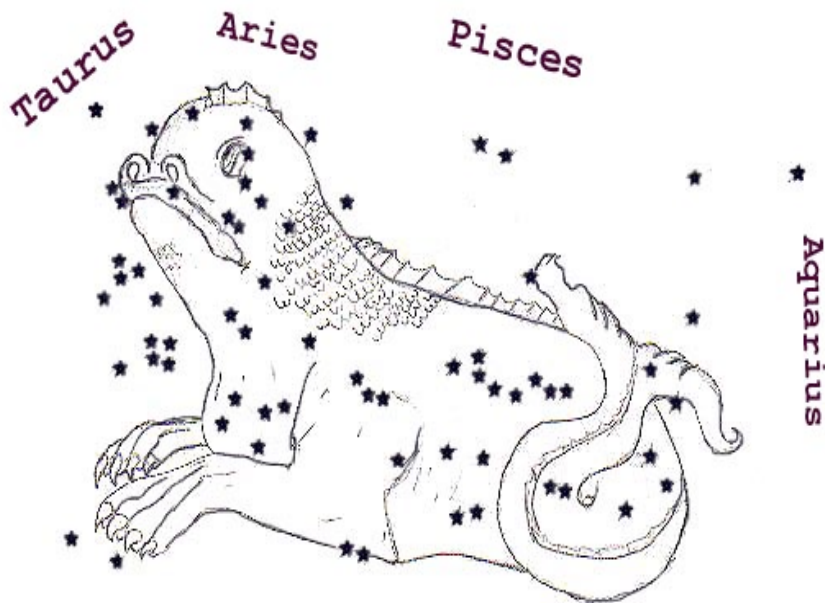
- Isa 54:5-8 “For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD Almighty is His name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth. The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit-- a wife who married young, only to be rejected,’ says your God. ‘For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,’ says the LORD your Redeemer.”
- Rev 19:7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.”
- Rev 21:2 “I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”

- Rev 21:9 “One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.’”



CETUS (The Sea Monster) ***The Enemy is Bound***

Cetus is pictured as a grotesque sea monster, representing Satan. He has been holding Pisces and Andromeda captive by chains but is about to receive his eternal punishment in the third and final Zodiacal chapter. Since Satan is called the “prince of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30), perhaps that is why this is the largest of all constellations.



In the Egyptian Denderah, Cetus is called *Knem* (subdued) and is pictured as a monstrous head with a hawk (serpent's enemy) over it. It is also crowned with a mortar, denoting bruising.

The stars in this constellation depict the end of this monster's control. The names are as follows:

- Alpha star in the upper mandible is *Menkar*, meaning "bound or chained enemy."
- Beta star in the tail is *Diphda* or *Deneb Kaitos*, meaning "overthrown or thrust down."
- Omikron star in the neck is *Mira*, meaning "the Rebel."

Virtually all the star names show what Scripture outlines over and over again, as seen below:

- Rev 20:1-3 "And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time."

- Isa 26:21 “See, the LORD is coming out of His dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer.”
- Isa 27:1 “In that day, the LORD will punish with His sword, His fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; He will slay the monster of the sea.”
- John 12:31 “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.”
- John 16:11 “The prince of this world now stands condemned.”

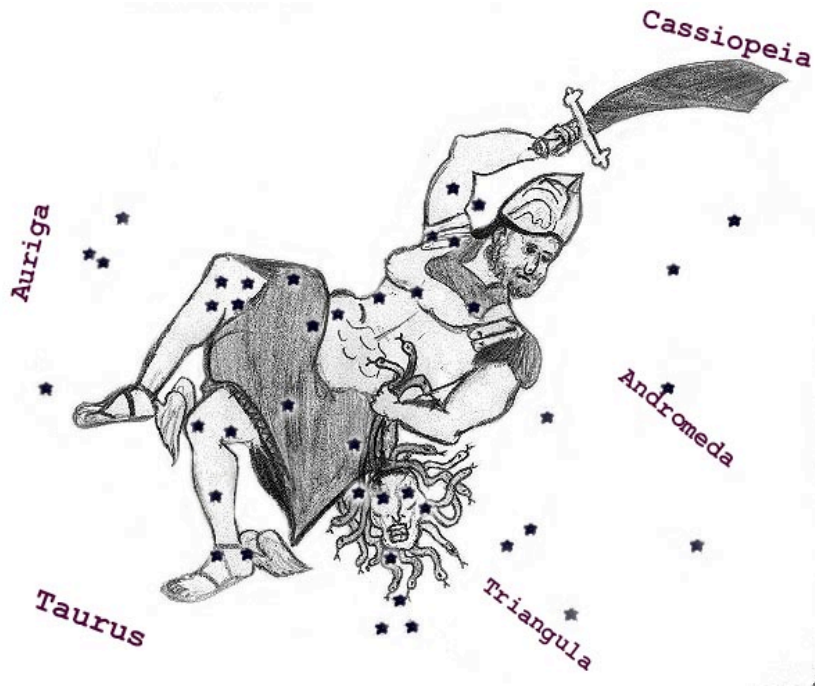
PERSEUS (The Breaker) ***Christ is Taking His Place to Break the Enemy***

Perseus is seen as a man holding a sword in his right hand and a monstrous head in his left hand. He is in the act of destroying the monster (Satan) and thus, is closely associated with Aries in this Zodiacal chapter, especially when viewed as breaking the bands of Pisces. Perseus is none other than Christ Himself. In fact, the Greeks called this constellation *Perses* or *Perseus*, which is the same word used of Christ in Micah: “**One who breaks** open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the LORD at their head” (Micah 2:13). Christ fits the image of Perseus well, even in the Denderah where he is named *Kar Knem* (he who fights and subdues).

The star names are similar to the constellation names. They are as follows:

- Alpha star in the waist is *Mirfak*, meaning “who helps.”
- Gamma star in the right shoulder is *Al Genib*, meaning “who carries away.”
- Star in the left foot is *Athik*, meaning “who breaks.”
- Beta star in the head is *Al Gol*, meaning “rolling around.”

The head which is held in the left hand is called *Medusa* by the Greeks (trodden under foot), showing it to be Satan. Making this even more clear, in Hebrew the word for this head was *Rosh Satan* (head of the adversary). In Arabic the head is *Al Oneh* (subdued), or *Al Ghoul* (evil spirit). All of these names leave no room for any interpretation other than that of the devil.



The beta star in the head (*Al Gol*) is fascinating because it is a variable star (flashes bright to dim). It is interesting to note that almost all of the variable stars are in signs that represent Satan, the enemy. A variable star is very fitting for the one who changes from an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14) to “one seeking to devour” (1 Pet 5:8).

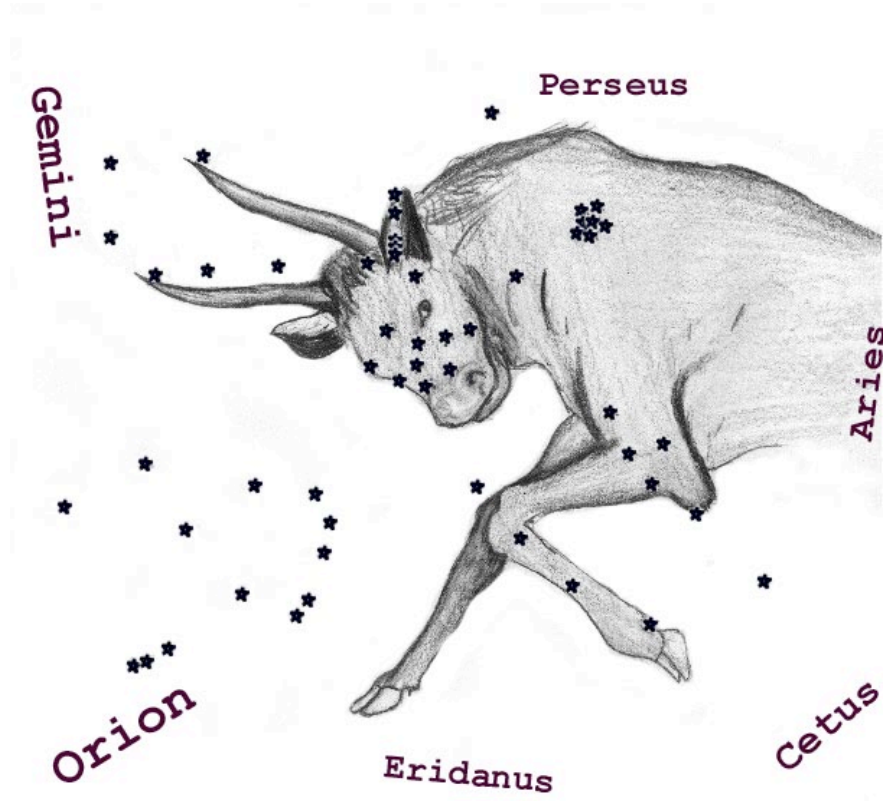
Perseus can be summed up by Isaiah, when he wrote, “In that day, the LORD will punish with His sword, His fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea” (Isa 27:1).

CHAPTER THREE

TAURUS- #1 of chapter 3 (The Bull)

Prophecy of the Messiah as the Coming Judge

Taurus is seen as a bull quickly rushing forward to destroy its enemies. Its head is down with its horns ready to gorge and punish those in its path. Within the neck of the bull is a group of stars called the Pleiades, representing God's people coming with the Lord to judge all nations.



The following names of this constellation reveal that this bull represents the Lord's return:

- In the Denderah Taurus is called *Isis*, meaning "who saves or delivers," and *Apis*, meaning "head or chief."
- The Arabic is *Al Thaur* and the Greek is *Tauros*, both meaning "bull."

- The Hebrew is *Shur*, meaning “coming, ruling.”

Likewise, the star names clearly testify that this is a judgment and a claim to power, not a sacrifice or blessing being given by our God:

- The alpha star in the eye is *Al Debaran*, meaning “leader or governor.”
- The beta star at tip of left horn is *El Nath*, meaning “wounded or slain.”
- The group of stars on the face is called *Hyades*, meaning “congregated.”
- The group of stars in the neck of Taurus is called *Pleiades*, meaning “congregation of the judge or ruler.”
- The eta star in Pleiades is *Al Cyone*, meaning “center.”
- Other stars are *Palilicium*, meaning “belonging to the judge,” *Wasat*, meaning “center or foundation,” *Al Thuraiya*, meaning “Abundance,” *Vergilia*, meaning “center,” and *vertex*, meaning “turned on.”

The star cluster, Pleiades, is very relevant for us as Christians since we will be with Christ when He returns. Star names such as “belonging to the Judge” and “congregation of the ruler” not only show Christ’s omnipotent return but also our glorious part of judging, as a result of our redemption. The following Scriptures elaborate on these stars:

- Jude 1:14-15 “Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: ‘See, the Lord is **coming with thousands upon thousands** [represented by Pleiades] of His holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.’”
- Isa 26:21 “See, the LORD is **coming** out of His dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins” (just as the constellation names show).



- Isa 34:2-8 “The LORD is angry with all nations; His wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them, He will give them over to slaughter. . . All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree. My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed. The sword of the LORD is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat-- the blood of lambs and goats, fat from the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in Edom. And the wild oxen will fall with them, the bull calves and the great bulls. . .For the LORD has a **day of vengeance**, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.” (See also Is 26:21).
- Isa 13:13-15 “Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in the day of His burning anger. Like a hunted gazelle, like sheep without a shepherd, each will return to his own people, each will flee to his native land. Whoever is captured will be **thrust through**; all who are caught will fall by the sword.”
- 1 Cor 6:2 “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?”

A day of vengeance is coming soon, and Taurus should be a constant reminder of that day, when the Lord will come with His saints

to judge and rule the universe, a day when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, wherein righteousness will dwell (2 Pet 3:13).

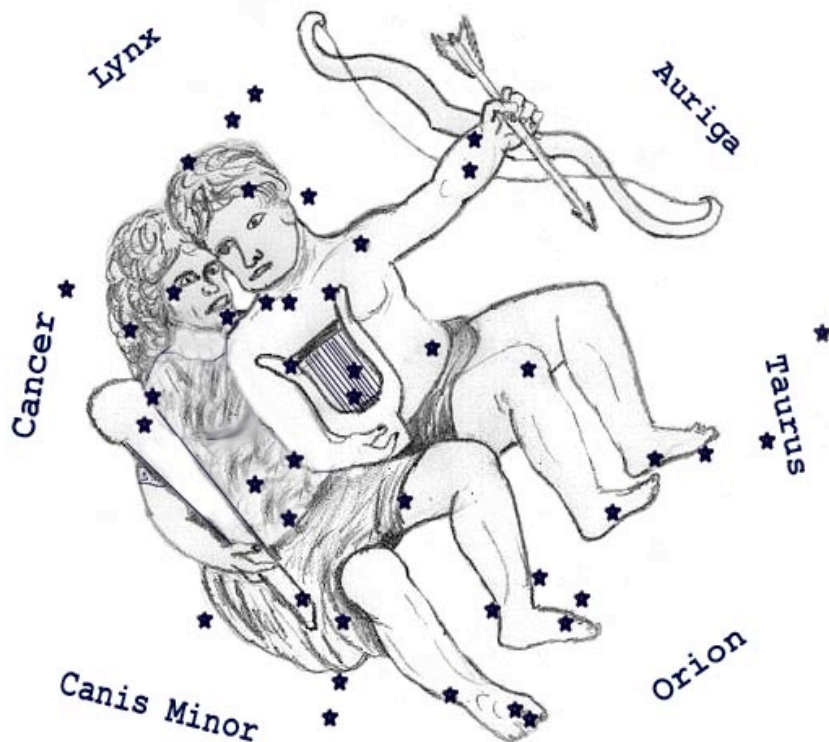
GEMINI- #2 of chapter 3

(The Twins)

Messiah's Peaceful Reign as Prince of Peace

Gemini is portrayed as a set of twins sitting close together as if in love. One holds a club while the other holds a bow and arrow in one hand, and a harp in the other. In both cases the bow and club are at rest, showing a time of peace because the victory has been won; Taurus, the Judge, has come. The harp also indicates a time of joyous praise.

For centuries the twins within this constellation have been identified as being various gods. For the Greeks they were Apollo &



Hercules. For the Latins they were Castor & Pollux, and were believed to be able to clear the seas of pirates, and thus, were considered patron saints of navigation. These two gods were displayed on the vessel in which Paul sailed to Rome in Acts 28:2. Others still unknowingly swear by them when they declare, "By Gemini."

By examining the various names of this constellation we get a better understanding of who these twins really are. The names are as follows:

- In the Denderah they are *Clusus* or *Clastrum Hor*, meaning “place of Him who comes.”
- In the Egyptian Coptic they are *Pi-Mahi*, meaning “the united.”
- In the Hebrew they are *Thaumim*, meaning “united.”
- In the Arabic they are *Al Tauman*, meaning “united.”

The word “united” appears over and over again. Who are these twins that are being united? The bride and the Bridegroom, the church and Christ. Many Scripture passages point to the church as the Bride of Christ:

- John 3:28-29 “You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of Him.’ **The bride belongs to the bridegroom.** The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for Him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.”
- Phil 2:1-2 “If you have any encouragement from **being united with Christ**, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.”
- Rom 6:5 “If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be **united with Him in His resurrection.**”
- Mat 22:2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for His son.”
- Rev 19:7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and **His bride** has made herself ready.”

More insight into this constellation is gathered from the star names:

- The alpha star in the head of the twin on the right is *Apollo*, meaning “ruler.”
- The beta star in the head of the other twin is *Hercules*, meaning “who comes to labor or suffer.”

- The gamma star in the left foot is *Al Henah*, meaning “hurt,” “wounded,” or “afflicted.”
- The epsilon star in the center of the body is *Waset*, meaning “to set.”
- Another epsilon star in the knee is *Mebsuta*, meaning “tread under foot.”
- Other stars include *Propus*, meaning “branch spreading,” *Al Giauza*, meaning “palm branch,” *Al Dira*, meaning “seed,” or “branch.”

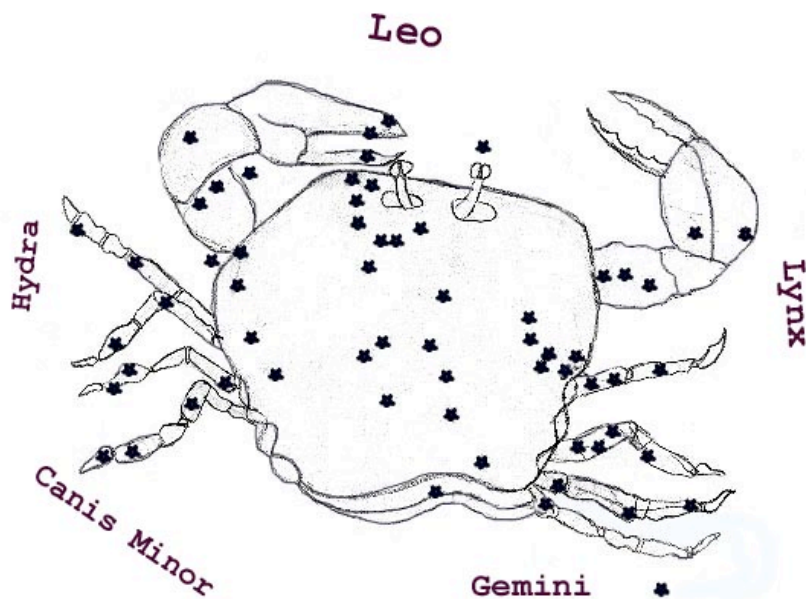
From these stars we gather that one of the twins is the “ruler” who “tread under foot” His enemies. What is this man’s identity? He is the “branch” or “seed,” as prophesied in Scripture and as foreseen in the hand of our first constellation, Virgo. Consider the following verses:

- Isa 4:2 “In that day the **Branch** of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel.”
- Isa 32:1 “See, a King will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice.”
- Jer 23:5-6 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will raise up to David a **righteous Branch**, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in **safety** [remember, the bow and club are at rest]. This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.’”
- Jer 33:15 “In those days and at that time I will make a **righteous Branch** sprout from David’s line; He will do what is just and right in the land.”

Therefore, once God comes to judge the world with His saints (Taurus), the Bride and the Bridegroom will be united together as One, as we live in safety in our heavenly home (Gemini).

CANCER- #3 of chapter 3 (The Crab) Sheltering Home of the Multitude Redeemed

Cancer is illustrated as a large crab. The ancient Egyptians viewed it as *Hermes*, having the head of an ibis or hawk, and the Greeks believed Jupiter put this crab among the Zodiac.



Because of the star and constellation names, it is most likely that this is not the original picture for this constellation. Cancer must represent the heavenly home of God's people. Though Gemini showed God's people in heaven, the focus was on the union with Christ. Now we have the focus being God's people and heaven itself. The following constellation names justify this interpretation:

- In the Denderah Cancer is called *Scarabaus*, meaning "sacred beetle."
- Also in the Denderah it is called *Klaria*, meaning "cattle-folds."
- The Arabic name is *Al Sartan*, meaning "who holds or binds."
- The Greek name is *Karkinio*, meaning "holding or encircling."
- The Akkadian identification is *Su-kul-na*, meaning "possessor of seed, or seizer."

From these names we get a picture of a group of people (cattle-folds, seed) in their home (holding) being protected by God (encircling, possessor of seed, sacred).

To further support the above explanation, we need only look at the other star names. In the center of the crab is a star cluster called the beehive. Its ancient name was *Praesepe* (multiple offspring). The tail houses the zeta star, *Tegimine* (holding), while the alpha star in the lower large claw is named *Acubene* (hiding place, sheltering). Other stars are called *Ma'alaph* (assembled thousands), and *Al Himarein* (kids

or lambs). Therefore, there can be no question that Cancer represents the multitudes redeemed (multiple offspring, kids, assembled thousands) in heaven (holding, sheltering). Hence, we see God's work in reference to His redeemed. In the next sign, Leo, we will see God's work toward His enemies.

One last evidence of Cancer as our heavenly home is seen in the other three constellations that go with this sign. Ursa Minor (lesser flock); Ursa Major (sheep fold); Argo (ship--carries pilgrims home and conflict is over), which we will be discussing later.

LEO- #4 of chapter 3 (The Lion)

Lion of the Tribe of Judah Coming for Judgment

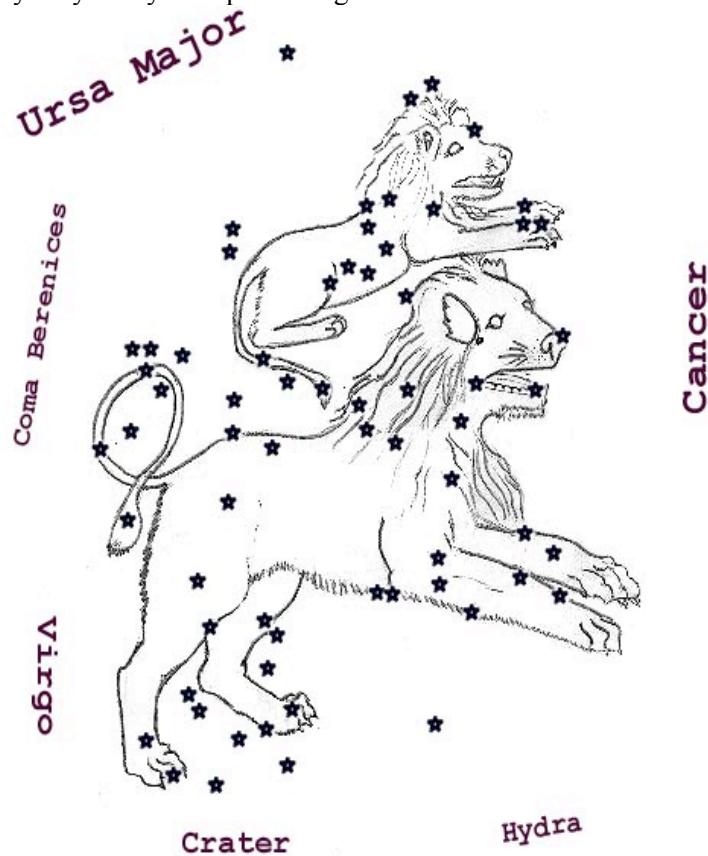
The Zodiac now ends with Leo, the lion. Out of this constellation comes the Leonids; yearly shooting stars from this constellation around Nov. 17th.

As we mentioned at the beginning, the Sphinx has its head (beginning) as Virgo and its tail (end) as Leo. Leo is connected with three other constellations. In the Egyptian Denderah, all four constellations were considered to be one. Today, however, Leo is separated from these three listed below:

- 1) Hydra (the serpent to be destroyed).
- 2) Crater, the cup (the wrath of God being poured out).
- 3) Corvus (bird of prey devouring serpent).

In the Denderah Zodiac, Leo is standing on the serpent (Hydra). There is also a bird (Corvus) perched upon the serpent. Below the serpent is a woman holding two cups, as if receiving something from the cup of wrath (Crater). The woman's name is *Herua* (great enemy), showing she is the enemy of the serpent and her cups are ready to receive her judgment. We read about a woman riding a beast in Revelation: "The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries" (Rev 17:4). *Herua*

may very likely be representing this abominable



creature.

Not only do all three of these constellations belonging to Leo fit with the last of the Zodiac, but their message is identical to the final story told in Revelation:

- Rev 14:9-10 "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into **the cup of His wrath**. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb."
- Rev 16:9 "God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the **cup filled with the wine of the fury of His wrath**."
- Rev 20:2 "He seized the dragon, **that ancient serpent, who is the devil**, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years."

- Rev 19:21 “The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the **birds gorged themselves on their flesh.**”

Leo’s Egyptian name is *Pi Mentekeon* (pouring out). Though some have thought it was the “pouring out of the Nile” because the Nile often flooded when this constellation was up, it is clearly the “pouring out of God’s wrath” during the second coming, as seen in the above passages from Revelation.

The additional constellation names continue this proposed theme:

- In the Syriac Leo is known as *Aryo*, meaning “lion.”
- In Arabic he is *Al Asad*, meaning “lion coming.”
- In Hieroglyphics Leo is *Knem*, meaning “who conquers, or is conquered, showing His victory over the serpent.”
- In Hebrew this sign is *Arieh*, meaning “the lion.” It is also important to note that there are six Hebrew words for lion, but this word implies a lion hunting its prey and, thus, Satan is God’s prey.

The star names prove the above argument as well:

- The alpha star at the heart of the lion is called *Regulus*, meaning “treading under foot.”
- The beta star at the tip of the tail is called *Denebola*, meaning “judge.”
- The gamma (3rd) star in the mane is called *Al Giebhah* in Arabic, meaning “exaltation.”
- The delta star (4th) on the lower back is called *Zosma*, meaning “to shine forth.”
- Other stars include *Sarcam* in Hebrew, meaning “joining,” showing the joining together of the first and last of the Zodiac, *Minchir al Asad* in Arabic, meaning “the punishing,” *Deneb Aleced*, meaning “coming Judge who seizes,” and *Al Dafera* in Arabic, meaning “enemy put down.”

Who is this Leo the Lion? Christ, the “Judge” who is “shining forth” as He is “exalted” in His glorified state. He comes again to “seize,” “put down,” and “tread under foot” His enemy, the serpent. The following Scriptures solidify the above explanation:

- Rev 5:5 “Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! See, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.’”

- Gen 49:9 “**You are a lion’s cub, O Judah**; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion He crouches and lies down, like a lioness-- who dares to rouse Him?” (See also Numb 24:8-9).
- Psa 80:1-2 “Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, **shine forth** before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken Your might; **come and save us.**” (Remember the star *Zosma*?)
- Psa 94:1 “O LORD, the God who avenges, O God who avenges, **shine forth.**”

In one final review, the first chapter gave a general overview from the prophecy of Christ’s birth, His death and resurrection, to His second coming. It started with Virgo, bringing forth the promised Seed. Although that seed would die on the cross to pay for our sins (Libra), and thus His heel was bruised, His resurrection would crush the head of Satan (Scorpio). Because of this, when Christ comes again, He will destroy Satan for good (Sagittarius).

The second Zodiacal chapter focused more upon Christ’s death and resurrection. We saw that Capricornus pointed us to the coming sacrifice which was to be slain, yet would live. Because of Christ’s resurrection, His Spirit and blessings were poured out upon His people (Aquarius). Though bound by our sinful nature (Pisces), we are freed by our Passover Lamb who now reigns in heaven (Aries).

The final Zodiacal chapter primarily dealt with Christ’s return. We saw that Taurus represents our Lord’s second coming, when He will rush forth with His saints to judge the world. After this judgment, Gemini shows us the wonderful union of the Bride and the Bridegroom, reigning peacefully. Cancer shows that there are a multitude of believers living in heaven under God’s protection, while Leo finishes up by showing the “Lion of the Tribe of Judah” making His final judgment, not upon those who did not follow Him, but upon Satan himself.

Constellations connected with Zodiacal chapter three

ORION (The Glorious One)



Orion is seen many times in Scripture (Job 9:9; 38:31; Amos 5). He is seen as a man kneeling down on one knee with a club in his right hand, ready to strike a lion in his left hand. Orion fits the theme of Leo or Taurus, in that he symbolizes the judgment done by the coming Prince.

Orion is one of the brightest of the constellation and easily spotted in the sky. Aratus wrote of this sign:

Eastward, beyond the region of the Bull,
Stands great Orion. And who, when night is clear,

Beholds him gleaming bright, shall cast his eyes in vain
To find a sign more glorious in all heaven.

The following are other names for this Prince:

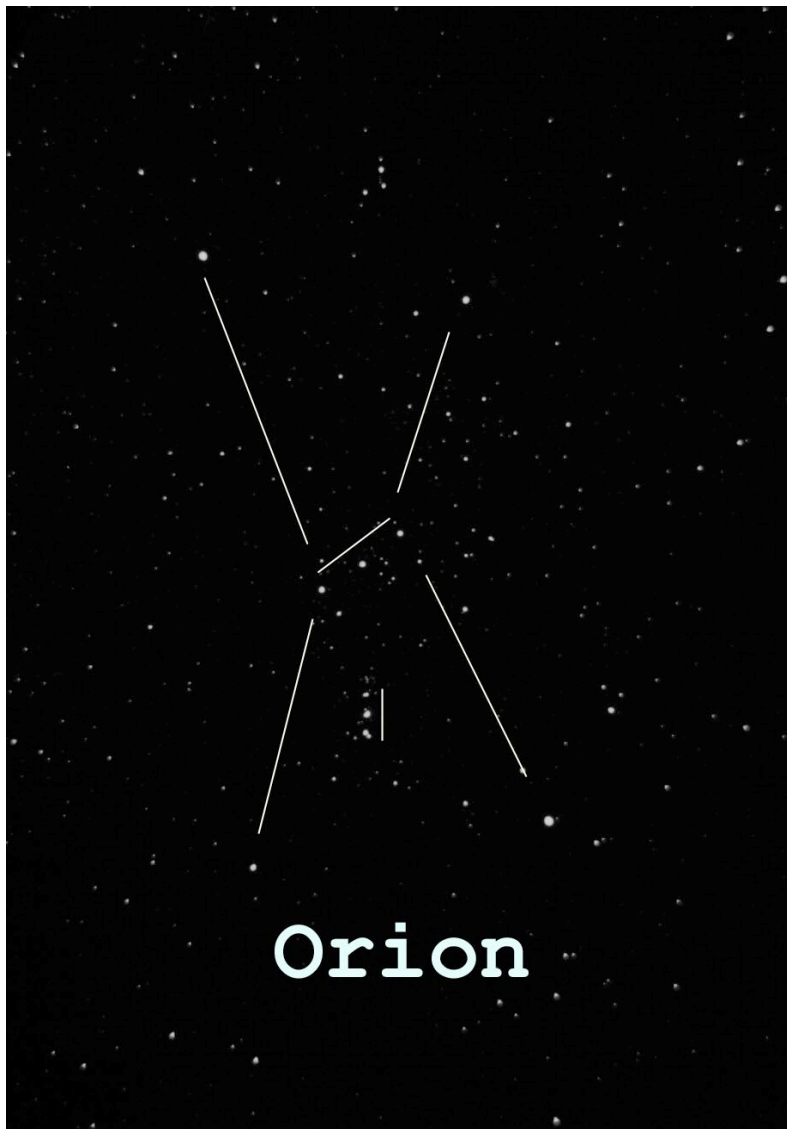
- In the Denderah he is man coming forth and pointing to three bright stars (Rigel, Bellatrix, and Betelgeuz). He is called *Ha-ga-t*, meaning “this is He who triumphs.”
- The Akkadian was *Ur-ana*, meaning “light of heaven.”
- An ancient spelling was *Oarion* in Hebrew, meaning “light.”

A larger view of the sky reveals that Orion’s left foot is upon the head of the enemy (Lepus). Orion also bears a sword in his belt that has a head of a lamb on its handle. This shows that Orion is the Lamb who was slain, as viewed many times in other constellations.

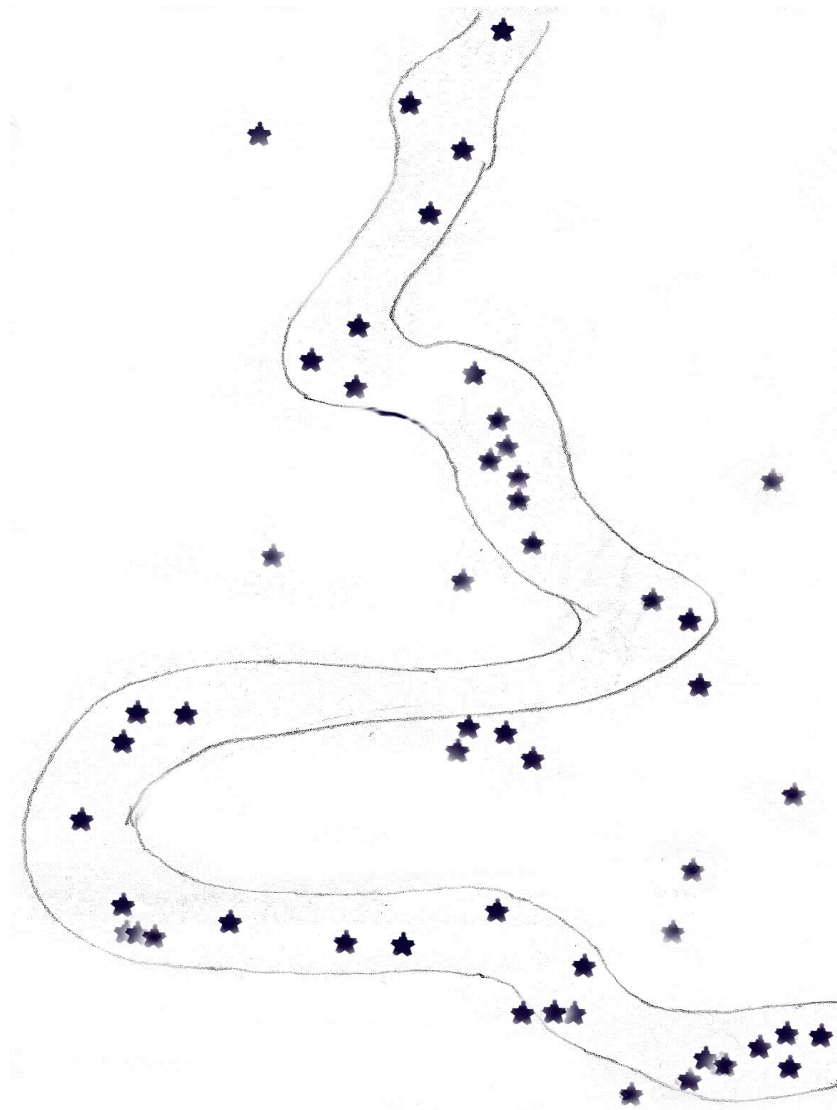
We just saw that Leo the lion was Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Who is the lion shown here? The stars give us the answer. Orion is the “Branch,” the “wounded one,” and the “bruised,” who “crushes” and “destroys. Therefore, this lion, for whatever reason, is none other than Satan. Perhaps Peter gave us some insight when he wrote: “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around **like a roaring lion** looking for someone to devour” (1 Pet 5:8). The stars names are as follows:

- The alpha star in Orion’s right shoulder is *Betelgeuz*, meaning “the coming of the branch.”
- The beta star in the left foot is *Rigel*, meaning “foot that crushes.”
- The gamma star in the left shoulder is *Bellatrix*, meaning “swiftly destroying.”
- The delta star in the belt is *Al Nitak*, meaning “wounded one.”
- The kappa star in the right leg is *Saiph*, meaning “bruised.” It is the same word used in Genesis 3:15.
- Other stars include: *Al Rai*, meaning “who bruises,” *Thabit*, meaning “treading on,” *Al Giauza*, meaning “branch,” *Al Gebor*, meaning “mighty,” *Al Mirzam*, meaning “ruler,” *Al Nagjed*, meaning “prince,” *Niphla*, meaning “mighty,” and *Nux*, meaning “strong.”

Isa 42:13 “The LORD will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior He will stir up His zeal; with a shout He will raise the battle cry and will triumph over His enemies. For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held Myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.”



ERIDANUS
(The Judgment River)



Eridanus is an extremely large constellation stretching across the sky and is pictured as a river flowing from the feet of Orion. In various stories it was thought to be the River Po or the River Euphrates, but neither fit the theme of the other constellations. With Orion, just seen as the coming Judge, Eridanus will clearly be seen as the river of wrath flowing from God's throne.

In the Egyptian Denderah it is called *Peh-ta-t* (mouth of the river), which goes well with the alpha star, *Achernar* (the after part of the river), which is located at the mouth of the river. The beta star at the

river's source is *Cursa* (bent down). The gamma star at the second bend is *Zourac* (flowing). Other stars include *Pheat* (mouth) and *Ozha* (going forth).

From these names we cannot obtain a definitive understanding of what is being described here and, therefore, we must look to the other constellations and their themes to see the “big picture” in the sky. Before we do, it should also be pointed out that Eridanus seems to have been associated with fire in ancient times. Even though the Greeks had obviously perverted this sign, they saw it as a river of fire. Even Aratus wrote in his poem:

For yonder, trod by heavenly feet,
Wind the **scorched waters** of Eridanus' tear-swollen flood,
welling beneath Orion's uplifted foot.

With the understanding that Orion is the coming Judge, we see the river being poured out at His feet and flowing down over Cetus, the sea monster (Satan). Cetus is unable to stop the coming waters, and considering this, the following Scripture passages may give further insight:

- Dan 7:9-10 "As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took His seat [Orion]. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of His head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. **A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him** [Eridanus].”
- Psa 97:3 “**Fire goes before** Him and consumes His foes on every side.”
- Psa 50:2-4 “Perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a **fire devours before** Him, and around Him a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that He may **judge** His people.”
- Isa 30:27-33 “See, the Name of the LORD comes from afar, with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke; His lips are full of wrath, and His tongue is a consuming fire. His breath is like a rushing torrent, . . . The LORD will cause men to hear His majestic voice and will make them see His arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, . . . Topheth has long been prepared; it has been made ready for the King. Its fire pit has been made deep and wide, with an abundance of fire and wood; the breath of the LORD, **like a stream of burning sulfur**, sets it ablaze.”

- Nahum 1:6 “Who can withstand His indignation? Who can endure His fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before Him.”
- Isa 66:15-16 “See, the LORD is coming with fire, and His chariots are like a whirlwind; He will bring down His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For with fire and with His sword the LORD will execute judgment upon all men, and many will be those slain by the LORD.”

From these verses we see that none will be able to hide from God’s wrath. As Malachi wrote, “But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears?” (Mal 3:2). Thankfully, His chosen ones will stand, as we see in the next constellation of Auriga.

AURIGA ***(The Shepherd)***

Auriga is one of the most beautiful of all themes pictured in the heavens. It shows a man with a goat and a pair of lambs in one arm, while the other arm holds some loose bands. The lambs are God’s people who are resting in the arms of their shepherd, and the bands are the chains which bound Andromeda and Pisces earlier. Auriga is summed up in John: “I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep” (John 10:11). It is also interesting to note that the goat and lambs are clinging to the shepherd while looking down at Taurus the Bull. Taurus was rushing forth to judge the wicked, not the righteous, because the saints were coming with Taurus to judge. Therefore, the lambs are watching as their enemies are struck down. Also, now that the bands of our sinful nature are broken off (in Auriga’s hand), we are free and safe in the arms of Auriga.

The following are other names associated with this constellation:

- The Hebrew name is *Auriga*, meaning “shepherd.”
- In the Denderah the man has no sheep, but rather a scepter, called *Trun*, meaning “power.” The scepter has the head of a goat on top and a cross on the bottom. (For the Egyptians the cross meant life; hence we see life for the sheep.)



The star names also give further understanding of the bands and who Auriga really is:

- The alpha star in the body of the goat is *Alioth*, meaning “she goat.”
- The beta star is called *Menkilinon*, meaning “band or chain of the goats.”

- Another star is *Maaz*, meaning “flock of goats.”
- The star in the right foot is *El Nath*, meaning “wounded or slain.” Hebrews confirms: “May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant **brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep**” (Heb 13:20).
- Another star in the foot is *Aiyuk*, meaning “wounded.” Remember the bruised heel in Gen 3:15.
- A star in the lambs is *Gedi*, meaning “kids.”

Some additional Bible verses elaborating on this beautiful picture follow:

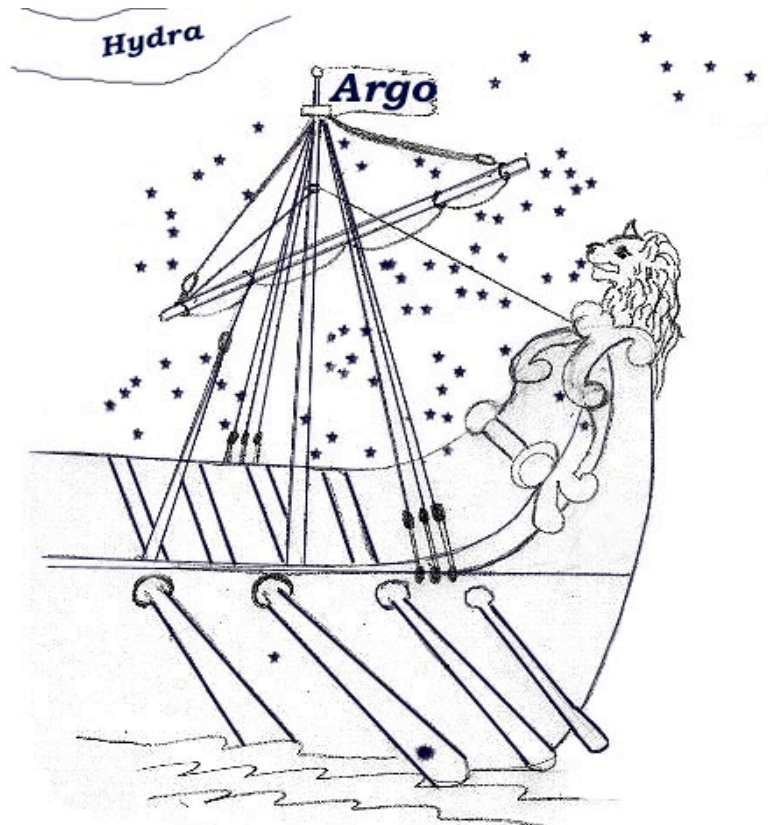
- Isa 40:10-11 “See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and His arm rules for Him. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him. He tends His flock like a shepherd: **He gathers the lambs in His arms** and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.”
- Ezek 34:22-23 “I will **save My flock**, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them **one Shepherd, My servant David**, and He will tend them; He will tend them and be their Shepherd.”
- 1 Pet 5:4 “And when the **Chief Shepherd appears**, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

ARGO ***(The Ship Taking the Saints Home)***

Argo is pictured as a very large ship and has been written about for centuries. Almost 1,000 years before Christ, Homer wrote of this ship when he spoke of the Argonauts. As the story goes, fighting men were returning victorious from battle. The captain of this ship, Jason, led the Argonauts in search of a treasure that they recovered from the Serpent who guarded it. Though this is obviously a corruption of the true story Argo tells, one can already see the truth coming forth from this fable.

Aratus wrote concerning Argo:

Stern-foremost hauled; no mark of onward-speeding ship.
Sternward she comes, as vessels do
When sailors turn the helm
On entering harbor: all the oars back-water,
And gliding backward, to an anchor comes.



The truth of Argo is clarified in the following verses:

- Isa 51:9-11 “Was it not You who cut Rahab to pieces, who pierced that monster through? Was it not You who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made **a road in the depths of the sea so that the redeemed might cross over? The ransomed of the LORD will return.** They will enter Zion with singing; **everlasting** joy will crown their heads.”
- Isa 35:8-10 “And **a highway will be there**; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But **only the redeemed will walk there**, and the ransomed of the LORD **will return.** They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.”

As Scripture attests, the day is soon coming when the Redeemed will be brought to their heavenly home, and Argo represents that journey. Jason represents Christ, our captain who will lead the way.

As we have seen in other star names, Argo means, “company of travelers.” The theme of Cancer is again being told, and the star names further this understanding of Argo:

- The beta star in the keel is *Canopus*, meaning “possessions of Him who comes.”
- Other stars include: *Sephina*, meaning “multitude or abundance,” *Tureis*, meaning “the possession,” *Asmidiska*, meaning “released who travel,” *Soheil*, meaning “the desired,” and *Subilon*, meaning “the branch.”

From the above star names we can see that Argo is the safe holding of God’s “multitude” being lead by the “Desired” or the “Branch.” We again see this truth in Scripture:

- Jer 30:10-11 "'So do not fear, O Jacob My servant; do not be dismayed, O Israel,' declares the LORD. 'I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid. **I am with you and will save you,**' declares the LORD."
- Isa 60:4-8 "Lift up your eyes and look about you: **All assemble** and come to you; your sons come from afar, . . . Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the **wealth on the seas will be brought to you**, to you the riches of the nations will come. . . Surely the islands look to me; in the lead are **the ships of Tarshish, bringing your sons from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the LORD your God**, the Holy One of Israel, for He has endowed you with splendor."

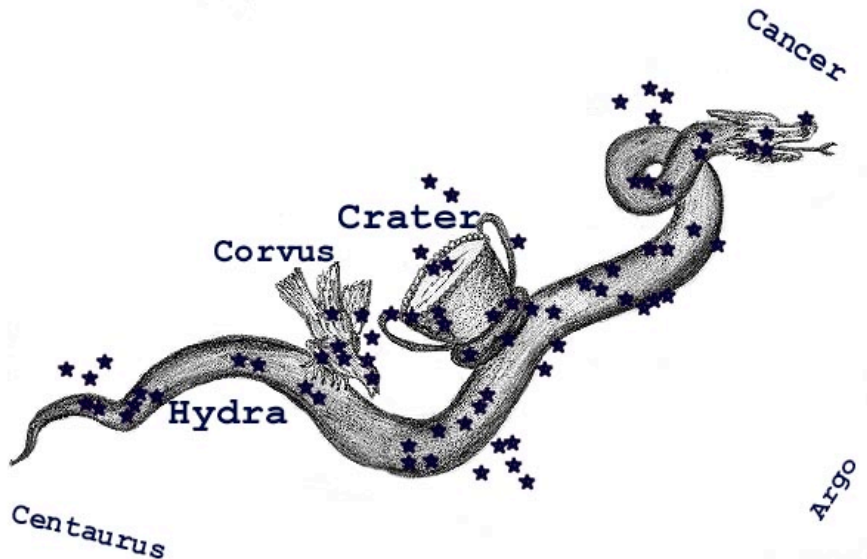
Hydra (The Serpent), Crater (The Cup), and Corvus (The Raven)

As mentioned in our discussion of Leo, these three constellations expand on the final reign of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Leo has his front paw on the head of Hydra, the serpent, thus symbolizing the head of Satan being crushed. In addition, Corvus is perched on the serpent, as though devouring its flesh, while Crater, the cup of wrath, is being

poured out upon the serpent, showing the complete and final destruction of the devil.

The name *Hydra* means “he is abhorred” and identifies the serpent as Satan. The modern name for the alpha star in the heart of the serpent is *Cor Hydra*, but its ancient name is *Al Phard* (Arabic for separated or put away). Other stars are named *Al Drian* (the abhorred) and *Minchar al Sugia* (the piercing of the deceiver). There is no question about the serpent’s identity.

Crater is seen as a cup being poured out upon the serpent. It was corrupted into being perceived as the cup of the wine god, Bacchus.



There are thirteen stars in this cup, but the names are relatively insignificant. Therefore, we will turn to Scripture to follow the theme of nearby constellations.

- Rev 14:9-10 "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb."
- Rev 16:19 "God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of His wrath."
- Psa 75:8 "In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices; He pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs."

That leads us to the final sign in this series, Corvus, the raven. In the Denderah it is called Herna (breaking up of the enemy) and, thus, shows the bird tearing or breaking apart Satan's flesh, as we see in Revelation: "The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh" (Rev 19:21). Likewise, when David was about to kill Goliath he said, "This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel" (1 Sam 17:46).

The alpha star in the eye is *Al Chibar* (Arabic for joining together). The beta star in the right wing is *Al Goreb*, and comes from the Hebrew, Oreb, meaning "raven." Another significant star is called *Minchar al Gorab*, meaning "raven tearing to pieces." This brings us back to the Bible, which states, "The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be **pecked out by the ravens** of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures" (Prov 30:17).

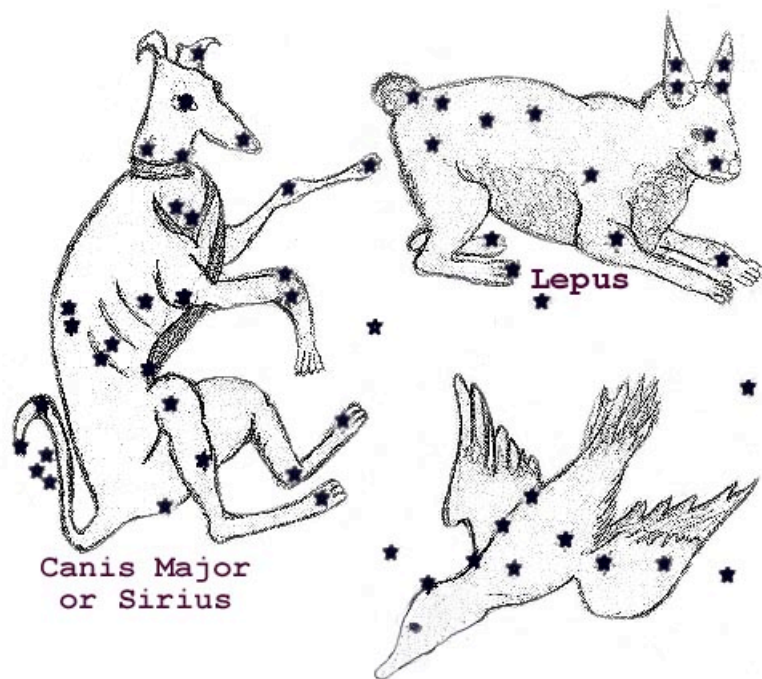
Is there any question what the role of this bird is? Not according to the Scriptures or the theme which covers the sky.

LEPUS ***(The Hare or Enemy -- The Devil)***

Lepus is another constellation in which the pictures are a modern corruption of what it once was. Though viewed as a rabbit today, its original picture is unknown. In the Denderah it was an unclean bird under the feet of Orion and was called *Bashti-beki* (*Bashti*, confounded; *Beki*, failing). The Persians saw it as a serpent. Aratus wrote of this sign: "Below Orion's feet, the Hare is chased eternally." There may be a variety of pictures, but the real *meaning* of this constellation can be learned from the stars, as seen below:

- The alpha star is *Arnebo*, meaning "enemy of Him that comes."
- Other stars are *Nibal*, meaning "the mad," *Rakis*, meaning "the bound," and *Sugia*, meaning "the deceiver."

Clearly, Lepus is a portrayal of Satan, whose doom we read about in Isaiah: "I trampled them in My anger and trod them down in My wrath; their blood spattered My garments, and I stained all My clothing. For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and the year of My redemption has come" (Isa 63:3-4).



URSA MAJOR ***(The Great Bear)***

Ursa Major, or the Big Dipper, is mentioned in Job 9:9 and in Job 38:31-32 and is probably the best known of all the constellations. Like Lepus, the portrayal of Ursa Major as a bear must be a corruption of what it once was. After all, what kind of bear has a tail? Perhaps that is why no bear is seen in any Chaldean, Persian, Egyptian or Indian Zodiacs.



Therefore, we must look to the star and constellation meanings to better understand the message at hand.

- The Arabs still call it *Al Naish* or *Annaish*, meaning “assembled together.”
- The alpha star in the back is *Dubhe*, meaning “herd of animals or flock.”
- The beta star is *Merach*, meaning “flock or purchased.”
- The gamma star is *Phaeda*, meaning “visited, guarded or numbered.”
- The zeta star in the middle of the tail is *Mizar*, meaning “separate.”
- The epsilon star is *Alioth*, meaning “she goat.”
- The eta star at the end of the tail is *Benet Naish*, meaning “daughters of the assembly.”

- Other stars include: *El Alcola*, meaning “the sheepfold,” *Cab’d al Asad*, meaning “multitude assembled,” *Annaish*, meaning “the assembled,” *El Kaphrah*, meaning “protected,” *Dubheh Lachar*, meaning “latter herd or flock,” *Helike*, meaning “company of travelers,” and *Calisto*, meaning “sheepfold set or appointed.”



As one can see, the Big Dipper has nothing to do with a bear; rather, God’s seed gathered together. One name after another clearly show the Big Dipper is much like Cancer, the “assembled,” “appointed,” “purchased flock” of Jesus. Christ will bring us all together from around the world to live with Him in heaven. A wonderful picture of this gathering is seen below:

- Ezek 34:12-16 “As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. **I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered** on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into **their own land**. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich

pasture on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will tend My sheep and have them **lie down**, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.”

Obviously, these are not real “sheep” being talked about, but followers of Christ. Christ even said, “In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).



** A rather interesting side note on the Big Dipper is that it can be used as a clock. The two vertical stars furthest away from the handle point toward the North Star, which acts as the center of the clock. Every two hours these two stars will be one hour further around the clock face. For example, if it is 8:00 PM when the stars in the Big Dipper are at a 9:00

position, at 10:00 PM the Big Dipper stars will be at an 8:00 position. God's orderliness of this universe is nothing short of awesome.

URSA MINOR
(Little Bear)
Little Dipper or Lesser Flock

The history of Ursa Minor is just as corrupted as the Big Dipper, since they are part of a team and sharing the same message. The tip of the handle of this "Little Dipper" is known as the "North Star," or the "Polar Star," around which all other stars revolve. As always, the star names give us insight into the sign's meaning:

- The alpha star (North Star) at the point of the tail or handle is *Al Ruccaba*, meaning "turned or ridden on."
- The beta star is *Kochab*, meaning "awaiting Him who comes."
- Other stars include: *Al Pherkadain*, meaning "young or redeemed assembly," *Al Gedi*, meaning "kid," *Al Kaid*, meaning "assembled," *Arcas* or *Arctos*, meaning "traveling company or stronghold of the saved," from which we get the "Arctic" circle.

The names of these stars are very similar to those of the Big Dipper and obviously carry the same meaning: the "stronghold of the saved."

CANIS MAJOR *(The Dog)* or SIRIUS *(The Prince)*
Coming of the Prince of Princes

Canis Major is pictured as a large dog in the sky. In the Denderah this dog is called *Apes* (head), but is pictured as a hawk (enemy of the serpent) named *Naz* (swiftly come down). The Persians pictured this sign as a wolf and called it *Zeeb* (leader).

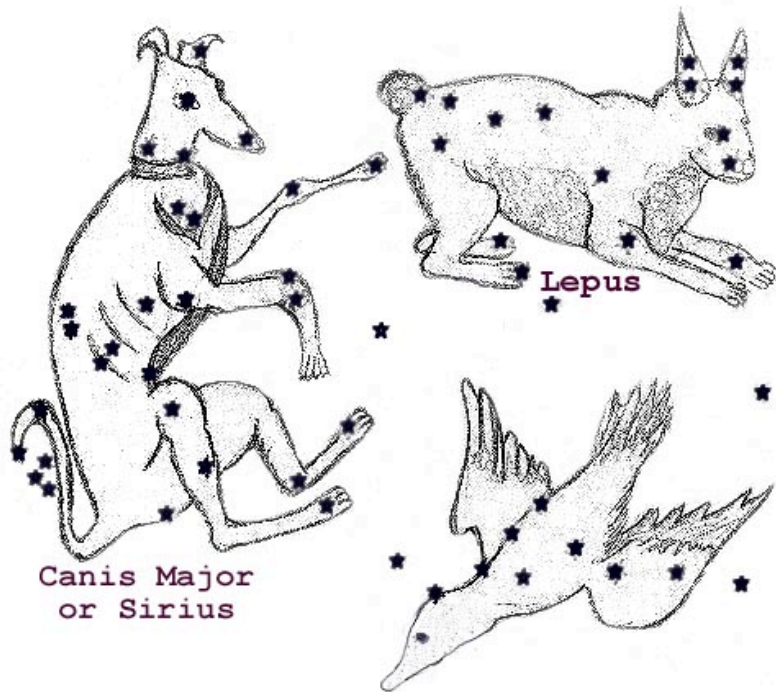
Once again we see that the names of the constellation have no connection with a hawk or dog because of corruption over time, but the stars still give us the true meaning of this sign:

- The alpha star in the head is *Sirius*, meaning "prince," the brightest star in the sky. This star was called the "Chief of the East" by the Persians.
- The beta star in the left foot is *Mirzam*, meaning "prince or ruler."
- The delta star in the body is *Wesen*, meaning "bright and shining."

- The epsilon star in the right hind leg is *Adhara*, meaning “the glorious.”
- Other stars include: *Aschere*, meaning “who shall come”, *Al Shira Al Femeniya*, meaning “the Prince of the right hand,” *Seir*, meaning “prince,” *Abur*, meaning “the mighty,” and *Muliphen*, meaning “leader or chief.”

The star meaning “Prince of the right hand” is very significant because of the many verses that show Christ sitting at the right hand of God:

- Mark 16:19 “After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God.”
- Acts 2:33 “Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”
- Acts 7:55 “But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”
- Rom 8:34 “Who is He that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”
- Col 3:1 “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”
- Heb 10:12 “But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God.”



Stars such as “Who will come,” “Bright and shining,” “Leader,” and “Prince” are also important Scripturally:

- Isa 9:6 “And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.”
- Isa 55:4 “See, I have made Him a witness to the peoples, a **Leader** and Commander of the peoples.”
- 2 Th 2:8 “And then the lawless one will be revealed, [Lepus] whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the **splendor of His coming**.”

CANIS MINOR (The Little Dog)
Coming of the Prince of Princes Continued

Canis Minor is another small dog above Canis Major and is sometimes called the “Second Dog.” It tells of the same Redeemer as did the first dog. In the Denderah he is called Sebak (conquering, victorious) but is pictured as a figure with the head of a hawk and the body of a man.

The stars and their meanings follow:

- The alpha star in the body is *Procyon*, meaning “Redeemer.”
- The beta star in the neck is *Al Gomeisa* in Arabic, meaning “loaded, or bearing for others.”
- Other stars include: *Al Shemeliya*, meaning “prince or chief of the left hand” which answers to the brightest star, *Sirius*. Also, *Al Mirzam*, meaning “prince or ruler,” and *Al Gomeyra*, meaning “who perfects.”

Therefore, in connection with the star names here and in Canis Major, as well as the theme of the other constellations with which this sign is connected, our Redeemer is once again identified. We read in Isaiah, “‘The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,’ declares the LORD.” (Isa 59:20).

CONCLUSION

I would like to take a moment to point out one of the greatest heresies of Rome that the stars speak out against. Over and over we have seen that the serpent is going to have 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 Jerome (405 AD), as well as every ancient translation of Scripture we have. Why do I point this out? Because Rome has done a great disservice and wrongly translated this verse by making *ipse* into *ipsa*, a feminine gender, so that Genesis 3:15 reads "She will crush your head." Rome tries to portray Mary as the one who destroys Satan, which is why so many Roman statues and paintings have Mary standing upon the serpent. Mary, rather than Christ is the primary focus of Rome.

However, no matter how hard Rome may try, there can be no denying the witness of the Truth preserved in the stars. We saw early on in this book the male Ophiuchus standing upon the head of Scorpio (Satan). We saw Christ represented again in Aries, as HE bound Cetus the sea monster. We saw HIM again in Orion, not only destroying Satan with His club, but also standing upon Lepus, another representation of Satan. Hercules also had HIS foot raised to crush the head of Draco, the dragon (Satan). And finally, we ended with Leo, who stands upon the devil, represented by Hydra.

There can be no denying that the theme of the stars in the heavens is that Christ came to conquer death and the devil on the cross and that 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!

I kept this until the end because this can be better understood when the constellations are in view with their true meaning. Some believe that each of the tribes of Israel were also represented by the Zodiac. While some seem to be a stretch of the imagination others are very clear. We will let the reader decide. On the east side of the Israelite camp were the tribes of Issachar, Judah and Zebulon. On the west were Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh. On the North were Asher, Dan and Naphtali. On the South were Gad, Reuben, and Simeon.

- Judah can easily be understood as being identified by Leo the lion, since we read: "You are a lion's cub, O Judah; you return from the

prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness-- who dares to rouse him?" (Gen 49:9)

- Issachar may be represented by Cancer, the resting place of God's people: "Issachar is a rawboned donkey lying down between two saddlebags. When he sees how good is his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will bend his shoulder to the burden and submit to forced labor." (Gen 49:14-15)
- Zebulun is suppose to be Virgo, the virgin bringing forth the treasured Branch: "They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer sacrifices of righteousness; they will feast on the abundance of the seas, on the treasures hidden in the sand." (Deu 33:19)
- Benjamin may be represented by Gemini, the united Bride and Bridegroom: "About Benjamin he said: 'Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in Him, for He shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between His shoulders.'" (Deu 33:12)
- Ephraim and Manasseh may be represented by Taurus the Bull, rushing forth with the many saints to judge at the end of the age: "In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will gore the nations, even those at the ends of the earth. Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim; such are the thousands of Manasseh." (Deu 33:17)
- Asher may be represented by Sagittarius, the bowman or rider coming to destroy Satan: "The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength will equal your days. There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in His majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!' So Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure. . .Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places." (Deu 33:26-29)
- Dan may be represented by the Scorpion, Satan himself trying to bruise the heal of Christ: "Dan will be a serpent by the roadside, a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider tumbles backward." (Gen 49:17)
- Naphtali may be represented by Capricornus, the sacrifice slain but resurrected to pour forth His blessings: "Naphtali is abounding with the favor of the LORD and is full of His blessing; he will inherit southward to the lake." (Deu 33:23)
- Gad may be represented by Aries, the reigning and resurrected sacrifice who breaks the chains of His people: "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad's domain! Gad lives there like a lion, tearing at arm or

head. He chose the best land for himself; the leader's portion was kept for him. When the heads of the people assembled, he carried out the Lord's righteous will, and His judgments concerning Israel." (Deu 33:20-21)

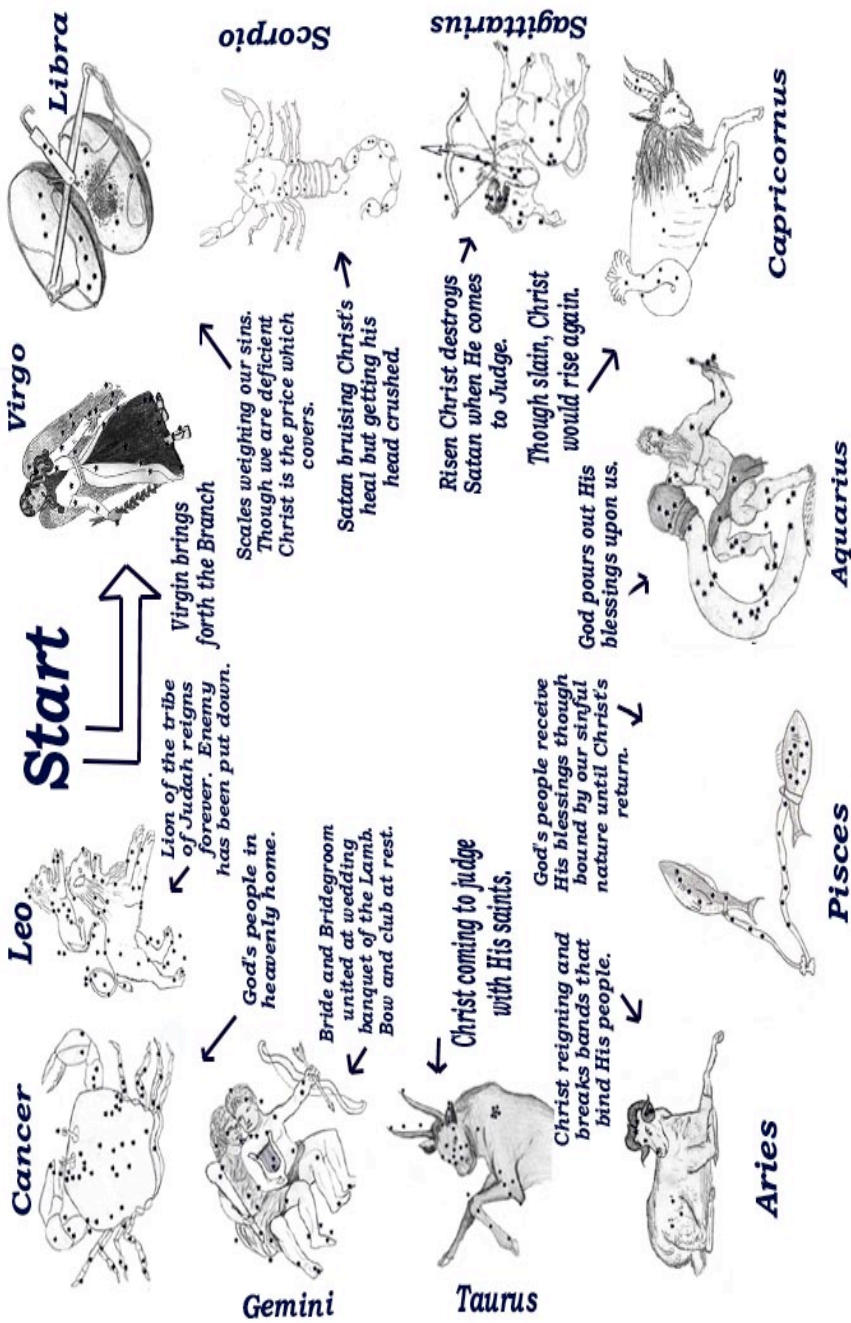
- Reuben may represent Aquarius, the one who pours out God's abundant blessings, especially the blessing of eternal life: "Let Reuben live and not die, nor his men be few." (Deut 33:6)
- Simeon may represent Pisces, God's scattered people bound by their sinful nature: "Cursed be their anger, so fierce, and their fury, so cruel! I will scatter them in Jacob and disperse them in Israel." (Gen 49:7)

I pray that this has opened your heart and mind to sing forth in joyful praise to the Creator of the universe. When you look to the stars, I pray that the sight of them will cause your heart to rejoice, because "the heavens declare **His** glory" (Ps 19:1) and "my mouth will declare Your praise." (Ps 51:15)

Appendix



CELESTIAL MAP, NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, FROM A WOODCUT BY A. DURER.—ROSENWALD COLLECTION, NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART WASH. D.C.





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