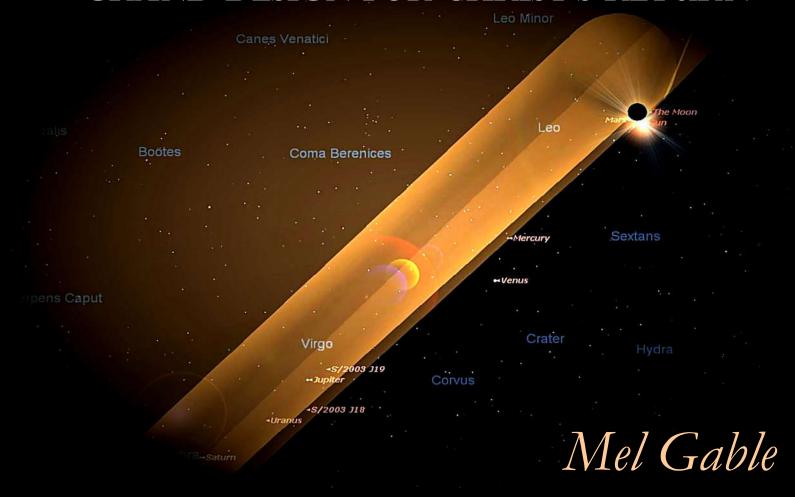


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Love, from your Brother

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Bottom Image: The light tunnel on the front cover tells the story of Christ's Second Coming. Scripture says "the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light" which is what creates the light tunnel. On the light tunnel and directly down the center, are three constellations and four planets. The seven objects on the light tunnel represent completeness in biblical numerology. At the top is the Constellation of Leo, the Lion, which represents Christ as the Lion of Judah, which is symbolic of God's Wrath. It is used in scripture to signify Christ's Second Coming. For, Christ is seen as the Lamb in the opening of the seven seals which is mentioned in Revelation 5:4-14. In the middle of the light tunnel is the Constellation of Virgo that represents Christ born of a virgin and His First Coming to the earth. This is to show to mankind that it is Christ, the Son of God, who is returning. Down near the earth is the Constellation of Libra that represents the Scales of Justice. It is time for judgment of this world through war. Up at the top is the planet Mars which eclipses the sun and moon. Mars represents bloody war. It is the Battle of Megiddo that is described in Revelation 9:16-20 and 16:16. Below it is the planet of Jupiter, the king planet, that is the Messianic star. Uranus is next that represents the Lord of the Heavens and symbolizes the Deity of Christ. Just above the earth is the planet of Saturn which is harvest time of the earth and it begins in August. Read Revelation 14:14-20 about the Angelic Reapers. Is the light tunnel significant to Christ's Return? Light symbolizes truth. The alignment of constellations and planets over the light tunnel is unique in time and space. The three constellations represent divine order given to this world, which is represented by four planets in biblical numerology. It is Christ's Return to this world that will ultimately bring order and peace.

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Preface

The Word of God is more powerful and greater than any words given by man. The Word has been inspired by God Himself. With that, I would like to open this book with a quotation from Peter's sermon in Acts 2:17-21, which quotes the Prophet Joel. This book will use scripture passages which are not out of context, to support the heavenly signs seen in the skies above the earth. The context in which they were given is important.



Cosmic Disturbance – Galactic Center (NASA)

Acts 2:17-21 Prophet Joel: 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' GOD SAYS
'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL

PROPHESY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL PROPHESY. 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

- 20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,
 BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.
- 21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.' 1



Orion: Babylonian "True Shepherd" – Christ, the Shepherd Pleiades: "Crown of Stars" – Sign of Authority (NASA)

¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ac 2:17–21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

 $m{T}$ his book has become a burning passion in my life. My prayer is that I can make clear in print what I am convinced is correct theology. Above all, I do not want to bring dishonor to my Lord and Savior or add to the confusion that already exists in the church. I must proclaim what I have perceived to be the crucial truth as revealed through scriptures, the Holy Spirit and the "Heavenly Signs" that represent the End Times Events. I have written as simply as I can and with clarity for easy comprehension for the non-believer. The signs in the heavens will challenge the End Times ideas we have been taught. My intent is to share with the readers what is the truth. God's truth is revealed through His wonders of creation and His Word. God created the heavens for greater significance than separating the day from the night. It was created to display "Heavenly Signs." The heavens reveal to mankind the truth about the End Times and the timing of events. "In the Last Days God says I will grant wonders in the sky above" which is from Act 2:17-19. The Word was with God from the beginning before the creation of this visible universe and world. The truth is the Prophetic Word is divinely-given and inspired by God to the Prophets and the Apostles for the End Times. The Apostle John's vision in Revelation has many signs seen in the heavens. The prophetic events are aligned with "Heavenly Signs" which demonstrate there is an Almighty God who set these heavenly bodies into motion at the time of creation. There was a plan of salvation from the beginning and a "Grand Design" for Christ to reign upon this earth. This has been written for those who are looking for a clear and concise explanation and for validation of the order of End Times Events. This includes the event of Christ's return. Christ knows the time of His return and reign on this earth. He would like us to know through His wonders of creation and His Word the order and timing of events "in the last days."

Interpretation of these heavenly signs will be validated through independent sources. The heavenly signs will be used to generate a timeline for the events described in scripture. The sign of Christ's return is a visible light tunnel into the far reaches of the heavens. It is so unique in sweeping across the earth that it cannot be mistaken for anything else except His return with His immortal armies to Jerusalem. This event is relatively short in timeframe and extends in time over Jerusalem. This will ultimately result in His Final Glorious Reign on this earth. During the Tribulation, it is the "True Shepherd" who is present in the skies. However, during the Great Tribulation the Lion of Judah is present. The symbol of the Lion appears on the light tunnel for Christ's return. The Prophet Joel states that God "... WILL DISPLAY WONDERS IN THE SKY AND ON THE EARTH" for the End Times, the Last Days, which is from Joel 2:30. The Bible makes a number of surprising references to "signs" in the heavens from the Book of Genesis on creation to the last book of the Bible in Revelation about the End Times. The word "sign" occurs 855 times in 806 verses of the Bible. It is key to understanding the signifiance of the word "sign" and what the disciples were requesting of Christ when they were asking for "signs" of the events for the End Times in the Olivet Discouse. The first usage is in Genesis in the context of God's creative acts and the very beginning of this visible universe and world. In John 1:3 it states "All things came into being through Him."

Genesis 1:14-15 "Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them <u>be for signs</u> and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth" and it was so." ²

It states that the heavens were created to be used for "signs." The sun, moon and stars, which include planets, were in the divine scheme of things, intended to be "for signs and for seasons". The final usage is in Revelation 12 and 15. It is referred to as a "great sign" in the heavens because it symbolizes God's chosen people, Israel.

Revelation 12:1 "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;" ³

² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Gen 1:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

It is used in the context of Christ's birth on this earth. This description includes the use of the sun, moon and stars in the sky. It is a sign of Israel and its twelve tribes, which includes the sun and the moon with the crown of stars, known as the Pleiades star cluster. We know through scripture God has named all the heavenly bodies.

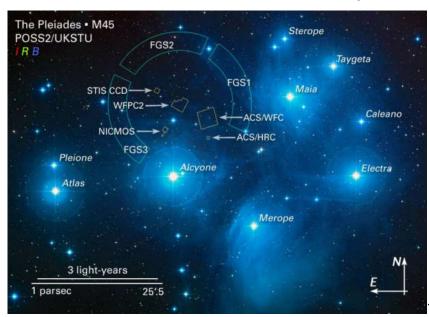
Psalms 147:4 "He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them." 4

God's naming goes on to the present time; even though he uses man to do this. An example is the dwarf planet Ceres, which was named in 2006. Once, it was determined to be a true planet and not an asteroid.

Ceres is the smallest dwarf planet in the inner Solar System. Goddess of the seasons; Demeter Ceres means "Earth Mother". Ceres' name may derive from the hypothetical Proto-Indo-European root *ker, meaning "to grow", which is also a possible root for many English words, such as "create", "cereal", "grow", "kernel", "corn", and "increase". Roman etymologists thought "ceres" was derived from the Latin verb gerere, "to bear", or "bring forth."

The planet of "Ceres" was seen in the sky above Bethlehem during the Birth of Christ our Lord; and it is the last object in the heavenly cluster to come down to earth as part of the Bethlehem Star. The choice by man of the name "Ceres" was not based upon the fact that it was associated with the Birth of Christ by a virgin. Ceres has the meaning of "to bear", or "bring forth" from an "Earth Mother." How appropriate it is to Christ's birth. Both the Old and New Testaments assume what happens in the heavens matter and are given by God as signs of events on the earth. We should follow the guidance and counsel of the Bible on the use of signs. Astrology assumes that the stars are the direct cause of earthly events. The Bible lets us know that they are to be used as messages about earthly events either in the past or in the future. It may be useful to think of them as Road Signs and Warnings.

There is a distinct difference between a sign and considering them as an active agent. Christ said in Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth....." This will occur during the End Times. Most of the signs used throughout this book include all three elements of the sun, moon and stars. We shall use ancient interpretation for planetary signs and their meaning, and use Biblical text wherever it is possible to explain the heavenly events as seen in the skies. Independent of the language (Hebren, Greek, Arabic or English) names given to these heavenly bodies their meaning should stay the same. God's naming of the stars also includes naming the constellations and their star clusters as seen in the Book of Job. The meaning of their names has significance.



The Pleiades star cluster – Crown of Authority (NASA)

Job 9:9; 38:31-33

- 9:9 "Who makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;"
- 38:31 "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion"?
- 38:32 "Can you lead forth a constellation in its season, and guide the Bear with her satellites"?
- 38:33 "Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, or fix their rule over the earth"?

³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Rev 12:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Psalms 147:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Stars and Constellations

Most scholars believe the Book of Job is one of the oldest manuscripts of text ever written. In the Bible, it predates the time of Abraham and the founding of the Jewish nation of Israel. It is intriguing to find this oldest book is written about the stars and the constellations with respect to God. It states that God himself put them in their place in the heavens. It also references the same constellations we know today by their names. Other than the Bible there are ancient literatures (*Babylonian*) which appear to support the names as well. It appears the star configuration of the constellations and what they represent may be the oldest surviving text of any language. Does this point to some level of importance and significance to this earth and mankind? There must be significance to their names. Some constellations and star names date back to the time of Job in the Bible such as "Bear." The Pleiades star cluster was given the Hebrew name - The Pleiades (Kymh) cluster stars -Pleiades in Job's time and is still used today. We will see the Pleiades star cluster represents a crown of authority as a heavenly sign. Some of today's present names of stars and their meaning were determined during the ancient times of the Babylonian Empire as we will see later. Many scholars and Biblical writers state that God arranged the stars and defined their motion through the skies at the time of creation. A prime example is the Star of Bethlehem. There are many passages which state that God arranged the stars.

Isaiah 40:26 "Lift your eyes on high, and see who created all these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name. Because of his greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing." ⁵

The first time I understood there was meaning to "Heavenly Signs" was with the birth of Christ and how the Magi saw the Star of Bethlehem in the East. The Magi understood this was a sign of the Messiah, the King, and they came to worship Him and give Him gifts. I wondered how they knew the star represented the King. It was because of the heavenly bodies which made up the Bethlehem Star. It had meaning and significance to the Magi.

JOHANNES KEPLER (1571-1630) paved the way for rediscovery of the Bethlehem Star. He puzzled out the math which drives the heavens. He even used his formula to search for the Bethlehem Star. But unlike us, Kepler had no computer. With software incorporating Kepler's equations, we can animate ancient skies or the future skies over the Middle East with great precision and accuracy.

JOHANNES KEPLER set out to show that a planet would travel in a perfect circular orbit around the sun, called a solar orbit. This presented an easy mathematical model and simple view and beauty of his planetary understanding. Nevertheless, he could not force the mathematical model of circular orbits to align with what was observed in the night skies.

TYCHO BRAHE (1546-1601) made an invitation to Kepler to come to Prague and collaborate in the study of the solar system. At that time, it was poorly understood even after following Newton's work. It was thought that the planets were "Wandering Stars". This was due to the fact that planetary movement across the skies didn't necessarily follow the normal path from east to west of true stars in the night sky. Planets could retrace their paths in the night sky based upon night time observation. Both men were brilliant and motivated to unravel the mystery of planetary motion. Tycho Brahe died suddenly and Kepler found himself with full access to Brahe's library and works, which ended up changing everything from this point going forward. Kepler published his First and Second Law of Planetary Motion in the year 1609. This was followed by Kepler's Third Law, about ten years later. These mathematical law models are so accurate that NASA and other astronomers worldwide use them today. Kepler's laws hold the keys to the heavens. The motion of the planets and the constellations are so unique that they can be used to pinpoint an actual day in the past or in the future with inclusion of the sun and moon even the hour of the day. With software incorporating Kipler's equations, we can model with computers as well

⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Isaiah 40:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

as create the observable heavens for future and past heavenly events. All that is needed is to provide a given latitude and longitude of observation on the earth. In minutes, the software can reproduce the numerous sky maps by computer hardware, which calculates using these equations. This software can be used to animate the night or daytime skies at any speed in time. This will make years, months or days pass within a moment of a real time clock. This is what has been used to create the "Heavenly Signs - Grand Design for Christ's Return" pictures incorporated in this book. This has been done by running computer software called "Starry Night" by Simulation Curriculum Corporation. What is the significance of heavenly bodies? In traditional astrological nomenclature, the stars were divided into "fixed stars", (Latin stellæ fixæ), which means the stars and other galactic or intergalactic bodies as recognized by astronomy; and "wandering stars" (Greek: πλανήτης αστήρ, planētēs astēr), which we know as the planets of the solar system. These stars were called "fixed" because it was thought they were attached to the firmament, and are the most distant from earth of the heavenly spheres. The fixed star movement across the sky is very predictable based upon their relationship to other stars and typically rise from the east and go down in the west much like the sun. So, what is meant by God saying "And I will grant wonders in the sky above"? The Hebrew word for "wonder" is מֹפָת mopheth: a wonder, sign, portent – marvel 6 A "wonder" would be an unusual event in the heavens (you should marrel at it) such as: stars changing their relative positions in the same star cluster, or radiant light above the heavens changing direction and then coming down onto the earth during the same day. It is an amazing wonder that God had set the motion and movement of these heavenly bodies at the time of creation to be used as signs. This includes the Bethlehem Star marking the birth of Jesus Christ in time and in space. This heavenly event showed the Magi the birth of a King. What will be the signs for the End Times? Remember, God has also named all the fixed stars, wandering stars, and constellations in the sky. There must be significance to the names as well as the motion in the heavens given to us as signs. When we encounter a star, planet or constellation throughout this book we will go into its meaning and significance.

The Time Known through Heavenly Signs

The Prophet Joel and the Apostle Peter said there will be "wonders in the sky" as signs. Heavenly signs will provide an accurate date of these heavenly events which are unique in the skies. God set the rules of the heavens during creation, which is demonstrated through the fulfillment of His Word. In Job 38:33, God asked him "Do you know the ordinances of the heaven or fix their rule over the earth"? The Disciples asked Christ what would be the "sign of Your coming, and of the end...." Christ answered them with a long list of events that must occur prior to His return. Christ understood in detail the order of events prior and during the Tribulation period. Many believe in the fact that neither the day nor the hour is known. In Colossians 1:16, it states "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible..." This includes heavenly signs. This belief comes from quoting scripture out of context. In Matthew 24:34, it uses "generation," that is the time from creation until its destruction by fire.

Matthew 24:35-36 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."

2 Peter 3:7 "But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men."

Only God the Father knows when this earth will pass away. It doesn't say Christ will not know when He will return. There will be no signs in the heavens when the present heavens and earth will pass away with fire. Christ as the creator must understand the timing. It is because "the ordinances of the heavens" were determined at the time of creation. Christ has foreknowledge relating to this "generation." The angels in heaven do understand the End Times. This is why the Archangel Michael described those events to Daniel over 500 years before Christ's birth.

⁶ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 24:35–36; 2 Peter 3:7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Daniel 12:1 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued."

Michael the archangel, the great prince, describes a "time of distress" which has "never occurred" before in time. It says all who are found written in the "Book" (Rev. 20:12) will be rescued. The Apostle Paul states that we should be aware of the time of His Coming so we will not be overtaken as a thief in the night. Paul warns us to not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. This is referring to being "caught up together...in the clouds to meet the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 "But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us <u>be alert</u> and sober." 8

Heavenly Signs

It should be obvious that "Heavenly Signs" are given for seeing. The very nature of a sign is it should be viewable among people on the earth; those who are looking for them. God wants us to know the timing of these events.

- Men are called upon to see, look at, and behold signs.
- God created signs in the heavens for us to observe.
- Signs are intended to be conspicuous and not hidden.



The Whirlpool Galaxy with the Black Hole – symbol of the cross, Hubble Telescope (NASA)

Signs were placed in the heavens by Christ Himself and the motion of heavenly bodies was determined at the time of creation. Otherwise, this would be denying Christ's Deity, who dwells in the presence of His Father and existed before the creation of this world. The meaning of the names of stars, their clusters and constellations were also given to us by Him. An example is a constellation that uses the dragon to represent Satan. It is in John's vision to fulfill scripture prophecy and to align with a sign in the heavens that were created at the very beginning of time. Even though it is unusual to call Satan the "great dragon," it is the term used throughout Revelation. This was because the "sign" seen by the Apostle John was a "dragon" – "appeared in the heaven."

⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 12:1, 1 Thess. 5:4-6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

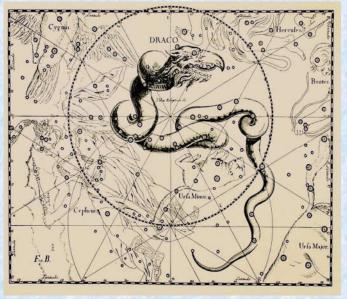
Revelation 12:3 "Then another <u>sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon</u> having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems."

Revelation 12:9 "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him." 9



Draco depicted as a Dragon (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

The Constellation Draco: Early Christians saw Draco as the serpent which had tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Draco was the serpent-like dragon that twined round the tree in the Garden and guarded the apples.



Draco: Hevelius, Firmamentum, (1690)

Revelation 20:2-3 "And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss,"

The Constellation of Draco is depicted as a dragon snake. We will see how this constellation is used as a sign for Satan being thrown into the abyss. The statement comes from Revelation 20:2-3 after Christ begins His Reign. We will use the Draco Constellation to show this alignment between His Word which matches the heavenly sign of His creation. The Constellation of Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. The "head and eye" of the dragon, Draco is over Virgo ready to devour her which is mention in Revelation 12:4. Before the Word was given to man, God created the constellations in the heavens as a picture story of His plan for this world. "All things came into being through Him..." from John 1:3. This earth was ultimately created by and for Christ to reign upon it. The position of the sun, moon and stars in space are uniquely given in time. We will use them to fix chronological events in time as prophetic scripture has revealed them. It is God's creation of the heavens with its signs that declares the ultimate truth of the End Times. Christ declared in Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars....." before His Coming. These heavenly signs were given for the End Times. Those who have wondered about creation and if the Bible is truly from God will definitely get a clear answer to both questions by reading this book. Those who have understanding will clearly see the truth revealed through His Spirit with the "Heavenly Signs" as a "Grand Design" of this universe and the alignment with God's Word.

⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:2-3, Re 12:9, 12:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 2: EARTH BURNED- 1st Trumpet

The Apostle John sees four angels standing on the four corners of the earth empowered to hold back the winds on the earth. The purpose is to seal the bond-servants of God on their foreheads. This includes the 144,000 people from all 12 tribes of Israel prior to God's Wrath and the beginning of the Trumpet Judgments.

Revelation 7:1-3 "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

- 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,
- 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." 10

God's Wrath- First Trumpet Judgment

We will see that God will use angels to deliver His Divine Wrath on the earth. You will notice that in all prior six seals that angels where not used. The breaking of the seals was by the Lamb. Christ's Wrath is not seen as the outpouring of the Lamb but as the Lion of Judah. It is God's Wrath that follows which is about to be poured out. Angels will be employed and we will see in the heavens the sign of the Lion. The sign of the Lion replaces the sign of the "*True Shepherd*" seen in the heavens during the Tribulation period and the opening of the seven seals. Angels are mentioned in scripture by both the Apostle Paul and John.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 "....and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

- 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
- 10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed." 11

The first five seals represent the rebellion of man and the evil influence of Satan on the earth. Both the Apostles Paul and John understood the importance of prophetic events and that the Wrath of God would use the angels in heaven, who are the Servants of God. There are two irrefutable sequences in scripture.

In Revelation 6 with the opening of the sixth seal the warning of God's Wrath or Lamb's Wrath "is come" is basically stating that it is about to occur. In Revelation 8 with the opening of the seventh seal, the Trumpet Judgments of God's Wrath is beginning. Between the warning of God's Wrath and the actual pouring out, there is Revelation 7. It is in Revelation 7 the sealing of the 144,000 occurs. The above opening passage in Revelation 7:1 is the first introduction of angels participating in the End Times events. The Apostle John next describes seven angels standing before God and being prepared to sound their trumpets one by one.

Revelation 8:2-6 "And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

¹⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 7:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 1:7–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

- 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.
- 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
- 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them." 12

The angels are asked to wait until the bond-servants are sealed. They are sealed from the Wrath of God which comes at the First Trumpet Judgment. We see parallel statements to this judgment in Revelation 7 and 8.

Revelation 7:3 "saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." ¹³

Revelation 8:7 "The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up" 12

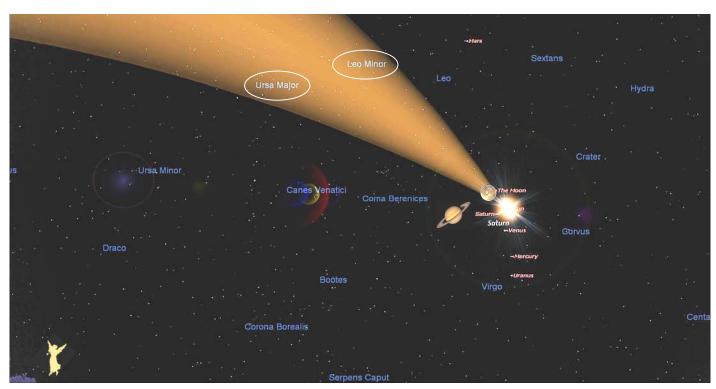


Trees being burned up at Bitterroot National Forest Fire in Montana (Alaska Fire Service)

Once the angel blows the first trumpet, one-third of the trees and all grass will be burned up on the earth. However, God will protect His bond-servants who have received His seal. This includes protection from Satan's destructive powers in the wilderness or mountains to where they will eventually flee. Remember, Satan has been thrown down onto the earth and is present when God's first judgment occurs ("Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture"). What is the heavenly sign for the first judgment? It is an eclipse with the planet Saturn and the moon with the sun which turns the earth into darkness during the daytime.

¹² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 8:2-7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 7:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



October 2393 Sun eclipsed by the planet Saturn and the moon over Jerusalem

The above heavenly sign has many symbols. Christ said in Luke 21:11 "....and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven" and in Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and (wandering) stars, and on the earth......." In ancient Roman times, Saturn was a major god presiding over agriculture and harvest time. The first judgment is the burning of trees and all green grass on one-third of the earth. The event highlights the Constellation of Minor Leo, which represents a Young Lion. The Lion represents the God of Judah, which we will see in scripture. The other Constellation is Ursa Major which represents a Bear. Both the Lion and the Bear are two of the most furious animals. It should be intuitive that this relates to God's Wrath with both furious animal constellations seen with radiant light on them in the heavens.

Astrological Saturn has always been associated with the letter of the law. Early religions have identified Saturn with the god of Early Scripture, whom they regarded as a tyrannical father, obsessed with rigid enforcement of the law. There is a symbolic link between Saturn and the God of Early Scripture through the use of Saturday. Saturn's Day, the seventh day of Scripture, which is the holy day of rest. Saturn is often associated with a father's authority figure. In childhood, the discipline, rules, and regulations imposed by authority. From Wikipedia



Saturn's glyph, or symbol, shows the cross of matter (reality) over the soul, representing the material nature of man reigning. Note that the symbol of Saturn is the symbol of Jupiter inverted! Jupiter is the Messianic star — Christ.

Saturn brings structure and meaning to the world. Saturn knows the limits of time and matter. Saturn reminds us of boundaries, responsibilities, and commitments. It brings definition to lives. Saturn makes awarness of the need for self-control and of boundaries and limits. Saturn reminds us of responsibilities; it is associated with enforcement of laws ¹⁴

Saturn is the ruler and father figure. It is also associated with the Law. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Saturn (Latin: Saturnus) was a major god presiding over agriculture and the harvest time. Therefore, this represents trees and all green vegetation on the earth. The prophecy says "and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up" in Revelation 8:7. In Biblical numerology, three or one-third has the meaning of

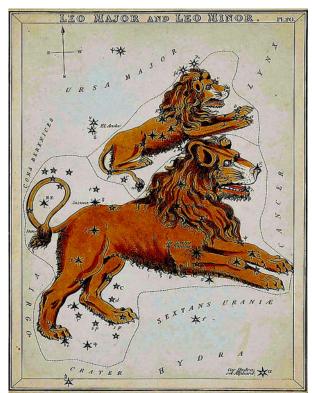
¹⁴ Astrology for the Millions (Llewellyn's Classics of Astrology Library) by Grant Lewi

divine. It is truly significant that this is an act from God for those with insight and understanding. The upper cross symbol and the glyph are inverted to Jupiter and it is associated with God's rigid enforcement of the law. God the Father is also seen as Leo Major, the Great Lion. The Great Lion represents "The Ancient of Days" that is described in Daniel 1:9. This event represents the Deity of Christ as a Young Lion or just a Lion. Likewise, Christ is the Lion of Judah as seen in the Constellation of Leo.



Saturn (NASA)

Adorned with thousands of beautiful ringlets, Saturn is unique among the planets. All four gas giant planets have rings -- made of chunks of ice and rock -- but none are as spectacular or as complicated as Saturn's. Like the other gas giants, Saturn is mostly a massive ball of hydrogen and helium. Could hydrogen gas mean fire? Let us next take a look at the Constellation of Leo Minor which was called the "Young Lion" in Babylonian times. Leo is one of the constellations of the zodiac. Its name is Latin for lion. Its symbol is \mathfrak{A} . Leo lies between Cancer to the west and Virgo to the East. Leo Minor has the meaning of Small or Young Lion.



Leo Minor depicted as Young Lion (J. Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Leo:

In Babylonian astronomy the constellation was called - the 'Great Lion' the bright star, Regulus, known as the king star. It stands at the Lion's breast. It also had distinctly regal associations as it was known as the King.

In Greek mythology, Leo was identified as the Nemean Lion which was killed by Hercules.

The stars eta Leonis and alpha Leonis mark the lion's heart, with alpha Leonis, also known as Regulus, being the bright star of magnitude one. The stars eta Leonis and omicron Leonis form the right front foot of the Lion. **Leo Minor** is a small and faint constellation. Its name means "the small or young lion", in contrast to Leo, the larger lion. Its brightest stars form a rough triangle, and it lies between the larger and more recognizable Ursa Major and Leo. Leo Minor was not regarded as a separate constellation by the ancients.



Constellation of Ursa Major:

In European star charts, the constellation was visualized with the 'square' of the Big Dipper forming the bear's body and the chain of stars as a long tail. However, bears do not have long tails, and Jewish astronomers considered Alioth, Mizar, and Alkaid instead to be either three cubs following their mother.

Ursa depicted as the Great Bear (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Ursa Major (Latin: "Larger Bear"), also known as the **Great Bear**, is a constellation visible throughout the year in most of the northern hemisphere. It can best be seen in April. It is dominated by the widely recognized asterism known as the Big Dipper or Plough, which is a useful pointer toward north, and which has mythological significance in numerous world cultures.

Isaiah 13:9 "Behold, the day.... Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation;"

Does this not describe the First Trumpet Judgment, to make land desolate by literal burning? We know from Daniel 7 the Lion and the Bear represent Babylon and Media-Persia. Could this mark the burning destruction of a third of the earth? Ursa Major, the Bear, is one of the few star groups mentioned in the Bible in Job 9:9; 38:32; Orion, the "True Shepherd" and the Pleiades crown of authority being the others. Ursa Major was also pictured as a Bear by Jewish beliefs. "The Bear" was translated as "Arcturus" in the Vulgate and it persisted in the King James Version of the Bible. "DovBer—Hebrew, Yiddish" is a Jewish proper name meaning Bear. A Bear holding the "Menorah" is used as a Jewish symbol as well. It looks like God guides "the Bear and her satellites." Is this symbolic?

The "Bear" and "Young Lion" in scripture

Job 9:9 "Who makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;" 15

Job 38:32 "Can you lead forth a constellation in its season, And guide the Bear with her satellites?" 16

Psalm 91:13 "You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down." 17

It looks like the Young Lion, Christ, is here to trample down the serpent, Satan and his controlling power over deception. This is mentioned in Genesis 3:15 where the Lord said to the serpent "He (Christ) shall bruise you

¹⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Job 9:9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Job 38:32). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ps 91:13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

(serpent) on the head (fatal)." Satan has been cast down to the earth. How do we know from scripture the meaning of the Constellation of Leo, which represents the Lion? We do know that Judah used the symbol of a Lion. In Revelation 5:5 it makes the statement "behold the Lion.... has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." We now know the Lion is Christ, because the Lamb opens the seals of the book and He is from the "Root of David."

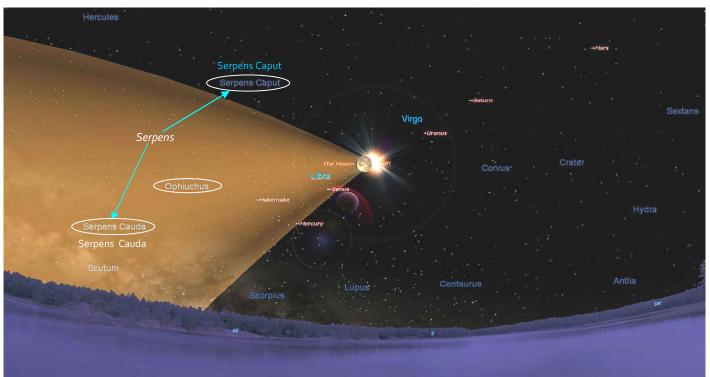
Revelation 5:4-5 "Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." 18

Revelation 10:1-3 "I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;

- 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;
- 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a <u>lion roars</u>; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices." ¹⁹

Clothed with a cloud—the emblem of God coming in judgment. 20 From Jamieson's Commentary

Leo Minor represents Christ as the Young Lion; while Leo Major represents God the Father as the Great Lion. Saturn represents the Father figure and the enforcer of the Law. Leo represents the Deity of Christ. In Revelation 5:5-6 it says the Lamb is the Lion. What is the next event seen in the heavenly skies? It is the sign of the serpent's head and tail and it occurs in the Constellation of Libra that represents the scales of justice.



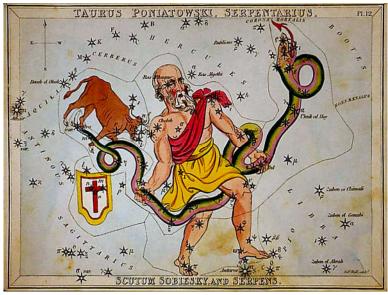
November 2393 sun eclipsed by the moon one month after the 1st Trumpet Judgment over Jerusalem

¹⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 5:4–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 10:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments (Re 10:1). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

The first judgment was marked by a nightly event of a dual eclipse of Saturn and the moon with the sun. This judgment may appear as a natural disaster to deceived mankind. After that event, the sun is low in the sky during a mid-day timeframe (southern direction) with the earth darkened due to the partial eclipse of the sun and moon. The constellations visible in the sky during the daytime are Ophiuchus and Serpens. Ophiuchus is depicted as a man grasping a serpent; the interposition of his body divides the snake constellation Serpens into two parts, Serpens Caput and Serpens Cauda. The Constellation of Libra shows up in the heavens with radiant light upon it.



Serpens and Ophiuchus depicting the Serpent and its Charmer (1825)

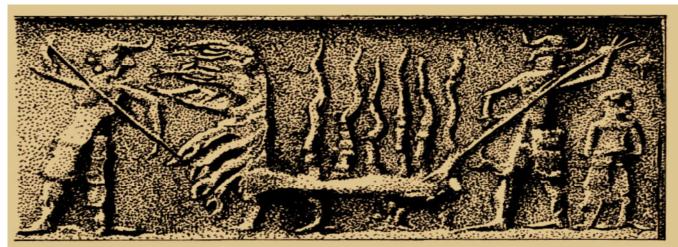
Serpens & Ophiuchus

The serpent itself is represented and is given two identities. Stars to the west are those of the head, Serpens Caput, while the tail section, Serpens Cauda, writhes eastward toward Aquila, above the shield of Scutum. One of the most interesting objects that you can't see in Ophiuchus is the Pipe nebula.

The Serpent, Satan, has power over death. Hebrews 2:14-15 "...power of death, that is, the devil;"

Notice, the shield of the Constellation Scutum has the symbol of a cross on it. Is this a sign of the Antichrist who is given authority by Satan, the serpent of old? This Constellation of Scutum with the cross is located at the serpent's tail of Serpens Cauda. Remember, Satan has been cast down to earth at this point in time ("Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture"). His casting down occurred after the 144,000 were sealed. This is a reference to the "Serpenl" which is Satan the devil or the dragon. Isn't this mentioned in Revelation as the beast that is the Antichrist? He will be given authority by the dragon according to the Apostle John's vision.

Revelation 13:4 "they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" 21



Seven Heads of the Dragon found at the Euphrates in Larsa (3rd millennium)

²¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 13:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Battling Dragons

Since ancient times, the dragon (this cylinder seal at the bottom of the previous page shows a dragon with seven heads) represents the chaos that threatens the divine order of the world. It is the task of the gods—and the king's as the surrogate of the gods on earth to rein in the chaos. The cylinder seal found in Larsa at the Euphrates dates back to the late 3rd millennium. From Logos Bible Software

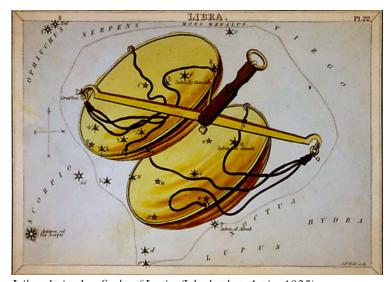
It was know in ancient times dating back to the third millennium BC that the dragon represented Satan, the serpent of old. This representation on the cylinder found at the Euphrates has seven heads which parallels scripture in Revelation 12. The dragon has seven heads and ten horns that symbolize kings and kingdoms.

The Dragon - Satan

Revelation 12:3 "Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon <u>having seven</u> <u>heads</u> and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems." ²²

Psalm 91:13 "You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down." ²³

Remember, this event occurs with the Constellation of Libra receiving radiant light in the heavens. This constellation is the heavenly sign of truth and justice. It must be that God's judgment has arrived not only to mankind, but to Satan. We know this event follows the month after the First Trumpet Judgment has occurred.



Libra depicted as Scales of Justice (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

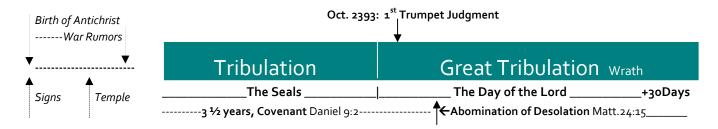
Constellation of Libra:

Libra was known in Babylonian astronomy as Zibanu ("the scales"), or alternatively as the Claws of the Scorpion. The scales were held sacred to the sun god Shamash, who was also the patron of truth and justice. Since these times, Libra has been associated with law, fairness and civility. In Arabic zubānā means "scorpion's claws." This resemblance of words may be why the Scorpion's claws became the Scales.

October 2393: we have arrived at the timeframe of the First Trumpet Judgment, the Wrath of God. November 2393 marks the battle between mankind and the Antichrist controlled by Satan. The Antichrist is not reigning as a king. God will give him authority for 42 months, but not at this time. Most Bible scholars assume the First Trumpet Judgment will occur in the second half of the seven year tribulation period. We have shown that this is not Biblically correct, since the Temple has not been desolated. Likewise, there is no Biblical evidence to support this statement made by scholars. We also know by Christ's statement that the "desolation" must occur during the Great Tribulation. We will soon find out that this event will occur after a "time of tranquility." The Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord must start "on or before" God's Judgment. It is shown correctly in the timeline chart that follows.

²² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ps 91:13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The First Trumpet Judgment is the burning of the trees and all green grass on the earth. This event of the First Trumpet Judgment follows quickly after the 144,000 are sealed, which is after the Day of the Lord. The correct representation on the timeline chart is shown above. The most important fact taught here is that God continues to watch over Israel's chosen even in the time of Israel's great distress.

It is astonishing to see these signs in the heavens to explain the events in scripture. Nevertheless, mankind will be deceived, thinking this is just a natural disaster and not God's Wrath. Christ said Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth..." as well as in Luke 21:11 "...and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven" or "great sign from" the "heavens or sky." The Greek word for "heaven" is ouranos; heaven:—air, heaven, heavenly, heavens, sky. Christ put the great signs in the heavens during creation. Therefore, Christ knows the day and hour of His return and wants the believer to know He is coming. Those who have insight will understand that this is God's Divine Judgment upon the earth and understand this heavenly sign in the skies.

Let us review what has transpired before the First Judgment. Please see the book entitled "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture" to get a better understanding of these prior activities. God wants us to know the timing of these events, since God has put signs in the heavens to symbolize when these will occur.

- Believers in Christ receive their glorified bodies and are in heaven.
- The Antichrist has been revealed to the world.
- The 144,000 are sealed from the Wrath of God.
- Satan has been cast down to the earth to give his power to the Antichrist.
- The First Trumpet Judgment burns up a third of the earth.

The believers should be rejoicing in heaven since we have been resurrected and have put on imperishable bodies and now have immortality. His chosen and called will return and serve Christ as He reigns upon this earth.

1 Corinthians 15:52-57 "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

- 53 "For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality."
- "But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written," "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory."
- 55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"
- 56 "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;
- 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 24

We will see in the next chapter that the Antichrist becomes king in a "time of tranquility." Nevertheless, war continues on the earth prior to the First Trumpet Judgment until there is a time of false peace. His revealing occurs one year prior to him receiving his authority for four-two months. Then, this is followed by sacrifices on the altar being removed and the desecration of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

²⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (1 Co 15:52–57). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The Three Woes - Eagle Has Risen: Stellar Spire in the Eagle Nebula Hubble Telescope (NASA)



CHAPTER 3: WAR AND DESOLATION



Remember, we now know through the Apostle Paul that it is time for the Antichrist to be revealed, the man of lawlessness. The Apostle Paul states that what restrains him will be taken out of the way. This occurred during the gathering of the saved in Christ and those who were alive and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the "what and only he" that Paul is referring to in this passage is the Holy Spirit. This is not agreed upon by Bible scholars. That is why the 144,000 receive on their foreheads both Christ's and the Father's name as a double seal of protection and ownership. This includes protection against Satan and his destructive powers. Paul in the passage below is speaking about the man of lawlessness or the Antichrist. The Antichrist is not given authority at this time from God. It will come shortly in a "time of tranquility" and without war in the Beautiful Land of Israel.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 "And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way." ²⁵

What type of person is the man of lawlessness? Scripture tells us that God will send a deluding influence.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10 "Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved." ²⁶

²⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:6–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:8–11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The word "deception" is critical to understanding Daniel and the End Times wars. Daniel 11:23 uses the words of "practice deception" in the Hebrew manuscript. The Book of Thessalonians was written in Greek ("deception") and not Hebrew. Is Paul referring to the scripture in Daniel? This is the prophetic message which was explained to Daniel by the Archangel Michael. The words of "despicable person" and "practice deception" both appear in Daniel 11.

Daniel 11:19-22 "So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more.

- 20 "Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the <u>Jewel of his kingdom</u>; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though not in anger nor in battle.
- 21 "In his place <u>a despicable person will arise</u>, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a <u>time of tranquility</u> and seize the kingdom by <u>intrigue</u>.
- 22 "The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant." ²⁷

Beautiful Land

The "Jewel of his kingdom" is most likely the City of Jerusalem. The "Beautiful Land" refers to the nation of Israel. If you look at both words in the Hebrew text, they are similar in written structure.

הֶּדֶר heder; an ornament, adornment, splendor.—Jewel.

hadar; an ornament, honor, splendor.—array, beautiful, dignity, honor, majestic, majesty, splendor. ²⁸

We know through Daniel that "he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue." The Hebrew word for "intrigue" is the following:

הַלְקְלֵקוֹת chalaqlaqqoth: smoothness:—hypocrisy, intrigue, slippery, slippery paths. 29

We also know from the heavenly signs that Mercury represents communications, thought processes, ideas, and sensory information from both unconscious and conscious sources. Is this a sign of the Antichrist in Daniel with his smoothness and intrigue? Does it sound like the Antichrist from what we have been taught?

Daniel 11:22-23 "The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant. "After an alliance is made with him he will <u>practice deception</u>, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people." ³⁰

Daniel continues to describe his attributes as an individual who practices deception. Otherwise, he will bring an alliance between him and the warring nations of the North and the South. It also states that he will gain power with a small force of people. Could this small force of people be one of the coastland nations such as Israel, since he practices deception? Isn't this most likely since the statement is made "who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom"? It appears that the "prince of the covenant" who is mentioned in Daniel 11:22 seems to be an event that has already occurred in time. We know that those saved in Christ, His Bride, have been gathered prior to this event. This removes the restrainer and empowers this deceptive individual. We know that in Revelation 13:5

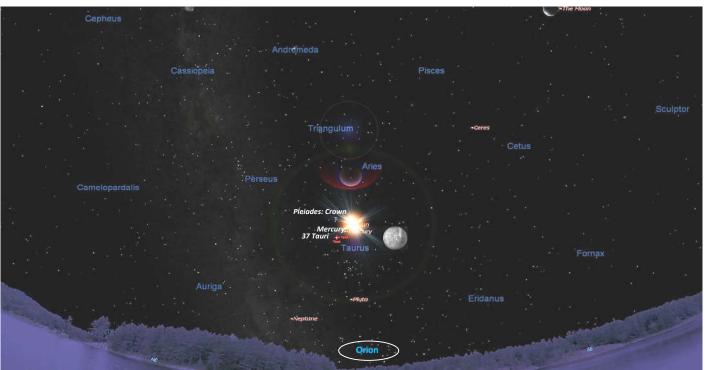
²⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:19–22). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁸ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

²⁹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

³⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:22–23). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

God willed the Antichrist "authority to act for forty-two months was given to him." Below is the sign of authority given to the Antichrist with the Pleiades, crown of stars. A crown is worn as a sign of royalty, kingship or authority.



May 2394 Mercury eclipsed with the sun and the Pleiades crown of authority is given to the Antichrist

This is a heavenly sign of Mercury, the Antichrist coming to power in a "time of tranquility." What a clear and precise description of the sign in the heavens above Jerusalem seen on May 2394. There is no Mars (war) present in the skies above, which symbolizes that tranquility is present on the earth. Does this not describe Daniel 11:21 prophetic statement? The presence in the heavens of both the Pleiades crown of stars and 37 Tauri, a symbol of divine completeness, represent authority being given by God to the Antichrist. Orion, the "True Shepherd" as well as Neptune, and Pluto reside below his crown and near the earth. We know Pluto is a sign of the underworld and Neptune has a negative sign of deception. What is the following statement in Daniel 11:23 "after an alliance is made with him he will practice deception"? What an accurate representation of the events on the earth as seen in the heavens above. The underworld is a symbol of death and Satan has power over death as stated in Hebrews 2:14.



Mercury's glyph, or symbol, resembles that of Venus, with the addition of a semi-circle (horns) at the top. This symbol is an inverted cross with horns above the head. The horns represent Satan empowered.

What is it that Paul said about this event? It is "one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan." How do we really know that this description in Daniel relates to the End Times? Daniel writes about the wars and the "time of tranquility" in the End Times, which is described by Michael the Archangel as pertaining "to the latter days."

Daniel 10:14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future." ³¹

Translation of Hebrew: latter אַחֲרִית acharith; the after-part, <u>end</u>:—come, descendants, end, final end, final period, future, last, latter, latter ending, latter period ³²

³¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 10:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

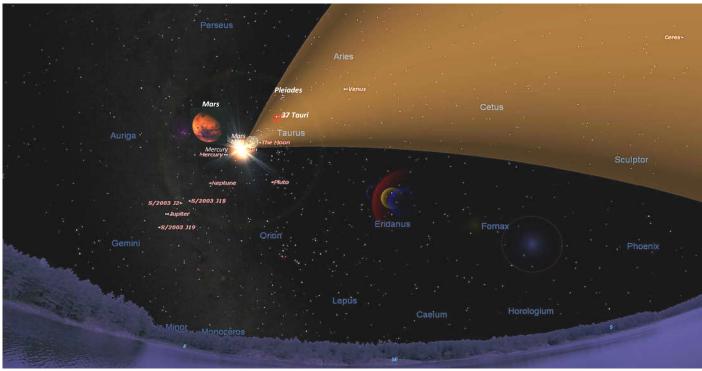
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We will see later in the passage of Daniel the description of the breaking of the "Holy Covenant" and the desolation of the sanctuary fortress which is described in Daniel 11. What does the scripture tell us about this "time of tranquility" in the land during the End Times or latter days? It will help validate the event and its timing.

Daniel 11:24-25 "In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest parts of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; <u>he will distribute plunder</u>, booty and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but <u>only for a time</u>.

25 "He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him." 33

The statement "but only for a time" is prophetic and it means for 360 days or a year. From very early June 2393, which is shown in the image below "Day of War" to late May 2394 is short by one calendar month. This matches Daniel's scripture prophecy of a year. We know that the sign below relates to war because of the eclipse of Mars. Mars is the god of war. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war, Ares, and symbolizes the red planet's bloody color for war. This is a time of war by the king of the South in which the Antichrist is revealed.



June 2393 Day of War - Mars and moon eclipsed with the sun with Mercury present – the Antichrist revealed

The Antichrist entering the "richest parts" causes the south to take action. The richest land is Saudi Arabia, due to its oil. Daniel 11:24 makes the statement he will "accomplish what- his ancestors never did." The Persian Empire didn't include Saudi Arabia. It goes on to say "He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South." Therefore, the South will mobilize an extremely large and powerful army for war. It next states that he will not stand and schemes will be devised against him. Deception of the Antichrist is matched with that of the king of the South. It says that he will "devise schemes against him". What kind of schemes could he come up with during this timeframe? Because it is a "time of tranquility," could it be a political battle? These schemes may be hidden attacks by unknown forces. In the time of Daniel, there weren't any aircrafts, unmanned vehicles, drones, missiles or flying submersibles that flew in the skies. What is meant by schemes of war "against strongholds"? It is more likely the deployment of unique advanced weapons with surprise attacks by unknown forces and unmarked vehicles.

³³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:24–25). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Attack of the Coastlands using space weapons (NASA concept rendering)

This could be a form of the statement "......schemes will be devised against him." The same passage states the southern king has "an extremely large and mighty army for war." The word for "mighty" army in Hebrew is "atsum." atsum; mighty, numerous:—great, large number, mighty, mighty men, mighty ones, numerous, strong, stronger 34

It may mean stronger in the sense of greater advanced weapons – mightier. Daniel 11:26 makes the statement that "his army will overflow" and many will be killed and destroyed. Daniel goes on to describe the deceptions on the part of both the Antichrist and the king of the South. Daniel states "they will speak lies to each other."

Daniel 11:26-28 "Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.

- 27 "As for both kings, their hearts will be intent on evil, and they will speak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.
- 28 "Then he will return to his land with <u>much plunder</u>; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and then return to his own land." 35

It looks like they are meeting each other at either the same conference table or they may be eating together at a peace celebration feast. Their hearts are intent on evil and speaking lies to each other. It also states "his heart will be set against the holy covenant." This is just prior to the desolation of the Temple by the Antichrist. We know that God has given authority to the Antichrist to ultimately fulfill His prophetic plans. Therefore, the Antichrist will return to his land with great possessions, wealth, equipment and property. This directly relates to the translation of the word "plunder." The Hebrew word for "plunder" has the following meaning:

רָכָשׁ rekush; property, goods:—equipment, goods, plunder, possessions, property, wealth 34

In Daniel 11:2 it states "... Behold three more kings are going to arise in Persia, then the fourth will gain far more riches than all; ... he will arouse the whole against the realm of Greece." Bible scholars believe the "mighty king" refers to Alexander the Great, who conquers Persia and assumes world dominion. Daniel writes there would be a "mighty king" and that

³⁴ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

³⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:26–28). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

his kingdom will be parceled out to four points on the earth. Four of his generals divided the empire into four geographical areas each ruled by one the generals. In today's modern times, the countries that occupy this Persian Empire region are Iran (modern day Persia), Iraq, Northern Egypt, Libya, Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, as well as part of north-western India. The Grecian Empire included the nations of Sudan and Ethiopia. In 2011 and 2012, Germany, a European nation, has financed billions of Euros (\$130 billion Euros in Feb. 2012 out of a \$430 billion fund) to get Greece out of economic distress. Does the northern king come out of Germany or Greece in the End Times? Does Germany become the warring power in the End Times much like it did in World War I and II for history repeats itself. Germany today is the strongest European nation from an economic aspect and from advanced technology. Germany must bring a unity to Europe with its financial strength and it must relate to the prophetic statements in Daniel 7:19-20. Daniel 7:20 describes the seven remaining Barbarian tribes in the Roman Empire: Anglo-Saxons-English, Burgundians-East Germanic-French Bourgogne or Huns, Franks-Germanic tribes or French, Lombards-Italians, Suevi-Portuguese, and Visigoths-Spanish. The three historic tribes that fell were: Heruli, Ostrogoths and the Vandals. All tribes have Germanic roots in the Roman Empire including Alamannien tribe.



The Persian Empire in 490BC (1923; William R. Shepherd b.1871-d.1934)

The northern kingdom represents the United European nations. The southern kingdom is represented by the new Persian Islamic alliance of nations. Daniel 11:6 states "they will form an alliance." The island of Cyprus (Kittim) was considered to be part of the Persian Empire. Cyprus must become a naval base in the European empire for ships to come from it. This is because Daniel 11:30 states "for ships of Kittim (Cyprus Island) will come against him." European navy forces are primarily from Germany in today's world. It has been protecting the coast of Lebanon.

European Navy Forces: The navy of Germany is part of the unified Bundeswehr (the German Armed Forces). It is deeply integrated into the NATO alliance. Its mission is protection of German and Allied territories as well as peace-keeping and peace enforcement operations. In total, there are about 67 commissioned ships in the German Navy, including 4 submarines and 21 auxiliary ships. The displacement of the German Navy is 220,000 tons. Presently, the largest operation of the German Navy is participation in the UNIFIL II off the coast of Lebanon. The German contribution to this operation is two frigates, four fast attack craft, and two auxiliary vessels. The naval component of UNIFIL has been under German command. German warships permanently participate in all four NATO Maritime Groups. The German Navy is also engaged in operations against international terrorism such as Operation Enduring Freedom and NATO Operation Active Endeavour. In addition, the German Navy and the Royal Danish Navy are in cooperation in the "Ark Project". This agreement made the Ark Project responsible for the strategic sealift of German armed forces where the full-time charter of three roll-on-roll-off cargo and troop ships are ready for deployments. These ships are also kept available for the use of the other European NATO countries. The three vessels have a combined displacement of 60,000 tons. Including these ships, the total ships' displacement available to the Deutsche Marine is 280,000 tons. This compares to the U.S. Navy carrier fleet of 165,000 tons displacement. From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Navy



Daniel 11:30-32

"For ships of Kittim (Cyprus Island) will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant."

"Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the REGULAR SACRIFICE. And they will set up the abomination of desolation."

"By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action."

Note: Kittim is Cyprus Island - Red Oval

Hebrew Map of Kittim (1854)

While the Antichrist is meeting again with the southern king, the United European forces must come against him by ships from Kittim. The Antichrist will return to his land from the southern empire during the breaking of this "time of tranquility." In Daniel 11:29 it states he will return to the South again and it "will not turn out the way it did before." This will cause the Antichrist to become enraged. This is followed by the event of "ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION" that Christ had stated in His Olivet Discourse, which is also prophesied in Daniel 11:31:32.

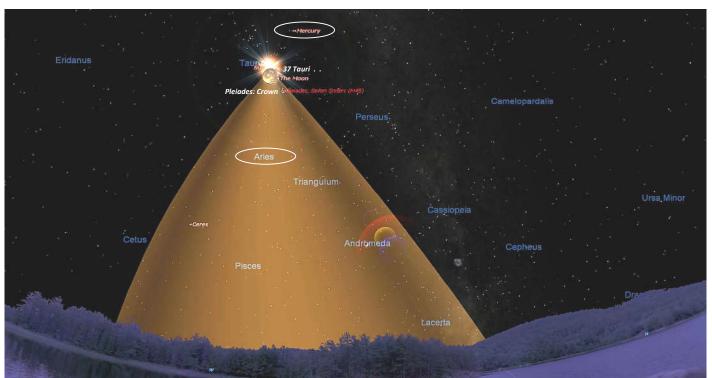
Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)" ³⁶

Christ said to flee to the mountains when they saw the desolation. Those in the city of Jerusalem and in the land of Judea "must flee." We will see there is a prior warning from the Prophet Zechariah with a heavenly sign associated with this event to flee to the mountains. The mountains are the area east of Israel in the land of Jordan today. The land of Edom, Moab, and Ammon will be rescued according to Daniel 11:41. But, prior to the desolation, the "regular sacrifice" has to be removed and the Two Witnesses must be killed.

Matthew 24:16-20 "then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath" ³⁶

³⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 24:15, Mt 24:16–20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Sacrifice Removed



May 2394 Sign of the Nation of Israel with sun, moon and Pleiades with Mercury above the "great sign"

Is there a sign in the heavens for the event of sacrifices being removed from the altar? **Aries** is one of the constellations of the zodiac, located between Pisces to the west and Taurus to the east. Its name is Latin for Ram and its symbol is Y representing a Ram's horns. This must be a sign of the last Ram sacrifice on the altar.



Aries depicted as at Ram (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Aries:

Ancient Greek astronomers visualized Aries as a ram lying down with its head turned to the right. The stars α , β and γ Arietis mark the ram's head and horns, according to Ptolemy's Almagest. In Hellenistic astrology, the constellation of Aries is associated with the golden ram of Greek mythology. Phrixos sacrificed the ram to the gods and hung its skin in a temple, where it was known as the Golden Fleece. "Ram" via association with the legendary figure of Dumuzi the Shepherd.

This heavenly event occurs four days after the sign of the Antichrist's authority given by God. What a short timeframe for such a significant change of events in the heavens. This heavenly event appears similar to the sign seen in the heavens when the believers were martyred during the opening of the fifth seal. However, the fifth seal event occurs in the Constellation of Aries. This eclipse event occurs above Aries, and the planet of Mercury is directly above radiant light which is shining down into the Constellation of Aries. This previous sign was also

shining down onto the earth during the fifth seal. To get a better understanding of the fifth seal event, see the book entitled: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture." Within the same book in chapter 12, it describes the resurrection of the Two Witnesses prior to the sacrifice being removed. All three events from the Antichrist receiving authority, the Two Witnesses being killed, to the sacrifice being removed occurs over four days. It is a true wonder. This event of the sacrifice being removed occurs in the Constellation of Taurus, the bull. The bull represents a priestly sacrifice. Both the Constellations of Aries and Taurus symbolize sacrifices. However, the Pleiades crown of stars is below her head. It represents a fallen crown of authority given to Israel when the Temple was under Jewish control. The planet of Mercury is a symbol of the Antichrist, which is seen above the "great sign." The Antichrist takes control of Jerusalem and its Temple in which the last sacrifice happens in the evening. The "great sign." is seen in the west just prior to sunset over Jerusalem. We know through scripture this is the heavenly sign of the woman, which is Israel. It is the sun and moon and the Pleiades crown at her head. This heavenly event must mark the end or "do away with the regular sacrifice" as prophesied in Daniel 11:31.

Daniel 12:11 "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days." ³⁷

The Ram is a symbol of sacrifice. It must follow that this is the time of regular sacrifices which have been removed from the Holy Altar. The 1290 days reflect the statement in Revelation "nourished for a time and times and half a time" which is 1260 days. But, the regular sacrifices will be restored after an additional 30 days. This is to bring the sanctuary to its full glory during the reign of Christ. This is why Daniel states it will be 1290 days.



Model of the Sanctuary Fortress (GNU)

http://www.bible-architecture.info

Model of Herod's Temple (GNU)

Flee into the Wilderness

Revelation 12:1 "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;" 38

Remember, Satan has been thrown down to the earth. Did he attempt to persecute the woman which is Israel? The dragon and the serpent is Satan and the woman is Israel in this prophetic scripture. This passage states those who flee into the wilderness will be nourished for three and one-half years. Is this manna from heaven?

Revelation 12:13-14 "And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent."

³⁷ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 12:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

³⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:1, Re 12:13–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Let us look again at Daniel and see what transpires during this timeframe.

Daniel 11:31:33 "Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation."

- 32 "By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action."
- 33 "Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days." 39

For the Hebrew word of "turn" is where the phrase "to godlessness" comes from.

717, chaneph; a prim. root; to be polluted or profane:—completely polluted, polluted, polluted, pollutes, turn to godlessness.40

The true meaning is he will completely pollute the wicked towards the covenant through his smooth words of deception. This must be the Antichrist; it fits his profile completely. Nevertheless, there will be "people who know their God" who will provide understanding to many, yet they will be slain by sword, fire or flame. From the signs in the heavens, there is four days between the Antichrist being given authority on this earth and those with "understanding" fleeing into the wilderness. The statement for many days, the word "many" is not in the original Hebrew manuscript. The word day is the traditional word used throughout the Old Testament. An example is the days of creation which are given in Genesis. What does Daniel say will happen next?

Di' yom; a prim. root; day:—afternoon*, age, all, always*, amount*, battle, birthday*, Chronicles*, completely*, continually*, course*, daily, daily the days, day of the days, day that the period.

Daniel 11:34-36 "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy."

- 35 "Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time."
- 36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done." 41

There will be those who have insight into what is transpiring. There will also be those who fall in order to be refined and purged during the Tribulation. Then the king, Antichrist, will exalt himself as the only god and will speak extraordinary things against the Almighty God. The Hebrew word for "monstrous" is from "pala".

ק'אָ pala; to be surpassing or extraordinary:—bring extraordinary, deal marvelously, difficult, extraordinary degree, fulfill a special, made his wonderful, made marvelous 42

The Antichrist speaks out boldly against the Almighty God. We know that his power comes from Satan, the serpent of old, the dragon. However, Satan goes directly after God's chosen people in the wilderness. God will protect His chosen righteous ones. It is just like Lot being saved from the destruction of Sodom. Those who have insight will be granted a little help. The form of help is detailed and described in Revelation 12:12-17.

³⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:31–33). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴⁰ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

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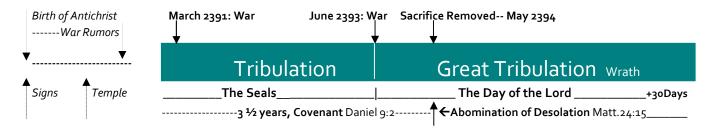
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Revelation 12:12-17 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

- 14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
- 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.
- 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.
- 17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." 43

Satan, the dragon, has been thrown down to the earth so he can persecute Israel. But, those with insight will be granted freedom in the symbolic form of two wings of a great eagle to fly or flee into the wilderness. Satan will attempt to flood them out of the wilderness only to find that the earth will protect them from the flood. This results in greater enragement by Satan. Therefore, Satan goes off to make war with the rest of God's people. How long does this protection last? It will last until the end of the Great Tribulation which is 1260 days. This relates to being nourished for a time and times and half a time, which is three and one-half years.

May 2394: we have arrived to the timeframe of the "Abomination of Desolation" the desecration of the sanctuary fortress and the regular sacrifices being removed from the Holy Altar.

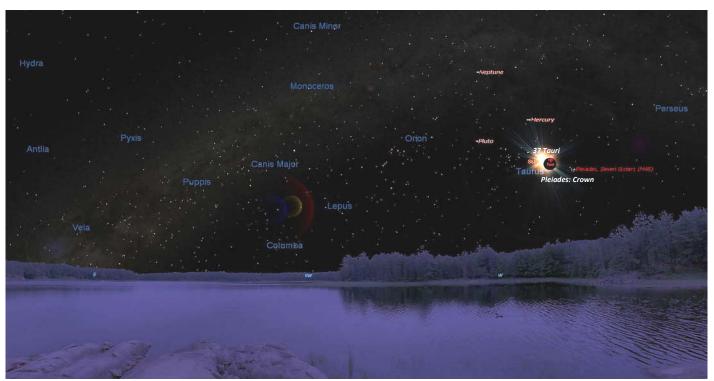


Most Bible scholars assume that this event "Abomination of Desolation" will mark the beginning of The Day of the Lord. We have shown that this is not Biblically correct, since the Day of the Lord occurs prior to the First Trumpet Judgment. Many have speculated that the 144,000 who were saved are the only ones who flee into the wilderness. However, there is no Biblical evidence to support this statement. To the contrary, it appears that all those who have "understanding" into the desecration of the sanctuary fortress will be granted symbolic wings to fly away into the wilderness. Therefore, there will be many more believers than the 144,000 who will be protected by God and nourished in the wilderness until the end of the age. Daniel said they who have insight will be granted help. Christ had warned those as well in His Olivet Discourse to flee to the mountains. It stresses the fact, "let the reader understand" the importance of this event. I pray that this book will help those to gain "understanding" into these End Times events and flee from Jerusalem into the wilderness and be nourished. Jordan is the land of the Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites that will be rescued according to Daniel 11:41. Christ makes the statement "must flee" once the "ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION" of the Temple and the regular sacrifices are removed.

Matthew 24:15-16 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains." 44

⁴³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:12–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



May 2393 Prior to sunset and darkness continues over the earth with the total eclipse of the sun and moon

The Prophet Zechariah had a prophetic statement from the Lord for this event. Notice that the earth is in complete darkness during the day in the image above, while light is given at nighttime in the next image.

Zechariah 14:5-7 "You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

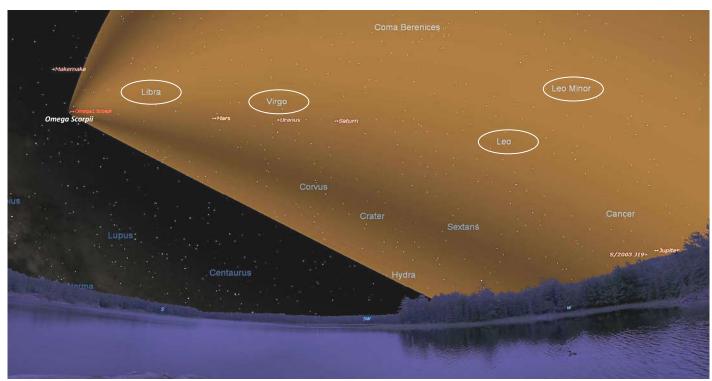
- 6 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.
- 7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light." 45

Zechariah compares it to the days of Uzziah King of Judah fleeing. The verse states "Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him." This is proclaiming Christ's return to this earth with His Holy Ones. All the prophets describe the End Times as darkness upon the earth. In Zephaniah 1:15, it says "A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom." He says there will be no light and the luminaries will dwindle, which is describing the End Times. The scripture says "that at evening time there will be light." In the next picture, the light rays from the moon reflect into the heavens to light up the evening and the nighttime as mentioned in Zechariah 14:7. Nevertheless, the day is dark as sackcloth with the total eclipse. It is amazing to see scripture fulfilled which declares there is an Almighty God in control of these events. This confirms His Word was divinely-given to the Prophets of the Old Testament.

This heavenly event occurs one year earlier before the sacrifices are removed from the Holy Temple. It occurs during the timeframe of the Antichrist being revealed to the world. This heavenly sign is a warning of the abomination events that will occur in the near future. Those with insight will prepare to flee from Jerusalem into the wilderness or mountains. This sign in the heavens occurs prior to Satan being cast down to the earth and the Antichrist being empowered. It is a sign given by God that there will be troublesome and destructive events which will occur in the near future. This sign is prior to the First Trumpet Judgment and the destruction by fire.

⁴⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 24:15–16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Zec 14:5–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



May 2393 the end of the month, after sunset the radiant light in the heavens on unique constellations

Omega Scorpii (ω Sco, ω Scorpii) is shared by two stars, ω^1 Scorpii and ω^2 Scorpii, in the constellation Scorpius. They are separated by 0.24° in the sky. Omega Scorpii also has the traditional name **Jabhat al Akrab**, which is derived from the Arabic + jabhat[u] al-aqrab meaning "The forehead of the scorpion".

The moon is shining into the heavens during the night due to the total eclipse of the sun and moon. Again, this occurs one year prior to the desecration of the sanctuary and the regular sacrifices being removed from the Holy Altar. This heavenly sign must represent the warning to flee into the wilderness as described by the Prophet Zechariah. Could the stars of Omega Scorpii be symbolic, which has the Arabic name of Jabhat al Akrab (العقرب)? It could be a sign of the "End" as Revelation 21:6 states "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." Shortly, there will be judgment on the earth and the end will come. Nevertheless, it is a time of war on the earth. Could this be a sign of the warring nations of the South being Arabic? The countries today that are in the south are Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Oman. It is interesting that Yemen is considered a terrorist threat in today's world. The country of Saudi Arabia has the city of Mecca, which is where "The Sacred Mosque" of Masjid Al-Haram is located for the Moslem world. This city could be one of the southern "strongholds" mentioned in Daniel 11:24. The city of Mecca may be the southern "well-fortified city" described in Daniel 11:15. It states "Then the King of the north will come, cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city and the forces of the south..."

We have seen that during the Tribulation, there are no more blue skies above the earth. Evil in the world with wickedness ruling on it seems to need darkness and not light. God has provided darkness during the End Times for evil to dwell upon the earth. However, God provides light at nighttime to fulfill the prophetic statement of Zechariah "that at evening time there will be light." What a wonder in the skies to fulfill prophecy. Due to the unique eclipse of the sun with the moon, the radiant light shines in the skies during the nighttime but not during the day. The Constellations of Leo, the Lion, Virgo, a reminder of Christ born of a virgin, and Libra are all present in the night sky with the radiant light shining upon them. Libra represents the scales of justice. It is time for God's judgments on the earth to begin with the Trumpet Judgments. This is a sign given by God during creation of the heavens to be seen by mankind on the earth. This is to confirm the following events are from God with the three constellations representing Christ the Lord. Once the world observes these heavenly signs, it will confirm the earthly events.



Capture a well-fortified city of the south during war by cast siege ramps — Planned expansion of Masjid Al-Haram in Mecca (GNU)



The Star Omega Scorpii of the Rolling cauldrons of gas in the Constellation Scorpius Hubble Telescope (NASA)

CHAPTER 4: THE SEA- 2nd Trumpet

The seals in Revelation represent the rebellion of man in this world which is controlled by an evil entity, Satan. Both the Apostles, Paul and John, understood the importance of prophetic events and that the Wrath of God would use the angels in heaven, who are the Servants of God.

Revelation 7:1 "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree." 46

We have seen that God will use angels to deliver His Divine Wrath on the earth or to hold it back. You will notice that in all prior six seals that angels where not used. Since God's Wrath is about to be poured out in the Second Trumpet Judgment, an angel will be employed. This is mentioned in scripture by the Apostle John in Revelation after the opening of the seventh seal. Let us remember why the 144,000 are being sealed. It is from the Wrath of God that is coming at the First and Second Trumpet Judgments and subsequent judgments as well. The warning from the angel is in reference to the first two judgments. We see in Revelation a parallel statement to that effect in both chapter 7 and 8. Notice, the first judgment affects the earth and the second judgment affects the sea upon the earth.

Revelation 7:3 "saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." 47

The Apostle John next describes seven angels standing before God and being prepared to sound their trumpets one by one. The Father has given to Christ all judgment which is stated in John 5:22 "...but He (the Father) has given all judgment to the Son." The heavenly signs for Christ are the Constellations of Leo and Orion the "True Shepherd."

Revelation 8:2-6 "And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

- 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand
- 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
- 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them." 48

John states the second angel is prepared to sound the trumpet for God and describes the judgment on the sea.

Revelation 8:8-9 "The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,

9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed." 49

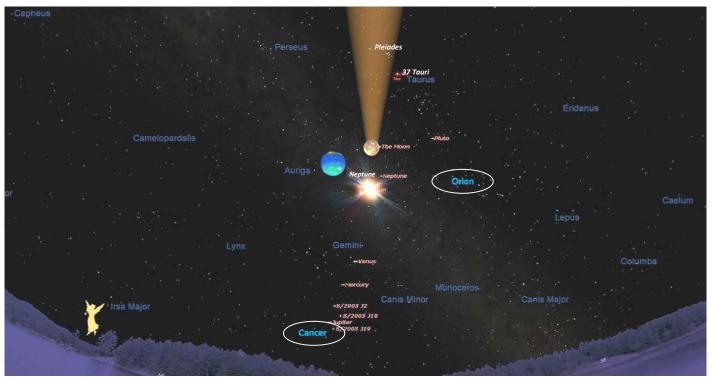
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What is the heavenly sign for the second judgment that relates to the seas on the earth? This sea event follows one-month after the desolation of the Temple. It can be considered another heavenly and earthly sign to fleeing into the wilderness. Those who have insight and understanding will flee from Jerusalem into the mountains or wilderness of Jordan. This land will be protected by God during the End Times.



June 2394 Sun eclipsed by the planet Neptune the Constellation of Cancer above the earth

The above heavenly sign occurs in the Constellation of Orion which represents the "True Shepherd" in Babylonian times. The "True Shepherd" is Christ. Neptune is the god of the sea. In ancient Greek times and Roman mythology, Neptune (Latin: Neptūnus) was a major god presiding over water, lakes, springs, rivers and the seas. The second judgment is related to one-third of the seas on the earth. Again, God uses one-third of the seas to declare to the world that this is a divine willed act of God and it is His judgment on the world. We know from Bible numerology that one-third has the meaning of God willed or divine. The event occurs with the Constellation of Cancer, just above the earth, which represents a sea creature. Isn't this interesting to find the sign in the heavens representing the sea and sea life that is to be destroyed on the earth so clearly identified? Remember, the ordinances of the heavens were set by God at creation. This has been planned by God since the beginning of this age, generation, or epoch. This age lasts until the "New Heaven and New Earth."



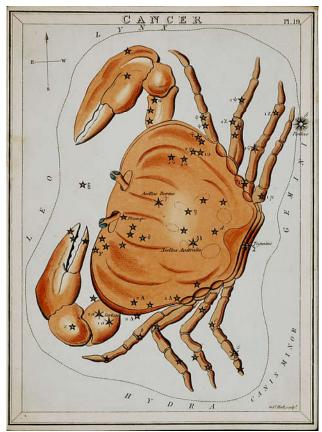
Neptune's glyph, or symbol, is the trident, which represents the god Poseidon of the Sea. Poseidon is often shown holding the crescent in his hand. In general, Neptune is the god of the sea.

Neptune (Latin: *Neptūnus*) is the **god of water and the sea**. In Roman mythology, he is the counterpart of the Greek god Poseidon. In the Greek-influenced tradition, Neptune was the brother of Jupiter and Pluto, each of them presiding over one of the three realms of the universe: the sea, heaven and earth, and the underworld.

The theology of Neptune may only be reconstructed to some extent because in very early times he was identified with the Greek god Poseidon. This feature has been preserved particularly well in the case of Neptune who was definitely a god of springs, lakes and rivers before becoming also a god of the sea, as is testified by the numerous findings of inscriptions mentioning him. ⁵⁰

⁵⁰ Livy v. 13.6; Dionysius of Halicarnassus 12.9; Showerman, Grant. *The Great Mother of the Gods*. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin, 1901.

Let us next take a look at the Constellation of Cancer which represents a crab or a snapping turtle in Babylonian times. **Cancer** is one of the twelve constellations of the zodiac. Its name is Latin for crab and it is commonly represented as such. Its symbol is . Cancer is a small constellation and its stars are very faint.



Cancer depicted as Crab (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Cancer:

The modern symbol for Cancer represents the pincers of a crab, but Cancer has been represented as various types of creatures, usually those living in the water, and always those with an exoskeleton.

In Babylonia the constellation had a name which can refer to both a crab and a snapping turtle. On boundary stones, the image of a turtle or tortoise appears quite regularly.

There also appears to be a strong connection between the Babylonian constellation and ideas of death and a passage to the underworld.

Cancer showing but few stars, and its brightest stars being of only 4th magnitude, Cancer was often considered the "Dark Sign", described as black and without eyes. Dante, alluding to this faintness and position of heavens, wrote in Paradiso: "Then a light among them brightened, So that, if Cancer one such crystal had, winter would have a month of one sole day."

Cancer is considered the "Dark Sign." The scripture says "and a third of the sea became blood" which should be a reminder of what the Lord did in Egypt during the Exodus of Israel from the land.

Exodus 7:17 "Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and it will be turned to blood." 51

This event should remind us, this is the hand of the Lord at work and it is the Wrath of God being revealed. The sea life which is destroyed and must die according to the scripture "a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died." This sea life must include dolphins and other marine mammals closely related to whales and porpoises which have blood in their bodies to turn the sea into blood. The word doesn't use "like or the color of blood", but "became blood." There are almost forty species of dolphin. They are found worldwide, mostly in the shallower seas of the continental shelves, and are carnivores, eating mostly fish and squid. Whales collectively inhabit all the world's oceans and number in the millions. Whales are filter feeders that eat small organisms caught by straining seawater through a comb-like structure found in the mouth. They will die once the sea water is polluted. This will result in the sea being turned into blood. Is this to symbolize Christ's blood shed for atonement of sin? Is this a

⁵¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ex 7:17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

reminder of scripture? It is through His blood that believers are justified as righteous. Call upon His name and be saved. In Romans 5:9 it states "...having been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God, through Him."



Underwater volcano erupts like a mountain burning in the sea (GNU)

The scripture says "and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea." It says "like" a great mountain. Is this describing an underwater volcano erupting in the sea? It is interesting to find a description of a small but similar event occurring in December 2011. It is recorded as part of the Daily Mail, a UK news company, entitled: An island is born: "Amazing pictures show Red Sea underwater volcanic eruption creating new land."

The association of the Red Sea with the Biblical account of the Israelite crossing the Red Sea is ancient, and was made explicit in the Septuagint translation of the Book of Exodus. Thousands of years later a volcano eruption occurs in this area of the Red Sea creating islands. It is amazing the name is Red Sea. Is this a symbol of sea of blood in the future? Could this be God's Wrath against the warring nation of the south in the End Times?

Underwater volcanic activity has pushed a previously unseen island to the surface in a remote part of the Red Sea. Fishermen witnessed spewing lava fountains reaching up to 90ft tall on December 19 near the group of islands known as the Zuhair Group, off the west coast of Yemen.

Days later images released by NASA Earth Observatory show the underwater explosion seems to have created a new island in between the Rugged and Haycock islands. The image from December 2011 shows an apparent island where there had previously been an unbroken water surface. A thick plume rises from the island, dark near the bottom and light near the top, perhaps a mixture of volcanic ash and water vapor.

According to the NASA Earth Observatory website, the existing ten islands poke above the sea surface, rising from a shield volcano. And as this region is part of the Red Sea Rift where the African and Arabian tectonic plates pull apart and new ocean crust regularly forms, eruptions are not thought to be unheard of but because of the remote location, they are rarely discovered. Nearby Jabal al-Tair volcanic island erupted unexpectedly in 2007, after 124 years of inactivity, killing 8 people, as well as the volcanoes of the Afar Triagle in Eritrea and Ethiopia and the volcanic fields of southern Yemen and Saudi Arabia.



Map of Zubair Islands from the Advanced Land Imager (NASA Earth Observatory)

Isn't it interesting to find centuries before this event occurs a location in the region of the End Times that relates to the king of the South. This is an active underwater volcano that has started to create the islands of Zubair. Will there be a catastrophic eruption that will occur here in the End Times due to tectonic plates pulling apart?

Ships Destroyed

Next, the scripture says "and a third of the ships were destroyed." The scripture doesn't tell us if the ships are destroyed because of the underwater volcano creating a tsunami or through an independent perfect sea storm. All that we know is that a third of the ships were destroyed. Is this God's method for destroying the ships of Kittim that came against the other warring countries in the End Times? This reminds us of the awesome statement in scripture of working wonders in Exodus and the mighty hand of God.

Exodus 15:9-12 "The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil;

My desire shall be gratified against them;

I will draw out my sword, my hand will destroy them.'

- 10 "You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them;
 - They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- 11 "Who is like You among the gods, O LORD?

Who is like You, majestic in holiness,

Awesome in praises, working wonders?

12 "You stretched out Your right hand,

The earth swallowed them." 52

Again, this is evidence of God's awesome power to blow winds that can cover the sea and sink "*like lead*" the enemy and its ships upon the seas. This is to declare to the deceived world this event is again an act from God through His mighty hand at work. Remember, this event is a "*Grand Design*" by God and planned from creation.

⁵² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ex 15:9-12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Winds that blow upon the sea to destroy the ships (GNU)

In recent times, an underwater earthquake occurred that was in the Ocean of South East Asia (*Indonesia*). It did significant damage and destruction to the land in the region, because of the after affect of a Tsunami wave hitting the land. An Israeli team was sent to the Tsunami-hit region of South East Asia to bury the dead Jews. This effort was done so that the Jews would not be buried in proximity to a Gentile grave.

While the whole world had sent aid to the tsunami hit South East Asia, Israel forwarded a team entrusted with a unique task. Not many Israeli tourists were swept away by the giant waves — official death toll stands at three, with some twenty missing; not many comparing with a hundred thousand Indonesians or even with three thousand Swedes. Still the Israeli teams were very active on the ground. The highly trained experts led by Rabbi Meshi Zahav did not go to save trapped survivors or alleviate suffering of millions; their job was to save dead Jews from fate worse than death — that is to be buried with the goyim in the same grave.

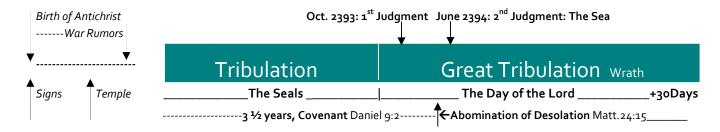
This is a part and parcel of Jewish faith, the pinnacle of "The Nation Shall Dwell Alone" commandment — Jews are not supposed to live or to die with non-Jews. Their separate burial is necessary to guarantee their bodily resurrection when Messiah comes. A Jewish body defiled by gentile proximity won't be resurrected, according to the Jews. Even irreligious Jews follow this separation rule without giving it a second thought.

From http://www.israelshamir.net/English/Tsunami.htm

The bodies of those who are saved will not be defiled. God has also promised to nourish those who are alive during the second-half of the Great Tribulation and during God's Wrath upon the earth. The most important fact taught in the End Times scripture is that God continues to watch over Israel, even in the time of Israel's great distress. God will seal His people and protect them during these trials and tribulation by sending them into the wilderness. Those who have "understanding" God will nourish them for 1260 days during the Great Tribulation. He also protects them from Satan's destruction during a flood.

June 2394: we have arrived at the timeframe of the Second Trumpet Judgment. The second trumpet relates to the destruction of a third of sea creatures and a third of ships in the sea. The significance of three in Bible numerology is that three means - a divinely given event. We shall see one-third again used with the Trumpet Judgments: first, second, third and fourth. This is followed by the last three Trumpet Judgments which scholars

have used the terminology of the three Woe Trumpets. The first Woe Trumpet starts with the Fifth Trumpet Judgment upon this earth. This is with the release of immortal beings who are the fallen angels from the abyss. They are held there with eternal bonds until judgment. This is followed by the sixth trumpet which is war with His immortal armies. Three or one- third is used throughout the End Times judgments, which signifies that these events are God controlled and willed.



The Deliverance of Israel

Most Bible scholars don't address the Second Trumpet Judgment and its timing regarding the End Times. There seems to be no scripture that supports the timing of the second judgment, except that it occurs after the First Trumpet Judgment in the book of Revelation.

We have shown that this will occur after those who have "understanding" have fled to the wilderness. The fleeing into the wilderness occurs after the First Trumpet Judgment but prior to the Second Trumpet Judgment, which is judgment on the seas. In Daniel 11:35 it states that "those with insight will fall, in order to be refined, purge and make them pure until the end time...." Some will require refinement and purging to make them pure.

Could this sea judgment relate to Satan, the serpent, who has empowered the Antichrist? We do know that Satan has been cast down to the earth after the sealing of the 144,000 Jews. (See the book entitled: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture") What did the Prophet Isaiah say in scripture about punishment of the serpent?

Isaiah 27:1 "In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, With His fierce and great and mighty sword, Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; And He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea." ⁵³

The Hebrew word for "Leviathan" has the following meaning of serpent or dragon.

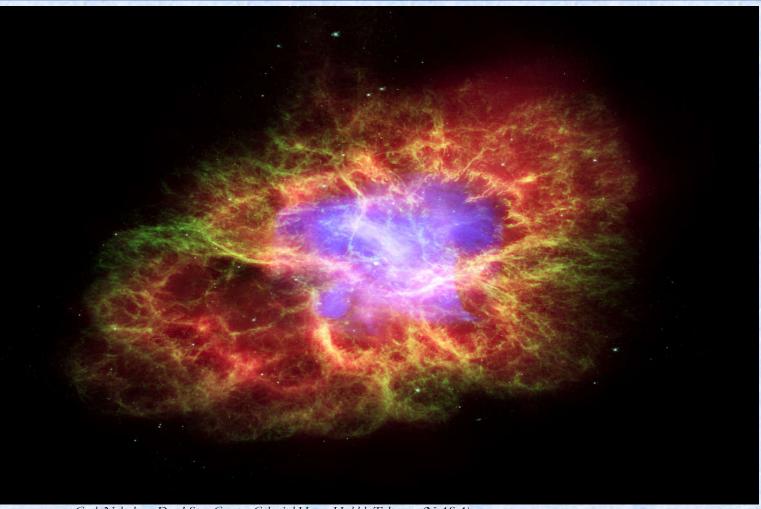
Livyathan (531b); from the same as 3880; "serpent," a sea monster or dragon:—Leviathan 54

We know that Satan, the dragon, the fleeing serpent, will ultimately be destroyed by Christ in the End Times. It is not the time for Satan to be cast into the abyss and chained for one thousand years. He has but a short time on this earth left. He is actively involved with the Antichrist and the deception of mankind during this time. We also know that the Antichrist has been given authority by God at this time. He is a king and deceiver of mankind. He has made himself like a god. Scripture says forty-two months will be given to him. This occurs in the previous month prior to the judgment of the sea – the second trumpet being blown by an angel of God.

Revelation 13:5 "There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him." 53

⁵³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Is 27:1, Re 13:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁴ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.



Crab Nebula: a Dead Star Creates Celestial Havoc Hubble Telescope (NASA)



Sea Storm in Pacifica, California (GNU)

CHAPTER 5: BURNING TORCH- 3rd Trumpet



All previous heavenly events in the skies were given as signs or wonders. The third angel is describing the judgment as a heavenly scene. This is the first of the judgments describing a heavenly occurrence that doesn't need to be interpreted as a symbol. It brings with it pollution of the waters on the earth. The burning like a torch is seen high above the heavens early in the month. It initially appears not as a threat to the inhabitants of the earth. Notice it appears as a "great star" falling. Is it going to collide into the dwarf planet of Haumea in our solar system? Is this a reminder of the coming judgment prior to it impacting the earth?

Revelation 8:10 "The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters." 55

By the way, this is not in agreement with Biblical scholars who see this symbolizing "the star fallen from heaven" as a "chief minister." It is important to understand that the scripture doesn't use the words of "similar or like" to describe this event except in describing the falling star as "like" a burning torch. This falling star can be clearly seen on earth for all who look up into the heavens to observe. Let us take a look at Jamieson's commentary on the third judgment - the falling star that burns like a torch.

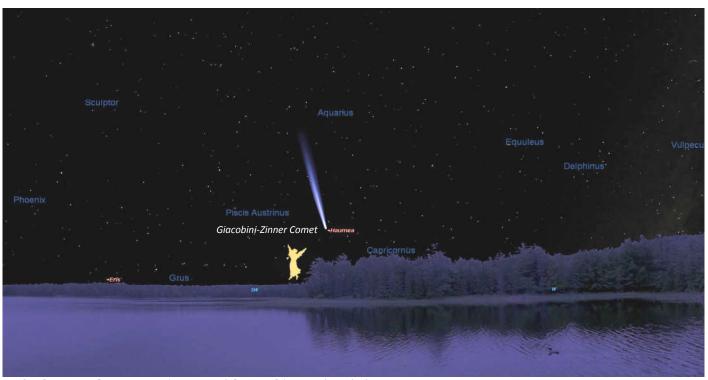
The symbolizers interpret the star fallen from heaven as a <u>chief minister</u> (ARIUS, according to BULLINGER, BENGEL, and others; or some future false teacher, as is more likely, the event be still future) falling from his high place in the Church, and instead of shining with heavenly light as a star, becoming a torch lit with earthly fire and smoldering with smoke. ALFORD gives as an illustration in a physical point of view, the conversion of water into firewater or ardent spirits, which may yet go on to destroy even as many as a third of the ungodly in the latter days.⁵⁶

⁵⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 8:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁶ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments (Re 8:11). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Could there just be a simply straight forward view or interpretation of this passage in Revelation 8:10? It appears the Apostle John's vision is true to reality as seen in the heavens. Let us first take a look at the event of the third angel's trumpet being sounded. We can clearly see in the skies above the "burning like a torch." What is this object in the sky? Is it a falling star, asteroid or a comet that is seen in the heavens? We will soon see this is Jacob's comet by its name. This comet has been known to pass the earth several times in past history.

We shall look at the meaning of "wormwood" in the following verse in Revelation and the significance of this term used in scripture. We will see how this comet will produce the "poisonous and bitter waters" as described in Revelation 8:11 and other scripture passages.



October 2394 Comet coming down to earth burning like a torch in the heavens

The Comet Giacobini–Zinner brings a bright plasma tail to the night skies by the middle of the month. It is as if the view of burning like a torch is described in the scripture that brings in the Third Trumpet Judgment. The Comet Giacobini–Zinner is the parent body associated with many meteor showers, called the Draconids.

The comet was discovered by Michel Giacobini from (Nice, France), who observed the comet in the constellation of Aquarius on December 20, 1900. It appeared again two passages later by Ernst Zinner (from Bamberg, Germany) while observing variable stars near Beta Scuti on October 23, 1913. Giacobini–Zinner was the target of the International Cometary Explorer spacecraft, which passed through its plasma tail on September 11, 1985. It is the parent body of the Draconids meteor showers. This comet is especially noteworthy as it is one of a small number of comets that can produce very spectacular meteor showers under the right conditions. The meteor display is variously referred to as the Draconids, October Draconids, and the Giacobinids. The meteor shower occurs around October of each year, but is usually unrecognizable; however, meteor storms occurred in 1933 and 1946 which produced several thousand meteors within an hour at maximum. The October Draconids, in the past also unofficially known as the Giacobinids, are a meteor shower whose parent body is the periodic comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner. ⁵⁷

The name Giacobini is derived from the Hebrew, "Yaakov" or Jacob, meaning: following-after*. How interesting, that the Draconids are remnants of "Comet Jacob" and are as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore.

⁵⁷ Gary W. Kronk's Cometography on 21P/Giacobini-Zinner, http://cometography.com/pcomets/021p.htm

This is just like the remnants of Israel, the sons of Jacob, are represented at this time. It is amazing that the Draconids, the remnant of Comet Giacobini-Zinner, are now known as the remnants of "Comet Jacob." God has named all the stars, including comets.

*Source: http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/Giacobini

Comet Giacobini-Zinner



Draconids Meteor Shower (NAOI)



Comet Giacobini-Zinner (NASA JPL)

Draconids:

Meteor shower picture taken: by H. Fukushima, S. Abe, and T. Nakamura on September 20, 1998 at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan. The Draconids are the remnant of Comet Giacobini-Zinner. The name Giacobini is derived from the Hebrew, "Yaakov" or Jacob, meaning "following-after".*

Comet Giacobini-Zinner:

The comet experienced seven close approaches to Earth and two close approaches to Jupiter in the past.

- 0.88 AU from Earth on 1900 December 15
- 0.51 AU from Earth on 1913 November 14
- 0.26 AU from Earth on 1946 September 20
- 0.93 AU from Jupiter on 1958 January 19
 - o decreased orbital distance from 0.99 AU to 0.94 AU
 - decreased orbital period from 6.56 to 6.42 years
- 0.35 AU from Earth on 1959 November 8
- 0.58 AU from Jupiter on 1969 September 23
- 0.93 AU from Earth on 1972 July 24
- 0.47 AU from Earth on 1985 September 6
- 0.85 AU from Earth on 1998 November 27
- 0.39 AU from Earth on 2018 September 11
- 0.37 AU from Jupiter on 2029 February 14
- 0.53 AU from Earth on 2031 September 5 AU Astronomical Unit: 149,597,870.66 km

The comet Giacobini-Zinner is associated with meteor showers named the Draconids. That is why the scripture says "fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters." A meteor shower is many objects falling to the earth which could easily affect the rivers and spring waters on the earth. The scripture says "burning like a torch, and it fell" is the comet. Even though there may be meteor showers is scripture telling us that the comet will eventually impact the earth? The angle of trajectory of the comet appears to be coming down onto the earth.

For the most part, a comet is an object in the solar system that orbits the sun. It normally has what is called a coma (pear-shaped image) or atmosphere as well as a plasma tail. The comet's nucleus is usually made of rock, dust, and ice. The interesting thing is that comets' orbits are highly variable. First, they are almost always highly affected by close calls with major planets. Sometimes comets are moved into orbits that destroy them, due to their nearness to the sun. One of the reasons why comets are so easily moved is because their out-gassing propels them in mysterious and unpredictable ways. In other words, a comet that is thought not to be a danger to Earth could conceivably become one with little notice. If the comet strikes in the ocean and you live anywhere near a coastal region, you're likely to be wiped out by the massive tsunami waves that roll across the ocean. If the comet strikes a continent, and it's a continent that you live on, the only way you could possibly survive is if you

live, far away from the impact zone. It will kill just about all life within hundreds and even thousands of miles. Dust and dirt and gases will be kicked up into the atmosphere, blocking out the sun, likely across the earth for many months. Let us take a look at a different comet that collided with Jupiter.

Comet Shoemaker–Levy 9 (formally designated **D/1993 F2**) was a comet that broke apart and collided with Jupiter in July 1994, providing the first direct observation of an extraterrestrial collision of solar system objects. This generated a large amount of coverage in the popular media, and the comet was closely observed by astronomers worldwide. The collision provided new information about Jupiter and highlighted its role in reducing space debris in the inner solar system.

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comet_Shoemaker%E2%80%93Levy_9.

The meteor showers associated with the Jacob's comet seems to remind us of the brimstone used in the destruction of Sodom in Lot's time. Lot escaped to the town of Zoar during Sodom's destruction.



Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah by John Martin (1852)

Vertical walls of perhaps Sodom southwest Dead Sea (GNU) http://www.arkdiscovery.com/sodom_&_gomorrah.htm

Genesis 19:22-25 "Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.

- 23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.
- 24 Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,
- 25 and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground." 58

Genesis 19:28 "and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a furnace." ⁵⁹

It was the city of Zoar that was saved from the Wrath of God during Lot's day. It will be Jordan that will be saved during the End Times according to Daniel. Unlike Sodom's and Gomorrah's brimstone and fire destruction, the heavenly event is not to destroy the earth with fire, but to pollute the waters and make them bitter or poisonous upon the earth. There is a description in scripture of poisonous fruit in the land of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah that tasted bitter. This is venom of the serpents and deadly poison.

Deuteronomy 32:32-33 "For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,

And from the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of poison, Their clusters, bitter.

33 "Their wine is the venom of serpents, And the deadly poison of cobras." 60

 $^{^{58}}$ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 19:22–25). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 19:28). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Bitter Waters

What does Revelation say about this poisonous water?

Revelation 8:11 "The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter." 61

The bitter waters are poisonous and cause men to die. The term of "wormwood" is used in the old Hebrew text of the Bible. What does the Old Testament say about "wormwood"?

Deuteronomy 29:18 "so that there will not be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; that there will not be among you a root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood." 62

We now know that it is poisonous and bitter. There is a similar statement in Hebrews to this bitterness.

Hebrews 12:15 "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of <u>bitterness</u> springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;" ⁶³

This must be a sign of "whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations." This appears to be a clear description of those who have turned their heart away from the Almighty God to worship the Antichrist on the earth and take the mark of the beast. We now know the timing of the mark of the beast must be prior to this falling star called Jacob's comet. This mark is made on the right hand or on the forehead mentioned in Revelation 13:16-17.

Revelation 13:16 "And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,

17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name." 64

The comet Giacobini–Zinner now approaches the earth with light shining up into the heavens. The comet is coming down to the south of Jerusalem in the October 2394 timeframe. The software program that maps the heavenly object movements in the skies above, doesn't have a model of gravity built into the program. We cannot be sure of where the comet's destruction occurs on earth. The variability of the out-gassing on its orbits can affect its point of impact.

Nevertheless, the comet is seen always to the south of Jerusalem during the month of October. The Red Sea is directly south of the city of Jerusalem. The Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea are also further south of the nation of Israel. It appears to go down in the south. Many scholars believe that the impact would be the Mediterranean Sea, which is to the west of Jerusalem and not to the south. Nevertheless, the second judgment does destroy one-third of the ships that were in the Mediterranean. This included the ships from the united European base of Kittim on the island of Cyprus.

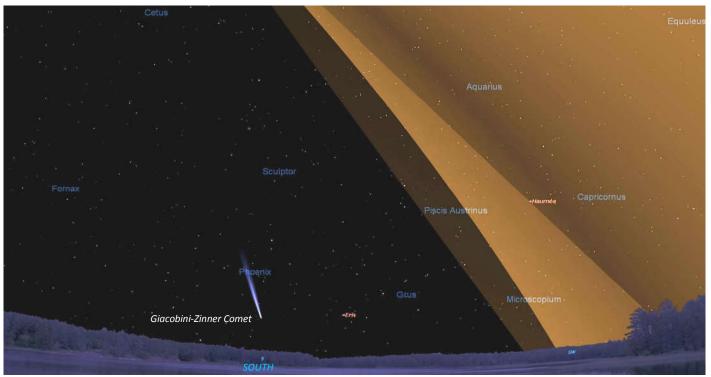
⁶⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Dt 32:32-33). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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⁶² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Dt 29:18). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Heb 12:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 13:16–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



October 2394 Comet coming down to earth burning like a torch in the heavens

It is interesting to find radiant light going up to the heavens as if to represent the event as God given. This radiant light from the moon just happens to shine prior to the comet coming down on the earth into the south. This falling star is to poison the waters on the earth. If the bitter waters represent mankind turning away from God, then who is he serving on this earth? The false god must be the Antichrist who has come in accordance with the activity of Satan. What type of person is the Antichrist? Let us go back and see what Apostle Paul had said to the Thessalonians.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 "that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,
- 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness." 65

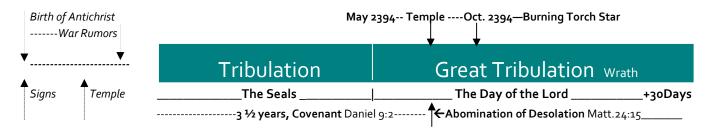
Daniel has a clear description of the Antichrist that states how long he will be empowered. It states for a time, times and half a time, which is 1260 days from the desolation of the temple. This time matches that of Revelation 13:5, which states he is given authority for forty-two months.

Daniel 7:25-26 "He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

⁶⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:9-12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

26 But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. "66

October 2394: we have arrived to the timeframe of the Third Trumpet Judgment, which we have determined to be the comet Giacobini-Zinner. This event is accompanied by Draconids, which is a meteor shower whose parent body is the periodic comet 21P/Giacobini-Zinner or Jacob's Comet when translated from the Hebrew.



Most Bible scholars don't understand the significance of the third judgment. This bitterness, which turns the water into poison, is a sign of serving another god. The scripture clearly describes this "whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations." This appears to be a clear description of those who have turned their heart away from the Almighty God to worship the Antichrist during the End Times.

We know the Antichrist, the beast and the False Prophet are both cast into the lake of fire. It will also include those who worship him and receive the mark of the beast being thrown into the lake of fire as well. Nevertheless at this time, the bitter waters are poisonous and cause men to die due to their unbelief in an Almighty God.

Revelation 19:20 "And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone." ⁶⁷

To the contrary, it appears that all those who have "understanding" will be granted symbolic wings to fly away into the wilderness. There will be many more believers who will be protected by God and nourished in the wilderness, until Christ comes to reign on the earth.

Daniel 12:10 "Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand." 68

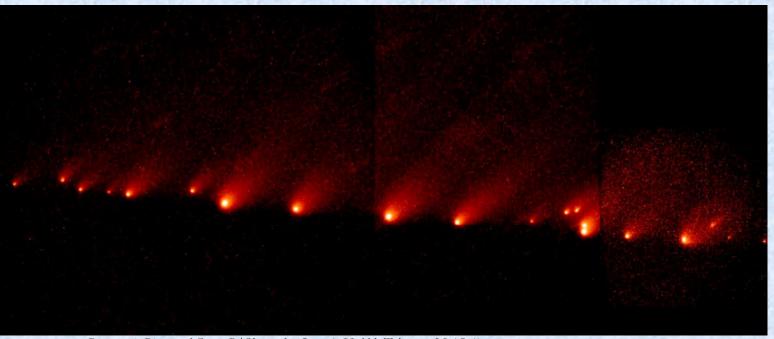
Daniel tells us that this is a time where many will be purged and refined. Those who have insight will understand and will seek protection in the wilderness. There was a sign in the heavens marking the event of fleeing into the wilderness, which occurred during the desolation of the Temple. This event was prophesied by the Prophet Zechariah in the following passage. We saw the sign in the heavens one year prior to the desolation of the Temple. It was a forewarning to flee from Jerusalem. It also promises that the Lord will come with Holy Ones.

Zechariah 14:5 "You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!" 68

⁶⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 7:25-26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

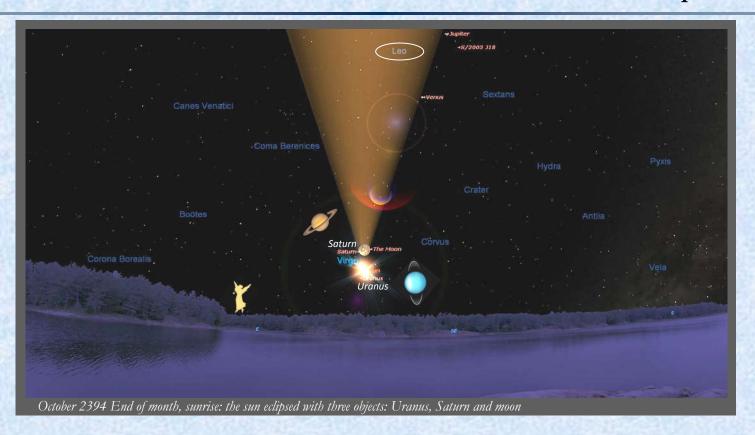
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Panoramic Picture of Comet P/Shoemaker-Levy 9, Hubble Telescope (NASA)



CHAPTER 6: THIRD DARKENED- 4th Trumpet



Remember, that the last heavenly event was seen in the skies above as a comet. The interpretation of "and a third of the waters became wormwood" would bring significance to the event on the earth. "Wormwood" made the waters bitter and poisonous, which represents serving another god. The scripture clearly describes this in Deuteronomy 29:18 "so that there will not be among you..... whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; that there will not be among you a root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood."

This appears to be a clear description of those who have turned their hearts away from the Almighty God to worship the Antichrist during the End Times. Even though, John describes this heavenly event as a "star burning like a torch", it had a much greater significance to its meaning based upon scripture. Look at the above event and see how darkened the earth is at sunrise over Jerusalem. It is because the sun is eclipsed with three objects which are the planets of Uranus, Saturn and the moon. Let us first take a look at what Matthew Henry's commentary states about the fourth judgment.

The Fourth Angel Sounded

The nature of this calamity: it was darkness; it fell therefore upon the great luminaries of the heaven, that give light to the world—the sun, and the moon, and the stars, either the guides and governors of the church, or of the state, who are placed in higher orbs than the people, and are to dispense light and benign influences to them.

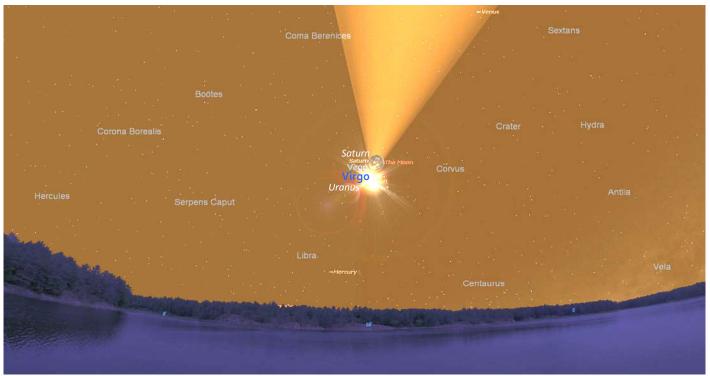
- 2. The limitation: it was confined to a third part of these luminaries; there was some light both of the sun by day, and of the moon and stars by night, but it was only a third part of what they had before. Without determining what is matter of controversy in these points among learned men, we rather choose to make these their comforts, and makes even life itself bitter and burdensome.
- 3. God does not in this world stir up his wrath, but sets bounds to the most terrible judgments.

4. Corruptions of doctrine and worship in the church are themselves great judgments and the usual cause and token of other judgments coming on a people.⁶⁹

We will take a look at the scripture that describes the fourth angel and what effect it has in the heavens. The two planets were considered to be "wandering stars" in the ancient days in which John describes this prophetic judgment in Revelation.

Revelation 8:12 "The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way." 70

The statement in scripture reads "and the day would not shine for a third of it." For this event to be correct, the daytime must be darkened for one-third of a normal day. As the sun approaches the southeast, after sunrise, the sun turns the skies a golden amber color and lights up the daytime. How can this happen? Notice the planets of Saturn and Uranus from sunrise to sunset change positions in the sky around the sun and the moon.



October 2394 after sunrise: the earth receives radiant light from the heavens in a golden amber color

The radiant light from the sun reflects off one-third of the planets as well as the moon to provide enough light to bring an amber glow to the sky above the earth during the daytime. This event appears in the daytime skies in the Constellation of Virgo. Virgo is a reminder that Christ was born of a virgin.

At sunrise and sunset, the light is shining into the Constellation of Leo that also represents Christ as well. We see there is a third of the sun and a third of the moon that was struck. Likewise, to be Biblically correct it must turn dark upon the earth prior to sunset, which it definitely does. The next image is prior to sunset in the west.

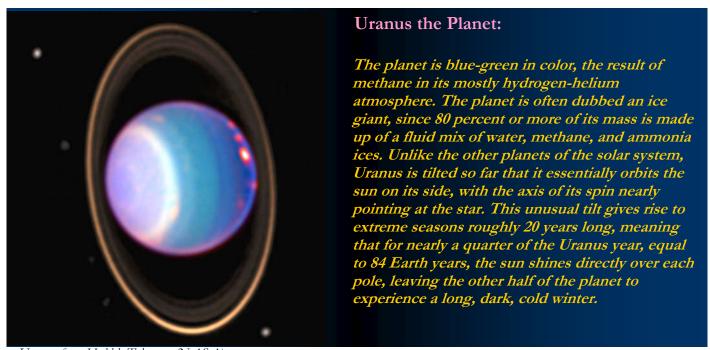
⁶⁹ Henry, M. (1996). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible: Complete and unabridged in one volume* (Re 8:7–13). Peabody: Hendrickson.

⁷⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 8:12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



October 2394 Prior to sunset the skies above the earth are darkened again

It appears that during the daytime the light upon the earth shined for approximately two-third of the day. The scripture states the following: "and the day would not shine for a third of it." The day looks Biblically correct in this Fourth Trumpet Judgment event seen in the heavens at this time. Is there significance to Uranus?



Uranus from Hubble Telescope (NASA)

Uranus, god of the sky and the heavens, is the ruler of Aquarius. On the positive side, Uranus is associated with enlightenment, progressiveness, objectivity, novelty, and ingenuity. Negative expression of Uranus is rebelliousness without a cause and irresponsibility. 71

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⁷¹ Astrology for the Millions (Llewellyn's Classics of Astrology Library) by Grant Lewi



Uranus' glyph, or symbol, reveals the cross over the circle which represents the spirit. The two semi-circles on the sides represent receptivity. Note that the glyph of Uranus includes an inverted Venus.

Uranus, the lords of the heavens named after the Greek sky deity Ouranos. Uranus was one of the first planets to be discovered by scientists. Although Uranus is visible to the naked eye, just like the planets — Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn — it was long mistaken as a star because of the planet's dimness and slow orbit. This event occurs in the Constellation of Virgo. Virgo is one of the constellations of the zodiac. Its name is Latin for virgin and its symbol is \mathfrak{P} . It is between Leo, the Lion, to the west and Libra, scales of justice to the east.



Virgo depicted as a Virgin or Goddess (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Virgo:

The figure of Virgo corresponds to two Babylonian constellations - the 'Furrow' in the eastern sector of Virgo and the 'Frond of Erua' in the western sector. The Frond of Erua was depicted as a goddess holding a palm-frond - a motif. The Greeks and Romans associated Virgo with their goddess of wheat, Demeter-Ceres who is the mother of Proserpina-Persephone. Alternatively, she was sometimes identified as the virgin goddess. In the Middle-Ages, Virgo was sometimes associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

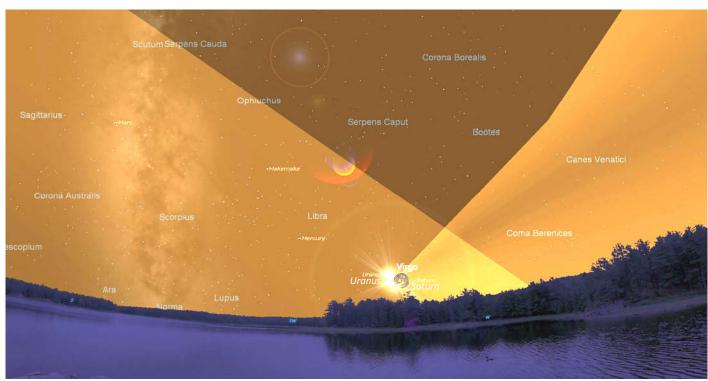
Virgo is also portrayed as Justice (Justitia) or Dike holding the scales of Libra. Aratus says about Virgo: Beneath both feet of Bootes mark the Maiden who in her hands bears the gleaming Ear of Corn (Spica). Whether she be daughter of Astraeus, who, men say, was of old the father of the stars [Greek astor, star], or child of other sire, untroubled be her course! But another tale is current among men, how of old she dwelt on earth and met men face to face, nor ever disdained in olden time the tribes of men and women, but mingling with them took her seat, immortal though she was. Her men called Justice (Dike); but she assembling the elders, it might be in the market-place or in the wide-wayed streets, uttered her voice, ever urging on them judgments kinder to the people. http://www.constellationsofwords.com/Constellations/Virgo.html

The Constellation of Virgo is associated with the Virgin Mary. This symbolizes the prior birth of Christ. Notice, the symbol of Virgo has "M" in its form \mathfrak{M} and the Constellation of Leo, the Lion is near the earth.

Revelation 12:5 "And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne." 72

The scripture states that "her child was caught up to God and to His throne." Isn't it intriguing to find the Fourth Trumpet Judgment being described as God's Wrath, which is judgment by Christ? The glyph of Saturn is the glyph of Jupiter inverted. Jupiter represents the Messiah and Saturn His Judgment. Uranus is god of the sky and the heavens, which represents the Deity of Christ. Let us look again at the night skies to see if this event matches scripture. The statement in scripture reads "and the night in the same way." For the event to be correct, the nighttime must represent one-third of darkness. God had designed a greater wonder for the night skies.

⁷² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



October 2394 Sunset there is radiant light in the form of a "V" in the night skies

Due to the unique eclipse of the sun with the planets Uranus and Saturn, the sun's radiant light goes up into the heavens in the form of a "V." It appears that the heavens are split into thirds, where the middle is darkened. It appears in the evening skies in the Constellation of Virgo. Virgo is also portrayed as holding the scales of Libra. We see there is a third of the sun and a third of the moon that was struck. What is the significance of three in the Bible? In Biblical numerology the number three has the meaning of God given, God willed, divine or sacred. It appears that there is significance to a third seen in the heavens and to Biblical scripture.

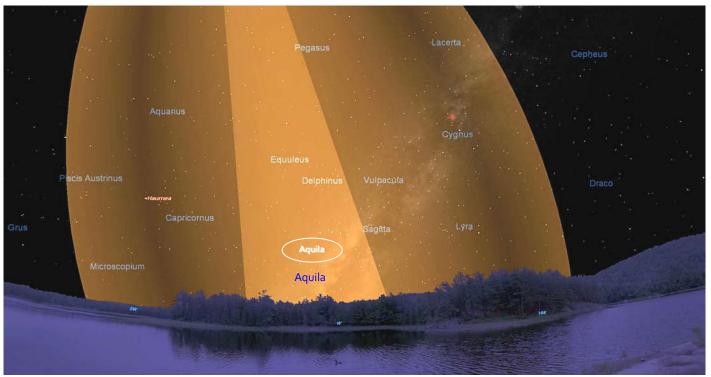
Zechariah 13:8-9 "It will come about in all the land,"

Declares the LORD,
"That two parts in it will be cut off and perish;
But the third will be left in it.

"And I will bring the third part through the fire,
Refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My name,
And I will answer them;
I will say, "They are My people,"
And they will say, The LORD is my God." 73

It says that a third part will be refined through fire and that two parts will be cut off and will perish. Isn't it amazing to find that the night sky has radiant light from the eclipse that is in thirds? At sunset, the light is in the shape of a "V" where two-thirds is brighter. In the night sky, it becomes a light cone (pear shaped) with one-third of it brighter than the other two-thirds. Did the third brighter represent those being refined? It is a marvelous event that changes shape as night progresses. The surrounding areas around the cone are dark as sackcloth in the night sky. The amber golden light is in different patterns of thirds. It is an amazing wonder and awesome event created by God where there are thirds seen in both the cone and "V" shaped lights in the skies. In Psalm 19:1, it states "The heavens are telling of the glory of God......" This is very true for this heavenly event.

⁷³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Zec 13:8–9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



October 2394 Night skies have radiant light in thirds

The night skies are shining with radiant light from the eclipsed sun that has set below the earth. The radiant light has changed from the "V" shape into a cone or pear shaped light object, where one-third is brighter. The brighter one-third reveals the Constellation of Aquila near the earth. Aquila represents an eagle in the midheavens, since it is near the earth. Aquila is said to have keen and sharp eyesight. What could this eagle represent?



Aquila depicted as an Eagle (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Aquila:

"Aquila the Eagle is said to have acuteness of his eyes."

"For, Aquila is said to have such wonderful eyesight that, when he is poised above the seas on motionless plume - not even visible to the human gaze - yet from such a height he can see the little fishes swimming, and, coming down like a thunderbolt, he can carry off his captured prey to the shore, on the wing."

This bird brings back the thunderbolts which Jupiter has flung and fights in the service of heaven.

"Then soars to the heights the bird of mighty Jupiter as though, winging its way with wonted effort, it were carrying thunderbolts; it is a bird worthy of Jupiter and the sky, which it furnishes with awful armaments." ⁷⁴

The Eagle

John tells us that the woman, Israel, was given two wings of the great eagle so that she could be nourished.

Revelation 12:14 "But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent." ⁷⁵

Let us take a look at Jamieson's Bible commentary on the meaning of an Eagle.

"Eagle": the symbol of judgment descending fatally from on high; the king of hirds pouncing on the prey. Compare this fourth trumpet and the flying eagle with the fourth seal introduced by the fourth living creature, "like a flying eagle," Rev 4:7: the aspect of Jesus as presented by the fourth Evangelist. John is compared in the cherubim (according to the primitive interpretation) to a flying eagle: Christ's divine majesty in this similitude is set forth in the Gospel according to John, His judicial visitations in the Revelation of John. Contrast "another angel," or messenger, with "the everlasting Gospel," Rev 14:6. 76



A Great Eagle - Aquila is said to have wonderful eyesight to capture prey (GNU)

It is astonishing to see an eagle used in the following verse of Revelation 8:13 after the fourth judgment is given by an angel in the previous verse of Revelation 8:12. The next event is three woes to those dwelling on the earth. In the next chapter, we will understand the importance of the woe. The Constellation of Aquila represents an "Eagle" found in the skies above the earth at nighttime. It must be a sign of the three woes and God's judgment.

⁷⁴ Manilius, Astronomica, 1st century A.D, p.31

⁷⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁷⁶ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Re 8:13). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Many Bible scholars believe the "Eagle" represents a cherubim angel. John uses the word "Eagle" and not an angel to shout with a loud voice - Woe, woe and woe!

Revelation 8:13 "Then I looked, and I heard an <u>eagle</u> flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" 77

This is a confirmation of the prior heavenly sign of the sun eclipsed with Saturn, Uranus and the moon as being the correct interpretation. An "Eagle" represented the Constellation of Aquila in the mid-heavens is seen following the Fourth Trumpet Judgment. God set the heavenly signs in the skies at the time of creation. Isn't this an amazing wonder? It all comes together with what John describes in Revelation in his vision.

There must be significance to the statement of the fourth judgment, "so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it." Does the third represent the three woes or is there some other significant meaning? The Prophet Ezekiel foretells Jerusalem's desolation. One-third would be "scattered to the wind" with a "sword behind them" representing weapons of war. One-third will die by fire and another third by plague or famine.

One Third

Ezekiel 5:2, 12 "One third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city, when the days of the siege are completed. Then you shall take one third and strike it with the sword all around the city, and one third you shall scatter to the wind; and I will unsheathe a sword behind them."

12 "One third of you will die by plague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will scatter to every wind, and I will unsheathe a sword behind them." 78

How do we know for sure that this passage is a prophetic statement of the desolation of Jerusalem during the End Times? It is because of the statement in Ezekiel "that I will never do again" and "that I spent....satisfy My Wrath upon them" that provides the timing of the prophetic statements of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 5:9, 13 "And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again.

13 Thus My anger will be spent and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will be appeased; then they will know that I, the Lord, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them." 76

We will next take a look at two commentaries on this passage from Ezekiel.

Jerusalem—not the mere city, but the people of Israel generally, of which it was the center.

in ... midst—Jerusalem is regarded in God's point of view as the center of the whole earth, designed to radiate the true light over the nations in all directions. Compare Margin ("navel"), Ez 38:12; Ps 48:2; Je 3:17. No center in the ancient heathen world could have been selected more fitted than Canaan to be a vantage ground, whence the people of God might have acted with success upon the heathenism of the world ⁷⁹

⁷⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 8:13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁷⁸ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Eze 5:9-12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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Israel's day of doom - Ezekiel 7:1–27

The time has come for God's judgment on Israel (7:2-3). She is to be punished for her idolatries and disgusting practices (7:4). The day of doom approaches, when revelries will be plunged into chaos (7:6-7). Just as a rod grows huds, so Israel's pride has developed; her violence has become full-fledged wickedness (7:10-11).

God's weapons of judgment will be war, famine and plague (7:15). Those who escape will go into mourning (7:18); their money will be useless (7:19) and the women's ornaments will be snatched by strangers (7:20). God will even allow pagan invaders to trample his holy temple (7:22). Prophet, priest and king will all fall silent in the face of the disaster that God will bring upon them (7:25–27).80

Daniel tells us that this is a time where many will be purged and refined. He also states those who have insight will understand that this event relates to God's judgment. But, none of the wicked will understand and that the wicked will continue to act wickedly. It is perhaps due to the fact that this fourth judgment seems to affect only the heavens and not the earth.

Daniel 12:10 "Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand." 81

Daniel describing the End-Times in Daniel 12 makes the same statement of "purified and refined." The Prophet Zechariah describes the reason why this refinement must occur and as well as the scattering of His sheep. Who are His scattered sheep and when did this occur?

Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,

And against the man, My Associate,"
Declares the LORD of hosts.
"Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered;
And I will turn My hand against the little ones." 82

We know that the shepherd is Christ. Christ quotes this scripture during the Last Supper or Lord's Supper.

Mark 14:27 "And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED." 83

It was the Jewish people who crucified Christ on the cross using the Roman law and Roman soldiers to do the deed. God's sheep that have been scattered are the people of Israel. They didn't accept Christ as the Messiah. Although Old Testament prophecy in Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 9:6, disclose Christ would be born in Bethlehem and be a ruler over Israel. John in his vision in Revelation makes the statement that the woman, which is Israel, has a place prepared by God during the End Times.

Revelation 12:6 "Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days." 84

⁸⁰ Knowles, A. (2001). The Bible guide (1st Augsburg books ed.) (326). Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg.

⁸¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 12:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Zec 13:7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mk 14:27). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Daniel has a clear description of the Antichrist and how long he will be empowered. It states for a time, times and half a time, which is 1260 days after he has received authority from God. It occurred four days prior to the desolation of the Temple. Israel will be protected from the presence of the serpent, the devil, Satan for the same length of time as the Antichrist speaks out against God.

Daniel 7:25-26 "He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time."

26 "But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever." 85

October 2394: we have arrived at the timeframe of the Fourth Trumpet Judgment, which we have determined to be the eclipse of Uranus, Saturn and the moon. Both the day and the night have radiant light for two-thirds of the daytime and nighttime. This is a time of purification and refinement during the End Times.



Many Bible scholars don't understand the significance of the fourth judgment. Daniel, Malachi, and Ezekiel tell us that this is a time where many will be purged and refined. It is a time when one-third of Israel will be refined during the Tribulation and many made pure. It is also a time where those who have insight will lead many to righteousness as we will see shortly.

Daniel 11:35 "Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time." 86

The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi describes the day of His coming - He is like a refiner's fire.

Malachi 3:1-3 "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For, He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver," 87

It appears that all those who have insight and understanding will lead many to righteousness.

Daniel 12:3 "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who <u>lead the many to righteousness</u>, like the stars forever and ever." 86

⁸⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 7:25–26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:35, Da 12:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mal 3:1-3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 7: ABYSS- 5th Trumpet

Revelation 8:13 "Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" 88

Prior to the fifth angel who brings judgment to the earth, there is an "Eagle" who shouts with a loud voice three woes. Remember, the Constellation of Aquila, which represents an "Eagle", was seen in the previous judgment at nighttime. We see John didn't use the word "Angel" but that of an "Eagle" flying in Revelation. The first woe has to do with the unleashing of immortal beings upon the earth to do battle with evil men who are in darkness on the earth. Darkness represents the opposite of understanding truth, which is light. Let us see what Jamieson's commentary has on the last three trumpets.

The last three trumpets of the seven are called, from Rev 8:13, the woe-trumpets. 89

What is the significance to the woe-trumpets? Revelation 9:10 says they, the fallen angels, will wound mortal men on the earth with their scorpion like stings. The more important aspect is that the angels are immortal beings, who cannot be destroyed by man either by swords, guns, bombs, or any type of weapons. They are everlasting beings. The fallen angels have eternal bonds and have been cast into the abyss by God. Jude's reference to the abyss is under darkness – the underworld. The "bottomless pit" and the "abyss" as well as the word Tartarus Latin, from Greek Tartaros all refer to the same location. This is where immortal beings are being held until the "Day of Judgment". These immortal beings are the fallen angels, who we see in Jude.

Jude 6 "And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day," 90

The "Day of Judgment" has arrived when the fifth angel sounds his trumpet. God is about to release them with the keys to the abyss which were given to another angel. What is the meaning of "a star from heaven which had fallen..."?

Revelation 9:1-2 "Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key(s) of the bottomless pit was given to him.

2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit." 91

The Greek word for keys: kleis; from 2808; a key:—key, keys

This verse is making the statement that a star had fallen previously or had already fallen. We also know that a star is a symbolic representation of an angel. Let us see what Jamieson's commentary has to say about "fallen."

Fall—rather as Greek, "fallen." When John saw it, it was not in the act of falling, but had fallen already. This is a connecting link of this fifth trumpet with Rev 12:8,9,12 92

⁸⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 8:13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸⁹ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Re 9:1). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁹⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Jud 6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁹¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:1-2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The star is referred to as "him", which is a statement to the fact that "star" is a symbol. We know this represents a "fallen angel", since it had already fallen. There is tremendous disagreement among Bible scholars whether this star refers to an angel or Satan. There is also the question of whom or what is in the abyss - angels or demons?

Tartarus is only known in Hellenistic Jewish literature from the Greek text of Enoch, dated to 400–200 BC. This states that God placed the archangel Uriel "in charge of the world and of Tartarus" (Enoch 20:2). Tartarus is generally understood to be the place where 200 fallen Watchers (angels) are imprisoned. 93

In the New Testament the noun Tartarus does not occur but *tartaroo* ("throw to Tartarus") a shortened form of the classical Greek verb kata-tartaroo ("throw down to Tartarus") does appear in 2 Peter 2:4.

2 Peter 2:4 "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into <u>hell</u> and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;" ⁹⁴ The Greek word translated as "hell": tartaroō; from Tartaros (a Gr. name for the abode of the damned). ⁹⁵

Other Biblical commentaries, in reconciling that some fallen angels are chained in Tartarus, have attempted to distinguish between one type of fallen angel and another type of angel. Angels are different than demons, who are only spirits. Revelation 18:2 describes "Babylon the Great" as the dwelling place of demons. While fallen angels are immortal beings who must be chained with "eternal bonds" into the abyss since they are not just spirits.

"If so, we have a problem: Satan and his angels are not locked up in Tartarus! Satan and his angels were alive and active in the time of Christ, and still are today! Yet Peter specifically (2 Peter 2:4) states that at least one group of angelic beings have literally been cast down to Tartarus and bound in chains until the Last Judgment. So if Satan and his angels are not currently bound in Tartarus—who is? The answer goes back to the angels who interbred with humans. 96

Genesis 6:4-5 "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." ⁹⁷

The sons of God are angelic "Watchers", a type of angel. They interbred with the daughters of men and produced the "giants of old", "men of renown" or "mighty men." The giants or Nephilim were mortal beings and have died because they were born from mortal women. These dead giants became the demons or evil spirits that can roam the earth. There is a complete description of evil spirits and angels in both the books of Enoch and Jubilees.

Enoch 15 "And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from men and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called."

⁹² Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Re 9:1). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁹³ Kelley Coblentz Bautch A Study of the Geography of 1 Enoch 17–19: "no One Has Seen what I Have Seen" p134

⁹⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Pe 2:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁹⁵ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

⁹⁶ Vince Garcia The Resurrection Life Study Bible 2007 p412

⁹⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 6:4-5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Evil spirits is another term for demons and that is why they don't resemble the spirits of men. The holy "Watchers" are a type of angel that can be seen in Daniel 4:17 "by decree of the angelic watchers." The Book of Jude refers to the Prophet Enoch. Jude directly quotes from the Book of Enoch and makes a statement from Enoch 1 that says "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones....." Enoch had seen things that "no man shall see." It also states from Enoch 19 – "And I, Enoch, alone saw the vision, the ends of all things: and no man shall see as I have seen."

Jude 14 "It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones," 98

Enoch 19 "And Uriel said to me: 'Here shall stand the angels who have connected themselves with women, and their spirits assuming many different forms are defiling mankind and shall lead them astray into sacrificing to demons as gods, till the day of the great judgment in which they shall be judged till they are made an end of. And the women also of the angels who went astray shall become sirens.' And I, Enoch, alone saw the vision, the ends of all things: and no man shall see as I have seen."

Enoch 20 "And these are the names of the holy angels who watch. Uriel, one of the holy angels, who is over the world and over Tartarus. Raphael, one of the holy angels, who is over the spirits of men......"

Enoch 22 "And thence I went to another place, and the mountain of hard rock. And there was in it <u>four hollow places</u>, deep and wide and very smooth. How smooth are the hollow places and deep and dark to look at. Then Raphael answered, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto me: 'These hollow places have been created for this very purpose that the spirits of the souls of the dead should assemble therein, yea that all the souls of the children of men should assemble here. And these places have been made to receive them till the day of their judgment and till their appointed period."

We can see that there are two distinct locations: one for immortal angels and one for mortal men. The place for immortal angels is the "abyss" also called the "bottomless pit" or Tartarus. The place for mortal beings or unsaved man is Hades, which is similar to the Old Testament term, Sheol as "the place of the dead." Sheol or the underworld is described as having "four hollow places, deep and wide." The saved in Christ are those sealed with the Holy Spirit. When they die, their spirits go to heaven unlike the Old Testament saints, who went to Sheol. Abraham's Bosom is the hollow place in Sheol where the Old Testament saints went prior to Christ's resurrection.

It is also very clearly written in the Book of Jubilees that these beings were angels. The Book of Jubilees is called "The Little Genesis Book" and was written in Hebrew by a Pharisee between the years of 135 BC to 105 BC. This book describes in greater detail the time of Noah and the angels on the earth. It describes the underworld to be "in the depths of the earth." Jonah 2:6 says "I descended to the roots of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around....."

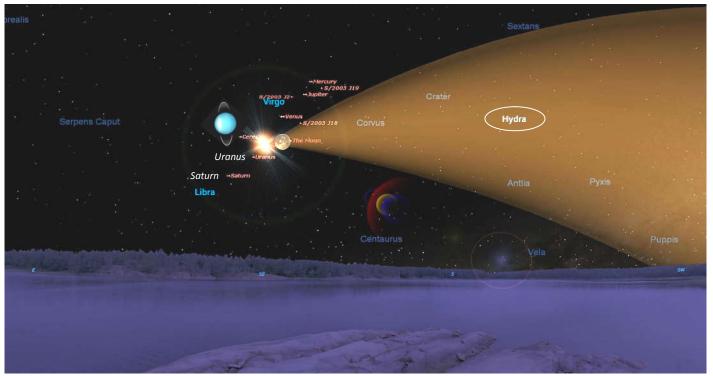
Jubilees 5:1-2 "And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose, and they bare unto them sons and they were giants."

Jubilees 5:6-7 "But Noah found grace before the eyes of the Lord. And against the angels whom He had sent upon the earth, He was exceedingly wroth, and He gave commandment to root them out of all their dominion, and He bade us to bind them in the depths of the earth, and behold they are bound in the midst of them, and are (kept) separate." 99

⁹⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Jud 14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁹⁹ Wesley Center for Applied Theology, Northwest Nazarene University.

We now know that there is a holy angel, Archangel Uriel, who is watching over the world of *Tartarus*. This is where the fallen angels are held separately with eternal bonds. Therefore, there is a need for keys to release them from their bonds. There is a separate Archangel, Raphael, who resides over the spirits of men. There is another place for mortal men versus immortal angels. Therefore, the need is for two separate angels to watch over each location of the underworld. Is this a warning in the skies of judgment and justice coming? Remember, Uranus is the god of the sky and the heavens and the Constellation of Libra represents the scales of justice.



November 2396 Beginning of month, the sun partially eclipsed with Uranus and moon shining light on Hydra

The radiant light shines on the Constellation of Hydra which represents a serpent-like water beast. Isaiah 27:1 states "In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent....and he will kill the dragon who lives in the sea."

Beneath the waters was an entrance to the "underworld" and the Hydra was its guardian. The bottomless pit is part of the underworld where the fallen angels are held in bondage. It has been a long time since seeing the "Eagle" in the skies on October 2394 when the three woes warning occurred. This heavenly event marks the beginning of the first woe. The first woe has to do with the release of immortal fallen angels from the abyss or underworld.



Constellation of Hydra depicted as Water Serpent (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

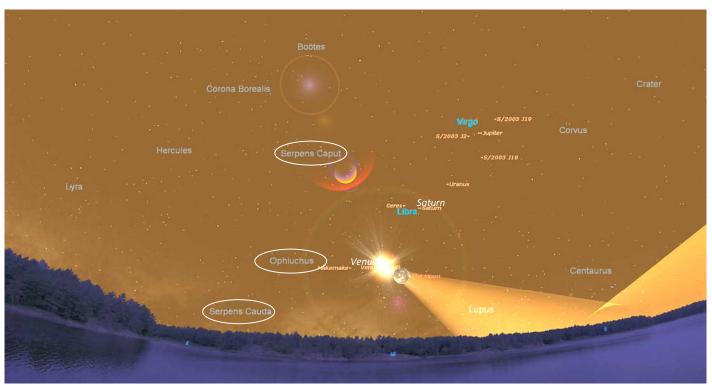
Hydra – Serpent:

In Greek mythology, the Lernaean Hydra (Ancient Greek: Λεοναία "Υδοα) was an ancient nameless serpent-like chthonic water beast, with reptilian traits, that possessed many (seven) heads. The seven heads of the dragon represent seven kings of ten kingdoms. Hydra was the guardian of the underworld.

Jubilees 5:13-14 "And the judgment of all is ordained and written on the heavenly tablets in righteousness even (the judgment of) all who depart from the path which is ordained for them to walk in; and if they walk not therein, judgment is written down for every creature and for every kind." 100

All will be judged including the fallen angels. It says "for every creature and for every kind." The final judgment will occur after Christ's Reign on this earth is over. His reign begins shortly after the Great Tribulation has ended and continues on for at least a thousand years. We know that the fifth judgment is the first woe judgment on man, with the release of the fallen angels from the abyss. It is time for man to recognize that Christ will ultimately reign. God is the creator of this world and all that can be seen and the unseen worlds as well. This is the spiritual domain that is the invisible world. In Colossians 1:16, it states "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on the earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authority – all things have been created through Him and for Him." If this is a heavenly sign of truth and justice, because the Constellation of Libra is present, then it must be God's judgment is coming. This is represented with the eclipse of Uranus, symbolic of the Deity of Christ. It is also interesting to find the statement that angels (spirits) can "assuming many different forms" as described in Enoch 19. We have seen in scripture many cases where angels look like men. A prime example is the angelic messengers to Lot warning him of the destruction of Sodom and to depart from the city.

The Underworld



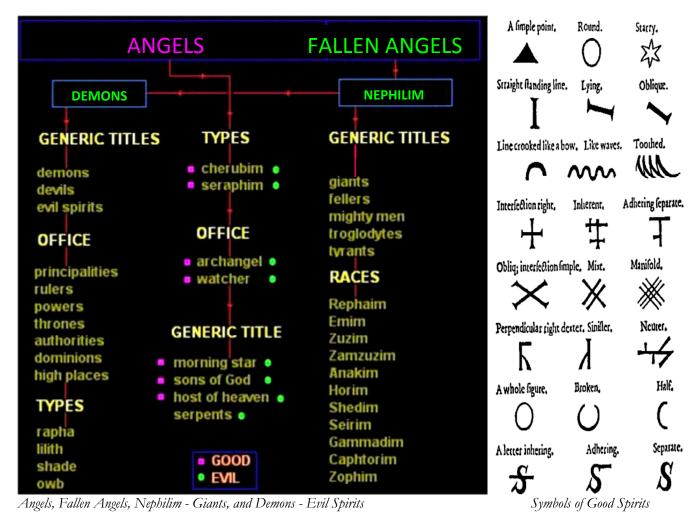
November 2396 Light from the sun reflects from the earth into the heavens

The sunlight remarkably reflects from earth into the heavens. Is this a wonder? It is as if there is something coming out of the earth. Is this a sign of the fallen angels coming out of the abyss? Serpens constellations are present in the skies. The Serpens constellations are a reminder of death, and Satan has power over death.

The Serpens constellation is unique because it is split into two non-contiguous parts - Serpens Caput (Serpent's Head) to the west and Serpens Cauda (Serpent's Tail) to the east. Between these two halves lies the Constellation of Ophiuchus, the "Serpent-Bearer." The body of the serpent is represented as passing behind Ophiuchus. These constellations represent the "underworld." This will be confirmed with a third sign in the skies that follows. The

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shield of the Constellation Scutum has the symbol of a cross and is below the earth at the time. The Antichrist has nothing to do with this judgment on the earth. This Constellation of Scutum is located at the serpent's tail of Serpens Cauda, which is just above the earth surface during this radiant light event. Let us first take a look at demons and evil spirits. The abyss is not the abode of demons. Demons play a significant role in empowering kings and rulers over the world as stated in Revelation 16:14 "spirits of demons... go out to the kings of the whole world."



There are different symbols for good and evil spirits. "Horns, an Eye or a Flame" represent evil spirits. Demons, devils, or evil spirits roam the earth and don't have eternal bonds. That is why Christ had to cast demons out of men and women. Therefore, the abyss is where immortal beings, the fallen angels, are held. It is not the current place of Satan and his demons. The occult uses demonic magic in its ceremonies. There are books written on occult philosophy which date back several centuries. King Saul removed from the land individuals who were known as sorcerers, mediums or wizards. Today, it is known as witchcraft, devil worship or sorcery. "Babylon the Great," the dwelling place of demons, will be destroyed so that "no craftsman of any craft will be found." This is stated in Revelation 18:22. Likewise in Revelation 20, Satan will be chained for 1000 years in the abyss.

Revelation 20:1-3 "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time." 101

¹⁰¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Giant Remains - "Truth is stranger than fiction." Mark Twain (GNU)

Book on Giants: Olaf Jansen, author of "The Smoky God" described how the inhabitants of the inner world were easily 12 to 15 feet tall. He also explains how they lived up to 1000 years.

Navajo: Legends explain, that once the Ancient Ones descended into the inner realms to escape the cataclysms on the surface, they reemerged many years later much taller and stronger than before.

Museum: Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton, Texas has a 47 inch human femur model on display. It was uncovered in southeast Turkey. In Deuteronomy 3:11 it states the iron bed of King of Bashan was 9 cubit by 4 cubits or approximately 14 feet long by 6 feet wide.

Angels joined with "daughters of men" creating the giants, who were hybrids. These were men of 14 to 16 feet in stature. Bodily remains of giants have been uncovered in the Euphrates Valley, where early civilization existed. There is no mention of giant women but only "mighty men" and men of renown in the Bible. After these giants died, their spirits became the demons that roam the earth. Christ had to cast these demons out of men and women who were possessed. These giants were known as powerful ungodly men, who lived a long life. They lived for hundreds of years. It was necessary for God to destroy these wicked evil giants in the world with Noah's Flood.

God sent the Great Flood to destroy the corrupted flesh living on the earth. This included men, cattle, beast and birds, which had begun to devour each other, due to lawlessness increasing on the earth. Nevertheless, Noah found grace with God. We are now all descendents of Noah's three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

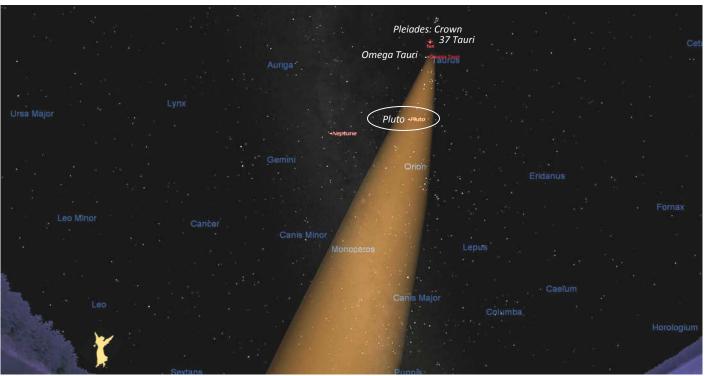
Jubilees 5:2-6 "And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walks on the earth -all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each other, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men, thus evil continually. And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt, and all flesh had corrupted its orders, and all that were upon the earth had wrought all manner of evil before His eyes. And He said that He would destroy man and all flesh upon the face of the earth which He had created. But Noah found grace before the eyes of the Lord." 102

The abyss is where the disagreement exists among Bible scholars. Some believe the abyss is the domain of demons and immortal fallen angels. Today, Satan has access to both heaven and earth. Remember, right after the sealing of the 144,000, Satan was cast down to the earth and no longer had access to heaven during this time of God's Wrath on the earth (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture").

At the beginning of the month the light shines on the Constellation of Hydra. Hydra represents the guardian of the underworld. What is it that relates this heavenly event to the underworld or abyss? The previous sign was looking down on the earth with light reflecting into the heavens. We need to look up into the heavens to see the true meaning of this sign.

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Due to the unique eclipse of the sun with the planet Venus and the moon, the sun's radiant light goes up into the heavens to point at a star named Omega Tauri and just below it is the planet of Pluto. The event is divinely given due to both the Pleiades crown and the star 37 Tauri present above. This is the third sign in the heavens.



November 2396 Radiant light going up into the heavens and illuminating the planet Pluto

We have seen a similar sign that represented the fleeing into the wilderness as described by the Prophet Zechariah. Remember, the star of Omega Scorpii had the Arabic name of Jabhat al Akrab (جبهة العقرب). Does the star of Omega Tauri represent a sign of the "End" or "Protection"? We will see it is a reminder to a past promise.

Revelation 21:6 "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end"

The radiant light from the heavens is down on the planet Pluto. What about the meaning of the planet Pluto?



Pluto' glyph, or symbol, combines the circle (spirit) over the crescent (receptivity) and the cross. This glyph suggests receptivity to the "underworld."

Pluto, **god of the underworld**, is the ruler of Scorpio. In Greek mythology, the corresponding god was Hades. Pluto represents subconscious forces, ruling all that is "below the surface."

It is interesting to find Pluto represents not only the underworld; but, it is the ruler of Scorpio, where the constellation represents a scorpion. Remember, the star of Omega Scorpii was in the Constellation of Scorpio and Pluto is its ruler. It is amazing to see that this Fifth Trumpet Judgment includes scorpions in the scripture passage. The next verse in Revelation states "as the scorpions of the earth have power." 103

Revelation 9:3 "Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power." 104

¹⁰³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Scorpio depicted as a Scorpion (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Scorpio:

In Greek Mythology the myths associated with Scorpio almost invariably also contain a reference to Orion. According to one of these myths it is written that Orion boasted to goddess Artemis and her mother, Leto, that he would kill every animal on the earth. Although Artemis was known to be a hunter herself, she offered protection to all creatures. Artemis and her mother Leto sent a scorpion to deal with Orion. The pair battled and the scorpion killed Orion. However, the contest was apparently a lively one that caught the attention of the king of the gods Zeus, who later raised the scorpion to heaven. The meaning Orion is "Heavenly Shepherd" or "True Shepherd". Is this a statement about the Christ and His children, which is His Bride in Christ being killed? For Christ had died on the Cross and was resurrected from the grave.

We saw a similar sign in the heavens with the opening of the fifth seal and tumultuous events of martyrdom (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture"). There is another verse in 2 Chronicles which states "I will discipline you with scorpions." Is this a time of disciplining the people of the earth during the latter days?

2 Chronicles 10:11 "Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." 10:5

They were told not to kill anyone. It must be for disciplining the people in the world. It next makes the statement that for five months they could only sting and torment men who didn't have the seal of God on their foreheads. This is a promise made by God during this judgment, that he will protect those who are sealed.

Revelation 9:4-5 "They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man." 106

God continues to protect His chosen, those saved in Christ, on the earth even during the End Times. The number five represents atonement in Biblical numerology. Likewise, five months of tormenting men is for disciplining those who are not sealed. It is clearly stated in scripture "only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads." It describes the locusts upon the earth, which are forbidden to hurt "any green thing." We know that locusts represent judgment in the land of Egypt during the enslavement of the Hebrews of Israel.

Exodus 10:12 "Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt and eat every plant of the land, even all that the hail has left." 107

¹⁰⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Ch 10:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:4–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

These locusts are unusual and are special creatures on the earth, which have come out of the abyss and do not hurt anything green including trees. We do know from Enoch 19 angels are capable of "assuming many different forms" and the fallen angels are capable of "defiling mankind and shall lead them astray." The following verse says that men will seek death but not find it and that they will long to die.

Revelation 9:6 "And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them." 108

The next passage of scripture describes these creatures, which can assume many different forms.

Revelation 9:7-10 "The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

- 8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions.
- 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.
- 10 They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months." 109

Fallen Angels

Revelation says the fallen angels will sting mortal men on the earth with their scorpion like tails. The more important aspect is that the angels are immortal beings, who cannot be destroyed by man. They cannot be killed by weapons of war. It will not penetrate them and cause them death. They are everlasting beings who had previously been held in eternal bonds until judgment according to Jude 6. Judgment has arrived on the earth.



With the earth darkened by smoke, fallen angels go to battle with tails like scorpions that sting

¹⁰⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ex 10:12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:7-10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

This is a time of great darkness on the earth for "the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit." The fifth trumpet is the first woe trumpet, since mortal man cannot destroy the immortal fallen angels. At this time, mortal men have a desire to die, but death will flee from them. Again, these fallen angels are capable of assuming many different forms and cannot be killed by evil men. This is the reason for the woe occurring prior to this event. The second woe occurs when four angels, who have the power to kill, are released from the Euphrates River. The Euphrates has its origin in the Taurus (*Tarsus*) Mountains of Turkey. Scripture states the fallen angels have a king over them. This is not Satan or the False Prophet but another "angel of the abyss"- Tartarus.

Revelation 9:11 "They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon." 110

The Hebrew word Åβαδδών Abaddōn; of Heb.; Abaddon, the angel of the abyss:—Abaddon 111

The Greek word Απολλύων Apolluon; "a destroyer," Apollyon, the angel of the abyss:—Apollyon 112

The proper name is derived from ἀπόλλυμι apollumi;; to destroy, destroy utterly:—bring, destroy), destroyed 113

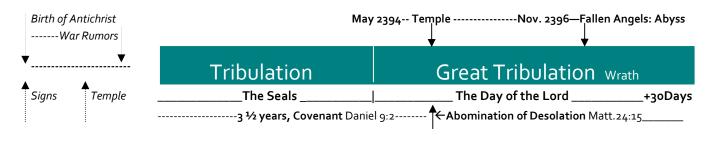
The proper name has the meaning of "destruction" in the Hebrew and "to destroy" in the Greek languages. Isn't it intriguing to find the "son of destruction" referred to by the Apostle Paul?

2 Thessalonians 2:3 "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction," 114

Could the "son of destruction" mean the Antichrist is the son of "Apollyon," the king of the Abyss?

Revelation 9:12 "The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things." 115

The woe is significant because man cannot kill or destroy the fallen angels from the abyss. November 2396: we have arrived at the timeframe of the Fifth Trumpet Judgment, which we have determined to be the eclipse of the sun with Venus and the moon. We have seen that the radiant light goes up to the heavens and reflects off of the planet Pluto. Pluto represents the god of the underworld which is also the ruler of Scorpio.



¹¹⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹¹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

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¹¹⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The scorpion represents discipline from scripture - "but I will discipline you with scorpions." What does the scripture say about discipline in both the Old Testament and New Testament?

Deuteronomy 8:5 "Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son." 116

Revelation 3:19 "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent." 117

God says that He will discipline those whom He loves. This is a time for repentance. God will seal and protect those who believe in Him and from being disciplined with the sting of the scorpions. In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul also warns us not to be deceived.

Ephesians 5:6 "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience." 118



Range of Tarsus or Taurus Mountains origin of Euphrates River - Demirkazik Crest in Nigde Turkey (GNU)

Jonah 2:6 "I descended to the roots of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me forever, But, You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God." 119

¹¹⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Dt 8:5, Jonah 2:6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 3:19). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Eph 5:6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 8: BOWLS OF WRATH

There seems to be a tremendous amount of controversy regarding the timing of the Bowls of Wrath to other End Times events. It is because of its late occurrence in the sequence of chapters in Revelation. Therefore, it seems to confuse the order of events. The mystery of the timing is revealed in the scripture passage for the Sixth Bowl being poured out onto the earth. It states that the waters of the Euphrates River will be dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East. We know the kings of the East must go into battle.

The Sixth Bowl

Revelation 16:12 "The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east." 119

We will see that this is in preparation for the battle before Christ's reign on this earth. This is often called the Battle of Armageddon in many translations of the Bible. We will also see that this requires a large army of over a hundred million soldiers to march to war. Therefore, the timing of this event must occur prior to this battle on the earth. We will also see that the Bowls of Wrath occur prior to Christ's return or His Second Coming. This is often called the "final battle." However, this will be followed by the battle of Gog and Magog and the complete destruction of weapons. This will occur after the Millennial Reign and is described in Ezekiel 38 and 39. In Ezekiel 38:14, it makes the statement "My people, Israel are living securely, will you not know it"? Truly, the only time Israel is living securely in their land is during the Millennial Reign. Many scholars believe this battle will occur prior to the Tribulation. Revelation 20:8 states this battle will occur after Satan has been released from the abyss. The River Euphrates is also where four angels are bound to be released to do harm on the earth. These four angels must be released to kill one-third of mankind prior to the great battle. The Great River Euphrates has been flowing since the time of creation. It is one of four rivers that are mentioned in the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 2:14 "The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates." 120

In Genesis, this was the time of the Garden of Eden. Throughout periods of history, including even to the Roman period, the Euphrates River formed the boundary between east and west. Some of the ancient battles of history took place on the Euphrates, one of which was the battle between Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and Pharaoh Neco of Egypt in Jeremiah 46:2. However, today it is interesting to find The New York Times has a website entitled "The Shrinking Euphrates." The following is a quote from N.Y. Times article published in July 13, 2009 entitled "Iraq Suffers as the Euphrates River Dwindles." http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2009/07/13/world/20090713

'JUBAISH, Iraq — Throughout the marshes, the reed gatherers, standing on land they once floated over, cry out to visitors in a passing boat. "Maaku mai!" they shout, holding up their rusty sickles. There is no water! "Strangled by the water policies of its neighbors, Turkey and Syria, a two-year drought and years of misuse by Iraq and its farmers, the Euphrates River is significantly smaller than it was just a few years ago, and some officials worry that it could soon be half of what it is now. The shrinking of the Euphrates, a river so crucial to the birth of civilization that the Book of Revelation prophesied its drying up as a sign of the end times, has decimated farms along its banks, left fishermen impoverished and depleted riverside towns, forcing farmers to flee to the cities looking for work. The poor suffer more acutely, but all strata of society are feeling the effects: sheiks, diplomats and even members of Parliament who retreat to their farms after weeks in Baghdad.

Along the river, rice and wheat fields have turned to baked dirt. Canals have dwindled to shallow streams, and fishing boats sit on dry land. Pumps meant to feed water treatment plants dangle pointlessly over brown puddles. ¹²¹

¹¹⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹²⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 2:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The Great Euphrates River and water diversion pumps above Ar-Raggah, Syria (GNU)

How could such a Great River dry up which has flowed for thousands of years? This is due to seven dams on the Euphrates River located in Turkey and Syria according to Iraqi officials. However, in the End Times it is due to God's judgment on the earth that the Great River Euphrates will be dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East. Let us look at a commentary from the New York Times on the drought in recent times in Iraq.

"The drought is widespread in Iraq. The area sown with wheat and barley in the rain-fed north is down roughly 95 percent from the usual, and the date palm and citrus orchards of the east are parched. For two years rainfall has been far below normal, leaving the reservoirs dry, and American officials predict that wheat and barley output will be a little over half of what it was two years ago.

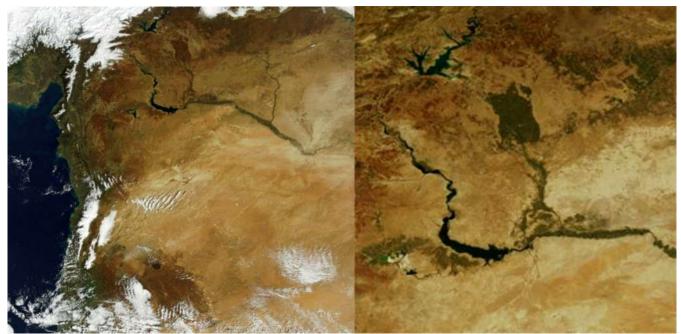
It is a crisis that threatens the roots of Iraq's identity, not only as the land between two rivers but as a nation that was once the largest exporter of dates in the world, that once supplied German beer with barley and that takes patriotic pride in its expensive Anbar rice. Now Iraq is importing more and more grain. Farmers along the Euphrates say, with anger and despair, that they may have to abandon Anbar rice for cheaper varieties.

Droughts are not rare in Iraq, though officials say they have been more frequent in recent years. But drought is only part of what is choking the Euphrates and its larger, healthier twin, the Tigris. The most frequently cited culprits are the Turkish and Syrian governments. Iraq has plenty of water, but it is a downstream country. There are at least seven dams on the Euphrates in Turkey and Syria, according to Iraqi water officials, and with no treaties or agreements, the Iraqi government is reduced to begging its neighbors for water." 122

Two large reservoirs can be observed in the earth images below of the border area between Turkey and Syria. Near the top of the images is Lake Atatürk Dam, the third largest in Turkey, located on the Euphrates River.

¹²¹ Iraq Suffers as the Euphrates River Dwindles, by Campbell Robertson, Published NY Times: July 13, 2009

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The Euphrates River Turkey (Earth Snapshot)

Lake Assad, on Euphrates (Earth Snapshot)

Visible above the center of this image is Lake Assad, a reservoir on the Euphrates River in Ar-Raqqah, Syria. It was created in 1974 by the Tabqa Dam. Lake Assad is Syria's largest lake with 240 square miles of surface area. A vast network of canals uses water from Lake Assad to irrigate lands on both sides of the Euphrates. Here, the Euphrates River is flanked by green, vegetated areas. In addition, the lake provides drinking water for the city of Aleppo and supports a fishing industry.



Modern Map of Euphrates River (GNU)

The Great Euphrates River:

The river begins on the Anatolian Plateau in eastern Turkey and flows southward through Syria and Iraq. In central Iraq, the river divides into two channels for a distance of 110 miles and then continues to a point northwest of Basra, where it joins the Tigris River to form the Shatt al Arab. The Shatt al Arab flows the final 115 miles to the Persian Gulf. The length of the Euphrates is 1,585 miles); including the Shatt al Arab, the length is 1,700 miles. Along the Euphrates are the ruins of such ancient cities as Babylon, Erech, and Ur.

It is astonishing to find Jamison's Bible Commentary thinking the drying up of the Euphrates River is to be taken figuratively. Could it be because the River has flowed since the beginning of creation that he believes this to be truly the case. God said in prophecy that the Euphrates River will be dried up. It should be taken as the literal interpretation of this End Times prediction. Scripture states it is in preparation for the kings of the East. We can see repeatedly that the End Times prophecies should be taken in a straight forward interpretation of the Word.

Kings of the East

"The kings are from the rising of the sun. Reference to the Euphrates similarly occurs in the sixth trumpet. The drying up of the Euphrates, I think, is to be <u>taken figuratively</u>, as Babylon itself, which is situated on it, is undoubtedly so, Rev 17:5. The waters of the Euphrates (Is 8:7, 8) are spiritual Babylon's, that is, the apostate Church's of which Rome is the chief, though not exclusive representative spiritual and temporal powers." 123

This should not be taken figuratively, since this is prophetic scripture. Let us look at what Perry Stone has to say about the kings of the East in his prophecy article and from his book entitled "Unusual Prophecies Being Fulfilled" 124

"When the Antichrist seizes Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia we read that "tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him" (Dan. 11:43-44). Eventually, the Kings of the East will march across the dry river-bed of the once productive Euphrates River to the land of the beast and prepare for the battle of Armageddon" (Rev. 16:16). 125

This region is prone to sandstorms. Dust storms or sandstorms are a meteorological phenomenon common in arid and semi-arid regions. Dust storms are a common occurrence spreading over Iraq, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. A sandstorm can transport large volumes of sand unexpectedly, with the leading edge being composed of a solid wall of dust, one mile high. Dust storms cause soil loss from the dry lands, and worse, they can remove organic matter and the nutrient-rich materials from the soil, thereby reducing agricultural productivity. Also, the abrasive effect of the storm damages young crop plants. Other effects that may impact man are: reduced visibility affecting aircraft and road transportation; reduced sunlight reaching the surface; increased cloud formation increasing the heat blanket effect.

It is amazing to find that prior to the Euphrates River being dried up the earth was scorched with heat. We know that the Euphrates needs to be dried up prior to the release of four angels who are bound in it. In Revelation 9:15 it states these four angels "had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year" for release and destruction of a third of mankind. The Fourth Bowl scorches the earth with heat being poured out as fire.

Revelation 16:8-9 "The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

9 Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory." ¹²⁶

The Euphrates River surroundings are an arid and semi-arid region. It will become a desolate area that dust from the dry lands will become worse than ever seen before. This will be due to the fact the Fourth Bowl is upon the sun to scorch men with fire. Yet, the scripture passage says that they "did not repent and give Him the Glory."

We now know that the waters on the earth are affected by the bowls. What in the heavens above signifies this event coming to the earth? This heavenly event is the simple eclipse of the sun with the planet Neptune. The Bowls of Wrath will last for a short period of time, prior to Christ's Return or Second Coming.

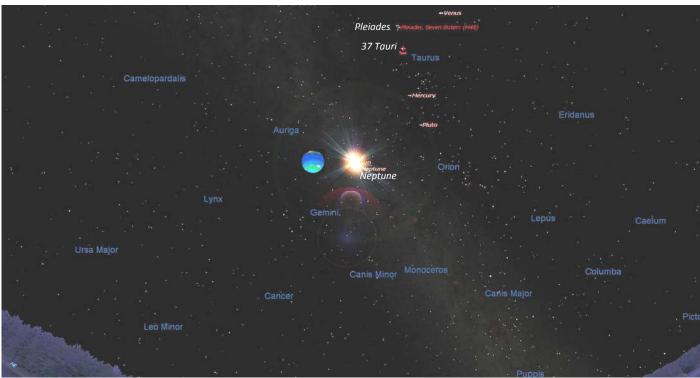
Neptune is the **god of water and the sea.** In ancient Greek times and Roman mythology, Neptune (Latin: *Neptūnus*) was a major god presiding over water, lakes, springs, rivers and the seas. This is an appropriate sign from the heavens to signify that the waters are affected by this prediction and prophecy.

¹²³ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Re 16:12). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹²⁴ Perry Stone, Unusual Prophecies Being Fulfilled: Book Eight: Voice of Evangelism Ministry.

¹²⁵ Perry Stone, Red Dragon Rising: The Coming MR. XI: July – Sept. 2011: Voice of Evangelism Ministry.

¹²⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:8-9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



June 2397 end of month, the sun eclipsed by planet Neptune



Neptune's glyph, or symbol, is the trident, which represents the god Poseidon of the Sea. Poseidon is often shown holding the crescent in his hand.

We now know the timing of the Bowls of Wrath. We shall take a look at a passage of scripture in Revelation that describes the first and second bowls. We know that the mark of the beast occurred prior to Jacob's comet. This mark must have been instituted sometime after the desolation of the Temple but prior to the third judgment.

Revelation 16:1-3 "Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.

- 2 So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.
- 3 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died." 127

The first angels poured out a plague of malignant sores. This is on the people that had taken the mark of the Antichrist and "who vainly or without cause worshiped" him. The word "image" portrays idol worship, often thought to be an image to the Antichrist. The Greek word that is translated into English as "image" in this passage is eikē; adv. without cause or reason, vainly:—nothing, vain, without cause. 128 However, the Greek word eikōn; an image is used in Revelation 13:15 126. It next states that the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea and that every living thing in the sea died. This is the final destruction of all sea life on the earth. It is not one-third as in the Second Trumpet Judgment, but all remaining sea life will be destroyed. This destruction removes fish and sea animals as a source of food for mankind. We know that with darkness over the entire earth plants and other vegetation are impossible to grow without natural sunlight. This darkness during the End Times puts the world into a famine and makes food extremely expensive to purchase. Money becomes worthless due to the cost of food. This was prophetically proclaimed during the opening of the third seal in Revelation 6:5-6.

¹²⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹²⁸ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

Revelation 16:4-7 "Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

- 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things;
- 6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it.
- 7 And I heard the altar saying, Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." 129

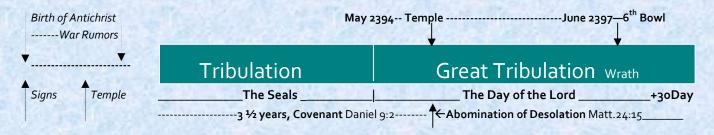
The second angel had poured his bowl into the salt water seas of the oceans. The third angel pours out his bowl into the fresh waters of rivers and springs. It is interesting to see that Neptune represents the god of fresh water and the sea. Now, the third angel declares God's judgments as righteous. This is followed by the scorching of the earth by the fourth angel. Then, the fifth angel is about to pour out his bowl.

Revelation 16: 10-11 "Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain,

11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds. "130

It states the kingdom of the Antichrist has become darkened. His kingdom must include the entire earth since the earth is darkened throughout the world. Nevertheless, they blasphemed God because of their pains and sores. Yet, they still don't repent of their deeds. Man is deceived by the Antichrist and Satan during this time.

June 2397: we have arrived at the timeframe of the Bowls of Wrath being poured onto this earth, which we have determined to be the eclipse of the sun with the planet Neptune. We know that Christ is ready to wage the war, immediately upon His return.



After these events, we are told in scripture that they will gather together at a place "called Har-Magedon".

Revelation 16:16 "And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon." 130

It is now time for Christ to return to the earth for victory is near. He shall return with His armies to go to war on this earth with mortal men. The second woe is to occur next. The first woe was with the immortal fallen angels from the abyss. It is now time to go into battle with Christ's immortal armies of war. Nevertheless, before returning to this earth there must be the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Heaven. Those in heaven are in their glorified bodies since they are dressed in white robes and can now eat a feast of celebration.

¹²⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:4-7). LaHabra, A: The Lockman Foundation.

¹³⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:10–11, Re 16:16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 9: CHRIST RETURNS

Just prior to the Second Coming of Christ, the Apostle John describes a dinner feast. A feast before going to war was a tradition in ancient times. This dinner is to celebrate and prepare for His return to this earth. This is with His armies to do battle with evil. Remember, those who were invited didn't come to the Marriage Feast in Matthew 22. It states the "kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." Those who are initially invited and refuse to attend represent Jews who refused Christ as the Messiah.

Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:7-10 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.

- 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
- 9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' "And he said to me, "These are true words of God."
- 10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." 131

Those who have been gathered from this earth by Christ, His chosen, will be invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Those saved have received their glorified bodies and are in heaven. We are no longer in spirit only, but in bodies that are dressed in white fine linen that is bright and clean. In bodies, we will be able to eat food that has been specially prepared for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Spirits don't eat food. The bridegroom is Christ. Saved believers, His Elect, become His Bride in glorified bodies. The scripture says we will be blessed, if we are invited to attend the feast. What does the commentary of Jamieson say about the marriage of the Lamb?

The marriage of the Lamb is come—The full and final consummation is at Rev 21:2–9. There must be the overthrow of the beast, at the Lord's coming, the binding of Satan, the millennial reign, the loosing of Satan and his last overthrow, and the general judgment. The elect-Church, the heavenly Bride, soon after the destruction of the harlot, is transfigured at the Lord's coming, and joins with Him in His triumph over the beast. On the emblem of the heavenly Bridegroom and Bride, compare Mt 22:2; 2Co 11:2. Perfect union with Him personally, and participation in His holiness; joy, glory, and kingdom, are included in this symbol of "marriage". Note, we ought, as Scripture does, restrict the language drawn from marriage-love to the Bride, the Church as a whole; not use it as individuals in our relation to Christ. Individually, believers are effectually-called guests; they constitute the bride. The harlot divides her affections among many lovers; the bride gives hers exclusively to Christ. 132

2 Corinthians 11:2-3 "For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." 133

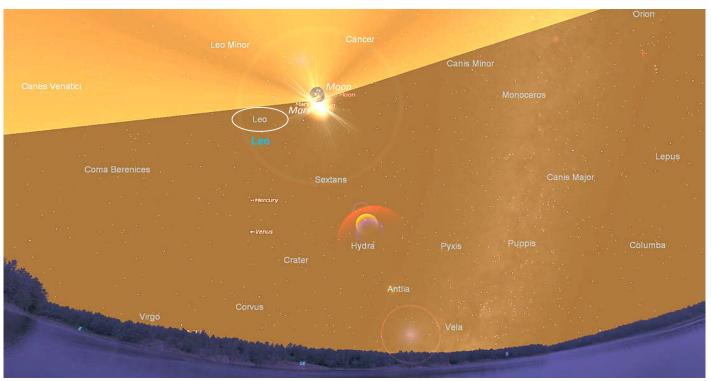
We need to be given to Christ alone to become pure, through his blood that will justify and make us righteous. Is this invitation to the feast a type of reward for serving God on this earth? Remember, the "Parable of the Talents"

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¹³³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Co 11:2-3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

in Matthew 25:14-29 that states "more shall be given... shall be taken away." Christ may give greater responsibilities to His chosen who return to earth with Him than those who didn't invest wisely their given talents. Believers in Christ who have received glorified bodies are servants of God, just like the angels in heaven. It is why believers are called bond-servants of Christ, who purchased us with His precious blood. Is there a sign in the heavens to represent His Shekinah Glory? We see below the glow of radiant light in a golden amber color in the skies.



August 2397 Sun eclipsed by Mars and the moon in the Constellation of Leo

This sign appears in the Constellation of Leo. Its name, Leo, is Latin for Lion. Its symbol is between the Constellations of Cancer to the west and Virgo to the East. We shall see the Lion represents Christ. This is very similar to Christ being represented as the Constellation of Orion, the "True Shepherd", during the gathering of Christ's believers from this earth (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture").



Leo depicted as Lion (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

Constellation of Leo:

In Babylonian astronomy the constellation was called - the 'Great Lion' the bright star, Regulus, known as the king star. It stands at the Lion's breast. It also had distinctly regal associations as it was known as the King. In Greek mythology, Leo was identified as the Nemean Lion which was killed by Hercules. The stars eta Leonis and alpha Leonis mark the lion's heart, with alpha Leonis, also known as Regulus, being the bright star of magnitude one. The stars eta Leonis and omicron Leonis form the right front foot of the Lion.

Leo is commonly represented as the sickle-shaped asterism of stars is the back of the Lion's head. The stars mu Leonis, kappa Leonis, lambda Leonis, and epsilon Leonis form the head of the lion. Delta Leonis and beta Leonis form the lion's tail: beta Leonis, also known as Denebola, is the bright tip of the tail with a magnitude of two. The stars theta Leonis, iota Leonis, and sigma Leonis form the left hind leg of the lion, with sigma Leonis being the foot. The stars theta Leonis and rho Leonis form the right hind leg, with rho Leonis being the foot.

The star Regulus has been associated with a regal king, the king star. This is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as described in scripture for Christ's return to the earth in Revelation 19:16. So, how do we know from scripture the meaning of the Constellation of Leo, that it represents the King of Kings? We do know the tribe of Judah used the symbol of a Lion. This Lion is Christ the Lord coming back to the earth to judge mankind of its evil deeds. The Lion is symbolic of God's Wrath. In scripture it reads "the Lord, He will roar like a lion."

Hosea 11:10 "They will walk after the Lord, He will roar like a lion; Indeed He will roar And His sons will come trembling from the west." 135

The morning image of Christ's return represents "His Shekinah Glory." Let us take a look at what Walvoord's commentary has to say. Then, let us take a closer look at what scripture says about Christ's Second Coming.

Exactly what the sign of the Son of Man will be is unknown. The sign of the setting aside of the nation of Israel was the departure of the glory from the temple (Ezek. 10:3, 18; 11:23). Perhaps the sign of the Lord's return will again involve the Shekinah Glory ¹³⁶

Revelation 19:11-13 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness <u>He judges and wages war</u>.

- 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.
- 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God." 137

It states that He will judge and wage war. This heavenly event was marked by the eclipse of Mars with the sun.



The symbol, or glyph, of Mars is widely used as a symbol of the male. It shows the circle of spirit, directed outwards. It can represent man or mankind in general.

Mars is the god of war. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war, Ares, and symbolizes the red planet's bloody color for war. The scripture says that Christ is "clothed with a robe dipped in blood", which is very well-suited to the red planet of Mars. It next states His name is called "The Word of God." In John's Gospel it tells us that this is Christ and "in Him was life and the life was the Light of Men." This scripture proclaims the Deity of Christ as the Word and the Light. It also proclaims Him as our Savior. It is through believing in Him as the Son of God and through His resurrection that life is given to this world.

John 1:1-4 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men." 138

¹³⁴ H. A. Rey, *The Stars — A New Way To See Them.* Enlarged World-Wide Edition. Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1997

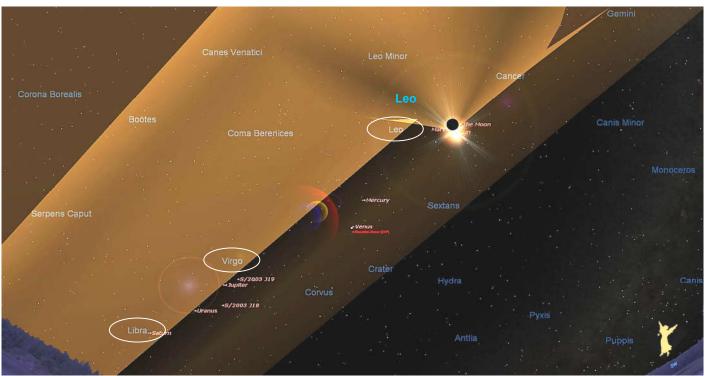
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¹³⁶ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary: An exposition of the scriptures* (Mt 24:27–31). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

¹³⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:11-13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹³⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Jn 1:1-4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

It is also interesting to find the statement in Revelation 19:11 "and in righteousness He judges." This next heavenly event mirrors his judgment to mankind with both a light cone and Leo, the Lion, present over Jerusalem.



August 2397 Light cone converting into a tunnel above Jerusalem

The radiant light from the sun reflects into the heavens. Remember, that the light cone represents judgment of man's deeds upon the earth (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture"). This event occurs prior to the return of Christ into this world. It is a time of judgment on the earth which is symbolic of a light cone. It converts to a tunnel and the planet Mars symbolic of war as well as the Leo representing the Deity of Christ.

Who makes up the armies with Christ? His armies are clothed in fine linen that parallels the statement in the Marriage Feast "It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean." His armies are those who were invited to the Marriage Supper, who are His chosen with their glorified bodies. His armies who return to the earth are immortal beings, who cannot be destroyed by man, just like the heavenly angels. Therefore, His armies cannot be killed by swords, guns, bombs, grenades, or laser weapons. It will not penetrate them and cause them death. They are everlasting beings. This is marked as the second woe. Next, the Deity of Christ is proclaimed by His name being written as "KING OF KINGS." What is the heavenly sign for His armies to return with Christ?

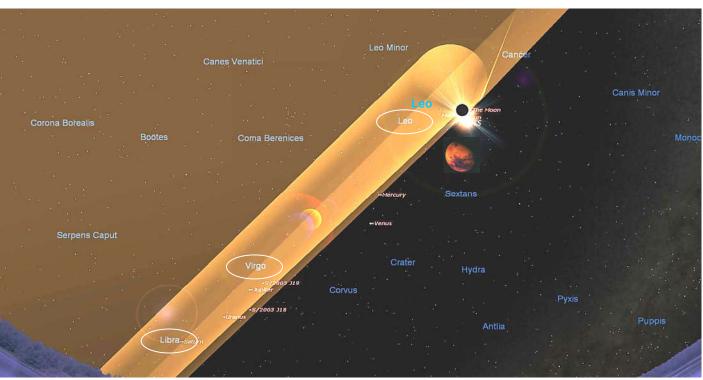
Revelation 19: 14-16 "And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a <u>rod of iron</u>; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." ¹³⁹

The armies ... in heaven—Rev 14:20. The glorified saints whom God "will bring with" Christ at His advent; compare Rev 17:14, "they that are with Him, called, chosen, and faithful"; as also "His mighty angels." ¹⁴⁰

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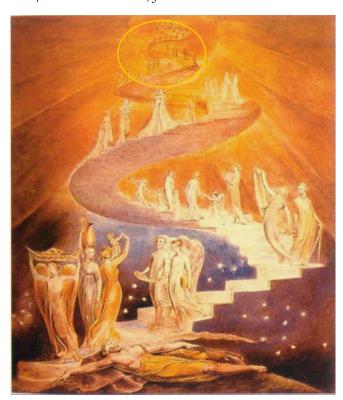
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A light tunnel is used to return His armies to this earth, the same way His believers departed. The light tunnel is inverted to the scoop that was used for gathering His Bride (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture").



August 2397 Light tunnel for the Return of Christ with His immortal armies to the earth

Due to the unique eclipse of the sun with the planet Mars and the moon, the sun's radiant light converts to a light tunnel. The planet Mars was used to create the light tunnel for gathering His Bride from this earth. The Constellations of Leo, the Lion representing God's Wrath, Virgo, a reminder of Christ born of a virgin, and Libra are all present on the light tunnel. Just above the earth is the Constellation of Libra, which represents truth and justice. Remember, Jacob's dream and how it describes a ladder from heaven to earth for the angels to use.



"Jacob's Ladder" William Blake (1757–1827)

Jacob's - Ladder:

This light tunnel seems similar to Jacob's "Golden Ladder" reaching to heaven. In Genesis 28:12 it reads "....behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven and behold the angels of God were ascending and descending on it." It appears that Christ's immortal armies need such a ladder to descend back to earth during the End Times. This must be to show the living on this earth, His armies of war arriving. This is a visible world, unlike the spiritual domain of Heaven.



Jacob's Ladder- Bath Abbey

God's angels need a ladder to ascend and descend upon that reaches into the heavens and down to the earth. In similar fashion, His immortal armies need a visible light tunnel that can be seen on the earth. One of the purposes of our glorified bodies is for mankind on this earth to see His visible armies of war. His chosen return with Christ. In Revelation 17:14 it states "those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." It parallels the statement for who are invited to the Marriage Supper — "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper..."

Christ Returns

The scripture says that from Christ's mouth "comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God." The "wine press" referred to in Revelation 19:14-16 by the Apostle John is quoting a prophetic passage from Isaiah.

Isaiah 63:1-3 "Marching in the greatness of His strength?"

"It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

- 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?
- 3 "I have trodden the wine trough alone,
 And from the peoples there was no man with Me.
 I also trod them in My anger
 And trampled them in My wrath;
 And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments,
 And I stained all My raiment." 141

Again, let us look at Jamieson's commentary to see what he has to say about the sharp sword and His mouth.

Out of his mouth ... sword—(Rev 1:16). Here in its avenging power, 2Th 2:8, "consume with the Spirit of His mouth" (Is 11:4, to which there is allusion here); not in its convicting and converting efficacy (Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12, 13, where also the judicial keenness of the sword-like word is included). The Father commits judgment to the Son.

He shall rule—The HE is emphatic, He and none other, in contrast to the usurpers who have misruled on earth. "Rule," literally, "tend as a shepherd"; but here in a punitive sense. He, who would have shepherded them with pastoral rod and with the golden scepter of His love, shall dash them in pieces, as refractory rebels, with "a rod of iron." 142

The scripture is clear that those who are with Him, His "chosen," shall wage war against any that come against the Lamb. It could be part of our opportunity for a reward to be "called and chosen" to serve Him on earth. The scripture repeatedly declares Christ as "Lord of Lords and King of Kings." The time for God's Word to be fulfilled has come and the kingdom of this earth that was given to the Antichrist will be taken from him. The beast here in scripture refers to the Antichrist who is given authority for forty-two months, which is from Revelation 13:5. The Apostle John makes the statement that the beast's authority will be "until the words of God will be fulfilled."

Revelation 17:14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the <u>called and chosen</u> and faithful." ¹⁴³

Revelation 17:17 "For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled." 144

¹⁴¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Is 63:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴² Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Re 19:15). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹⁴³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 17:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

What is the sign in the heavens for the waging of war on the earth? Immediately after the return of His armies to this earth, the heavens become black as sackcloth. There is a sign in the heavens of war with the eclipse of Mars.



August 2397 Sun eclipsed by the moon and Mars, the symbol of War

The more important aspect is that the armies of God are immortal beings who cannot be destroyed by man. His armies are everlasting beings. Men will now die, unlike the fifth judgment. At the time of the Fifth Judgment, mortal men had a desire to die, but death would be impossible for them. Let us take a look at the scripture for the great supper of God and the birds in the sky to feast upon the flesh of men.

Revelation 19:17-19 "Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

- 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."
- 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army." 145

A similar statement follows right after the "coming of the Son of Man" in Matthew 24:27-28. This is referring to the Second Coming of Christ. This is a battle between mortal men of the earth and immortal beings from heaven. This is His chosen bond-servants who have been purchased with His blood for redemption. This will be open warfare, where men will die in the field of battle in great numbers. Then, the birds and vultures will gather to eat their flesh, which is mentioned both in Matthew and Revelation.

Matthew 24:28 "Wherever the corpse is there the vultures will gather." 146

¹⁴⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 17:17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:17–19). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 24:28). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

August 2397: we have arrived at the timeframe of the Second Coming of Christ, which we have determined to be the eclipse of the sun with Mars and the moon. We have seen that the radiant light goes up to the heavens and then turns down to the earth in the form of a light tunnel to drop off His armies to the earth below.



With these events, we are told in scripture that the kingdom of God is near. Luke 21:31 "So you also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near." 147



Black Hole in the Whirlpool Galaxy Hubble Telescope (NASA)

¹⁴⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Lk 21:31). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 10: MEGIDDO BATTLE - 6th Trumpet

A battle of war follows the Second Coming of Christ to destroy evil in this world. Prior to the battle, four angels bound in the Euphrates River are given authority to kill one-third of mankind on the earth. Both mankind and God are ready to go to battle, which we will see in scripture. Remember, Christ has returned with His immortal armies to do battle. The sixth angel announces this event with the blowing of a trumpet. Where is this battle going to take place?

Battle Location

Revelation 16:15-16 "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon." 148

Άομαγεδών Harmagedon; Har-Magedon, a mountain of uncertain location:—Har-Magedon. 149

Is this the battlefield in the Old Testament that is mentioned here? This is the only site in Israel mentioned by every great power in the ancient Near East. In the New Testament it appears as Armageddon which could be a Greek corruption of the Hebrew word "Har" meaning Hill or Mount of Megiddo. This is the location of the premillennial battle between the forces of good and evil. This battle will be executed in the fields that were used in ancient times to conduct war. Let us take a look at a couple of these battles.

2 Kings 23:29 "In his days Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And King Josiah went to meet him, and when Pharaoh Neco saw him he killed him at Megiddo." 150

2 Chronicles 35:22 "However, Josiah would not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to make war with him; nor did he listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but came to make war on the plain of Megiddo." ¹⁵¹

מְגִּדּוֹן Megiddon or מְגִּדּוֹן Megiddo (151d); a place in Manasseh:—Megiddo 152

The Bible lists the king of Megiddo among the Canaanite rulers defeated by Joshua in his conquest of the land in Joshua 12:21. In 1 Kings 9:15, King Solomon built Megiddo together with the cities of Hazor and Gezer. At that time, the city had become the center of a royal province of the United Monarchy. In 1 Kings 11:40, the Egyptian Pharaoh, Shishak, took Megiddo in the second half of the 10th century. His conquest of the city is affirmed by his inscriptions in the Temple at Karnak, which is located at the site. In the 9th and 8th centuries BC the rulers of the northern kingdom refitted the fortress even more elaborately than before. The palaces, water systems and fortifications of Israelite Megiddo are among the most elaborate in that time. Will these ruins become a symbol or reminder of war for the battle of Megiddo during the End Times?

¹⁴⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:15-16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

¹⁵⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Ki 23:29). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Ch 35:22). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵² Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.



Megiddo the battle field of the End Times (GNU)

The ruins of Megiddo from the Israelite 8th century BC period are shown above in an aerial photograph. Megiddo was an important fortified city at the entrance to Wadi Ara (Iron) on the western edge of the Jezreel Valley. Megiddo stands at a vital crossroads on the Via Maris, the "Way of the Sea", an international road dating back to the 3rd millennium, connecting Egypt in the south with Damascus in the north and with Mesopotamia. The Bible describes many battles here, due to its strategic position.



Modern Map of Megiddo (GNU)

Megiddo:

The location of Megiddo is a historical site which included the following people: Canaanites, Egyptians, Israelites, Assyrians, and Persians in the biblical times as well as the Ottoman Turks and Englishmen in the modern era.

Megiddo's noted importance was undoubtedly due to its role as a way station and control point for international trade.

Its strategic location was the major international military and trade route of antiquity that linked Egypt in the south with Syria, Anatolia, and Mesopotamia in the north and east.

Megiddo was the site of epic battles that decided the fate of western Asia. The Canaanite city-states revolted against the 15th century BC Pharaoh. It was at Megiddo that they assembled to do battle. The Egyptian army, led by Pharaoh Thutmose III, surprised the rebels by choosing the most dangerous route of attack, the narrows of Aruna Pass. Thutmose III laid siege to the city for seven months before capturing the Canaanite forces and their riches. His decisive victory enabled him to incorporate Canaan as a province into his new empire. The description of the battle of Megiddo is one of the earliest accounts of a major war in antiquity. Let us next take a look at what Daniel has to say regarding the End Times and this battle.

Daniel 11:40-43 "At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.

- 41 "He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.
- 42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.
- 43 "But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels." 153

These verses state at the End Times both the king of the South and North will be at war against the Antichrist. There will be many ships, which will most likely come from the naval base at Cyprus or Kittim in the North. It also states that he will enter the land of Israel, called the "Beautiful Land." Those in the land of Edom, Moab, and Ammon will be rescued out of his hand. This is the surrounding land to the east of Israel. This land is modern day Jordan. It is amazing to see a land identified during these last days that will be rescued from destruction by the Antichrist.



Map of Edom, Moab and Ammon in 830 BC (GNU)

Surrounding Land of Israel: Edom,

Hebrew: ፫፻፫፫, Edom meaning "red". The Bible describes the Edomites as descendants of Esau the eldest son of Isaac. It is mentioned in biblical records as a 1st millennium Iron Age kingdom.

Moab, Hebrew: מוֹאָב, Moabite "seed of father" is the historical name for a mountainous strip of land in Jordan. The land lies alongside much of the eastern shore of the Dead Sea. The Moabite capital was Dibon. In Biblical times, the nation was often in conflict with its Israelite neighbors.

Ammon, Hebrew: מֵמֹין Ammon, was an ancient nation described in the Old Testament to be located east of the Jordan River, Gilead, and the Dead Sea, in present day Jordan. In the aftermath of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Genesis 19:37-38 tells that Ammon and Moab were born to Lot and Lot's younger and elder daughters, respectively.

¹⁵³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:40-43). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

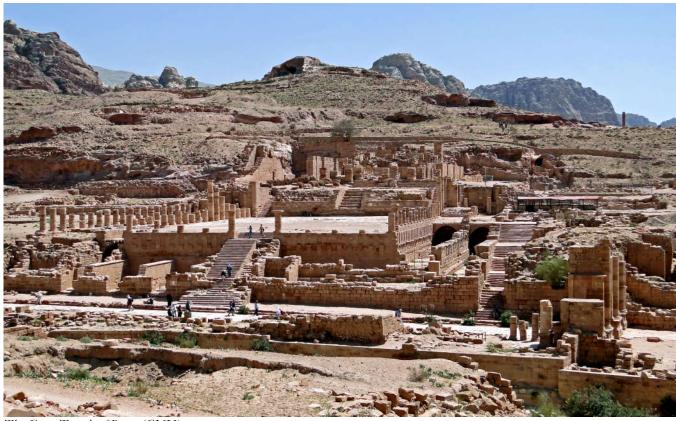
Could the reference in the Bible to fleeing into the mountains or wilderness be the land of Jordan, the land of the Edomites or Moabites of ancient times? Below are images of Petra of Edom, which is present day Jordan.



The narrow passage "Al-Siq" that leads to Petra (GNU)

View on Al Khazneh (GNU)

The above images show the "Al-Siq" narrow passage to the "Al Khazneh" which is carved out of the sandstone rock face. Even though "Al Khazneh" looks like a temple, it should not to be confused with the Great Temple of Petra which is shown in the bottom image. In the Great Temple background is the mountainous region of Petra.



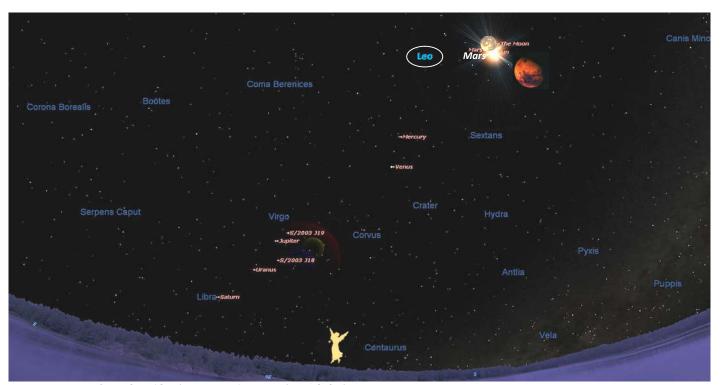
The Great Temple of Petra (GNU)

Could this land be rescued out of the hands of the warring nations during the battle of "Har-Magedon." Many Islamic nations are east of Israel including Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Could it be Jordan in particular Edom, which is to the south where they flee? The location of Petra which many believe to be the location where the 144,000 go into the wilderness is mentioned in Revelation 12:14. It would need to house millions of protected individuals during the End Times more than the 144,000 who were sealed prior to the first judgment. In Matthew 24:16 it states those "in Judea must flee to the mountains." Let us take a look at what the scripture has to say about the wilderness. The dragon used in this prophetic scripture is referring to Satan and the woman is a symbolic representation of Israel.

Revelation 12:13-17 "And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

- 14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
- 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.
- 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.
- 17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." 154

God protects those in the wilderness from the flood waters that Satan pours out. The scripture makes the statement that Satan makes war with the rest of those who hold to the testimony of Jesus. It is the rest that have not gone into the wilderness that Satan pursues. In Daniel 11:35 it says "some of those who have insight will fall." Following the sealing of the 144,000, Satan was cast down to the earth. Satan pursues those who hold a testimony of Jesus. What is next in the heavens that symbolizes it is time for Christ's battle? This sign occurs in the Constellation of Leo that represents the Lion of Judah, who is Christ the Lord going into battle with His Wrath.



August 2397 Sun eclipsed by the moon and Mars - the symbol of War

¹⁵⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:13–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

We know that the planet Mars represents war. This sign appears in the skies immediately within minutes of the light tunnel disappearing from the heavens. The earth turns as black as sackcloth. Evil on the earth needs to have darkness even during midday. There is no delay in Christ waging war. This is reinforced in scripture. It states that Christ is given authority that is represented by "diadems" and His eyes are a "flame of fire" to wage war.

Revelation 19:11-13 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God." 155

It states Christ will "judge and wage war." This heavenly event was marked by the eclipse of Mars with the sun. **Mars is the god of war**. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war, Ares, and symbolizes the red planet's bloody color for war. The glyph for Mars represents mankind or man.



The symbol, or glyph, of Mars is widely used as a symbol of the male. It shows the circle of spirit, directed outwards. It can represent mankind in general.

The scripture says that Christ is "clothed with a robe dipped in blood" that is very well-suited to the red planet of Mars. We will see in scripture that this war begins with a third of mankind being killed by four angels which are bound in the Euphrates River. In Revelation 16:14 it states "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." Could the four angels bound in the Euphrates be similar to the fallen-angels bound in the abyss? We know that the fallen angels had been released during the Fifth Trumpet. The origin of the Euphrates River is in the range of the Taurus Mountains in Turkey. We also know that the Euphrates was dried up by the Sixth Bowl Judgment. Could the angels come from the source of the Euphrates? We know that Christ is ready to wage war on mankind. How do we know that mankind is ready to make war with God? Let us look at scripture in Revelation.

Revelation 16:13-14 "And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty." 156

The passage says that three demons will go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them together for war of the great day of God. Therefore, the world's armies are ready for war. Remember, this is a war between mortal mankind on this earth and immortal beings from heaven who return with Christ. It looks like it is only a matter of time and evil rebellious mankind and Satan will be ultimately defeated in battle.

Kingdom of the East

We know from scripture that Christ's battle will occur with hundreds of millions of troops in an army. Where could such a large force come from? Let us look again at scripture to see.

Daniel 11:44-45 "But rumors from the <u>East</u> and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. "He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him." ¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:11-13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:13–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:44–45). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

For the first time in the prophecy of the End Times, the East is used to describe one of the kingdoms. The large and mighty army must come to battle from the East. We do know that the Land of Edom, Moab and Ammon are to the east. Nevertheless, they have been rescued from God's Wrath prior to this time. We need to look far to the East to determine what nation possesses the population to raise such a great army of hundreds of millions of soldiers for battle. The only nation today that possesses the economic capabilities and the population to create such a great multitude of forces to wage war is Red China. China has a population of over 1.3 billion people with over 20% of the world's population under its control.

The king of the East will march for war, and some suggest he will be present at Christ's Battle of Armageddon. ¹⁵⁸ On what road could they march to battle? The Moabites occupied a vital place along the "King's Highway", the ancient trade route connecting Egypt with Mesopotamia, Syria, and Anatolia. What would be the modern highway for battle? It is interesting to read from a commentary created for "Voice of Evangelism Ministry" about a major China road being built today.

One critic wrote me and said, "How is this possible when there are no roads and only massive mountains separating the area?" The answer would simply be the "silk road," which was and is an "interconnected" trade routes across the Asian continent connecting eastern, southern, and western Asia with the Mediterranean, North Africa and Europe. These roads have been used again in recent years. In fact, a man from Pakistan sent me news articles about a major road China was building that was large enough to haul large military equipment and a massive number of people. The road was leading to the Middle East! The distance from Peking, China to Baghdad, Iraq is 3,906 miles. However, China is supportive of radical Islamic nations and provides military equipment, the creation of bunkers, and support for governments including Iran! The support is based not upon religion, but on oil and gas available through Iran. In fact, China is growing so fast they will need a massive increase in oil in the coming years. China's need for energy will increase 150% by the year 2020. By 2030, China will need the same amount of oil being consumed in the United States. At the present time, the U.S. uses 400 million gallons a day and 6.6 billion a year. Imagine the need for oil among these kings of the East, which are moving from bicycles to cars and other more industrial forms of transportation. 159

The Red Dragon

It is astonishing to find that the emblem of a dragon is linked with China and the color red is associated with the nation as well as with the dragon. Let us look again at what Perry Stone has to say about China.

The emblem of a dragon being linked with China began as a symbol of the Emperor of China during the Yaun dynasty. The dragon emblem was later placed upon flags. In Chinese imagery the dragon has large scales and is a snake-like creature with four claws, which were a symbol of power in Chinese history. It was associated with weather and rain, which is interesting related to the symbolism in Revelation12. In the narrative, the dragon spews water from its mouth to cause a flood against the remnant of the Jews dwelling in the wilderness. In the 1970s the term "descendents of the dragon" was used by many Chinese people as their animal symbol. China is in the ancient orient, an area of the world identified for centuries as "The East". 157

Is there significance to the "great red dragon" in scripture? We know that the dragon is Satan. The only place in scripture the words "red dragon" appear is in Revelation where it states "another sign appeared in heaven." This is stating the seven headed "dragon" is Satan. It is amazing to find his image and angels come from the Euphrates. Remember, the image from the third millennium of the "Seven Heads of the Dragon" found at the Euphrates River in Larsa. This is seen in the section entitled "Battling Dragons," the second chapter describing the First Judgment.

Revelation 12:3 "Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems." 160

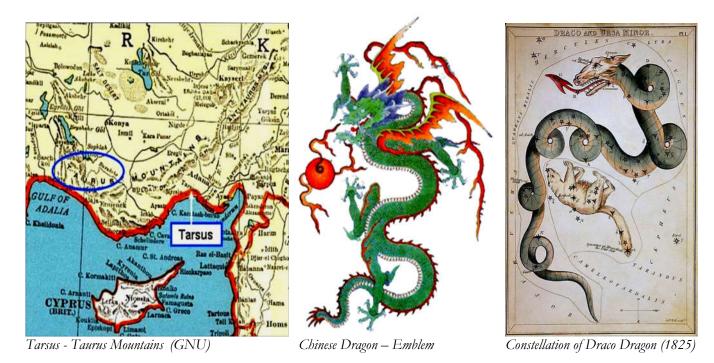
¹⁵⁸ Perry Stone, Unusual Prophecies Being Fulfilled: Book Eight: Voice of Evangelism Ministry.

¹⁵⁹ Perry Stone, Red Dragon Rising: The Coming MR. XI: July – Sept. 2011: Voice of Evangelism Ministry.

¹⁶⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The following passage in Revelation 12:4 states the dragon's tail swept "a third of the stars (angels) of heaven and threw them to the earth." These are the fallen angels in the abyss and bound in the Euphrates. The angels from the abyss were not allowed to kill mankind. There may be a relationship between the Euphrates and the abyss being Tartarus. The Euphrates River originates in the Taurus (Tarsus) Mountains in Turkey and Jonah describes "descended to the roots of the mountains." Could these mountains, where the Euphrates River begins, be the location of the four angels in Revelation 9:14? These angels are permitted to kill mankind prior to the battle of Armageddon.

The "red dragon" may have a second symbolic meaning for the eastern kingdom of Red China. We know that evil rules over mankind because of Satan. We also know that Satan was cast down to the earth after the sealing of the 144,000, but just prior to the First Trumpet Judgment. Satan empowers the Antichrist. Could Satan empower the king of the East? He has sent his demons out to prepare the kings of this world for war.



It is intriguing to find such similarities in the representation of a Chinese Dragon and the Constellation of Draco which represents the dragon in the heavens. Both have snake like bodies. However, most Chinese dragons have wings, which could represent Satan as Lucifer, the "morning star", an angel. We know that the Constellation of Draco was seen in the skies when Satan, the dragon, was cast down to the earth. It appears that Satan and his demons have taken control of the nation of Red China during the End Times. Is this something that has been known for centuries in the history of China? The symbol or image of the dragon in China dates back to the earliest dynasties of ancient times. This is similar to the image of the "Seven Heads of the Dragon" dating back to the third millennium BC.

Sixth Trumpet: Christ's Battle

When the sixth angel sounds the trumpet, there is a description of four angels who have been bound in the Euphrates River, being released. Then, the scripture says the number of the armies were two hundred million men. An army of this size has never been united in the history of the world. In the Apostle John's day, it has been estimated that the entire Roman Empire had a total of 100 million people in it.

This number is significant in determining where on this earth could an army of such magnitude come from. The only place with sufficient population today of over 1.3 billion people is Red China. China is east of Megiddo, the battle ground. Let us look at the passage of scripture that describes Christ's battle.



Great Day of His Wrath by John Martin (1853)

Revelation 9:13-16 "Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

- 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."
- 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.
- 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them." 161

The verse makes the statement that four angels had been prepared for the hour, day and year in which they were released from their confines. This must be planned by God. The fallen angels from the abyss were not given authority to kill during the Fifth Trumpet Judgment. However, these four angels are permitted to kill one-third of mankind prior to Christ's battle of war. Remember, events that are divine in nature occur in thirds. The next one-third will be killed in battle with the weapons of destruction which cause fire, smoke and brimstone.

Revelation 9:17-20 "And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.

- 18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.
- 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.
- 20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;" 162

¹⁶¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:13-16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:17-20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Is this potentially the description of atomic warfare or is it through the power of Christ's word as a "sharp sword" that He slays the enemy? The sword symbolizes weapons of war, which is His spoken word. Genesis 1:3 states God spoke light into existence to make this a visible world. Likewise, Christ could speak the world into destruction as well at this time. But, Christ reserves this for the remaining period or final third of this judgment.

Revelation 19:15 "From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty." 163

There is one-third of mankind who are saved from these plagues and not killed. Nevertheless, the remaining third do not repent of their wicked deeds. God's fierce wrath will be poured out. This will be open warfare, where men will die in the field of battle in great numbers. Then, the birds and vultures will gather to eat their flesh. In Revelation, it says let the birds come and eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of all men.

Revelation 19:18 ".....so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." 164

August 2397: we have arrived at the timeframe of Christ's battle of war on this earth, which we have determined to be the eclipse of the sun with Mars and the moon. We have seen that the skies turn black as sackcloth prior to the waging of war by mortal man against immortal beings from heaven. Immediately upon His return, we know that Christ is ready as well as mankind to wage the war. In Revelation 16:14, the passage says three spirits of demons will go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for war of the great day of God.



After these events, we are told in scripture that the second woe is past.

Revelation 11:14 "The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly." 165

It is now time for Christ to Reign on the earth for victory is near. It will occur within the next three months. Events that are divine in nature occur with the number three in them. Remember, after the Fourth Trumpet Judgment, an eagle with a loud voice shouted - Woe, woe, woe to those on the earth. This marks the end of the second woe after the Sixth Trumpet Judgment has been completed.

Revelation 8:13 "Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" 166

¹⁶³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:15-16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:18). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 11:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 8:13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 11: CHRIST'S REIGN- Seventh Angel

Christ's future reign on earth was prophesied by most of the prophets in the Old Testament. His Second Coming is mentioned more times in the Bible than His first, which may be one reason why the Jewish nation has been so blind to the Lord Jesus claiming to be the Messiah. Few Jews could understand how their "Reigning" Messiah could also be a "Suffering Servant." Sadly many Christians also fail to understand how their "Suffering Servant" could be a reigning King. The fact that Christ will reign from Jerusalem as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, is clearly spelled out in Scripture. This visible world will become His Kingdom.

Christ as King

Revelation 11:15-16 "Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

- 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,
- 17 saying,

"We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign." ¹⁶⁷

The seventh angel blew the last trumpet. The number seven means fullness or completeness. The creation of this world was completed and finished prior to the seventh day. The End Times will be completed when the seventh angel of the Trumpet Judgments and the seventh angel of the Bowls of Wrath occur. This is the end of the seven years of Tribulation. It is amazing to see seven reflected at the beginning of creation as well as the End Times. In Revelation, it proclaims the kingdom of the world has now become the Kingdom of Christ. This same message is also declared in Daniel.

Daniel 7:13-14 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven

And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.

14 And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and men of every language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed." 168

One like a Son of Man was coming,

All the people, nations, and men will serve Him. Men will still have free choice. How could man reject Christ seems to be a mystery; even after He reigns on this earth as the Messiah. Otherwise, there is no need for Satan to be released from the abyss, where he has been imprisoned for one-thousand years. It is for those born in fleshly bodies to be tempted by Satan as mankind had been tempted by evil prior to Christ's reign. In Revelation 20:8 it states Satan will be released to come out and deceive the nations on the earth one last time before being cast into

¹⁶⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 11:15–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 7:13–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

the lake of fire. Nevertheless, Satan cannot deceive those who have chosen Christ as a Savior and have already become His bond-servants. We have made our choice prior to Christ's return and soon will reign with Him in our glorified bodies. In Daniel 7:14, it makes the statement that Christ's dominion is an everlasting one which cannot be destroyed. How do we know this Mighty God is the same Christ who was born of a virgin? In Daniel, it says "One <u>like a Son of Man."</u> The Prophet Isaiah makes it certain with his prophecy.

Isaiah 9:6-7 "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,
 On the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
 From then on and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this." 169

This verse proves that Jesus Christ was the Son of God before He was born in Bethlehem, and not as a result of His birth, which so many false cults now teach. Note the title of "Everlasting or Eternal Father" and "Mighty God" belongs to the Messiah. This proves without a doubt His Full Deity and not "a god" as the Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses would have us believe. In Colossians 1:16, the Apostle Paul states "For by Him all things were created...all things have been created through Him and for Him." Christ made this visible world so that He can ultimately reign upon this earth in truth and righteousness. He also put the signs in the heavens and set the ordinances of the heavens during creation to declare the truth to this world. This universe was created with order, rules and laws: natural laws, physical laws, chemical laws and God's Law for man. In fact, His reign is also declared by others.

Luke 1:32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 170

In this passage of scripture, it clearly states Christ's Kingdom has no end and that He was born of a virgin, Mary. Again Luke states "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord". He is the greatest! Christ is going to reign from Jerusalem as King of Kings over the entire world. Jerusalem becomes the center of the universe, His Kingdom.

Micah 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." ¹⁷¹

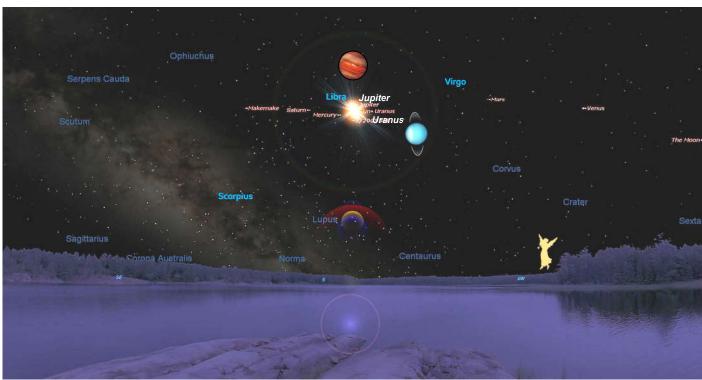
This Old Testament passage proves Jesus Christ is truly the Messiah, who was born in Bethlehem. Christ will reign on this earth for at least one-thousand years. After this, Satan will be released from the abyss and there will be the battle of Gog and Magog to end all wars and destroy all weapons. In scripture, it states only the Father knows when the present earth will ultimately be destroyed with fire. Once this earth is destroyed, Christ and the Father will continue to reign forever and become the radiant light in the New Heaven and New Earth.

Matthew 24:35-36 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." 172

¹⁶⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Is 9:6-7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Lk 1:32–34). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mic 5:2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



November 2397 eclipse of Jupiter and Uranus with the sun – King of Kings

What is the heavenly sign seen over Jerusalem to determine the beginning of Christ's reign on this earth? The Great Tribulation has ended and the reign of Christ, the Messiah, is seen in the heavens. This sign is the planet Jupiter, the Messianic star, eclipsing the sun. Also, the sun is eclipsed with the planet Uranus. This represents the lord of the heavens, the Almighty God, and the Full Deity of Christ. It is astonishing to see that the heavenly sign declares the Full Deity of Christ with both the planets Jupiter and Uranus.

Jupiter represents the King of Righteousness. The Hebrew name for Jupiter is Tzedeq, which means "righteousness." We see Jupiter as representing the King of Righteousness, or The Righteous Ruler. Jupiter has long been recognized as a Messianic star, being associated with the Messiah.



Jupiter's glyph, or symbol, shows the crescent of receptivity rising above the cross of matter to symbolize Jupiter's role of raising our awareness beyond the physical world.

Jupiter is the king of the god. Jupiter seeks insight through knowledge. Some of this planet's keywords include morality, gratitude, hope, honor, and the law. Jupiter is a planet of broader purpose, reach, and possibilities.

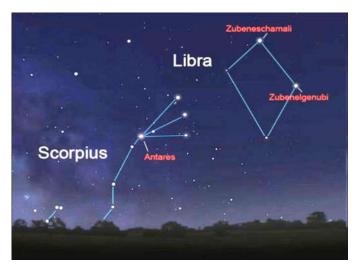
Uranus is the god of the sky and the heavens. On the positive side, Uranus is associated with enlightenment, progressiveness, objectivity, novelty, and ingenuity. Negative expression of Uranus is rebelliousness and irresponsibility.



Uranus' glyph, or symbol, reveals the cross over the circle which represents the spirit. The two semi-circles on the sides represent receptivity.

Uranus, named after the Greek sky deity Ouranos, the earliest of the lords of the heavens, was the first planet to be discovered by scientists in ancient times. It represents the Deity of Christ, the Lord of all visible creation. He created the spiritual domain, the invisible world, for fleshly or corporeal man not to see. Just above the earth is the Constellation of Libra, representing truth and justice, since it is depicted as the scales of justice. Christ will reign as the righteous ruler in truth and justice. The Hebrew name for Jupiter is Tzedeq which means "righteousness."

¹⁷² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 24:35–36). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Constellations of Libra and Scorpius (GNU)

Constellation of Libra:

Libra was known in Babylonian astronomy as Zibanu ("the scales"), or alternatively as the Claws of the Scorpion. The scales were held sacred to the sun god Shamash, who was also the patron of TRUTH AND JUSTICE. Since these times, Libra has been associated with law, fairness and civility. In Arabic zubānā means "scorpion's claws." This resemblance of words may be why the Scorpion's claws became the Scales.

What does scripture say about the last and final judgment of man? It makes the statement that those who died in Christ during the Great Tribulation will come to life. It states that the last judgment will occur after Christ's reign on the earth and it will occur in Heaven. It will happen after the fulfillment of at least a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4-6 "Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

- 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.
- 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand vears." 173

Those who didn't receive the mark of the beast were martyred because of Christ during the Tribulation will be resurrected and reign with Him for a thousand years. Then, the great white throne of God's judgment will occur after Christ's reign on this earth. The Father is the only one who knows when this earth will pass away with fire.

Revelation 20:11-13 "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

- 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
- 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds". 174

Therefore, Christ's reign may be longer than a thousand years. The judgment precedes the New Heaven and New Earth and it follows after the destruction of the present earth with fire. The "*Books*" were opened to judge man from the things which were written in them. All will be judged for the sea and Hades will give up their dead. Before the final judgment, those who have been saved will receive their crowns when Christ appears.

¹⁷³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:4–6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:11-13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



End Times Judgment:

White Throne Judgment:

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14-15

Rejoice over her, Oh Heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her." Revelation 18:20

Note: Babylon is "her."

The Last Judgment by Jean Cousin (b. 1560- d. 1589)

In 1 Peter 5:4, it says "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading Crown of Glory." ¹⁷⁵ Likewise, in 1 Thessalonians 2:19 Paul states "For who is our hope or joy or Crown of Exultation (Rejoicing KJV)? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming"? ¹⁷⁶ We shall receive a victory crown (not a crown of authority) after Christ comes for His sheep. As we serve Him during His reign on this earth, for at least one-thousand years, there will be opportunities for a reward. It is time to reward His bond-servants, prophets, and the saints who fear the Lord.

Revelation 11:18 "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." 177

The context of this verse follows after Christ's reign has begun in Revelation 11:17 which states "... You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign." Peter knew that this earth was destined to be burned-up with fire upon the Day of Judgment and the destruction of ungodly evil men.

2 Peter 3:7-8 "But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men."

8 "But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." 178

¹⁷⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (1 Pe 5:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (1 Th 2:19). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 11:18). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Millennial Reign

There are a few misconceptions by Bible scholars relating to the Millennial Reign. Some teach there will be no Millennial Reign. It is just a symbolic reference or that His reign will occur in Heaven. This is because of the destruction of the earth during the End Times. Others believe when we get to God's Heaven, we will be there for eternity. The Bible does not teach this. Remember, the return of Christ to this earth is accompanied by his immortal armies of war riding on white horses. Likewise, this is followed by His reign on this earth, before its final destruction with fire. Satan will be released to deceive the nations upon "the four corners of the earth" after one-thousand years are completed. Many passages refer to this earth as the location of the Millennial Reign.

Revelation 20:7-8 "When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore." 179

There are many passages of scripture that imply that a thousand year reign of Christ will be literal. This will be followed by the battle of Gog and Magog, when "My people Israel are living securely." This battle ends with the complete destruction and burning of all weapons for seven years. The number seven represents completeness. This is described in Ezekiel 39:9-10. After this battle, Christ will continue to reign. Only the Father knows when the New Heaven and New Earth will come. In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John mentions the phrase, "thousand years," in six consecutive verses. We will take a look at the first four references to "thousand years."

Revelation 20:2-5 "And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for <u>a thousand years</u>; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the <u>thousand years were completed</u>; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed." 180

The transfiguration was a glimpse at Christ's coming glory in the day when He shall come to set up His Kingdom on earth. Look what happens after His transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear and talk with Him. Moses is a figurative representation of the law that can be likened to Israel, and Elijah, who was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire, that can be likened to the Church, the Bride of Christ. This time "six days" is mentioned, and speaks of the period of creation to the Second Coming of Christ. On the seventh day or seventh trumpet it starts His reign upon this earth. The earth has the need to be restored or renewed for His reign.

Matthew 17:1-3 "Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him." 178

¹⁷⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Pe 3:7–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:7–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:2–5, Mt 17:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

World Conditions

We have established Jesus Christ will indeed reign from Jerusalem. But, what will the world conditions look like during this time? The Bible states that the conditions during the Millennial Reign of Christ will be much the same as they were before the flood. After the tribulation period, the world will be in a terrible state. The world's condition will have vegetation burned up and all of the sea life destroyed. It looks like the Seventh Bowl destroys the earth in its current form to have it renewed for His reign.

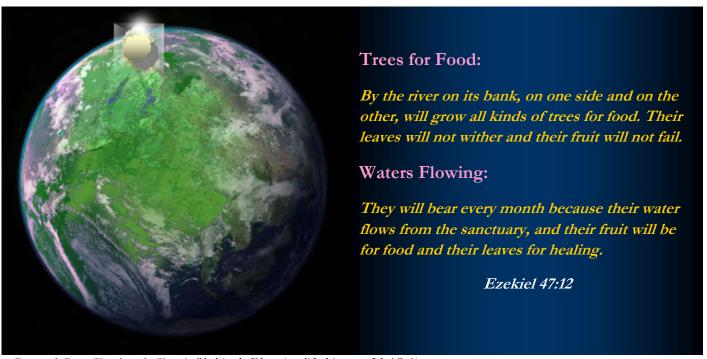
Revelation 16:18-20 "And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

- 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.
- 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." 181

It states that there will be a great earthquake and every island and mountain will be removed from the earth. Dr. Luke in Acts knew this earth would be restored to its pre-flood conditions. Likewise, Paul understood "that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption" from Romans 8:21. This would occur after Christ returns to this very earth and was predicted by the Prophets Ezekiel, Zechariah and Isaiah.

Acts 3:20-21 "....and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time." 182



Renewed Green Earth with Christ's Shekinah Glory (modified image - NASA)

¹⁸¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:18–20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ac 3:20-21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

This earth will look completely different from the cursed land after Noah's flood. Ezekiel says waters will flow. The Prophet Zechariah declares that the land will be turned into a great plain and that living waters will flow out of Jerusalem towards the sea. How do we know this prophecy relates to this earth? In Revelation 21:1, it states there is no longer any sea in the New Heaven and New Earth that follows after the restored earth.

Zechariah 14:8-11 "And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

- 9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.
- 10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.
- 11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security." 183

We know this is describing the Millennial Reign, since the waters flow to the east and west to the sea. There is neither any sea, nor a temple in the New Heaven and New Earth. The book of Isaiah also mentions the conditions during the Millennial Reign of Christ. Isaiah 11 and 65 mention and deal with Christ's reign. Even nature itself will enjoy a newfound peace through the Prince of Peace, which is Christ. After the flood, God placed the fear of man upon all animals, which is described in Genesis 9:2. For example, if you want to ride a horse it has to be broken. During the Millennial Reign of Christ, this fear will be removed from animals. This is mentioned in Isaiah.

Isaiah 11: 6-8 "And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

- 7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den." 184

Before the flood, the lifespan of the average human being was around nine hundred years. Likewise, it will be the lifespan of those living saints who have come through the Great Tribulation and their children. These saints and children are still mortal beings. Isaiah states that longevity will be restored. This, however, is apart from those who chose to live under Christ's authority as bond-servants to serve Him on this earth and in heaven. They were purchased by Christ with His precious blood for redemption, justification and sanctification. His purchased ones are now in glorified bodies as immortal beings. This is the Bride in Christ as well as those who died in Christ during the Great Tribulation. Therefore, there will be no fear of death for those in Christ during the Tribulation.

Isaiah 65:20 "No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred

And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accursed." 185

¹⁸³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Zec 14:8–11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Is 11:6–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Is 65:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Imagine being called a youth at a hundred years old. But in the days of Noah, they were fathering children at the age of five hundred years, just like Noah's first born, Shem. But Isaiah states, the sinner being a hundred shall die as we do now. Remember, the wages of sin is still death. People will be still capable of sinning against God during the Millennium, even though the main source of sin, Satan, is locked up in the bottomless pit described in Revelation 20:3. This leaves other means of temptation in the world and the flesh. The world will be brought under strict control. As the Lord states, He will have to "rule them with a rod of iron," which is described in Psalms 2:9 and Revelation 19:15. So, what will man do for a thousand years on this restored earth?

Isaiah 65:21-23 "They will build houses and inhabit them;

They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

- 22 "They will not build and another inhabit,
 They will not plant and another eat;
 For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people,
 And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.
- 23 "They will not labor in vain,
 Or bear children for calamity;
 For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD,
 And their descendants with them." 186

We will be building new houses and planting vineyards and fruit trees to eat. Vegetarianism must become a way of life for all living things. This is the practice of subsisting on a "diet composed primarily or wholly of vegetables, grains, fruits, nuts, and seeds." ¹⁸⁷ We rebuild houses for habitation because they must have been destroyed with the severe hailstorms and earthquakes. The hailstorm will come upon the earth during the Seventh Bowl of Wrath.

Revelation 16:21 "And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe." 188

What is it in the heavens which symbolizes that it is time for the planet earth's renewal? This renewal process occurs after six days at the End of the Tribulation. The sun is eclipsed by the moon and Saturn. The sign is given by God, in which Saturn represents and symbolizes agriculture and harvest.

Saturn is the ruler and father figure. It is also associated with the Law. In ancient Roman religion and myth, Saturn (Latin: Saturnus) was a major **god presiding over agriculture and the harvest** time. Therefore, this represents the renewal of fruit trees and all green vegetation on the earth.

Saturn has always been associated with the letter of the law. Early religions have identified Saturn with the god of Early Scripture, whom they regarded as a tyrannical father, obsessed with rigid enforcement of the law. There is a symbolic link between Saturn and the God of Early Scripture through the use of Saturday. Saturn's Day, the seventh day of Scripture, which is the holy day of rest.

Saturn brings structure and meaning to the world. Saturn knows the limits of time and matter. Saturn reminds us of boundaries, responsibilities, and commitments. It brings definition to lives.



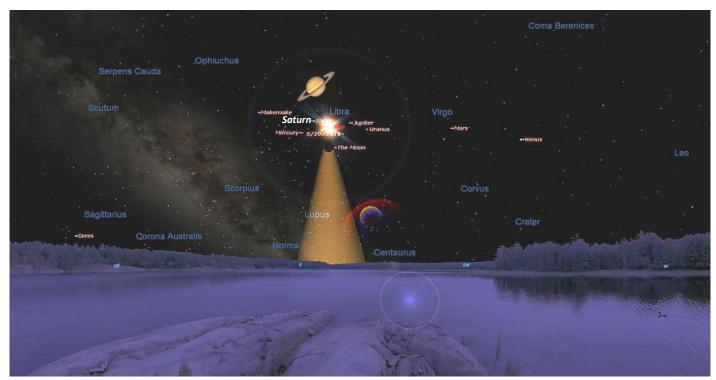
Saturn's glyph, or symbol, shows the cross of matter (reality) over the soul, representing the material nature of man reigning. Note that the symbol of Saturn is the symbol of Jupiter inverted! Jupiter is the Messianic star.

¹⁸⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Is 65:21–23). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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¹⁸⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 16:21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

We know that God created the entire universe in six days. Is this a heavenly sign to remember God's creation or is this a sign of the renewal of the earth into rich and green vegetation? The Bible doesn't say anything about this process. It could take a day or six days for the renewal process to get the earth back to its pre-flood conditions. The current radiation of the sun could affect the life on this earth after the flood.



November 2397 six days later, after the Tribulation End, sun eclipsed by the moon and Saturn

We don't know if the heavens are affected by this renewal process. Nevertheless, the Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel described the results of this renewal process. We know where mountains existed only plains are present now, and that there are new waters flowing where they didn't flow before. The prophecy states there is fruit for food as a replacement for meat. Also, there are fruit leaves for healing. We also know that all fish in the sea were destroyed during the Tribulation. Many of the Prophets only describe land animals. We do know through the Prophet Zechariah that the waters from Jerusalem flow to both an eastern and western sea. Does God restore sea creatures in the oceans since vegetarianism is a way of life? Ezekiel 47:9 states "there will be very many fish" from the fresh waters that flow from the Temple. The Prophet makes the statement "so everything will live where the river goes" but the "swamps and marshes will not become fresh, they will be left for salt."

Next, we know that the Temple will be restored as well as the altar of sacrifice. This Temple restoration will occur after the final Bowl of Wrath has been poured out on the earth.

Revelation 15:8 "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished." 189

We know from Daniel that it will occur 1290 days after the desolation of the Temple. It is within 30 days of the end of the seven year Tribulation. We shall look to see if this date marks a Hebrew holiday or celebration.

Daniel 12:11 "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days." 190

¹⁸⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 15:8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

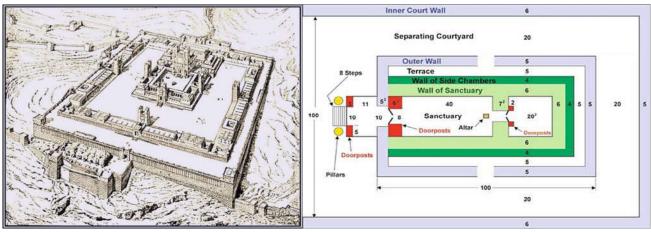
¹⁹⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 12:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The dates of December 14 – 22, 2397 will mark the Jewish Calendar of Rededication of the Holy Temple at the End Times? This begins exactly 30 days from Christ's victory on the earth and at the beginning of His reign. The beginning of Christ's reign marks the seven year Tribulation End.

רנוכה / Chanukah

Hanukkah (Hebrew: חַנֵבְה, usually spelled הנוכה in Modern Hebrew, also Romanization as Chanukah), also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt of the 2nd century BC. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar.

From: http://www.hebcal.com/holidays/



Ezekiel's Temple by Charles Chipiez (1835–1901)

Millennial Temple Measurement in Cubits (GNU)



Noah's Sacrifice by Daniel Maclise (1811–1870)

Temple Described to Ezekiel:

And behold, there was a wall on the outside of the temple all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits...

Ezekiel 40:5

Noah's Altar:

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD saidto Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. While the earth remains.

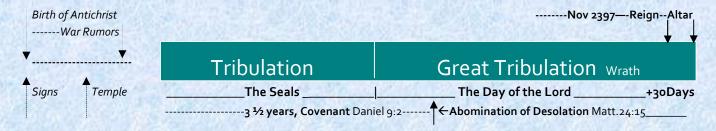
Genesis 8:20-22

We know from the Prophet Ezekiel that "water flows from the sanctuary," in Ezekiel 47:12. It is a statement confirming the fact that there will be a Holy Temple, a sanctuary, on this renewed earth. The sacrifices have been abolished for 1,290 days. It is now time to praise and rejoice over Christ's victory on this earth just as Noah had done after the Great Flood. His purchased and chosen bond-servants will serve Christ during this time on earth.

Noah built an altar to the Lord, and after choosing from every clean animal and every clean bird, he offered burnt offerings on the altar. When the Lord smelled the sweet odor, he said to himself: "Never again will I doom the

earth because of man, since the desires of man's heart are evil from the start; nor will I ever again strike down all living beings, as I have done." Noah knew of the importance of offering to God the first of everything, the first fruits, and a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for God's great goodness to him and his family. Noah understood the proper way to give thanks to God for the blessing of surviving the flood, by giving him the first born of the animals that were on the Ark. Therefore, the curse has been removed from this earth during Christ's Millennial Reign. It is time for God's saints and bond-servants to give thanks to God for deliverance from the Great Tribulation.

November 2397: we have arrived at the timeframe of Christ's reign on the earth, which we have determined to be the eclipse of the sun with the planet Uranus and Jupiter. Jupiter has long been recognized as a Messianic star. We also know that God removed the curse from the earth. It is represented in the heavens with the eclipse of the sun with the planet Saturn and the moon. The prophets Ezekiel, Zechariah and Isaiah all prophesied about the earth during His Millennial Reign as becoming like new, without the curse. All has been completed after the seventh angel poured out God's Final Wrath.



This marks the End of the Seven Years of Tribulation on this earth. It is now time for Christ to Reign on the renewed earth for victory has come.



Suriname an example of the Millennial Earth (NASA)

CHAPTER 12: GRAND DESIGN

The word "Antichrist" is used four times by the Apostle John in the first and second Epistle of John as more of a type of person, one who denies the Father and Son. This would be today's atheist. The true Antichrist is the ultimate deceiver of this world. He is a liar and denies the Deity of Christ as well as God, the Father.

2 John 7 "For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist." ¹⁹¹

1 John 2:22 "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son." 192

Paul refers to the Antichrist as the man of lawlessness. Most commentators state that the man of lawlessness is the Antichrist who causes the desolation of the Holy Temple in the middle of the Tribulation.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:7–8 "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the <u>breath of His mouth</u> and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;" 193

We see that Christ will slay the Antichrist and the nations with His mouth during His Second Coming to this earth. This is also confirmed in Revelation by the Apostle John stating from Christ's "mouth comes a sharp sword." The "sword" represents a weapon and it is through His spoken word that He will do destruction.

Revelation 19:15 "From <u>His mouth comes a sharp sword</u>, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty." ¹⁹⁴

The Antichrist

We know the Antichrist is revealed to mankind after Christ's Bride has been removed from this earth. It first states that there is a mystery of lawlessness already at work. The word lawlessness appears in the New Testament in a number of places. Paul is clear that lawlessness is associated with darkness, the invisible evil in this world.

2 Corinthians 6:14 "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?" ¹⁹⁵

What is the mystery that is already at work in the world? If one goes back to the description of the world conditions prior to Noah's Flood; the world was described as "lawlessness increasing" over the earth. We need to turn back to Genesis as well as the "Little Book of Genesis", Jubilees, to understand this mystery.

Jubilees 5:1-6 "And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this jubilee,

¹⁹¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Jn 7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (1 Jn 2:22). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:7–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Co 6:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose, and they bare unto them sons and they were giants. And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walks on the earth -all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each other, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men (was) thus evil continually. And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt, and all flesh had corrupted its orders, and all that were upon the earth had wrought all manner of evil before His eyes. And He said that He would destroy man and all flesh upon the face of the earth which He had created."

Lawlessness in the world is approving what is wrong in the sight of God. A prime example is making it lawful for homosexual marriages, which is an abomination of God's law for mankind. This is represented by Sodom's destruction. The above verses state that lawlessness increased on the earth and the ways and thoughts of all men were to do evil continually. A similar scene will be replicated during the End Times. In those days giants were on the earth. Giants died and became the demons or evil spirits. This evil intent is confirmed by a Genesis passage.

Genesis 6:4-5 "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was <u>only evil continually</u>." ¹⁹⁶

This verse states all intent of man's heart was only evil continually. Demonic forces are with us in this world today demonstrating their evilness through their influence and possession of humans. This includes evil kings and rulers of this world. Is this evil, the mystery of lawlessness, referring to Babylon the Great in Revelation?

Revelation 18:2-3 "And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a <u>dwelling place of demons</u> and a prison of every <u>unclean spirit</u>, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." ¹⁹⁷

Babylon the Great

Scripture describes Babylon the Great as the dwelling place of demons and unclean spirits. It is Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, who use these demons to empower the kings of the whole earth to make war in the battle of Armageddon. Satan is referred to as the dragon, and the Antichrist as the beast in this passage from Revelation. It was these demonic spirits that performed the signs as well as the Antichrist to deceive mankind.

Revelation 16:13-14 "And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty." 199

We know that all three are ultimately destroyed by fire prior to Christ's Millennial Reign: the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Babylon the Great. Satan will be bound for a thousand years in the abyss, so that he may deceive the nations one more time on this renewed earth. But, Satan will finally be thrown as well into the lake of fire and

¹⁹⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 6:4–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁷ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 18:2–3, Re 16:13–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

brimstone. Babylon the Great is not only the dwelling place of demons and evil spirits, but is the incarnation of all evil in the world. It uses incarnate evil to deceive and corrupt mankind from the beginning. Its corruption lies in fleshly desires, sensuality and pride. It deceives man in believing there is no spiritual world or God, but only this corrupt world in which to live. In Revelation, it describes Babylon's burning destruction.

Revelation 18: 9-10 "And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning,

10 standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come." 198

It is not hard to believe that there is a lake of fire and brimstone. A volcano is a prime example of molten lava flowing on this earth. This represents a lake of fire and brimstone. Molten lava once cooled turns to lava rock.



Hawaiian lava flow from Hawaii's Kilauea volcano (Hawaiian Volcano Observatory)

The Apostle John states that whoever practices sin also practices lawlessness. It goes on to say we are either children of God or children of the devil or Satan. There are only two choices to be made in this world.

- 1 John 3:4 "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness." 199
- 1 John 3:9-10 "No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."
- 10 "By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother." ²⁰⁰

¹⁹⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 18:9–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (1 Jn 3:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (1 Jn 3:9–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

We either serve Christ, the King of Kings, or "THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH", which is Babylon the Great. This is described through their names written in Revelation. Babylon, the woman, is responsible for the martyred saints and the martyred believers in Christ. This also includes Christ's crucifixion on the cross.

Revelation 17:5-6 "and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly." 201

Revelation 19:16 "And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." 202

Scripture also states Babylon, her sins are piled as high as the heaven, and God remembers her iniquities. Is Babylon symbolic of all evil in this world from the fallen angels, Satan, as well as evil mankind and the Antichrist? Many Bible scholars believe Babylon represents Rome and the woman is the Vatican church.

Revelation 18:5 "for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities." ²⁰³

Revelation 18:24 "And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth." 204

Babylon the Great is responsible for "all who have been slain on the earth" from the beginning of time. This includes righteous Abel, the first person slain on this earth, to the last of the martyred in the Tribulation. It also includes the Prophets who were slain. Babylon is more than Rome. We know that the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness, and the False Prophet are cast into the lake of fire as well as those who receive his mark and worship him.

Revelation 19:20 "And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone." ²⁰⁵

Before this destruction in the lake of fire, evil must be defeated during the battle of Megiddo, prior to Christ's reign. Remember, demons went out to the kings of the world to empower and indwell them with evil. We will take a look at what the Prophets of Daniel and Zechariah have to say regarding this fight. In Daniel, "him" is referring to the Antichrist during this battle.

Daniel 11:45 "He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him. "206

Zechariah 14:3-4 "Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south." ²⁰⁷

²⁰¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 17:5-6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 18:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰⁴ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 18:24). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:45). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

This verse makes the statement that Christ the Lord will put His feet on the Mount of Olives, which overlooks Jerusalem. There will be a great earthquake that splits the mountains from the north to the south. This is followed by a statement later in Zechariah 14:9 that the Lord will become King over all the earth. What is the heavenly sign seen over Jerusalem to determine the time of the Antichrist being defeated in battle? It must include the planet Jupiter, the Messianic star, and the planet Mercury that represents the Antichrist.



November 2397 Victory over Antichrist: eclipse of Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus with the sun

It is the triple eclipse of the sun with Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus. This rare event of a triple planet eclipse brings complete darkness to the earth. This occurs three days prior to Christ's reign on the earth. Remember, the Antichrist was given authority four days prior to the desolation of the Temple. Based upon scripture, he was given authority for forty-two months. This sign includes the planet Jupiter, the Messianic star. The sun is eclipsed with the planets Mercury, Jupiter, and Uranus. Uranus represents the lord of the heavens, the Deity of Christ.



Mercury's glyph, or symbol, resembles that of Venus, with the addition of a semi-circle (horns) at the top. This symbol is an inverted cross with horns above the head. The horns represent Satan empowered.

Mercury, the messenger of the gods, is the ruler of Gemini. Gemini represents Satan's "Great Twins" - both the Antichrist and the False Prophet (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture"). Mercury has the meaning of magician, juggling impressions taken in through sight, sound, the intellect and creating patterns that form your perception. This planet also symbolizes controlling thoughts and impressions with its horns and cross oriented glyph. Mercury is a sign of the Antichrist, the beast, or the man of lawlessness as described in the Bible. Mercury not only rules communication, it represents controlling thoughts. Thought processes, ideas and sensory information from both unconscious and conscious sources all need to be coordinated and understood.

Jupiter represents the King of Righteousness. The Hebrew name for Jupiter is Tzedeq, which means "righteousness." Thus, we see Jupiter as representing the King of Righteousness, or The Righteous Ruler. Jupiter has long been recognized as a Messianic star, being associated with the Messiah.



Jupiter's glyph, or symbol, shows the crescent of receptivity rising above the cross of matter to symbolize Jupiter's role of raising our awareness beyond the physical world.

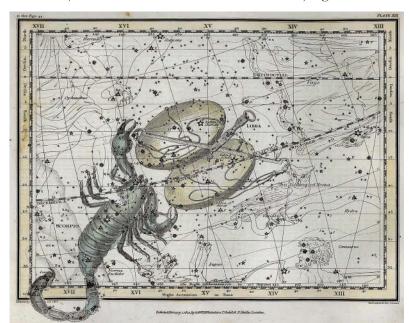
Jupiter is the king of the gods. Jupiter seeks insight through knowledge. Some of this planet's keywords include morality, gratitude, hope, honor, and the law.



Uranus' glyph, or symbol, reveals the cross over the circle which represents the spirit. The two semi-circles on the sides represent receptivity.

Uranus is the god of the sky and the heavens. Uranus, named after the Greek sky deity Ouranos, the earliest of the lords of the heavens, was the first planet to be discovered by scientists in ancient times. It represents the Almighty God, the Creator of this visible universe. The two planets together represent the Deity of Christ.

This all occurs in the Constellation of Libra in the skies above Jerusalem. Just above the earth is the Constellation of Libra, which represents truth and justice, since it is depicted as the scales of justice. If this is a heavenly sign of truth and justice, then it must be that God's final judgment is coming for those who do not believe the truth.



Constellation of Libra:

Libra was known in Babylonian astronomy as Zibanu ("the scales"), or alternatively as the Claws of the Scorpion. The scales were held sacred to the sun god Shamash, who was also the patron of truth and justice. Since these times, Libra has been associated with law, fairness and civility. In Arabic zubānā means "scorpion's claws." This resemblance of words may be why the Scorpion's claws became the Scales.

Constellation of Libra as Scales (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

What does scripture say about judgment and the role that the Antichrist takes during the End Times? The Apostle Paul states that God will send a deluding influence, the man of lawlessness, the Antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 "For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness." 208

Does the scripture state how long he will be given authority to deceive the nations and blasphemy God? Scripture says forty-two months will be given to him.

Revelation 13:5-7 "There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

²⁰⁸ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:11–12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. ²⁰⁹

This verse states he is given authority over every tribe and nation on this earth. We know that God gives him this authority prior to the Temple being desecrated, which marks the period of forty-two months. We know that before this time he was empowered to do evil by Satan who had been cast down to the earth. Daniel says that he exalted himself above every god, after the "abomination of desolation" had occurred.

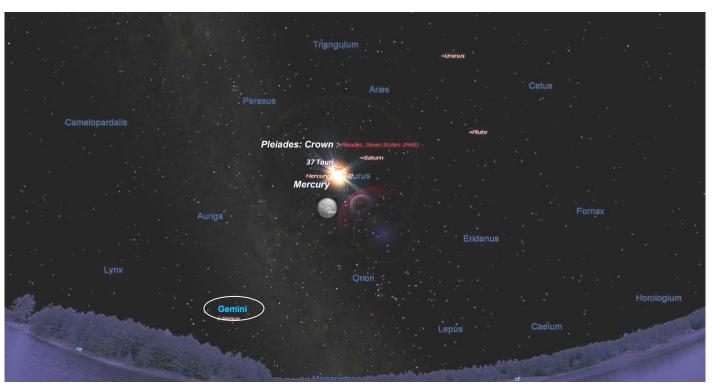
Daniel 11:31 "Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation." 110

Daniel 11:36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done." ²¹⁰

Many would say how could God give authority to such a person? It is much like God hardening the heart of Pharaoh in Egypt during the Exodus of Israel. This was done to bring glory to God. It is similar to Christ's selection of Judas as His betrayer, to ultimately bring glory to His Name. This is God's way of fulfilling His plan for this world during the End Times. What is the significance to the number of the beast, the Antichrist?

Revelation 13:18 "Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six." ²¹¹

Birth of Antichrist



May 2354 Birth of the Antichrist, eclipse of the sun with the planet Mercury

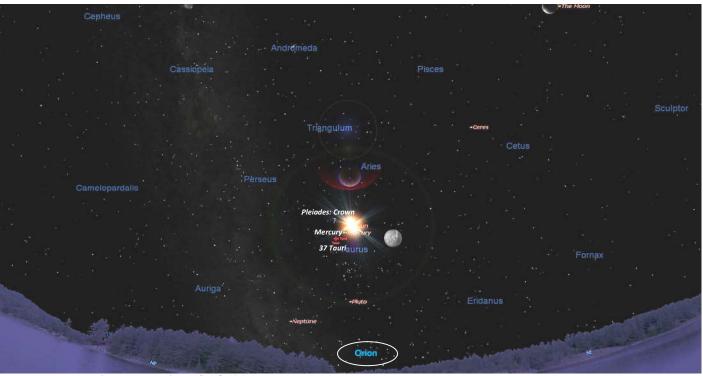
²⁰⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 13:5–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²¹⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:36, Da 11:31). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²¹¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 13:18). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The number 6 represents "man" in Biblical numerology, which was stated in the above passage. The three times or triple repeat of the number six has the meaning of God given, chosen, or willed. This is just like the Wrath of God which occurs in order of three or thirds on the earth. Many scholars have tried to determine the name of the beast through the Greek letter encoding of his proper or given name.

In the simplest terms, the triple six represents the Antichrist as "God's willed" man or messenger for the End Times who is used to deceive mankind from the truth. This is why Apostles Paul and John both said "God sent" a deluding influence into this world so that they all may be judged who don't believe the truth. This is why planet Mercury, the messenger of the gods, represents the Antichrist. If this is a "God's willed" messenger during the End Times, then is there a sign in the heavens for his birth and his "crown of authority" being given by God?



May 2394 Antichrist given authority by God at Age Forty

The presence of the star 37 Tauri and the Pleiades "crown of authority" are given to the Antichrist by God at his fortieth birthday. This is just four days prior to the "abomination of desolation" of the Temple. The desecration of the Temple marks the forty-two months in the middle of the Tribulation. The Antichrist is given authority by God four days prior to this event. His defeat in battle comes to an end three days prior to Christ's reign on this earth, which marks the end of the Tribulation. We know the planet Mercury represents the Antichrist. Notice, the Constellation of Orion is down near the earth that represents Christ as the "True Shepherd."

It is astonishing to find a heavenly sign associated with the birth of the Antichrist. There is authority given to the Antichrist at the time of his birth, and again for forty-two months prior to the end of the Great Tribulation. We also know through scripture there is significance to the number forty. It rained for forty nights and days during the Great Flood. Christ was tempted by Satan for forty days and nights as well. The twelve tribes of Israel lived in the desert for forty years, due to their sin against God.

This fulfillment of scripture makes a statement that God has controlled this world from the beginning of creation to the End of Times with a plan of salvation for those who believe in the truth. Does scripture have any description of the Antichrist's birth or his previous descendants or family history? The only reference we have is from the Apostle Paul about the man of lawlessness, who we have determined is the Antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God." ²¹²

The passage of scripture makes the statement that he is the "son of destruction." Should this statement be taken figuratively or literally? If it is to be taken literally, then this must represent a proper name in Greek. "Apollumi" means to destroy to utter destruction. Scripture says that the fallen angels have a king over them. "Apollyon" is the king "angel of the abyss."

Revelation 9:11 "They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon." ²¹³

The Greek word Απολλύων Apolluōn; "a destroyer," Apollyon, the angel of the abyss:—Apollyon
His proper name is derived from ἀπόλλυμι apollumi; to destroy, destroy utterly, destruction:—bring, destroy, destroyed 214

The proper name has the meaning of destruction, a destroyer in both the Hebrew and the Greek languages. Isn't it interesting to find the "son of destruction" referred to by the Apostle Paul? Could this mean that the father of the Antichrist is the king of the Abyss, a fallen angel? The giants of old were mighty men who were men of renown and kings of this world. They were the evil ungodly individuals, who once died became demonic spirits. Lucius Caecilius Firmianus Lactantius, a third century Christian writer stated the Antichrist would be "born from an evil spirit."

"A king shall arise out of Syria, born from an evil spirit, the overthrower and destroyer of the human race, who shall destroy that which is left by the former evil, together with himself. ... But that king will not only be most disgraceful in himself, but he will also be a prophet of lies ... and power will be given to him to do signs and wonders, by the sight of which he may entice men to adore him. ... Then he will attempt to destroy the temple of God and persecute the righteous people." Lactantius (b 240–d 320) Christian author

This explains the description of the Antichrist being a despicable person who seized "the kingdom with intrigue."

Daniel 11:21 "In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue." ²¹⁵

In Revelation it makes a statement of the beast "going to destruction" during the Doom of Babylon. This seems to indicate a named place or a person's proper name. This "going to destruction" occurs in two passages of scripture.

Revelation: 17 8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and going to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast that he was and is not and will come." ²¹²

Revelation: 17:11 "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction." 212 Note: earlier manuscripts had "is going to destruction"

The beast that John saw in his vision was coming up out of the abyss. We know that the king of the abyss is *Apollyon,* the destroyer, or man of destruction. This parallels well with the name of the Antichrist being a man of lawlessness. We also know that the state of the earth prior to Noah's Flood was one of increasing lawlessness upon the earth. This state was created by the fallen angels and their hybrid giants, the men of renown.

²¹² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (2 Th 2:3-4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²¹³ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:11, Re 17:8, Re 17:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²¹⁴ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

²¹⁵ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Da 11:21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



June 2398 Antichrist and the False Prophet cast into lake of fire

We know that the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness, the beast and the False Prophet are cast into the lake of fire. This heavenly event is marked by radiant light from the moon on the planet Mercury coming down to the earth. It also has the Pleiades, crown of stars, at the feet of the moon which represents a fallen king. Next to the sun is Pluto which represents the "underworld." In Babylonian astronomy, Gemini was known as the Great Twins. Could one of the twins be the sign of the beast, the Antichrist and other twin the False Prophet, another beast? The Great Twins are regarded as minor Babylonian gods, who have come from the "underworld." Kappa Tauri and Upsilon Tauri are stars which were seen seven years earlier December 2390 AD. These two stars, by changing position in their Haydes star cluster, marked the very beginning of the Tribulation (Book: "Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for the Rapture"). This is an amazing event that parallels the sign in the heavens starting the Tribulation period. It now ends with the Antichrist, the False Prophet and those who worship him being cast into the lake of fire in the earth. Yet, it is not time for Satan to be cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 19:20 "And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone." ²¹⁶

The Grand Design - Satan into the Abyss

The statement that Satan will be thrown into the abyss comes from Revelation 20.

Revelation 20:2-3 "And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time." ²¹⁷

²¹⁶ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 19:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²¹⁷ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Re 20:2–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Isn't it amazing to find Satan described as the dragon throughout the Book of Revelation? We see in the heavens the radiant light reflecting off the moon down onto the Constellation of Draco, that represents the dragon.



June 2398 Satan chained into the abyss for a thousand years

The abyss is the bottomless pit in the earth. Nevertheless, there is a sign of the serpent, which is the Constellations of Serpens. Is this the sign of a dragon in the heavens for fulfillment of prophecy? Yes, it is to demonstrate to the world that there is a Creator of the universe and the Word was with God from the beginning. Those who have insight will understand the significance of this point. It is proof there is an Almighty God who created this universe and revealed this through His Word to mankind. The Constellation of Draco is depicted as a dragon snake, because the serpent had tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It is normally located at the top of the northern hemisphere. We have seen this constellation used before as a sign for Satan being thrown down to the earth prior to the First Trumpet Judgment. It is a wonder in the heavens, since Draco is just above the earth. The Constellation of Draco is now used to depict Satan being bound and chained in the abyss for a thousand years. Let us take a look at Holman's Dictionary and how it defines the abyss, the bottomless pit.

ABYSS: Transliteration of the Greek word abussos, literally meaning "without bottom." KJV translates "the deep" or "bottomless" pit. NASB, NIV, RSV use "abyss" to refer to the dark abode of the dead (Rom. 10:7). Abaddon rules the abyss (Rev. 9:11), from which will come the beast of the End Times of Revelation (11:7). The beast of the abyss faces ultimate destruction (Rev. 17:8), and Satan will be bound there during the millennium (Rev. 20:1–3). ²¹⁸

Pluto represents the underworld or abyss. The dragon is the term used throughout the Book of Revelation for Satan. This was because of the heavenly sign seen by the Apostle John in his vision, was "a great red dragon."

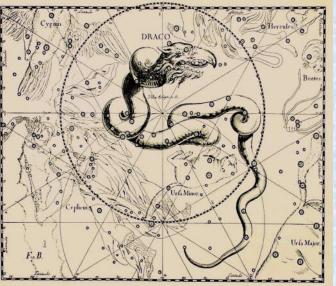
Revelation 12:3 "Then another <u>sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon</u> having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems." ²¹⁹

²¹⁸ Brand, C., Draper, C., England, A., Bond, S., Clendenen, E. R., Butler, T. C., & Latta, B. (2003). *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (15). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

²¹⁹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The Constellation Draco: Early Christians saw Draco as the serpent which had tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Draco, was the serpent-like dragon that twined round the tree in the Garden and guarded the apples.



Draco depicted as a Dragon (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

Draco: Hevelius, Firmamentum, (1690)

Evil in the world with wickedness ruling on it seems to need darkness and not light. God has provided darkness during the End Times for evil to dwell upon the earth. During the Great Tribulation, the righteousness of God and its light upon the world has disappeared. The Apostle John understood this and had insight into light and darkness and how it related to judgment.

John 3: 18-20 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- 19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.
- 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed." ²²⁰

November 2397: we have arrived at the timeframe of the defeat of the Antichrist, which we have determined to be the triple eclipse of the sun with the planets Mercury, Uranus and Jupiter. Mercury has been recognized as a symbolic sign of the Antichrist. His defeat occurs three days prior to Christ's reign on this earth.



²²⁰ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Jn 3:18–20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

This marks the End of Seven Years of Tribulation on the earth. We know that God removes the curse from the earth when He starts His reign upon this earth. Christ has destroyed Babylon the Great, the False Prophet and the Antichrist. He also bound Satan into the abyss, so that the evil influence in this world is removed. However, mortal man will still struggle with the truth, since Satan will be released after one thousand years to deceive the world for one last time. This will be followed by the Battle of Gog and Magog and the complete destruction of all weapons in the world to end all wars. It is now time for Christ to continue His Reign on the earth for victory has come. Only God the Father knows when the New Heaven and New Earth will take place.

Revelation 11:15 "....The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." ²³¹

It is astonishing to find that God's Word aligns perfectly with the heavenly signs that have been shown in this book. Signs were placed in the heavens by God Himself and the motion of heavenly bodies was determined at the time of creation by God. The names given to the stars, their clusters and constellations were also given to us by God. This, without a doubt, proves there must be an Almighty God who has had a plan for this earth, since the beginning of time. This plan includes salvation through Christ. In 1 Peter 1:20, it states "For He was foreknown before the foundation of this world..." We know a "day is like a thousand years" to God. God declares that He will come quickly with His reward.

Revelation 22:12-13 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ²³¹

He is truly the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the beginning and end, the Almighty God, the Creator.

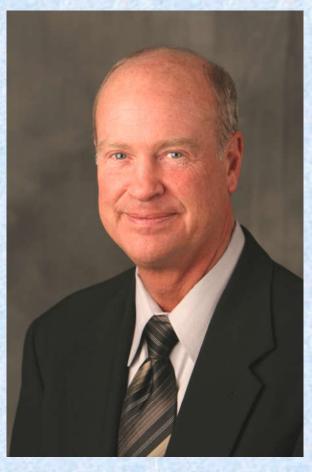
What a humbling experience it is to see God's awesome work through His heavenly creation align perfectly with His Prophecy. This proves there is a Creator and the Word is from God. Call upon the Lord and be saved in Christ.

-Mel Gable



Three Woes of an Eagle - Eagle Has Risen: Eagle Nebula (NASA)

About the Author



Romans 10:9-11

- ".....if you confess with your mouth
 Jesus (Christ) as Lord, and believe
 in your heart that God raised
 Him from the dead, you will be
 saved;
- 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he (she) confesses, resulting in salvation.
- 11 For the Scripture says,
 Whoever believes in Him
 WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

Luke 21:25

CHRIST SAID PRIOR TO HIS REIGN:

"There will be signs in sun and moon
and (fixed and wandering) stars, and on
the earth...."

HOW GREAT IT IS TO SEE THESE "HEAVENLY SIGNS."

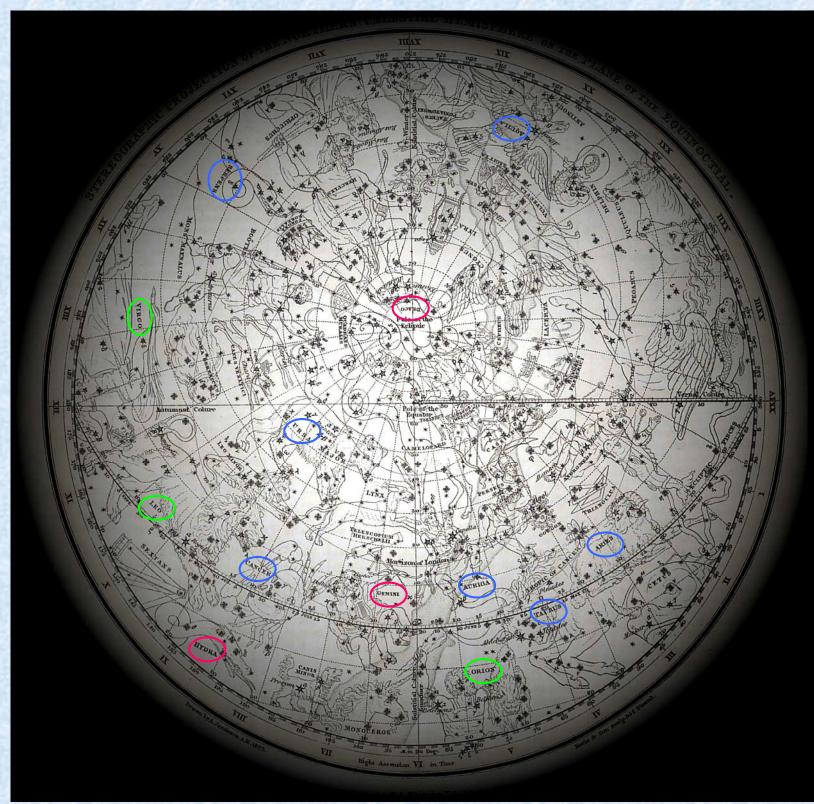
Mel Gable is just a simple bond-servant of Christ, who has known his Lord and Savior for more than fifty years. He understood for the first time that there was meaning to heavenly signs; it came with the birth of Christ and how the Magi saw the Bethlehem Star. The Magi understood that this was a sign of the Messiah, the King, and they came to worship Him and give Him gifts. The Prophet Joel makes the following statement "And it shall be in the last days,' God says and I will grant wonders in the sky above"-Acts 2:17-21. This book is his journey of discovery on "wonders in the sky above" for the End Times.

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Psalm 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. 221

²²¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update. 1995 (Re 11:15, Re 22:12-13, Ps 19:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

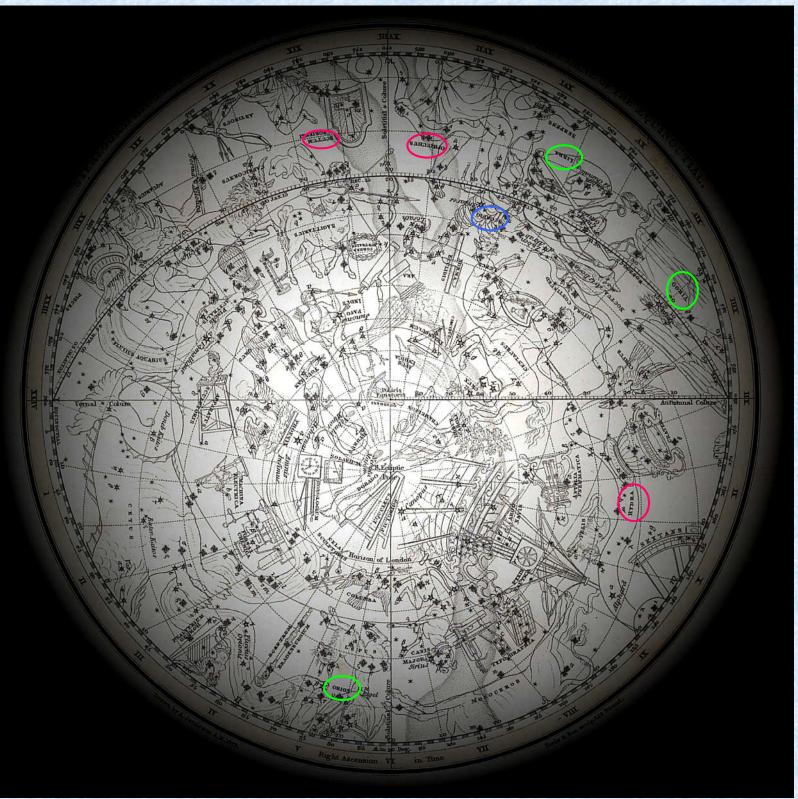
Star Constellation Maps



Constellations in prophecy around the center of Draco - Northern Hemisphere (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

The beginning of this heavenly star cycle occurs with the Constellation of Virgo and ends with the Constellation of Leo. This represents the "Grand Design" for this world by God from the beginning of creation. In the center of the circle is Draco, the dragon, who is ready to deceive the entire world. Leo, the Lion's paws are on the head of the serpent Hydra ready to strike the serpent's head. This is mentioned in Genesis 3:15 where the Lord said to the serpent "He (Christ) shall bruise you (serpent) on the head (fatal)." Satan will undoubtedly be conquered by Christ.

Star Constellation Maps



Constellations in prophecy – Southern Hemisphere (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. Christ is the Lamb of God; who is our Savior and Shepherd. The "True Shepherd or Heavenly Shepherd" is symbolized by the Constellation of Orion. He became the "suffering servant" and the ultimate sacrifice for atonement. It ends with Leo representing the Lion of Judah; who is Christ, the Messiah. This represents Christ's Second Coming and His Judgment, which is symbolized by Libra, the scales of justice. At the "End," Christ will become the King of Kings and Lord of Lords on this renewed earth.

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