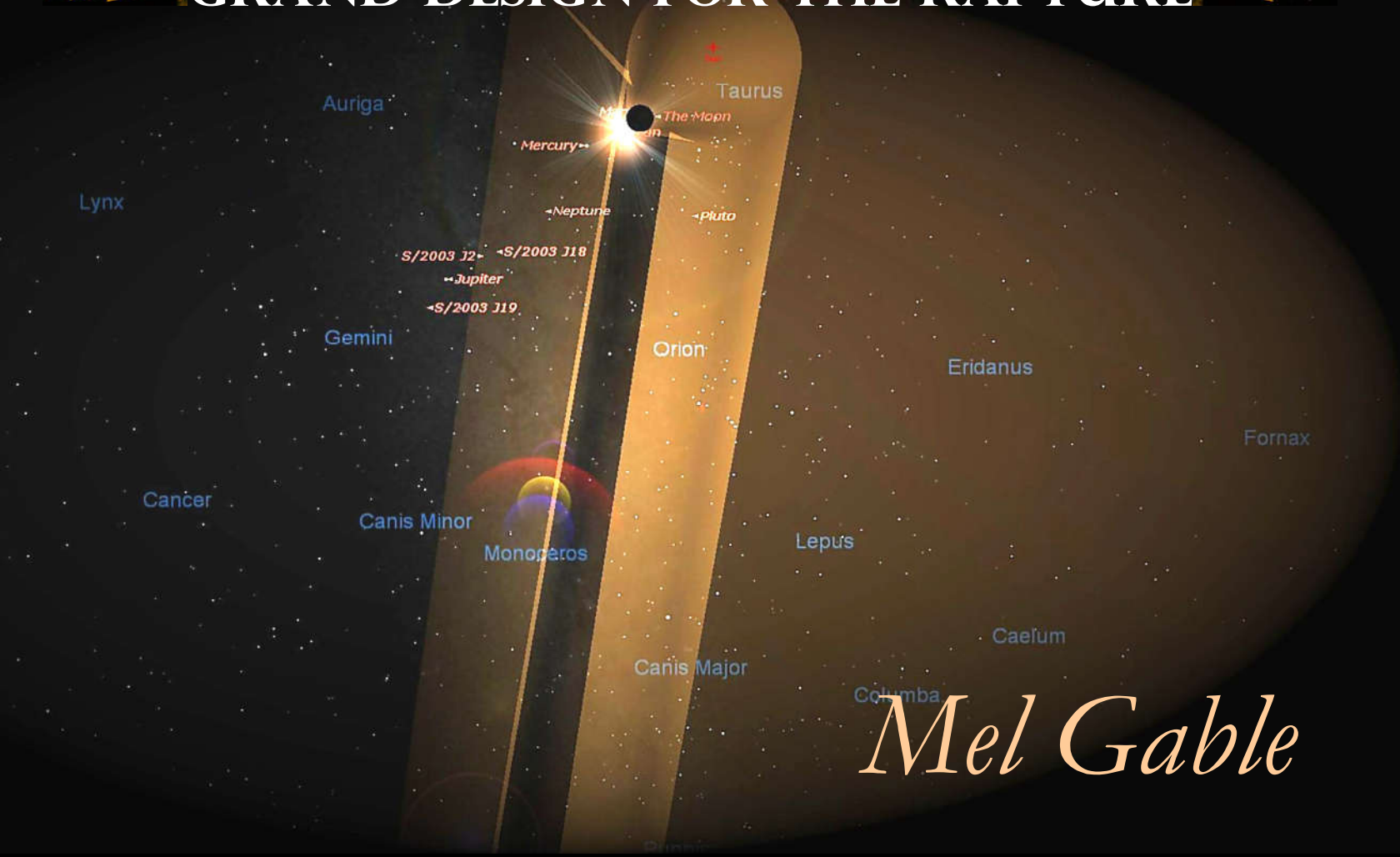




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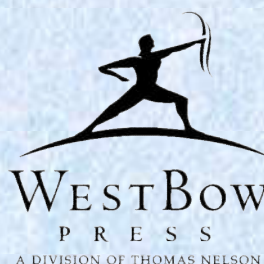
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Love, from your Brother

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Bottom Image: The light tunnel on the front cover tells the story of Christ's coming for His Bride, which is the Rapture. 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 two constellations and one planet. The three heavenly objects on the light tunnel represent the "divine" will of God in biblical numerology. At the top dome of the light tunnel is Taurus 37 (red +) which marks this as divine completeness. Above it is the Pleiades, crown of stars, which symbolizes authority given by God to this event. Please notice that the Bethlehem Star has all the same heavenly objects in it. The Bethlehem Star occurs in the Constellation of Taurus, the bull. The first constellation at the top of the light tunnel is Taurus. The bull represents a priestly sacrifice in which Christ became the ultimate sacrifice as the Lamb of God. For, Christ is seen as the Lamb in the opening of the seven seals which is mentioned in Revelation 5:4-14. Christ becomes our high priest in Heaven as well. In the middle of the light tunnel is the Constellation of Orion. In Babylonian times, Orion was the "True Shepherd" or our "Heavenly Shepherd." This symbolizes that Christ is coming as our Shepherd for His Sheep or His Elect as mentioned in scripture. For in John 1:51 Christ makes the statement "... you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." We know that light represents truth and darkness represents wickedness and evil in the world. It is no wonder why God uses a light tunnel to represent the Rapture of His Bride from this earth. This is to show to mankind that it is Christ, the Son of God, who is returning which is symbolized by Taurus and Orion centered on the light tunnel. Scripture says *"the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky"* which is mentioned in Matthew 24:30. How do we know that this light tunnel represents the resurrection of the dead in Christ? The planet of Pluto is seen between both Constellations of Taurus and Orion on the light tunnel. Pluto represents the underworld, where the dead souls of men reside except those who have been saved in Christ. It is why scripture says in Mark 13:27 *"He will send forth the angels and will gather together His elect ... from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven."* If this is the Rapture then what type of glorified body do we receive? 1 Corinthians 15:42 says *"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body." In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, the saved in Christ will become immortal beings.*

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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.

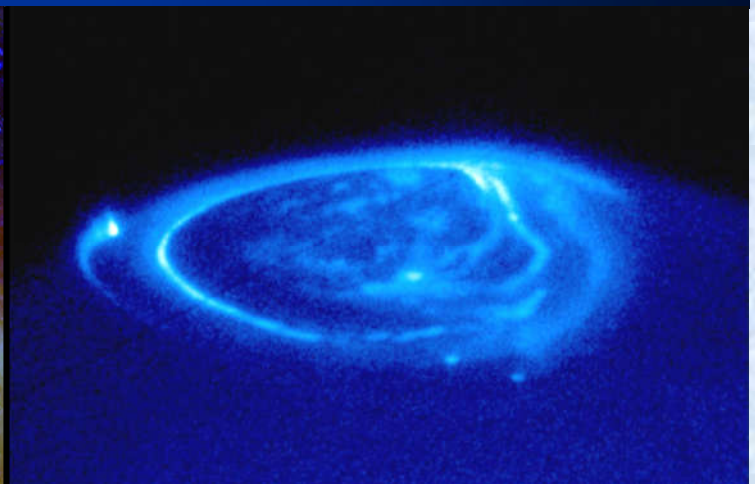


Christ the True Shepherd – Orion Nebula (NASA)

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
PROPHECY, 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 PROPHECY. '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



Pleiades: "Crown of Stars" – Sign of Authority (NASA)



Jupiter's Aurora of the King Planet – Sign of Messiah: Christ the Lord

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

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

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 saysI will grant wonders in the sky above*" which is from Act 2:17-19. Before there was the Word of God given to man, the heavens were used to declare the Glory of the Creator. God had given a clear interpretation of the star constellations to Adam, who handed it down generation after generation. Many scholars and Biblical writers state that God defined the star motion through the skies at the time of creation and science has confirmed this as well. The constellations are a set of pictures in the sky that convey a message about creation and the plan of salvation for this world. The Constellation of Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. Virgo has a branch or stem in her hand which is mentioned in Isaiah 11:1. The Virgin Mary gave birth to Christ the male child, who was from the stem of Jesse, the father of King David. The "*head and eye*" of the dragon in the Constellation of Draco is over Virgo ready to devour her which is mentioned in Revelation 12:4. The dragon is described as the Serpent of Old, the Devil and Satan in Revelation 12:9. Christ is our Savior and Shepherd. The "*True Shepherd or Heavenly Shepherd*" is symbolized by the Constellation of Orion. The Lamb became the "*suffering servant*" and the ultimate sacrifice for atonement. The Messiah is symbolized by the planet of Jupiter and Taurus, the bull represents a priestly sacrifice. It ends with the Constellation of Leo representing the Lion of Judah; who is Christ, the Messiah. Leo 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. 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 events of Christ's return and the Rapture of His Bride from this earth. 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 His Bride being gathered 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 the gathering of His Bride. A similar light tunnel event occurs with Christ's return to the earth with His immortal armies of war. The Rapture is represented by the "*True Shepherd*" coming and Christ's return is symbolized with the Lion of Judah. Both of these symbols appear on the light tunnel and together with the sign of the Messiah in the skies. The statement in scripture is to "*be alert, ready and not to turn back*." These statements are mentioned in Christ's Olivet Discourse about the End Times found in Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Prophet Joel states that God "...*WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE*" for the End Times, the Last Days. 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 significance of the word "*sign*" and what the disciples were requesting of the Christ when they were asking for "*signs*" of the End Times events in the Olivet Discourse. The first usage is in Genesis in the context of God's creative acts and the very beginning of this visible universe.

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 be for signs 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

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

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. It is used in the context of Christ’s birth on this earth. 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.

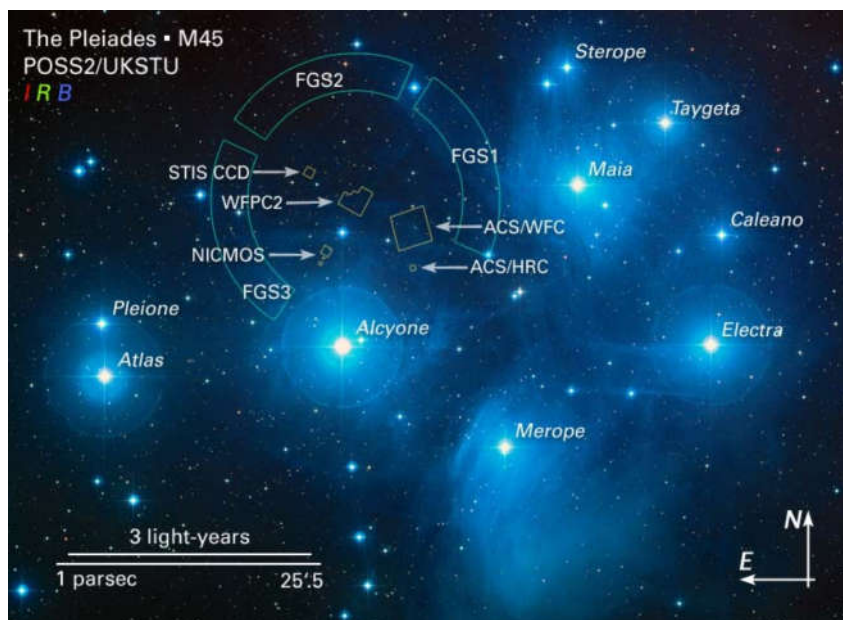
Revelation 12:1 ***“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;”***³

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

We know through scripture God has named all the heavenly bodies. God’s naming goes on to the present time; even though he uses man to do this. As an example is the dwarf planet Ceres, which was named in 2006, once it was determined not to be an asteroid but a true planet.

*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 events associated with a person’s birthday. 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 it as an active agent.



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.

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. 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 (*Hebrew, Arabic or English*) names given to these heavenly bodies and 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.

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. Isn’t it intriguing to find this oldest book is written about the stars and the constellations? 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 mankind? There must be significance to their names. Some constellation 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 כִּמָּה Kimah (*Kymb*) cluster stars:—*Pleiades* ⁵ in Job’s time and is still used today. We will see the Pleiades stars cluster represent a crown of authority as a heavenly sign. Some of today’s present names of stars and their meaning were recorded during the ancient times of the Babylonian Empire. 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.***”⁶

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 that 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.

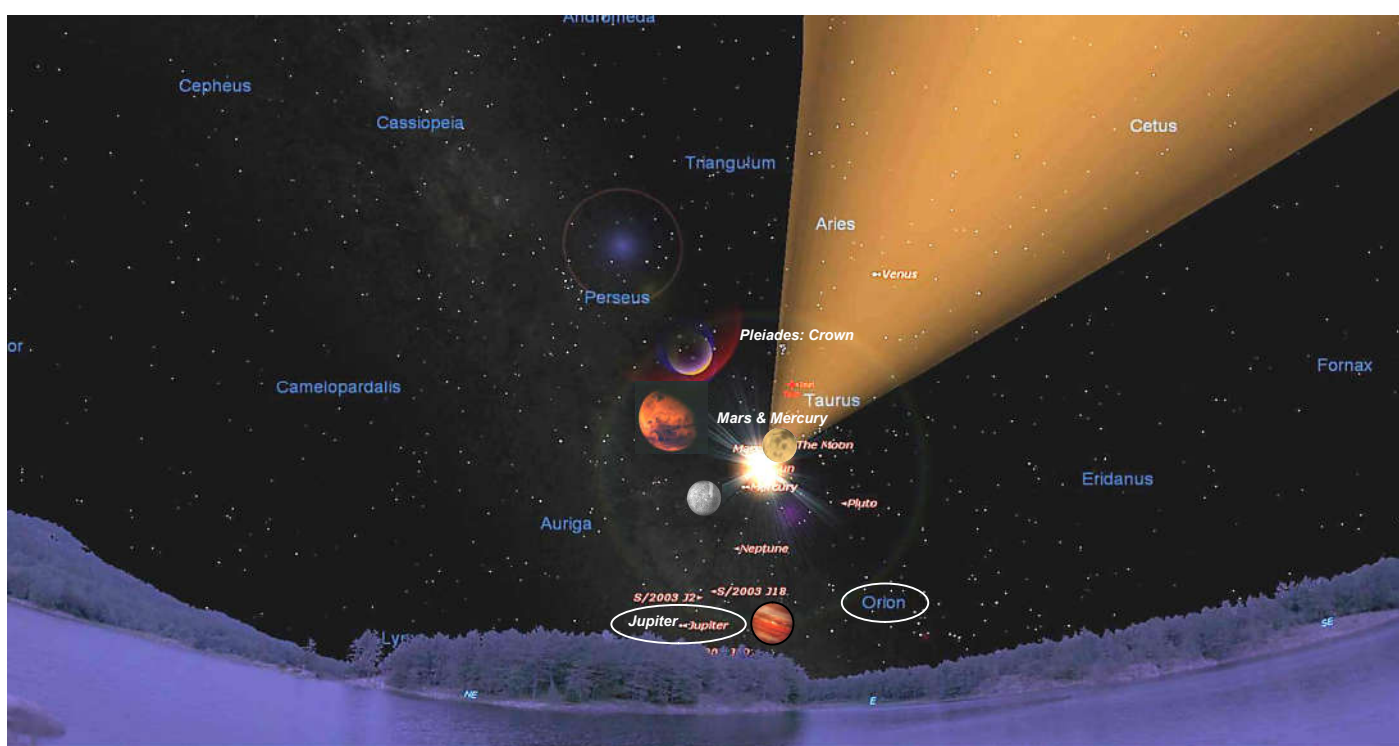
JOHANNES KEPLER set out to show that a planet would travel in a perfect circular orbit around the sun, called a solar orbit. This presented an easy mathematical model and simple view and beauty of his planetary understanding. Nevertheless, he could not force the mathematical model of circular orbits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

⁵ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Isaiah 40:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

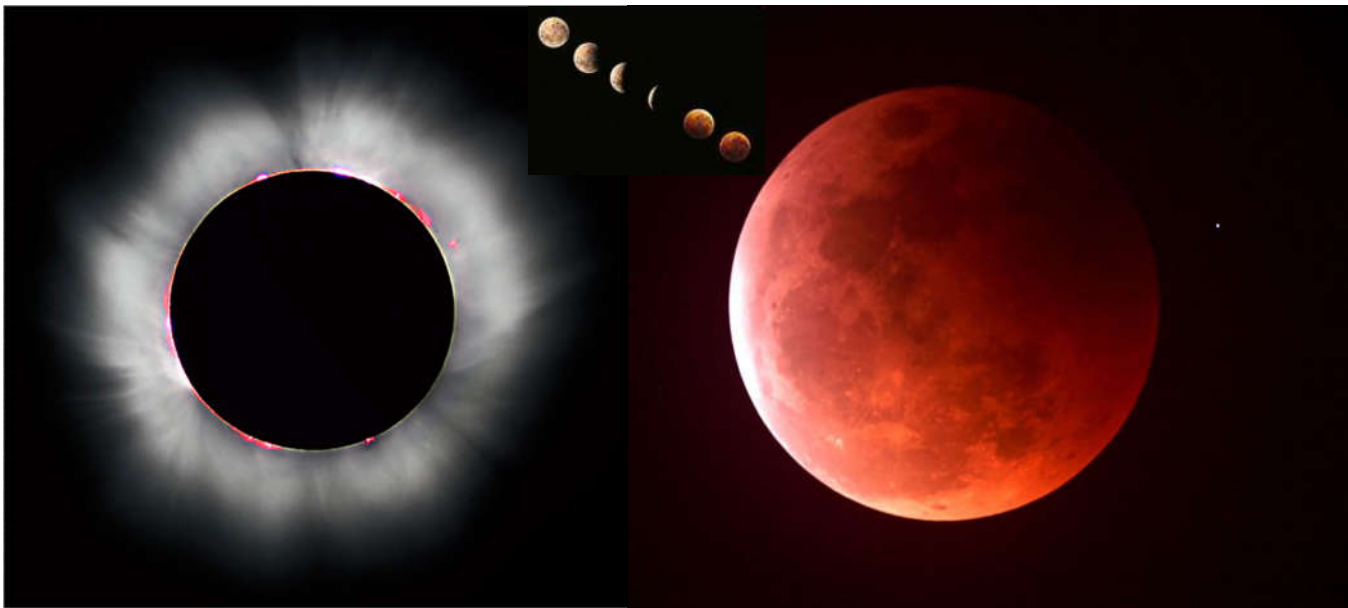
library and works, which ended up changing everything going forward from this point. Kepler published his First and Second Law of Planetary Motion in the year 1609. This was followed by Kepler's Third Law, about ten years later. These mathematical law models were so accurate that NASA and other astronomers 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 Kepler's equations, we can model with computers as well 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 the Rapture*" pictures incorporated into this book. This has been done by running computer software called "*Starry Night*" by the Simulation Curriculum Corporation.



June 2393 Image of Darkness - Sunrise, the sun eclipsed by Mars, Mercury and the moon

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 that are recognized by astronomers and "*wandering stars*" (Greek: *πλανήτης αστήρ*, *planētēs astēr*), which we know are the planets of the solar system. The first sets of 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. The "*Image of Darkness*" shown above has a number of significant signs. One of those signs is the Pleiades star cluster marked in white as "*Pleiades: Crown*" which represents, a crown of authority, independent of its name Seven Sisters, Pleiades or *מִיָּמִי*. This is the eclipse of the sun with Mars, Mercury, and the moon, which radiates sunlight upward and not onto the earth. Jupiter and Orion are just above the treetops. Jupiter symbolizes the Messiah and Orion represents the "*True Shepherd*." Is this the sign in the sky of the "*Son of Man*" that is mentioned by Christ in Matthew 24:30? During the creation of the heavens and earth, God has put signs into the heavens for us to see and interpret. We will first take a look at the significance of the moon. Total solar eclipses are considered a bad omen for the nations. While blood moons are an omen for the Jewish people

and the nation of Israel and is recognized by today's world in which we live as well as in ancient times. There are three sets of blood moons or lunar eclipses that corresponded to significant events in the past. The Spanish Inquisition's final year 1492 when the Alhambra Decree ordered all remaining Jews who would not convert to Christianity to leave Spain. The Israeli 1948 War of Independence and the 1967 Israeli Six-Day War had back-to-back blood red moons occur on the first day of Passover and Sukkot as well as the following year. The other blood moons were in 162/163 AD, 795/796 AD, 842/843 AD and 860/861 AD. Solar eclipses have been interpreted as bad omens or forewarnings. The ancient Greek historian Herodotus wrote that Thales of Miletus predicted an eclipse that occurred during a war between the Medians and the Lydians. Both sides put down their weapons and declared peace as a result of the eclipse. The Trojan War and the final battle of the Iliad occurred during a solar eclipse on June 11, 1312 BC. Numerous historical wars have occurred during a total solar eclipse. There are a maximum of seven eclipses that can occur in any year. It is interesting to find that the size of the moon and the distance from the sun allows for a total eclipse to occur. This tells of an intelligent designer, the Creator of this world. Therefore, the sun and moon must have some importance as a sign in the heavens.



Total Solar Eclipse with the moon – Designed by the Creator

Red Blood Moon – Lunar Eclipse (NASA)

What is meant by God saying “*And I will grant wonders in the sky above*”? The Hebrew word for “wonder” is מִפֶּת *mopheth*: a wonder, sign, portent – marvel.⁷ A “wonder” would be an unusual event in the heavens (*you should marvel 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 of these heavenly bodies at the time of creation to be used as “signs.” This includes the Bethlehem Star marking the birth of His Son, 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. We need to interpret them correctly based upon the meaning given by their names in the heavens above. The Pharisees asked Christ to show them a sign from heaven. Christ responded with the following question “*Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times*” from Matthew 16:3. They were not like the Magi, who understood a heavenly sign of the Messiah, the King given at Christ’s birth. The sign was so effective that they made a long journey to worship the King with gifts they brought with them. The Magi had the correct understanding to interpret the heavens with the signs

⁷ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

seen in them. It was clear to them that a King of Kings was to be born. God was to take on flesh and become a man on this earth. Many of these interpretations have been corrupted over time. The Romans and Greeks turned them into gods and goddess. Orion known in Babylonian times as the “*True Shepherd*” has turned into the “*Hunter*.” The shepherd’s staff has been turned into a “*Hunter’s*” club. Therefore, we will need to go back to history to get the proper interpretation of the constellations and planets that are in the heavens. It is extremely disturbing to look at the heavens and see the beautiful blue skies missing after existing for centuries. During the End Times, the sky has been replaced with darkness. Evil in the world, with wickedness ruling on it, seems to need darkness and not light. God provided darkness during the End Times for evil to dwell upon the earth. For if you remember, it was Christ’s birth that led us on the journey of the End Times and the Rapture. Nevertheless, what was found was month after month of darkness on the earth due to planetary and solar eclipses.

The Time Known through Heavenly

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. How could this be? In John 1:3, it states the “*All things came into being through Him.*” This includes the creation of the heavens with its signs. This belief comes from quoting scripture out of context. Matthew 24:34 uses “*generation*” that is the time from creation until the universe is destroyed.

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.”***⁸

Only God the Father knows when this earth will pass away. It doesn’t say Christ will not know when He will come again. There will be no signs in the heavens when the present heavens and earth will pass away with fire. The angels in heaven do understand the End Times; that is why the Archangel Michael, described those events to Daniel over 500 years before Christ’s birth. Christ, the creator, must understand the timing. It is because “*the ordinances of the heavens*” were determined at the time of creation. He knows everything relative to this “*generation.*”

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.”***⁹

Michael, the archangel, describes a “*time of distress*” which has “*never occurred*” in time. It says all who are found written in the “*Book*” (Rev. 20-12) will be rescued. The Apostle Paul states we should be aware of the time of His coming so we would 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 the Rapture of being “*caught up together....in the clouds to meet the Lord.*” This is the Rapture of His Bride in Christ. We shall learn why the statement about staying “*alert*” is made.

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 be alert and sober.”***⁹

⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:35–36; 2 Peter 3:7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 12:1, 1 Thess 5:4-6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Scripture makes the statement “*And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky....*” as mentioned in Matthew 24:30. Do you know what is the sign which Christ says will appear? We will see the sign just above the treetops appear in the heavens prior to being “*caught up together... to meet the Lord.*” We shouldn’t be in darkness.

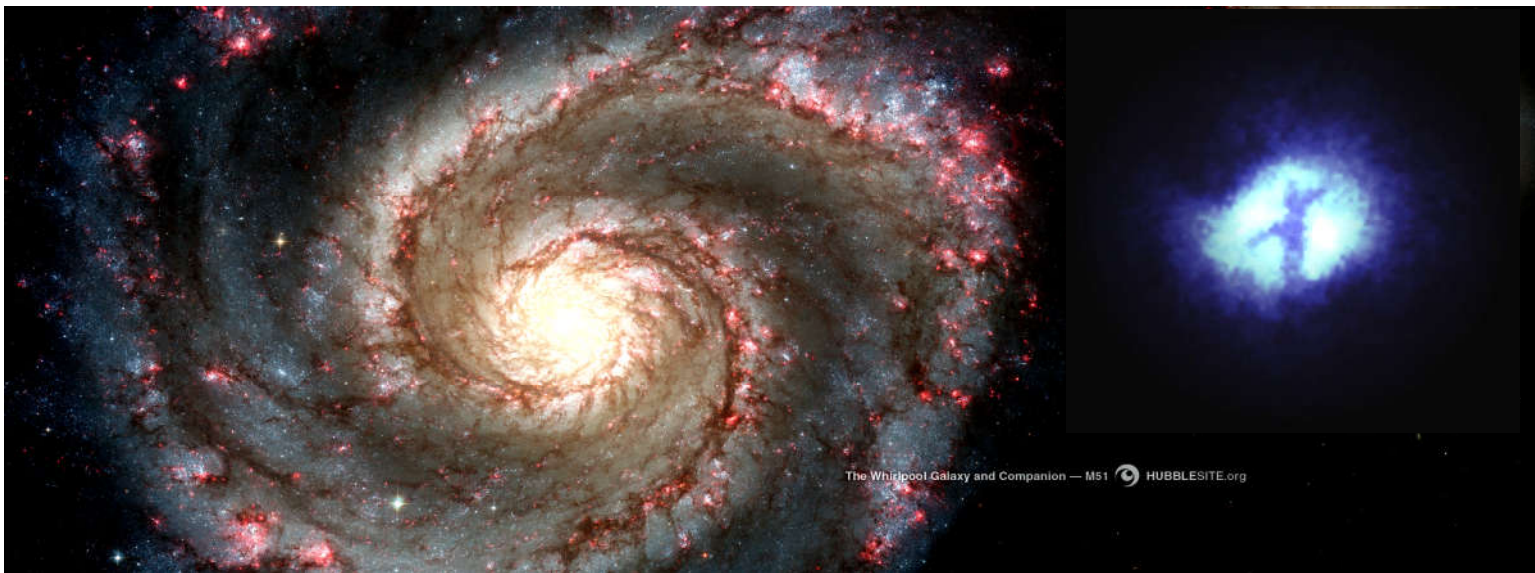
Heavenly Signs

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.

These events are targeted during the End Times over Jerusalem, which will become our primary viewing point on this earth. The Bible is clear about the use of “*Signs in the Heavens*”. The Bible lets us know, they are to be used as messages or warnings about earthly events. The heavens and the universe truly declare His Mighty Glory.

Psalms 19:1 “*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; ...expanse is declaring the work of His hands.*”¹⁰



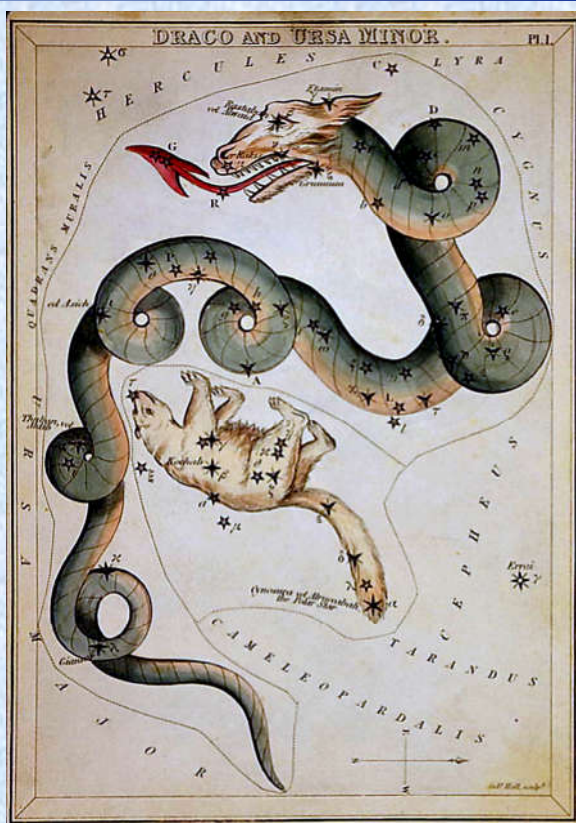
The Whirlpool Galaxy with the Black Hole – symbol of the cross, Hubble Telescope (NASA)

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 is seated at the right-hand of the Father. 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.*” The word “*dragon*” matches the heavenly sign.

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.*”

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.*”¹⁰

¹⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Ps 19:1, Re 12:3, 12: 9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



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.*



Hydra - Seven Headed Serpent (Lambeth, Palace, U.K. 16th Century)

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 down to the earth. This event occurs prior to the first Trumpet Judgment, in which Satan has no longer access to Heaven to accuse the brethren. We will use the Draco Constellation to show this alignment between His Word which matches the heavenly sign of His creation. Before the Word was given to man, God created the constellation in the heavens as a picture story of His plan. The beginning of this Hebrew heavenly star cycle occurs with the Constellation of Virgo and ends with the Constellation of Leo. 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. In the center of the heavens 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 (*see the Star Constellation Map at the back of this book*). This is mentioned in Genesis 3:15 where the Lord said to the serpent “*He (Christ) shall bruise you (serpent) on the head (fatally).*” Satan will undoubtedly be conquered by Christ. Satan is symbolized by three constellations – Draco, the dragon, Serpens, the serpent, and Hydra, the water beast, who has seven heads. All three symbols are used in scripture - *Leviathan the twisted serpent of the sea in Isaiah 27:1, the Serpent of Old in the Garden of Eden and the Dragon in Revelation*. This all represents the “*Grand Design*” for this world by God from the beginning of creation.

Those who have understanding will see that there is alignment between the “*Heavenly Signs*” given by God and His Word. This earth was ultimately created for Christ to reign in righteousness with His selected bride. “*All things came into being through Him...*” from John 1:3. 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 and on the earth dismay among nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves.*” This roaring of the waves is caused by the gravitational forces on the seas creating tides. This is due to the multiple planetary eclipses with the sun and the moon during the End Times. The planetary eclipses creating greater gravitational energy than the moon by itself. God has declared and created these signs in the heavens to occur in the Last Days as scripture tells us. 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 insight will clearly see the “*Heavenly Signs*” as a “*Grand Design*” of this visible universe and the alignment of God’s Word.

CHAPTER 2: BETHLEHEM STAR

We will next look at the timing of Christ's return to this earth. Is there a heavenly cycle of Christ's first coming as a child, who was born of a virgin? We know the heavenly event for Christ's birth was the Bethlehem Star seen in the East. Does this occur on a given heavenly cycle? This would be to announce Christ returning for His reign or His coming in the clouds for the Rapture of His Bride?

Star of Bethlehem: 2400 Year Cycle

The Star of Bethlehem occurred on *"April 17, 6 B.C., when the sun, Jupiter, the moon and Saturn aligned in the constellation Aries, while Venus and Mars, were in neighboring constellations. Grant Mathews believes the April 17, 6 B.C., alignment is the most likely candidate. It makes sense because he believes the Wise Men were Zoroastrian astrologers who would have recognized the planetary alignment in Aries as a sign a powerful leader was born. The supposed three Wise Men (Magi) may have beheld in the eastern skies the auspicious conjunction of Mars, Saturn and Jupiter shining down on the Earth like a single star. Also, see the view by one source, that on May 20th of 6 B.C., a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction which occurred in the constellation Pisces, is on a 2400 year cycle, which will occur again, in the constellation Aquarius."*

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The 20-year conjunction points are roughly one-third of the Zodiacal Circle around from each other. If the points are connected, they form a near equilateral triangle within the circle. Each successive 60-year Great Conjunction occurs an average of about nine degrees farther down the track, in the forward direction through the Zodiac, from the previous one. Therefore, the entire triangle can be thought of as rotating in the forward direction through the Zodiac in increments of nine degrees every 60 years.

This grand pattern is referred to as the "Rotation of the Trigon of Great Conjunctions." Any one of the corners of the triangle or trigon will move through 30 degrees in about 200 years and completely around the Zodiac in 2400 years. These intervals were easily discoverable by the ancients with simple observational persistence and record keeping; no sophisticated instruments were required.

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If this occurs every 2400 years, and the last time it occurred was in 6 BC, then this gives us the year of 2394, for the End Times heavenly events to occur. Is the return of Christ and His Glory being reflected in the heavenly bodies prior to His Coming to this Earth? Does His Glory shine brighter than the sun? Revelation 21:23 makes the statement "... *its lamp is the Lamb*" for the light of the New Jerusalem. Wasn't this also told to us by Christ that it will shine from one part of the sky to the other part of the sky?

Luke 17:24 ***"For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day."***¹¹

If celestial bodies marked the birth of Christ, then how do we know the 6 BC date is correct? Based on scripture, we know that Herod the Great was king at the time of Christ's birth.

Matthew 2:1 ***"Now, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,"***¹²

Since the King of the Jews was born, Herod feared for his throne, and he mandated the killing of all first born sons in the land. Remember it was the Magi who saw the Bethlehem Star who told Herod about the King being born. The scripture tells us that Joseph left for Egypt to save Christ from being killed as a child. This was communicated to Joseph in a dream that Herod was *"going to search for the Child to destroy Him."*

¹¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Lk 17:24). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 2:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-15 *“Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”*

- 14** *“So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.*
15 *He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”¹³*

We also know after Herod's death that Joseph returned to the city of Nazareth with Christ. This is described in Matthew that the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream in the land of Egypt. Joseph obeyed God and took both Mary and the child Jesus back to the land of Israel. Joseph finally ended up in Nazareth which was a fulfillment of Old Testament scripture of Jesus being called a Nazarene.

Matthew 2:19-23 *“But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,”*

- 20** *“Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead.”*
21 *“So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.*
22 *But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee,*
23 *and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”¹⁴*

Herod the Great

The Romans made Herod's son Herod Archelaus Head of Judea, Samaria, and Idumea (biblical Edom) from 4 BC to 6 CE, referred to as the tetrarchy of Judea. Herod's other son Herod Antipas was tetrarch of Galilee from 4 BC – 39 CE. Archelaus was judged incompetent by the Roman emperor Augustus who then combined Samaria, Judea proper and Idumea into Iudaea province^[8] under rule of a prefect until 41 BC.. Since the work of Emil Schürer in 1896, most scholars have agreed that Herod died at the end of March or early April in 4 BC. From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herod_the_Great



Large Herodian Bronze Coin:

Obverse the Helmet with cheek pieces surmounted by a star and flanked by two palm branches. Reverse: Tripod with leaves on base; Around - Greek inscription: ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΗΡΩΔΟΥ “of King Herod”

Bronze coin of Herod, bearing the legend of King Herod: 40-4 BC

Further evidence is provided by the fact that his sons, between whom his kingdom was divided, dated their rule from 4 BC, and Archelaus apparently also exercised royal authority during Herod's lifetime. Josephus states that Philip the Tetrarch's death took place after a 37-year reign, in the 20th year of Tiberius (34 CE). Josephus tells us that Herod died after a lunar eclipse. He gives

¹³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 2:13–15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.*

¹⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 2:19–23). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.*

an account of events between this eclipse and his death, and between his death and Passover. A partial eclipse took place on March 13, 4 BC, about 29 days before Passover, and this eclipse is usually taken to be the one referred to by Josephus. From: Wikipedia

If Herod died in the year 4 BC, then Christ would have been an infant when he was returned to the land of Galilee, (assumes no delay by Joseph) and lived in a city called Nazareth to fulfill prophecy which says “*He shall be called a Nazarene*”. If celestial bodies marked the birth of Christ, then we now know that 6 BC is approximately correct for the birth of Jesus Christ. Can we more accurately determine the date of Christ’s birth? There are three likely times that have been determined by professor Grant Mathews of Notre Dame University.

The Star of Bethlehem – Notre Dame Professor has Idea

South Bend, Indiana - A professor of theoretical astrophysics, Grant Mathews from the University of Notre Dame thinks he has figured out what "the star in the East" was that led wise men to travel to Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, according to the Bible. After two years of research, he came to a more ordinary conclusion: The heavenly signs which were around the time of the birth of Jesus Christ was likely an unusual alignment of planets, the sun and the moon.

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There are three likely times for this event.

- **Feb. 20, 6 B.C.**, when **Mars, Jupiter and Saturn aligned** in the constellation Pisces.
- **April 17, 6 B.C.**, when the **sun, Jupiter, the moon and Saturn aligned** in the constellation Aries, while Venus and Mars were in neighboring constellations.
- **June 17, 2 B.C.**, when **Jupiter and Venus** were closely aligned in Leo.

On the February 20, 6 BC date is the first sign in the skies that the Christ child is to be born? This gives the Magi time to leave on their trip to Bethlehem and journey 700-900 miles from their home, where the star was seen in the east. Jim A. Cornwell, the author of “*The Star of Bethlehem Article*” as well as Grant Mathews, an astrophysicist, believe that April 17, 6 BC is the date that Christ was born and the Magi came to Bethlehem. The Magi understood that the star would take them to the place “*until it came and stood over the place where the Child was*” mentioned in Scripture.

Matthew 2:9:11 ***“After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”***¹⁵

The April 17, 6 BC event is followed by a similar event seen in the skies on June 17, 2 BC? However, Venus is a brighter planet than Saturn. This event is questionable for the date of Christ’s birth since it is past Herod’s death. We know that it must predate the death of Herod which was in the year of 4 BC.

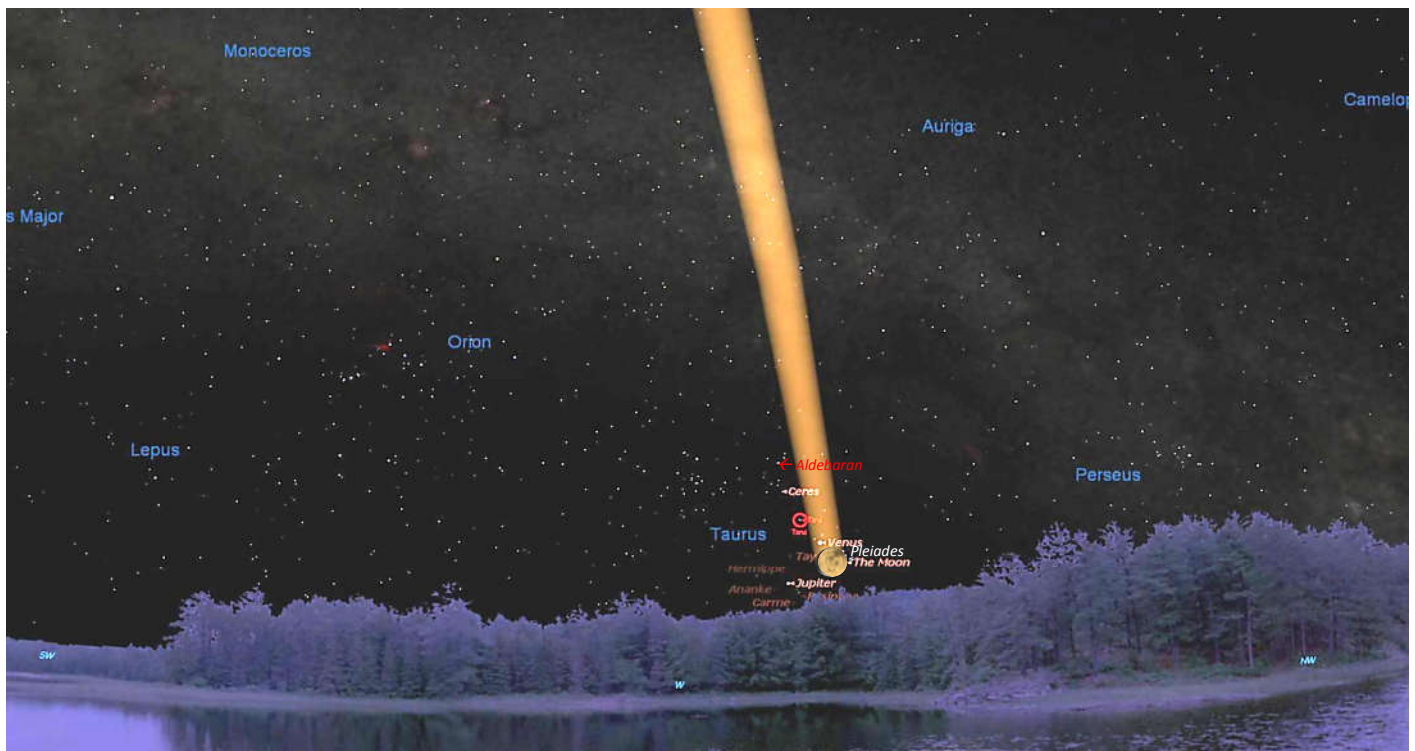
Birth of Christ: Star of Bethlehem

What was “*The Star in the East*” that led Wise Men to travel to Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago? By using “*Starry Night*” software, July 9, 6 BC is the date when three heavenly objects: Jupiter, the moon, with Pleiades are all aligned in the east in the Constellation of Taurus. A priestly sacrifice is symbolized by Taurus, the Bull. This event marks the conception of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. It is nine months later that the birth of Christ occurs with an even more important sign in the heavens. This is the “*Bethlehem Star*” appearing in the skies that is the Pleiades star cluster, the moon, Venus, and Jupiter aligned or coalesced in the Constellation of Taurus. This occurs directly west on March 11, 5 BC. The “*Star of Bethlehem*” needs to come up in the east and go down over

¹⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 2:9–11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Bethlehem to the west to be Biblically correct. The Magi will need to be able to follow the star from the East. It needs to be the brightest coalesced object in the sky. Jupiter and its moons (*six Jupiter moons identified plus two moons of Taurus all reflecting light*), the earth's moon, the planet Venus, the crown of stars, Pleiades star cluster, the red giant star ALDEBARAN, Alpha Tauri, 37 Tauri, (*red circle in Taurus Constellation*) and the dwarf planet, Ceres, the smallest planet in our solar system are all coalesced around the moon over the city of Bethlehem. Three of the brightest objects in the night sky are coalesced overhead which are the moon, Venus and Jupiter plus the Alpha Tauri, the brightest star in the Taurus Constellation called ALDEBARAN (*red letters on sky map*). The dwarf planet of Ceres is the sign of being born of an “*Earth Mother*.” When it disappears below the earth, it symbolizes “*bring forth*” and marks the birth of Christ the Lord in the night sky. We do know that Christ was born at night based on Luke 2:8. God is now in the flesh on the earth for the redemption of the world. It is why the Bethlehem Star appears in the Constellation of Taurus. The bull symbolizes the high priest sacrifice. Taurus, the bull has greater significance than Leo or Pisces. Christ comes not to reign as the Lion, but to become the ultimate sacrifice. He is currently our Shepherd and High Priest in Heaven. Christ will ultimately return in His glorified body to become the King of Kings, which is represented by Leo, the Lion. Nevertheless, prior to His reign He must come for His Bride. The Bride is those believers who are sealed with the Holy Spirit. During the Rapture, they are resurrected from the dead and receive their glorified bodies. Either event of His return is what we are looking to find signs for in the heavens. First, we will review further the meaning of the coalesced objects seen as the Bethlehem Star.

Ceres is the smallest dwarf planet in our Solar System. Goddess of the seasons, Demeter means “**Earth Mother**.” Ceres' name may derive from the root *ker, meaning “to grow”, which is also a possible root for many English words, such as “create”, “cereal”, “grow”, “kernel”, “corn”, and “increase”. The word “ceres” derived from the Latin verb meaning “to bear”, or “bring forth”.



March 11, 5 BC Star of Bethlehem: Looking West



Take a closer look at Venus' glyph, or symbol. It shows spirit (circle) over a cross. Grace, charm, and beauty are all ruled by Venus. It is also the symbol of female or woman.

Venus: The planet is named after Venus, the Roman goddess of “Love” and “Beauty.” After the moon, it is the second brightest natural object in the night sky, reaching an apparent magnitude of -4.9 , bright enough to cast shadows onto the earth. This planet has a role of representing a “female or woman” as well as “love” based upon the glyph or symbol used to represent the planet Venus. This symbolizes the woman, who is Israel from the tribe of Judah. Both the Lamb and the Lion must come from the tribe of Judah to fulfill Old Testament prophecy.

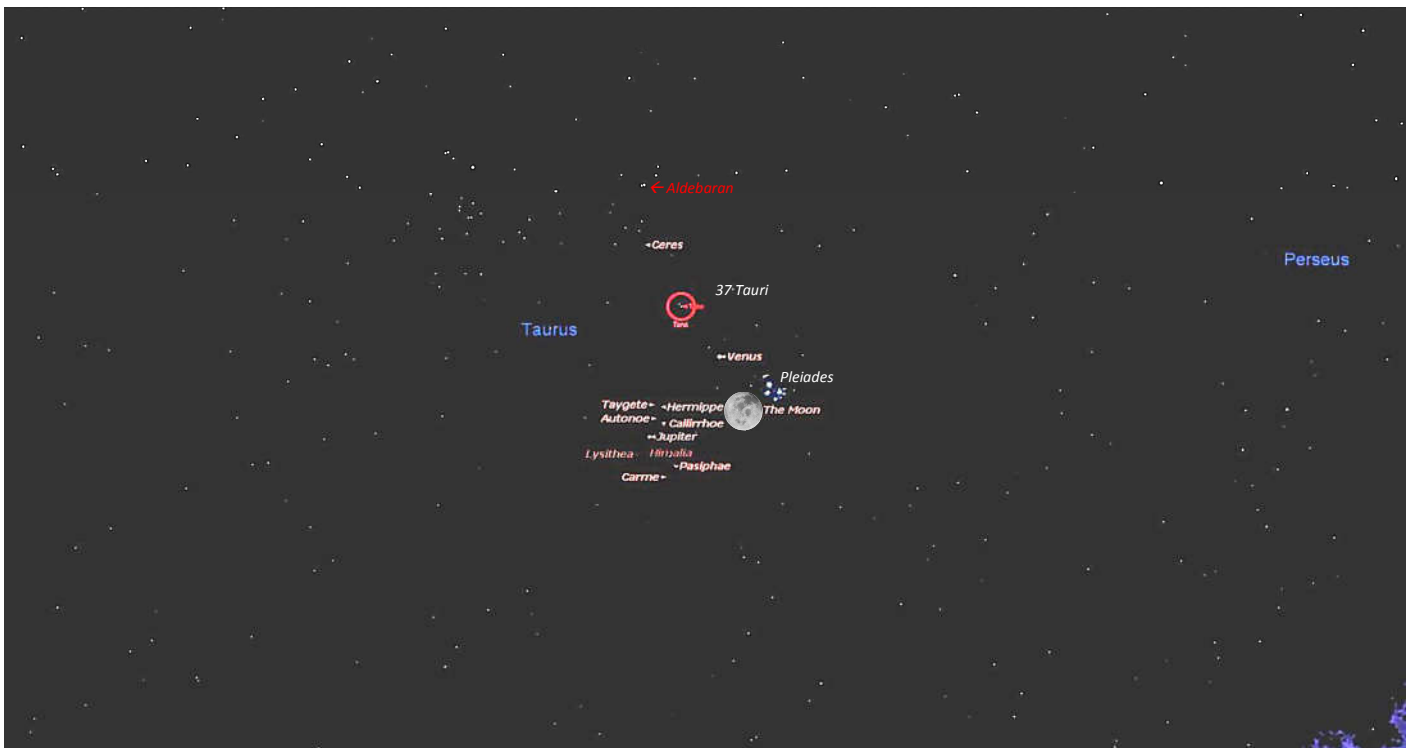
Revelation 12:1-2 ***“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.”***¹⁶

Jupiter, the king of the gods is the fifth planet from the sun and the largest planet within the Solar System. The king planet is the third brightest object in the night sky. We know that Jupiter is the Messianic star.

Jupiter is derived from the Hebrew or Chaldean *Jah*, which is the name of God revealed to Moses. 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 the Messianic star that symbolizes **the Messiah**.

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Alpha Tauri: ALDEBARAN is by far the brightest, which is termed the red giant and is the Alpha star of the Constellation Taurus. The great “red giant”, war-like Aldebaran is one of the four “Guardians of Heaven” - sentinels watching over other stars. It formed one of the four royal stars of Persia as “*Watcher of the East*.” These were also called archangel stars; the star Aldebaran was Michael - Military Commander of the Heavenly Host. Michael the Archangel was the Guardian Angel of Israel. The others were; Gabriel (Fomalhaut) Watcher of the South; Raphael (Regulus) Watcher of the North; Uriel (Antares) Watcher of the West. Now, Uriel is the Holy Angel over the abyss. Isn't it interesting to see that Revelation uses the word “*star*” symbolically as an angel?



March 11, 5 BC Star of Bethlehem: Magnified over the skies of Bethlehem

Revelation 9:1 ***“Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.”***¹⁷

Notice “*star*” is referred to as “*him*” or angel. The “*bottomless pit*” is where the fallen angels are bound and kept until judgment of the Great Day with eternal bonds. Jude 6 says “...*He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness...*”

¹⁶ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:1–2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Re 9:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The army from the pit (vv. 1–12). The “bottomless pit” is literally “the pit of the abyss.” Luke makes it clear that this “pit” is the abode of the fallen angels (Luke 8:31), and John states that Satan will be temporarily “jailed” there during our Lord’s reign on the earth (Rev. 20:1–3).¹⁸

Pleiades star cluster is the crown of stars. The Pleiades is also known as the Seven Sisters and Messier 45. It is a conspicuous object in the night sky with a prominent place in ancient mythology. The cluster contains hundreds of stars, of which only a handful are commonly visible to the unaided eye. The Pleiades has a meaning of crowns or diadems. A crown is worn as a sign of royalty or authority. This is authority given to Christ by the Father.

37 Tauri: is a super-giant or red giant star in the Taurus constellation. It doesn’t have a given name, except for the number 37. In Biblical numerology it has the meaning of God given (3=God willed or Divine) and the completion of the earth before day seven, which represents completeness (7=Completeness). The meaning comes from 37 being a prime number and having no factors. It appears in the sky when authority is willed by God to the heavenly event. It symbolizes Divine Completeness. It is displayed as a red circle/red plus sign in the sky maps used in this book; even though this seems to be an insignificant star in the sky by man. Nevertheless, it seems to be significant to God and His signs that are given to the heavenly event. It can be a confirmation that this is a divine event that is given by God marking excellence in His plan.

God has given to this world the one and final atonement for sin through a free gift from God, who is Christ the Lord. All together these heavenly objects represent God’s love (Venus) to send a redeemer in the flesh as the ultimate sacrifice (Constellation of Taurus) for sin. God only gave “one” commandment to Adam. It was not to eat of “one” tree in the Garden of Eden. Eve was tempted by the serpent that is represented by the Constellation of Serpens. In the center of the northern constellation map is Draco, the dragon, who is ready to accuse the brethren and deceive the entire world (*see Star Constellation Map in back of this book*). Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. The “head and eye” of the dragon, Draco is over Virgo ready to devour her which is mentioned in Scripture. In Revelation 12:4, it makes the statement “and the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.” 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. The Messiah is symbolized by the planet of Jupiter. While the Constellation of Taurus; the bull represents a priestly sacrifice. The End Times comes with the Constellation of Leo representing the Lion of Judah; who is Christ. This represents Christ’s Second Coming and His Judgment or God’s Wrath. His righteous judgment is symbolized by Libra, the scales of justice. These heavenly pictures represent the “Grand Design” which includes His plan of salvation for this world by God from the beginning of creation. Remember in Genesis 1:14, the heavens were created for signs.

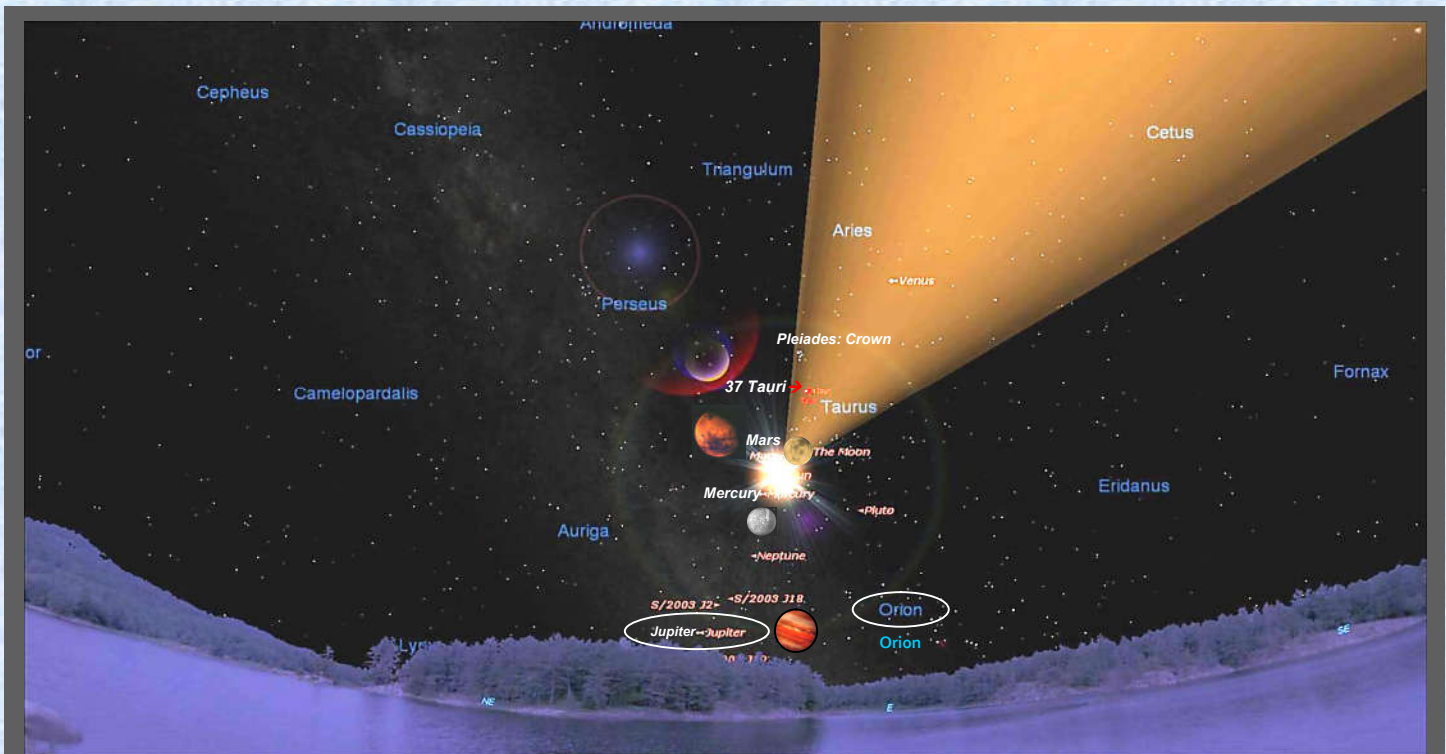
To determine the beginning of the Tribulation, we shall look at the “Bethlehem Star” which has a cycle of 2400 years. It appeared in the sky in the year 6 BC, which marks the conception of Christ. Is this event some 2400 years later, a sign from the heavens of the Coming of Christ again? This would mark the year as 2394 AD which was when it was first seen in the east on July 9, 6 BC. Does the year 2394 AD mark the beginning of the Tribulation period, the middle of the Tribulation, the Rapture, or the coming of Christ prior to His reign? We shall look to the skies to determine what occurs the year 2394 AD. The Tribulation period will last for seven years. This will become our next search for heavenly events over Jerusalem. God set the rules for the heavens at the time of creation. This is seen by God asking Job the question of who “fixed their rule over the earth.” With increased knowledge and understanding of the heavens, it is time for us to look for the heavenly signs for the End Times. To narrow the focus, we shall initially look between the years 2393 AD to 2394 AD. Remember these signs were placed in the heavens at the beginning of creation and are ruled by the “ordinances of the heavens.”

Job 38:33 ***“Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, or fix their rule over the earth?”***¹⁹

¹⁸ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Re 9:1). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.

¹⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Job 38:33). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 3: LIGHT TUNNEL



June 2393 Sunrise, the sun is eclipsed by Mars, Mercury and the Moon

This must be an important heavenly sign with “six” planets overhead, the number of man. Could the “six” represent the “Son of Man” coming? This is the eclipse of the sun with both planets of Mars (War) and Mercury (Antichrist) and the moon radiates sunlight upward and not upon the earth. The dual planetary eclipses with the moon and sun would make roaring waves. This is caused by the gravitational forces on the seas creating tides. This would be a sign on the earth as mentioned in scripture. Both Jupiter and Orion are close to the earth. Orion has the meaning of “True Shepherd.” Is it time for Christ, the Shepherd, to gather His Sheep from this earth?

- **Mars, the god of war**, is the ruler over bloody war.
- **Mercury, the messenger of the gods**, represents a deceptive communicator and ruler, the Antichrist.
- **Jupiter, the king of the gods**, recognized as the Messianic star that symbolizes the Messiah, Christ.
- **Constellation of Orion** represents the Babylonian “True Shepherd or Heavenly Shepherd,” Christ.

This heavenly sign is packed with numerous heavenly objects. This includes the moon’s radiant light that is shining on the second brightest object in the sky which is Venus, the planet of “love”. Pluto represents the underworld. Could this represent the resurrection of the dead? Observe, the Constellation of Orion is just above the treetops. Jupiter, which is also seen just above the earth, symbolizes the Messiah. It is the heavenly sign of Christ. It states “...then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky” as mentioned in Matthew 24:30. Matthew’s account is similar to Mark’s description except for the word “immediately” is inserted “after the tribulation.” Christ in His Olivet Discourse mentions that the Tribulation is followed by a Great Tribulation and desecration of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Because of this phrase “after the tribulation,” most pre-tribulation scholars believe that these passages relate to Christ’s return to reign upon this earth. But, Christ when He comes to reign will come as the Lion of Judah, which is represented by the Constellation of Leo. The Lion symbolizes Judgment and Wrath of God. The Lion is not present; it is the “True Shepherd” that is seen during the gathering of His Elect. Scholars seem to miss the significance of the statement; we will see the “SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY.”

Matthew 24:29-31 ***“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”***

30 ***“And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.”***

31 ***“And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”***²⁰

In Mark 13 and Matthew 24 both scripture passages make the statement the “*sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.*” It also says that “*after the Tribulation of those days....*” There must be darkness on the earth and “*the moon will not give its light.*” Prior to the Rapture, we will see the moon will not give its light. Those on the earth are in perishable bodies and those in Heaven are spiritual beings. This is followed by the gathering of believers in Heaven to the earth. Believers in spirit from Heaven and alive on earth receive glorified bodies. Believers don’t just vanish from this earth. This is a visible event. His Bride is symbolic of those who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit who are both alive and dead in Christ. His Elect become His Bride once they are in glorified bodies.

Rapture – His Bride Gathered

Ephesians 4:30 ***“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”***

Ephesians 1:13 ***“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,”***²¹

A seal in the Roman times had two purposes: one for protection and the other for ownership by Christ. The true believer’s mark of ownership is the Holy Spirit’s indwelling. Those who are sealed will obtain their glorified bodies during the Rapture of His Bride in Christ. Didn’t Luke record Christ’s Olivet Discourse with a statement relating to “*like lightning*” that flashes out of one part of the sky will be the Son of Man in His Day? “*Like lightning*” in the skies, we can see in the next image the heavens are a golden amber glow which lights up the entire skies.

Luke 17:24 ***“For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.”***²²

In a commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments by R. Jamieson, it states:

As lightning ... so ... the Son of man—that is it will be as manifest. When the whole polity of the Jews, civil and ecclesiastical alike, was broken up at once, and its continuance rendered impossible by the destruction of Jerusalem, it became as manifest to all as the lightning of heaven that the kingdom of God had ceased to exist.²³

The light cone appears in the sky after sunrise and causes the sky to glow an amber color of glory, as if lightning flashes out of one part of the sky as described in Luke 17:24. This event is followed by darkness over the earth again. Next, it is followed by a light tunnel which appears over the earth for a very short period of time. Jupiter,

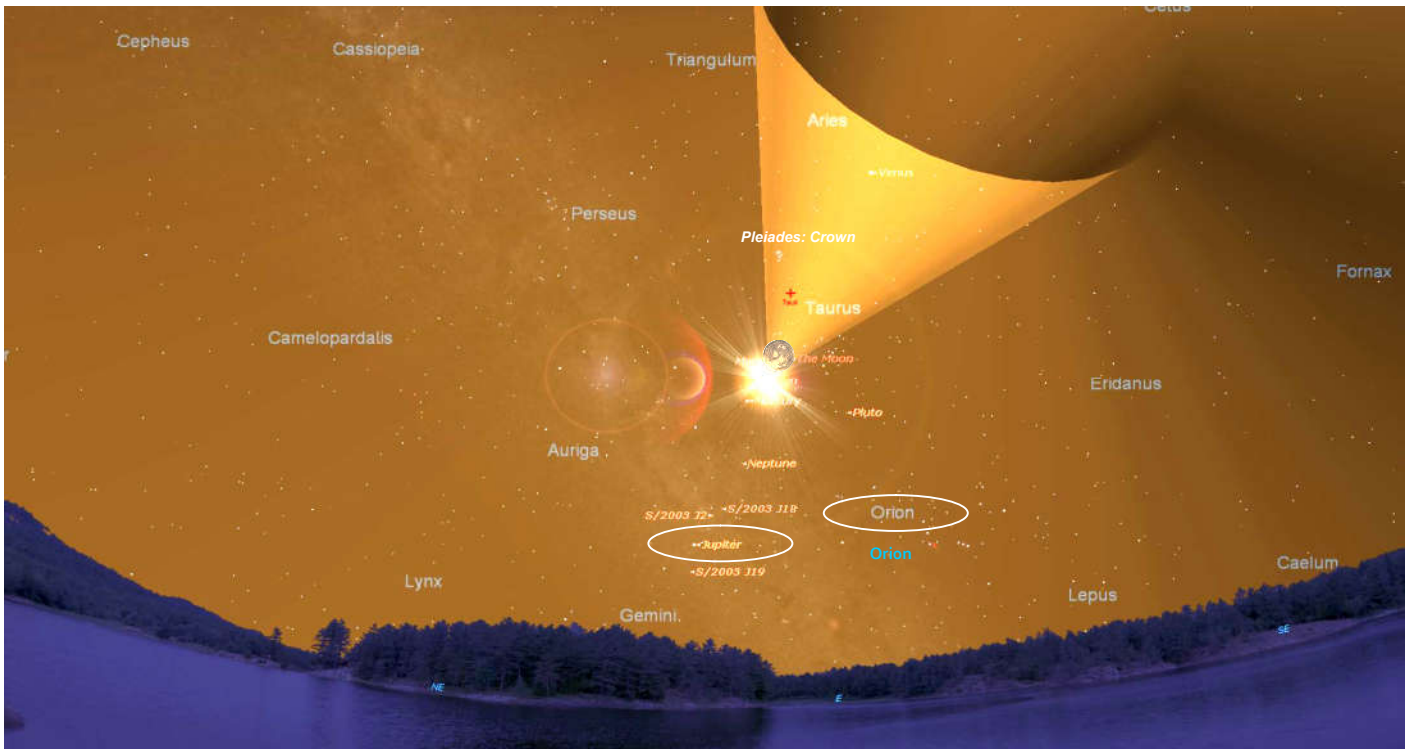
²⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:29–31). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Eph 1:13, Eph 4:30). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Lk 17:24). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²³ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Lk 17:24). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

the Messianic star, is near the earth during the morning hours. It is just above the treetops in the middle of the image. Is the Messianic star “*the sign of the Son of Man*”? Is this a symbolic reminder that we “*will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...*” which is stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:17? This is the Rapture of the believer from this earth. This is a visible event seen “*from one end of the sky to the other.*” Believers in heaven, which are spiritual beings become visible on earth once they receive their glorified bodies. This is not a secret Rapture.



June 2393 Light shines to the other part of the sky during the morning on the Day the Son of Man is revealed

The time of day is different based upon the latitude and longitude of the location on the earth. Therefore, the meaning of “*GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.*” In Matthew 24 it states to be on the alert for we will not know what time of the day it will occur – daybreak, daytime or midday.

Matthew 24:37-42 ***“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.***

38 *“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,*

39 *and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.*”

40 *“Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.”*

41 *“Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.”*

42 *“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.”*²⁴ - KJV *“what hour”*****

Greek word for Day: *hēmera*; a prim. word; *day*:—always*, court, daily*, day, day’s, day ... another, **daybreak, daytime, midday***, time, years.²⁵ **KJV *hēmera* “what hour”**

The word “*day*” is translated from the Greek word μέρα *hēmera*, which is stating the fact that we will not know if it will occur at daybreak, daytime, or midday. The time and location in the constellations vary across the earth.

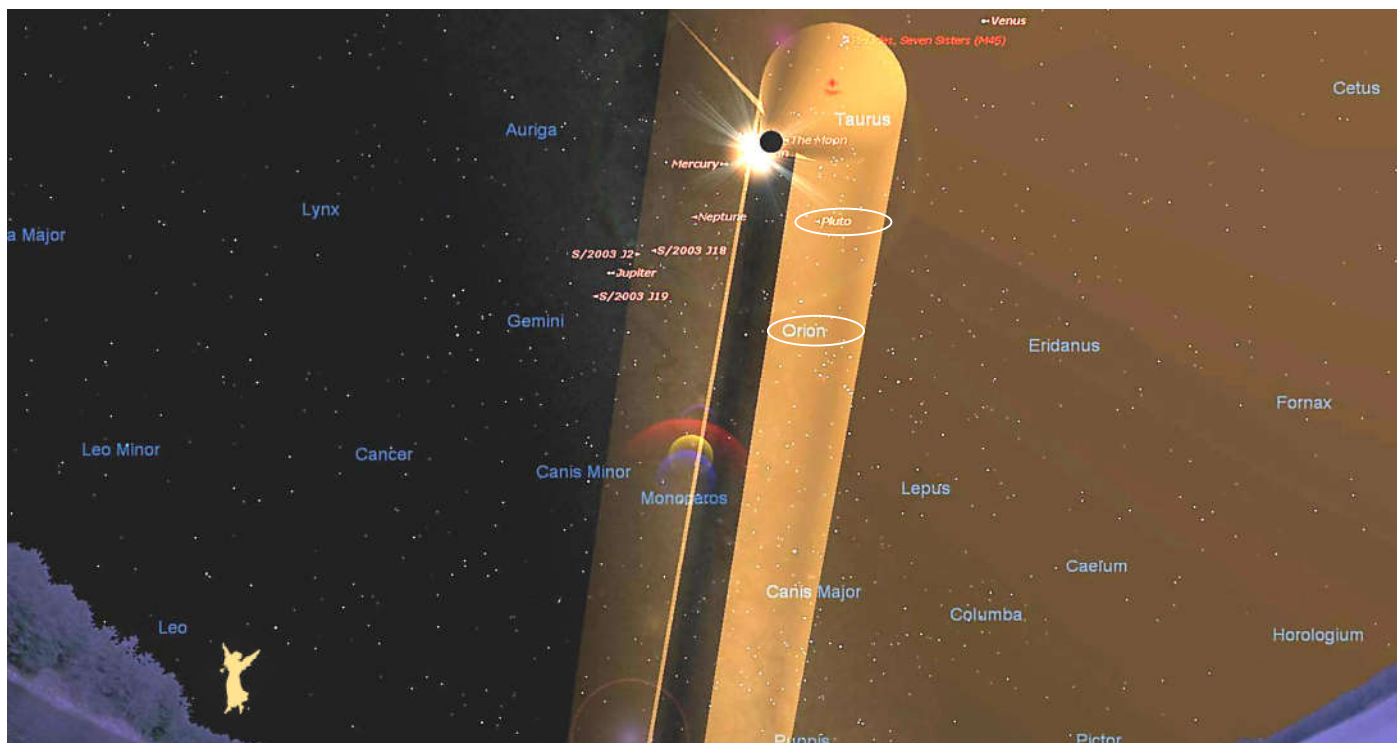
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²⁵ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries: Updated edition.* Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

We need to see if this interpretation of the translation is correct and accurate for the word “day.” The King James Version translates this as “*what hour your Lord doth come.*” In Matthew 24:44 it states “*Son of Man coming at an **hour** when you do not think...*” In Mark, we will see what it has to say about the master coming, that represents Christ.

Mark 13:35-37 ***“Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.” “What I say to you I say to all, Be on the alert!”***²⁶

The words used for the master’s coming are whether in the “*evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning*”, which is very similar to the Greek translation and meaning of “*day*” occurring at daybreak, daytime, or midday for its usage - “*Time of Day.*” This parallels the scripture given in Matthew 24:42-44.



June 2393 Light Tunnel used to gather His Bride from the earth over Jerusalem - Rapture

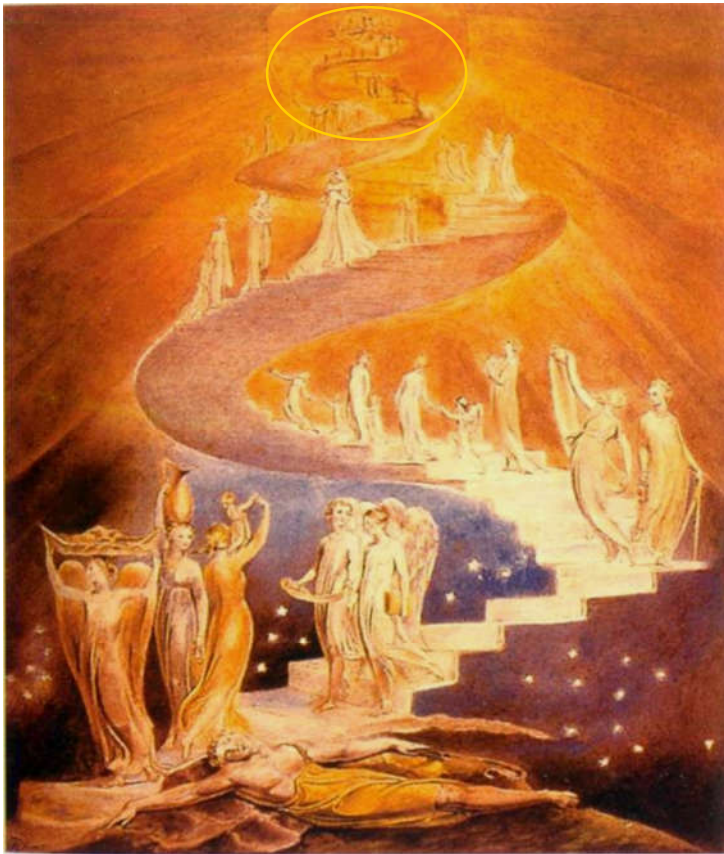
The light cone in the heavens converts into a light tunnel by rotating in the heavens to face downward on the earth. Notice, the moon itself does not give any light onto the earth. Remember the statement in Mark “*AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT.*” What we see in the skies is described in scripture. Isn’t it amazing to find the light cone prior to the Rapture? This is seen in the sky prior to the light tunnel being used to pick up those who have been justified or declared righteous by Christ’s blood on the cross. The cone is changed in a very short period of time into a light tunnel by rotation in the heavens (see image, page 90). Some scholars think that the believer will just disappear from the earth with no visible evidence during the Rapture. There is no Biblical truth to this event being invisible to this world. Scripture states the imperishable body will be changed “*in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye*” and not that the believer will disappear “*in the twinkling of an eye*” from the earth. The light tunnel is pointing down to the Constellation of Orion the sign of the “*True Shepherd,*” Christ. On the light tunnel is Pluto, the sign of the underworld. Both Pluto and Orion on the light tunnel symbolize the resurrection of the dead in Christ. It is mentioned in scripture and there will be a Great Trumpet to hear and this event will be seen from “*one end of the sky to the other.*” Christ uses angels to gather His Elect, since Christ doesn’t come down to the earth. Scripture says “*the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky*” in Matthew 24:30.

²⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:35–37). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

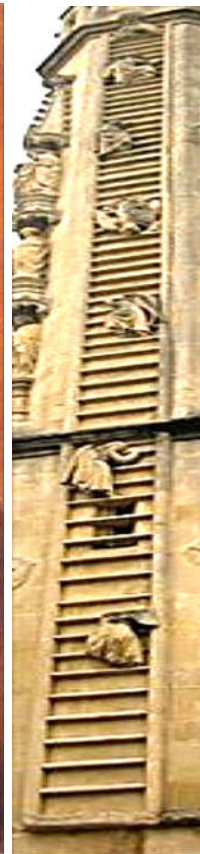
Matthew 24:31 ***“And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other”***²⁷

Jacob’s Golden 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 Elect need such a ladder to ascend into heaven from the earth during the End Times. This must be to show mankind on this earth the visible Rapture. This is His Bride going from this earth to Heaven. Remember Jacob’s dream and how it describes a ladder from Heaven to earth for the angels to use. It is astonishing to see in scripture a ladder is needed by the angels to reach into the heavens and down to the earth. It is like a visible ladder or light tunnel which is needed to show the world His Bride being gathered from this earth.



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



Jacob's Ladder- Bath Abbey U.K.

Jacob’ Dream:

Genesis 28:12-13

“He (Jacob) had a dream, and 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. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.”

The passage below states we will become immortal beings with everlasting life. This change from the perishable body will occur “*in the twinkling of an eye.*” It doesn’t say believers will immediately vanish without evidence. This will be a visible event and seen throughout the world. It is a glorious event when we get our immortal bodies and become Christ’s Bride. We shall then head to Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

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. 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.”***²⁷

²⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:31, 1 Co 15:52–57). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Light Tunnel

A light tunnel has been described by those who have had a Near-Death Experience, NDE. This tunnel experience is moving up or through a passageway or staircase. This is similar to Jacob's ladder as described in Genesis. They have also described a "powerful light" and "levitation" during an out-of-body experience. Do believers in their glorified bodies levitate up to heaven through the visible light tunnel in their visible bodies? It is amazing to find a painting dating back to 1504 AD that depicts a light tunnel. It has been known for centuries that once a body dies the spirit leaves the body and departs to another world. The spiritual domain is either Heaven or the underworld in the depths of the earth and seas. Is this NDE light tunnel the transition from this visible world to the invisible spiritual domain?



Ascent of the Blessed by Hieronymus (1504)

Tunnel Experience:

- *A sense of peace, well-being and painlessness. Positive emotions. A feeling of being removed from the world.*
- *An out-of-body experience. A perception of one's body from an outside position "levitation".*
- *A "tunnel experience." A sense of moving up, or through, a passageway or staircase.*
- *A rapid movement toward and/or sudden immersion in a "powerful light." Communication with the light.*
- *Being presented with knowledge about one's life and the nature of the universe.*
- *A decision by oneself or others to return to one's body, often accompanied by a reluctance to return.*
- *Approaching a border.*
- *An intense feeling of unconditional love.*
- *Encountering "Beings of Light", "beings dressed in white", or spiritual beings.*

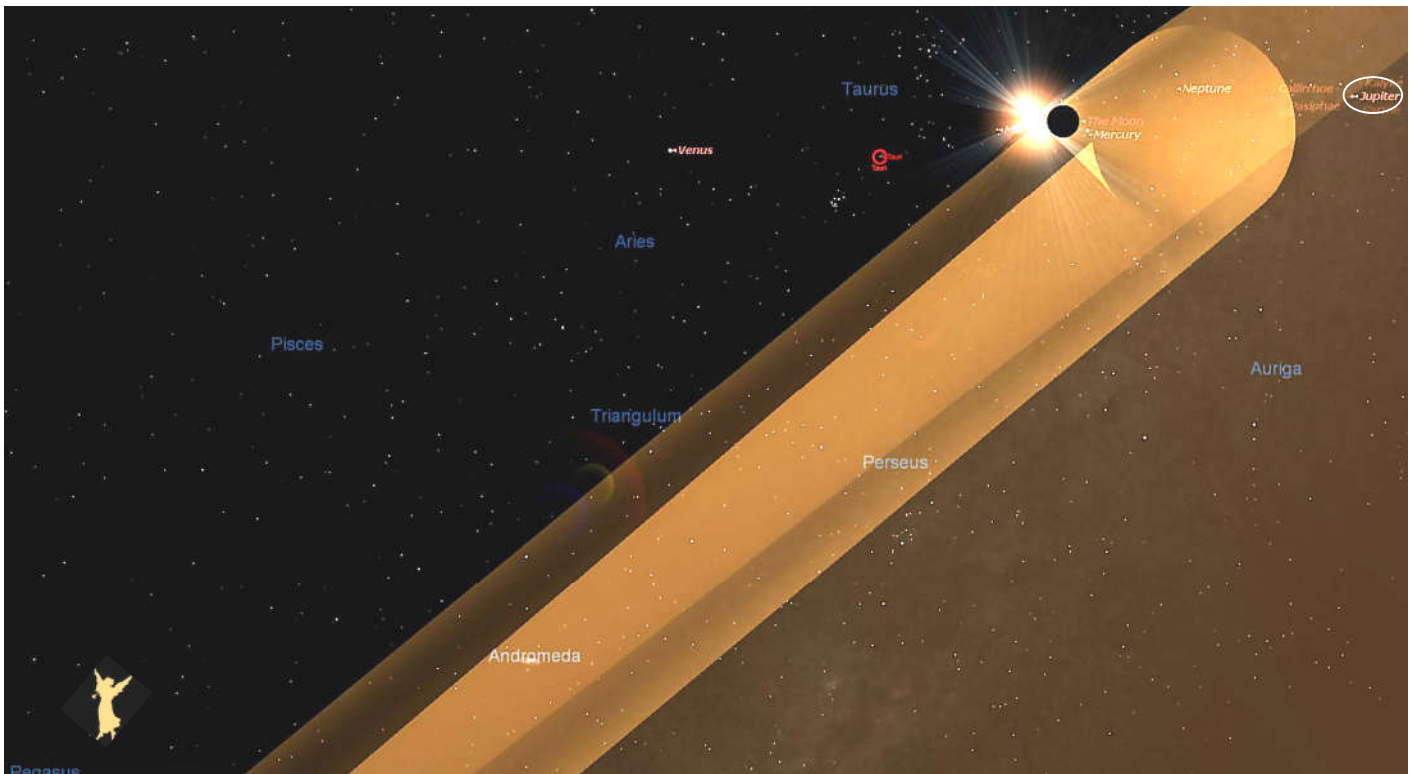
John 1:51

And He said to him (Nathanael), "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

*A **near-death experience (NDE)** refers to a broad range of personal experiences associated with impending death, encompassing multiple possible sensations including detachment from the body; feelings of levitation; extreme fear; total serenity, security, or warmth; the experience of absolute dissolution; and the presence of a light.*

The NDE is often cited as evidence for the existence of the human soul, the afterlife, and heaven and hell, ideas that appear in many religious traditions. On the other hand, skeptical commentators view NDEs as purely neurological and chemical phenomena occurring in the brain. From this perspective, NDEs are the result of purely physiological and neurobiological mechanisms.

From Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NDE>



June 2393 Light Tunnel used to gathered His Bride from the earth over Los Angeles, California - Rapture

The angle of the light tunnel varies by location. Jupiter is at the top of the dome of the tunnel. It again looks like a giant scoop over the earth. Notice, the location in Los Angeles of the Pleiades star cluster and 37 Tauri are different from the view over Jerusalem. Again, the timing for this event varies based upon the latitude and longitude of the location on the earth. In Jerusalem the light tunnel is more upright than in Los Angeles. Also, the constellations that surround the light tunnel are different between the Jerusalem and Los Angeles sites. The differences in the constellations surrounding this event show definitively that the timing is different by location on this earth. Notice, that the constellations of Andromeda, Triangulum, Pisces, Aries, Perseus and Auriga are not seen around the light tunnel over Jerusalem. The Prophet Joel said about the Lord and the Last Days: *“AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE.”* This is truly a wonder in the sky, that God would use a light tunnel for His Bride. Christ was taken into Heaven and seen by many during His ascension. Likewise, the Old Testament saints were seen by many in the Holy City before going to Heaven. His Bride is now in glorified bodies. The importance of the statement in scripture is repeated over and over again to be on the *“alert”*. It states *“heed, keep on the alert, and stay on the alert”*. This book cannot overly stress the importance of this statement. The image differences between Jerusalem and Los Angeles show the significance of staying on the alert.

Mark 13:33-34 ***“Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.”***²⁸

Even the Apostle Paul, who stated that the day should not overtake us as a thief, said to stay on the alert. We should be alert and watch for His coming by knowing and understanding the heavenly signs. We should know *“the sign of the Son of Man”* spoken of in Matthew 24:30 which will occur days prior to and during the Rapture.

²⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:33–34). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

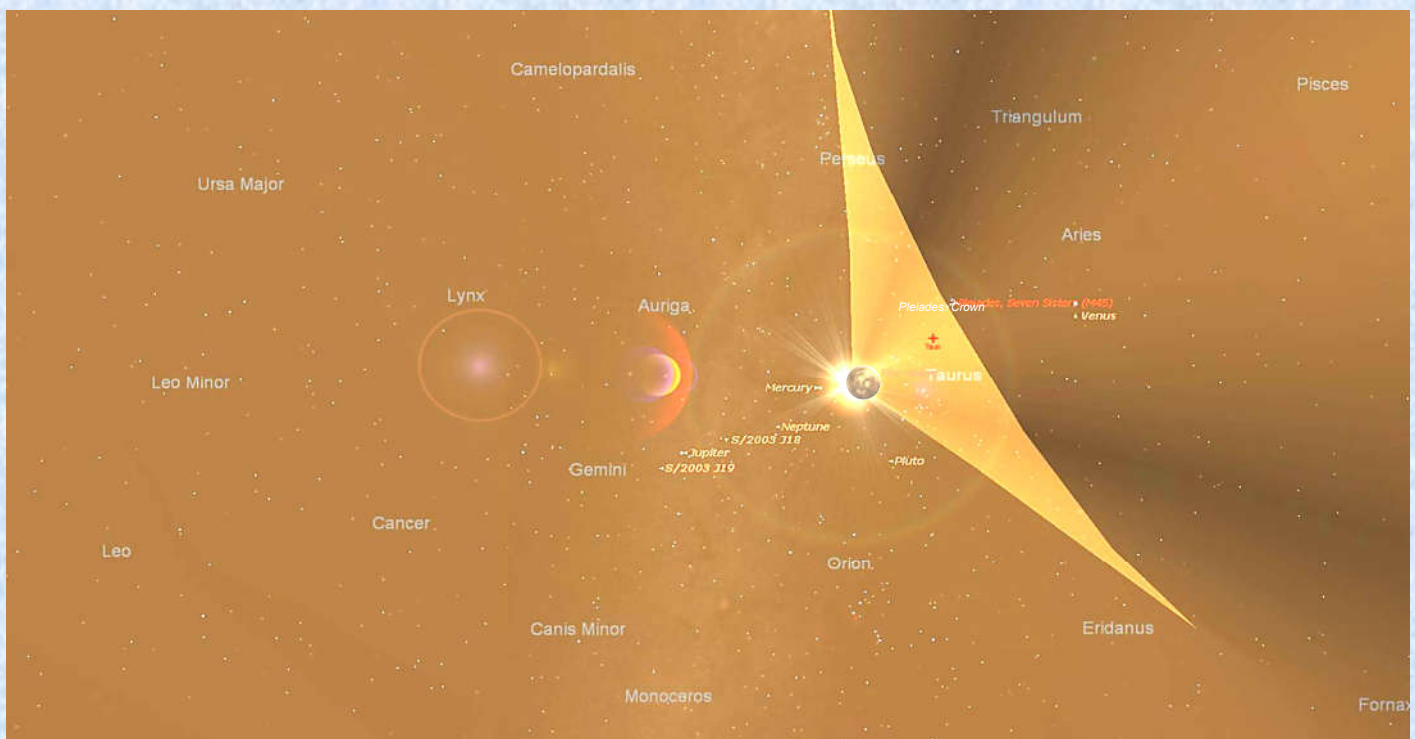
1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 ***“But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.”***²⁹

What does scripture tell us about this event? It states that we will get imperishable bodies and become immortal beings. Many teach that during the Rapture those who are alive will just vanish and become spirits. This is contrary to the Bible. Christ was seen on the earth once He was resurrected. The Old Testament saints were seen in the Holy City after Christ's resurrection. The believer's glorified body is a visible body. This visibility will be necessary for His chosen to serve Him on this earth during His Millennial Reign. King David will reign in a visible body over Israel when Christ reigns over the entire earth, which is mentioned in Ezekiel 37:24-28. Hence, this is the reason why Christ is given the name “*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*” in Revelation 19:16. But, prior to the Rapture there will be those in natural bodies, alive on the earth and those in the spirit, who are in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:40-44 ***“There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.***

***42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;
43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;
44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”***³⁰ (body is not in the original Greek manuscript)

Scripture describes the gathering of the Elect from the farthest ends of earth and Heaven in Mark 13:27. It is completely apparent that the heavenly sign of the light tunnel was the Rapture and we should be on the alert. The Rapture occurs over a very short period of time. Believers from this earth are taken to Heaven in glorified bodies and the skies turn a golden amber color for the Glory of God. Does this represent God's *Shekinah Glory*?



June 2393 Christ's Bride is departing from the earth and is heading to heaven

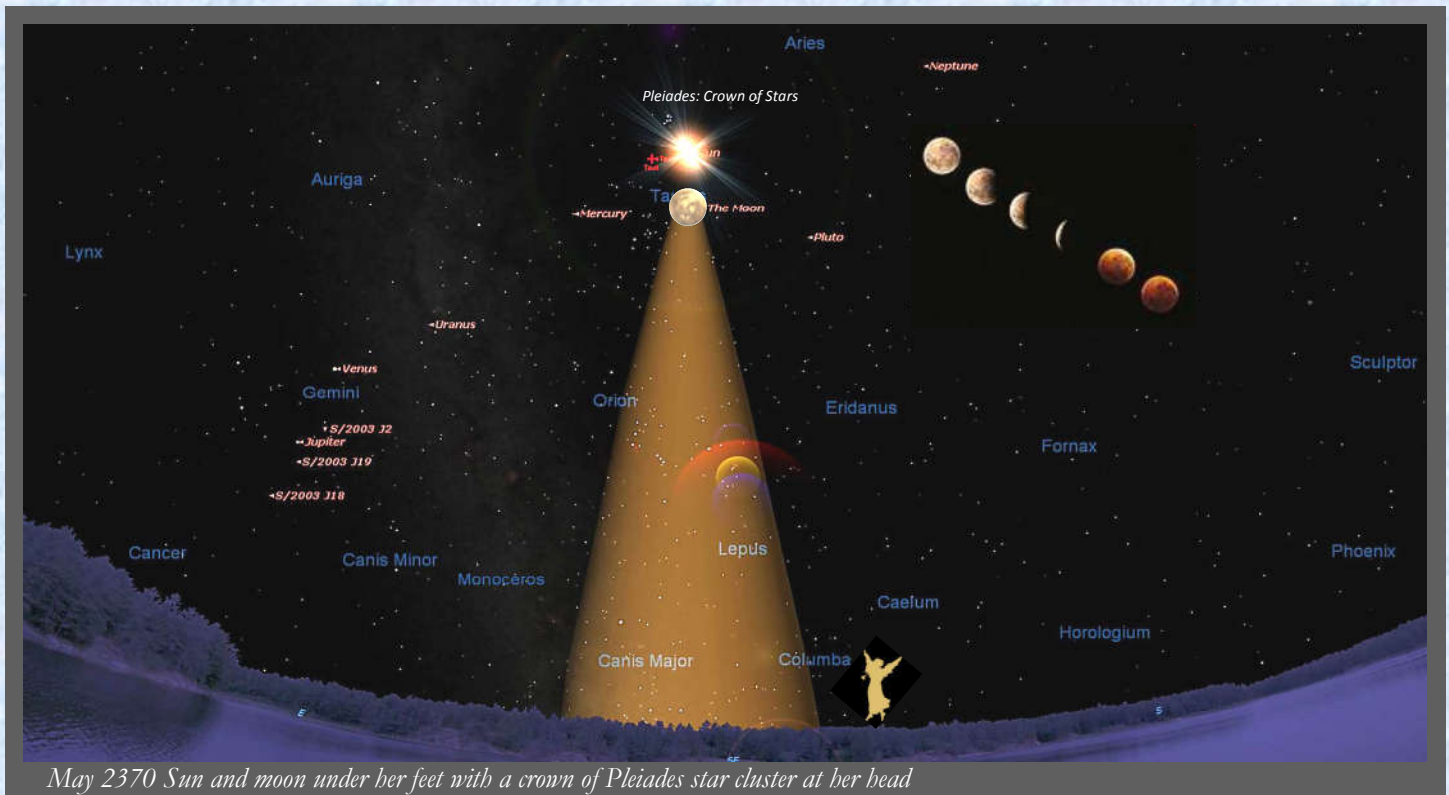
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CHAPTER 4: GLORY RESTORED

The heavenly sign for Israel is the sun and the moon with the crown of stars, which is the Pleiades star cluster seen in the image below. This is described in scripture from the very first book of the Bible to the last book in Revelation. We also know from scripture it is considered a “*great sign*” in heaven for the End Times.

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;”***³¹



May 2370 Sun and moon under her feet with a crown of Pleiades star cluster at her head

The sun drapes her and the moon radiates light at her feet. There is a crown of stars, called the Pleiades at her head as seen above and described in scripture. The twelve stars refer to the 12 tribes of Israel, or 144,000 who will initially be sealed during the Tribulation period. The passage in Revelation goes on to describe that 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes are sealed on their foreheads. Therefore, the number totals 144,000 from Israel.

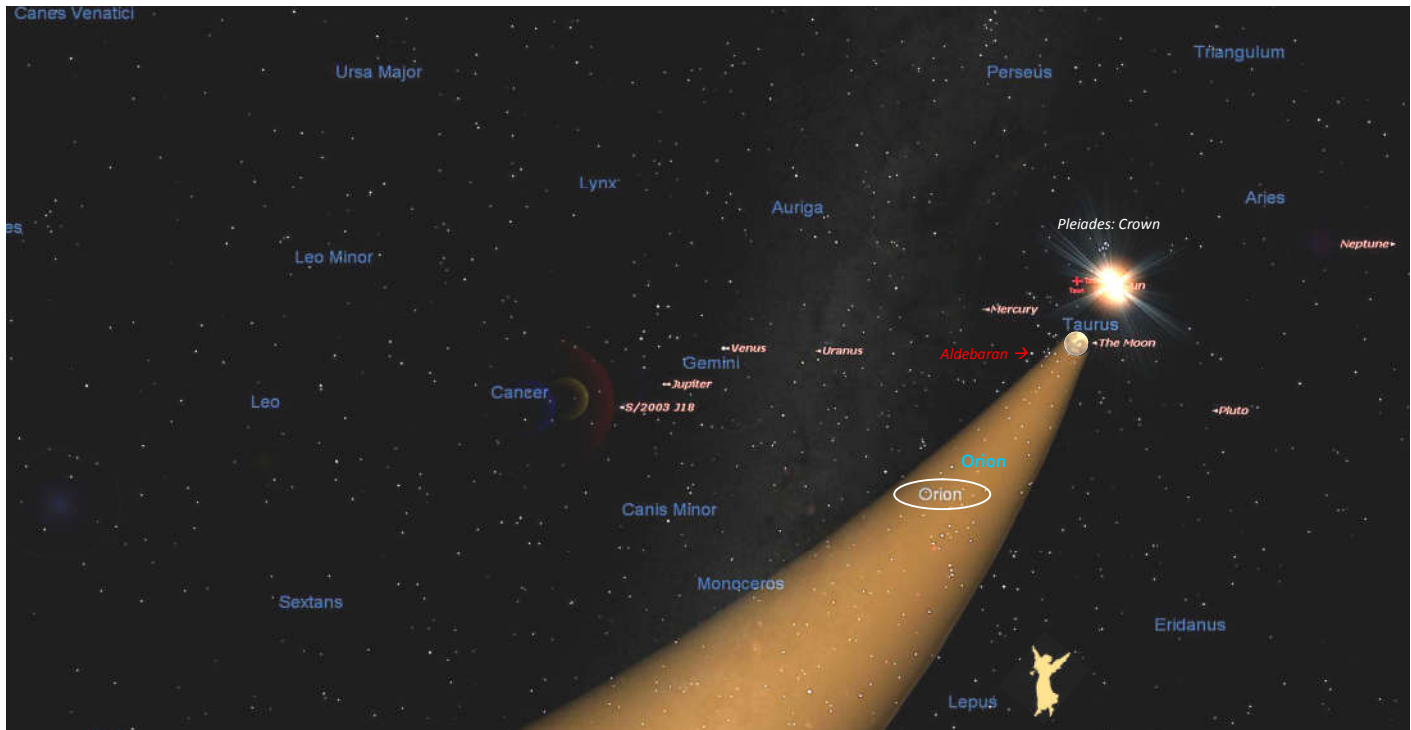
Revelation 7:4 ***“And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.”***³¹

The light rays appear at her feet like a radiant dress worn by a woman. The woman represents Israel. At her head is the crown of stars to receive her stellar crowning glory. We also know from Joseph’s dream that the description is correct by the Genesis statement in which the eleven stars refer to his brothers. With Joseph included as one of the brothers it becomes the twelve tribes of Israel. By the way, Israel is the only nation that remains in existence after centuries of fallen empires. It is God’s chosen people and nation.

Genesis 37:9 ***“Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, “Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”***³¹

³¹ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:1, Re 7:4, Ge 37:9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Is this a sign of God's Glory being restored to Israel? The sun and moon with the Pleiades star cluster as her "crown of stars" is seen in the image below. The sun's radiant light, reflecting off the moon, projects a beam of light to the Constellation Orion. We will see how this prophetic date is revealed by Archangel Gabriel to Daniel.



May 2370 "Sign of Israel" radiating "Light of Glory" to the "True Shepherd"

The meaning Orion is "Heavenly Shepherd" or "True Shepherd."³² Anu was the chief god of the heavenly realms according to Babylonian history.³² Anu's name predates the time of Jesus Christ's birth. The ultimate Shepherd is Christ. Yahweh is the ruler of heaven and earth, judge of all men, and creator.³³ This is to recognize Christ's Deity, as the Son of God and as the Messiah. Does Israel finally recognize Christ as their "True Shepherd" after striking down the Shepherd? Christ said that "I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED" in Matthew 26:31 quoting scripture prophecy after the Lord's Supper. God had truly scattered the nation of Israel throughout the world to bring it back together for the End Times. The Father has also given to Christ all judgment which is stated in John 5:22 ".....but He (the Father) has given all judgment to the Son." This belief of having power to judge was shared in Sumerian mythology.

It is through Babylonian and Sumerian history that we find the true meaning and interpretation of the Constellation of Orion. This must be Christ who was given authority by the Father to judge.

In Sumerian mythology, Anu was a sky-god, the god of heaven, lord of constellations, king of gods, and dwelt in the highest heavenly regions. It was believed that he had the power to judge those who had committed crime. He was one of the oldest gods in the Sumerian pantheon. ³⁴

³² John H. Rogers, "Origins of the ancient constellations: I. The Mesopotamian Traditions", *Journal of the British Astronomical Association* (1998)

³³ *The Original Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases* (Americanized Version) is licensed from Longman Group UK Limited. Copyright © 1994 by Longman Group UK Limited.

³⁴ Kramer, Samuel N. *Sumerian Mythology: a Study of Spiritual and Literary Achievement in the Third Millennium B.C.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998.



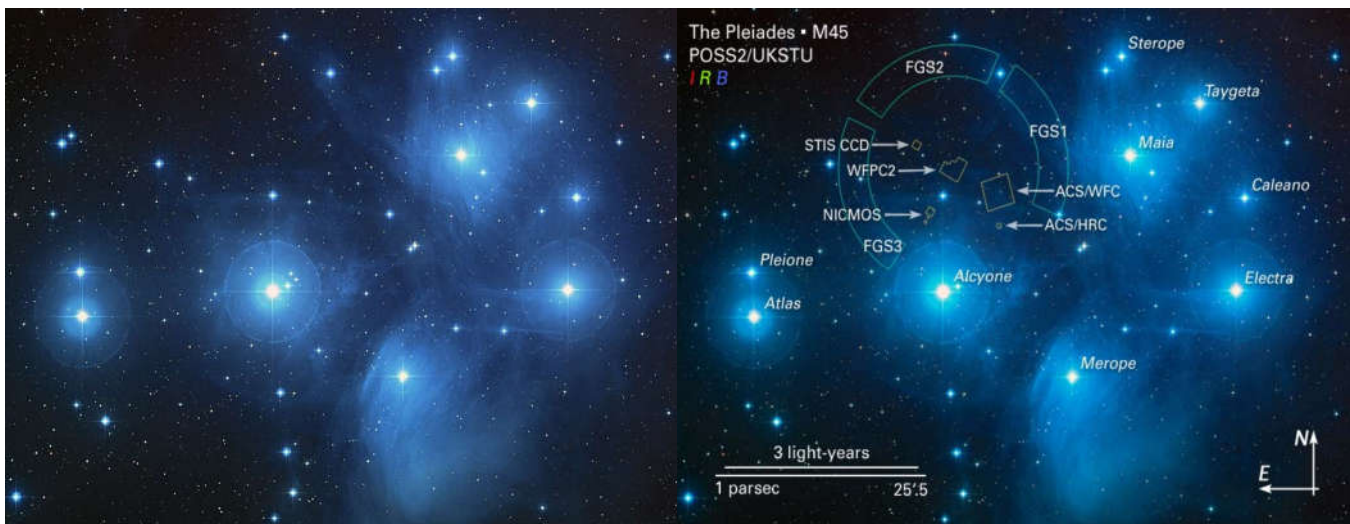
Constellation of Orion Spitzer Space Telescope (NASA)

Constellation of Orion: *The Babylonian star catalogues of the Late Bronze Age named “Orion” the constellation as well as the Book of Job. Orion had the meaning of True Shepherd. Hanging from Orion's belt is his sword, consisting of the multiple stars called the Trapezium and the Orion Nebula. This spectacular object can be clearly identified with the naked eye as something other than a star.*

Job 9:9 **“Who makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;”**

Job 38:31-33 **“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, Or loose the cords of Orion? “Can you lead forth a constellation in its season, And guide the Bear with her satellites”? “Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, Or fix their rule over the earth”? ³⁵**

In Job, both Orion and the Pleiades star cluster were named. The Pleiades has a meaning of crowns or diadems. A crown is worn as a sign of royalty or authority. When the crown is seen together over the sun and moon, it represents Israel. The number in the cluster represents the number of tribes or kingdoms on the earth in which God has given authority. We will see later how this crown is used to give authority to the Antichrist.



The Pleiades M45 Star cluster Hubble Telescope (NASA)

It can be seen with other heavenly bodies and is associated with authority being given to this heavenly sign. The Pleiades also known as the Seven Sisters and Messier 45, (named after French astronomer Charles Messier, 1771) is a conspicuous object in the night sky with a prominent place in ancient mythology. The cluster contains hundreds of stars, of which only a handful are commonly visible to the unaided eye. The cluster appears in the Constellation of Taurus, the “Bull.” The “Bull,” symbolizes a priestly sacrifice on the altar.

³⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Job 9:9, 38:31-33). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The image shows the central part of the cluster, where the brightest stars can be found. Several stars of Pleiades appear surrounded by intricate blue filaments of light. This nebulosity is the result of starlight scattering or reflecting off minute grains of interstellar dust in space. The dust particles are inside a cloud of mostly hydrogen gas so the cluster seems to be decorating the heavens. This could be why God has used it as a heavenly crown symbol or sign of authority. It may also be the reason why it is mentioned in Job as the Pleiades for significance as a star cluster. It has also been described as a swarm of fireflies in a silver braid by Lord Tennyson.

“Many a night I saw the Pleiades, rising thro’ the mellow shade, Glitter like a swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid.” - Alfred, Lord Tennyson, (1837)

Alpha Tauri: ALDEBARAN (red letters in image “*Sign of Israel*”) is by far the brightest, which is termed the red giant and therefore the Alpha, star of the Constellation Taurus. The great “*red giant*”, war-like Aldebaran is one of the four “*Guardians of Heaven*” - sentinels watching over other stars. It formed one of the four royal stars of Persia as “*Watcher of the East*.” These were also called archangel stars; the star Aldebaran was the angel Michael - Military Commander of the Heavenly Host. Michael, the archangel, was the Guardian Angel of Israel; yet another sign of Israel. This could be the reason why stars are used as symbolic representations of angels in Revelation. It is also interesting to find that Archangel Gabriel declared to Daniel the date of this heavenly event. Hanging from Orion's belt is his sword. What does scripture say about the significance of His sword? The Prophet Ezekiel says “*Behold I am against you and I will draw My sword.*” For, God will cut you off, if He is against you.

Ezekiel 21:2-3 ***“Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries and prophesy against the land of Israel; and say to the land of Israel, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Behold, I am against you; and I will draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off from you the righteous and the wicked.””***³⁶

Glory of God

The Prophet Ezekiel described the departure of the Glory of God from the Holy Temple of Israel. The first Temple had been built more than nine hundred years prior to the birth of Christ. It was built by Solomon, the son of King David. This was due to the fact that King David had “*Blood on His Hands*.” David had defeated the enemies around the borders of Israel during and prior to his reign.

The children of Israel would be permitted to see the glory, holiness, true goodness, grace, mercy and faithfulness of God. His divine presence among His chosen people was incomparable, which no other nation of the earth has known. The Glory of God departed first over the Ark of the Covenant, which was between the Cherubim in the Holy of Holies as stated in Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 10:4 ***“Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD.”***³⁷

God's Glory is seen to move from the eastern gate of Jerusalem across from the Kidron Valley and finally to the Mount of Olives on the east side of the city. It is interesting to find that Christ will set foot on the Mount of Olives with His Second Coming and the mountains will be moved. This is the same place that God's Glory departed Israel.

Ezekiel 11:21-23 ***“But as for those whose hearts go after their detestable things and abominations, I will bring their conduct down on their heads,” declares the Lord GOD.***

³⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Eze 21:2–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

³⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Eze 10:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

- 22 *“Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.*
- 23 *The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city.”*³⁸

Holy Temple

Daniel wrote and prophesied about the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and when it *“will be properly restored”*. Daniel wrote that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed from a kingdom or empire from the north. The kingdom of the north was the Roman Empire. He later prophesied about the abomination of the Temple in the End Times or during the Great Tribulation.



The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem, by David Roberts (1850)

Daniel 8:9 ***“Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.”***³⁹

Palestine is west leaving only the north. Wasn't Rome north of the Beautiful Land of Palestine? The Roman Emperor at the time of destruction of the Temple was Vespasian, who is the prophetic *“rather small horn.”*

Daniel 8:11 ***“....and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.”***³⁹

This must mark the 70 AD Temple destruction by the Roman Empire of being *“torn down.”* This is not in agreement with Bible Scholars such as Matthew Henry's Commentary, Holman concise Bible Commentary and Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament. However, Cooper Abrams sees this as a *“far reaching prediction.”*

³⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Eze 21:2–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

³⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 8:9, 11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Matthew Henry - He saw a little horn which became a great persecutor of the church and people of God; and this was the principle thing that was intended to be shown to him in this vision, as afterwards, ch.11:30, etc. All agree that this was **Antiochus Epiphanes** (so he called himself)—the illustrious, but others called him Antiochus Epimanes—Antiochus the furious. He is called here (as before, ch.7:8), a little horn, because he was in his original contemptible; there were others between him and the kingdom, and he was of a base servile disposition, had nothing in him of princely qualities, and had been for some time a hostage and prisoner at Rome, whence he made his escape, and, though, the youngest brother, and his elder living, got the kingdom. ⁴⁰

Holman - The four horns reflected the fourfold division of Alexander's empire following his untimely death. The little horn represented **Antiochus Epiphanes**, the Syrian ruler (about 175–164 B.C.) who opposed God's people and desecrated the temple.⁴¹

Unger - "Thus the career of **Antiochus Epiphanes** (175-163 B.C.) is prophetically outlined in verses 9 to 14, and there is no adequate reason for viewing it otherwise than fulfilled from the standpoint of our times, although throughout it closely parallels the career of the Antichrist, who will arise during the Great Tribulation preceding the setting up of Israel's Kingdom, as the rest of the Chapter attests." (V. 14) "In obedience to the voice to give understanding of the vision, the very first point Gabriel made to Daniel as son of man (cf. comment on Ezek. 2:1) was he had to understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end...to the appointed time of the end (NASB), specified even more plainly by the words by in the last end of the indignation, that is, 'the final period of the indignation' (NASB)" "...in those words, 'I will make thee know what shall be the last end of the indignation, we have the key to the meaning of the vision' (W.C. Stevens, The Book of Daniel, p. 120). To the pre millenarian expositor, the reference is obviously to 'the end' of the times of the Gentiles, which will be brought to their consummation by the second advent of Christ -- the stone striking the image (Daniel 2:34-35, 45)." (V.17b-19); Unger p. 1653 ⁴²

Cooper Abrams - Daniel's prophecy although involves **Antiochus Epiphanes** it also has a more far reaching prediction. The prophecy foreshadows the coming Antichrist of Daniel's 70th week or the Seven Year Tribulation that will follow the Rapture of the body of Christ. This is clearly indicated by statements "of the time of the end" (8:17) or "the final period of the indignation" (8:19) which refers to the end of the age or the coming time when God will pour out His wrath on the earth followed by the return of Jesus the Messiah. Thus, Antiochus Epiphanes prefigures the king of the north of Daniel 11:6 who is the coming Antichrist revealed in the future seven year Tribulation.

These Bible commentaries agree that it was Antiochus Epiphanes. Nevertheless, Antiochus never destroyed the Temple which is stated in Daniel 8:11 "...and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down." Antiochus placed a statue of Jupiter, the king of the gods in the Temple. He also sacrificed a pig or swine on the altar prohibited by the Law. Therefore, this scripture passage is referring to the Temple's destruction during the Roman times. It is Roman history that has recorded this event. In mid-May 70 AD Titus, the son of Vespasian, destroyed the newly built Third Wall with a ram, breached it as well as the Second Wall, and turned his attention to the Fortress of Antonia just north of the Temple Mount. After several failed attempts to breach or scale the walls of the Antonia Fortress, the Romans finally launched a secret attack, overwhelmed the Jews and took the fortress. Christ also predicts that the Temple would be totally destroyed just as Daniel said "*was thrown down.*" Christ in Matthew 24 makes the statement that parallels that of Daniel with the use of the words "*be torn down.*" Most Bible scholars understand that Christ was proclaiming the destruction of the Holy Temple by the Roman Empire.

Matthew 24:1-2 "**Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."**" ⁴³

⁴⁰ Henry, M. (1996). *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible : Complete and unabridged in one volume* (Da 8:1–14). Peabody: Hendrickson.

⁴¹ Chisholm, R. B. (1998). The Major Prophets. In D. S. Dockery (Ed.), *Holman Concise Bible Commentary: Simple, straightforward commentary on every book of the Bible* (D. S. Dockery, Ed.) (337). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

⁴² Merrill F Unger (2002). *Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament*. Tyndale Theological Seminar, published by AMG Publishers

Daniel also prophesied about the abomination of the Temple in the End Times. Christ, after being asked by His disciples “*what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age,*” gave us signs to look for marking the end of the age. In Matthew 24, Christ gave us multiple signs throughout the chapter. Wasn’t one of those signs the “*abomination and desolation*” written about in Daniel and recalled in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark?

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), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains”***⁴³

Paul knew the believers should be aware of the timeframe and the signs that Christ had given. We should be aware of the timing as well. Christ just said we would not know the day or the hour; but that was in reference to the New Heaven and Earth and not the End Times mentioned in Matthew 24:35-36. Therefore, we should know as His Bride the time is near, so that the day would not overtake us like a thief, which was understood by Paul.

1 Thessalonians 5:4 ***“But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;”***⁴³

The Church and the Last Things: by Lloyd-Jones, D.M.

*The first is: When will the Temple and the city of Jerusalem will be destroyed? The disciples had asked that question. Our Lord had told them about the coming destruction of the Temple, and they asked, ‘When will, this happen?’ As our Lord answered that question, He also dealt with the second question which is: What are to be the signs of His coming? Then, in addition to that, He went on to discuss the end of the age and the final judgment. So when the commentators and the expositors throughout the centuries have come to read these Chapters, there have been three main schools of thought. There have been those who say that in those Chapters our Lord deals with nothing but the destruction of Jerusalem in **AD 70** and the spread of the gospel. Then there is a second school which teaches that our Lord certainly did deal with that, and in a sense it was His main concern, but He did not stop there. He made use of that to say that the events of **AD 70** were also a picture of what would happen on a much bigger scale at the end of the age and on the Day of Judgment. In other words, what would happen in **AD 70** was a fact, yes, but also a picture, a parable, of a yet greater event that would happen when the age was summed up and the final judgment pronounced.*⁴⁴

The historian, Josephus, described Titus as a moderate commander, who initially ordered the thousand-year-old Temple to be spared. Josephus records that Caesar gave the order to Titus to demolish the entire city and the Temple. The Roman soldiers set fire to an apartment adjacent to the Temple. Later, the stones were removed.

*Now as soon as the army had no more people to slay or to plunder, because there remained none to be the objects of their fury (for they would not have spared any, had there remained any other work to be done), Caesar gave orders that they should now demolish the entire city and Temple, but should leave as many of the towers standing as they were of the greatest eminence; that is, Phasaelus, and Hippicus, and Mariamne; and so much of the wall enclosed the city on the west side. This wall was spared, in order to afford a camp for such as were to lie in garrison as were the towers also spared, in order to demonstrate to posterity what kind of city it was, and how well fortified, which the Roman valor had subdued; but for all the rest of the wall (surrounding Jerusalem), it was so thoroughly laid even with the ground by those that dug it up to the foundation, that there was left nothing to make those that came thither believe it (Jerusalem) had ever been inhabited.*⁴⁵

How do we know that Daniel’s northern kingdom is the Roman Empire? We know that it must follow the kingdom of Greece. The Roman Empire “*extremely strong with large iron teeth*” according to Daniel 7:7 is the next great kingdom after Greece. Greece is symbolic of a “*shaggy goat*” which is stated by Gabriel, the Archangel.

⁴³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:1-2, 15–17, 1Th 5:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴⁴ Lloyd-Jones, D. M. (1998). *The church and the last things* (98–99). Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books.

⁴⁵ Flavius Josephus. *The Wars of the Jews or History of the Destruction of Jerusalem.* Containing The Interval of About Three Years. From The Taking of Jerusalem by Titus To The Sedition At Cyrene. Book VII. Chapter 1.1

Daniel 8:21 ***“The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.”***

Daniel 8:8 ***“..... But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken;”***⁴⁵

The Siege of Jerusalem

*The **Siege of Jerusalem** in the year **70 AD** was the decisive event of the First Jewish-Roman War. The Roman army, led by the future Emperor Titus, with Tiberius Julius Alexander as his second-in-command, besieged and conquered the city of Jerusalem, which had been occupied by its Jewish defenders in 66. The siege ended with the sacking of the city and the destruction of its famous Second Temple. The destruction of both the first and second temples is still mourned annually as the Jewish fast Tisha B'Av. The Arch of Titus, celebrating the Roman sack of Jerusalem and the Temple, still stands in Rome.*⁴⁶

It is interesting that evidence still exists in Rome in the form of “*Arch of Titus*” for the destruction of the Temple. Is the small horn written about in Daniel 8:9 the Roman Emperor Vespasian and Titus, his son? Titus Flavius Caesar Vespasianus Augustus was the Roman Emperor from 69AD to 79AD. Did Daniel say that the Emperor will be mighty, but not by his own power? It was Titus, his son who did the conquering of the city of Jerusalem, not Vespasian the Roman Emperor at the time of its destruction. Didn't Daniel also prophesy when the Temple would be properly restored after a prophetic period of time?

Daniel 8:24 ***“His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree, And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.”***

Daniel 8:14 ***“He said to me, For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”***⁴⁷

The use of the words 2300 evenings and mornings are different from the use of the word “*day*.” The reason was sacrifices were made both in the morning and evening. The use of “*day*” in prophetic scripture is commonly used to represent a year. This is similar to a week, seven days representing seven years in prophetic scripture. A prime example is the Prophet Ezekiel's prediction of the siege of Jerusalem, in which it states “*a day for each year*.”

Ezekiel 4:6-7 ***“When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for each year. “Then, you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem with your arm bared and prophesy against it.”***⁴⁸

This is prophetic since it is written about a future event, the “*2300 evenings and mornings*” or rotation of the earth which translates into 2300 years - “*a day for each year*.” This prophetic period relates to the next level of rotation of the earth which is around the sun. The earth's orbit occurs on an annual basis of one year. The evening and the morning also marks a prophetic day. Now, doesn't this prophetic day clearly represent a year - *a day for each year*? This heavenly event in May 2370 marks the glory being restored. This is exactly 2300 years from the breach of the walls occurring in May 70 AD. It is amazing to find His Word ties to the exact month described in

⁴⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 8:21, 8:8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴⁶ Flavius Josephus. *The Wars of the Jews or History of the Destruction of Jerusalem*. BOOK VI. Containing The Interval Of About One Month. From The Great Extremity To Which The Jews Were Reduced To The Taking Of Jerusalem By Titus. Book VI. Chapter 1.1

⁴⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 8:24, 8:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁴⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Eze 4:6–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

prophecy. The word of Daniel tells us the evenings and mornings pertain to the Great Age. Therefore, this must occur after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. Many translations have inserted the words “*in the future.*”

Daniel 8:26 ***“The vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, For it pertains to many days in the future.”***⁴⁹

Translation of Hebrew: It pertains to the **Great Age or Great Day**

7227a. רַב *rab*; much, many, great: ⁵⁰ 3117. יוֹם *yom*; a prim. root; day:—afternoon, **age**

Since, we already know the date of destruction was 70 AD, then this means the year 2370 AD the Temple will be “*properly restored.*” The “2300 evenings and mornings” or 2300 years is similar to a prophetic “*week*” which represents seven years. We shall next look at the prophetic statement to this effect in Daniel 8.

Daniel 8:9-14 ***“Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.***

11 *It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.*

12 *And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.*

13 *Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?”*

14 *He said to me, For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”*⁵¹

The event seen in the heavenly skies above Jerusalem on May 2370 “*Sign of Israel radiating Light of Glory to the True Shepherd*” must relate to the prophecy in Daniel; “*then the holy place will be properly restored*” to its Holy Glory. It is astounding how prophetic scripture aligns with the heavenly signs on May 2370 AD. Two years prior to “*Light of Glory*” being seen in the heavens in the year of 2368 the sun is eclipsed by the planet Jupiter, one of the largest planets in our solar system. We know the crown of stars is given authority by God to the symbol of Jupiter. This sign occurs in the heavens prior to God’s Glory being restored to the Holy Temple in Israel. What is the significance of the red planet Jupiter with its crown of stars, the Pleiades? Does red relate to the shedding of Christ’s blood by our Savior and Lord? Notice, the Constellation of Aries is below which represents a Ram.

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun and the largest planet within the Solar System. The king planet is the third brightest object in the night sky. The original Greek Deity is Zeus, adopted by Romans. Jupiter is derived from the Hebrew or Chaldean *Jab*, which is the name of God revealed to Moses.

Jupiter, the king of the gods, 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.⁵²



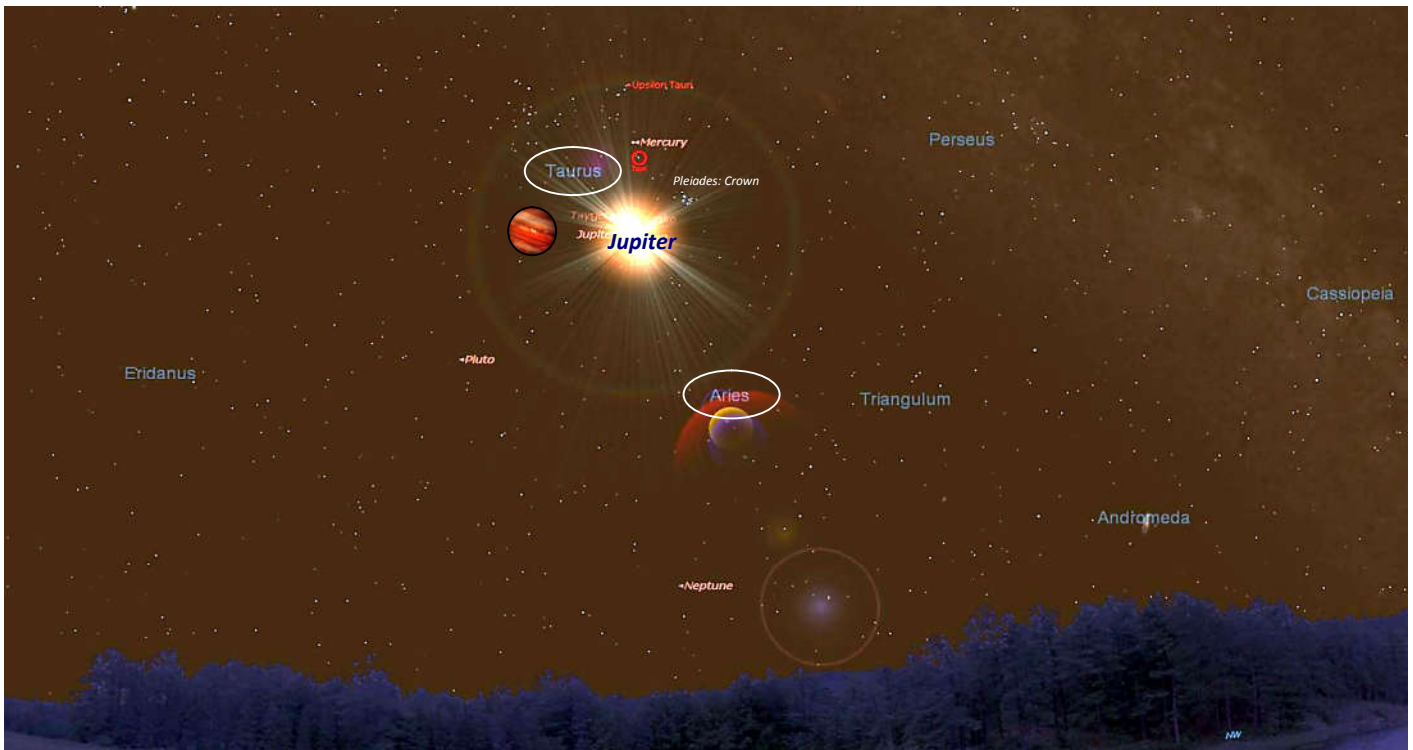
Jupiter’s glyph, or symbol, shows the crescent of receptivity rising above the cross of matter to symbolize Jupiter’s role of raising our awareness beyond the physical world.

⁴⁹ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 8:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁰ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

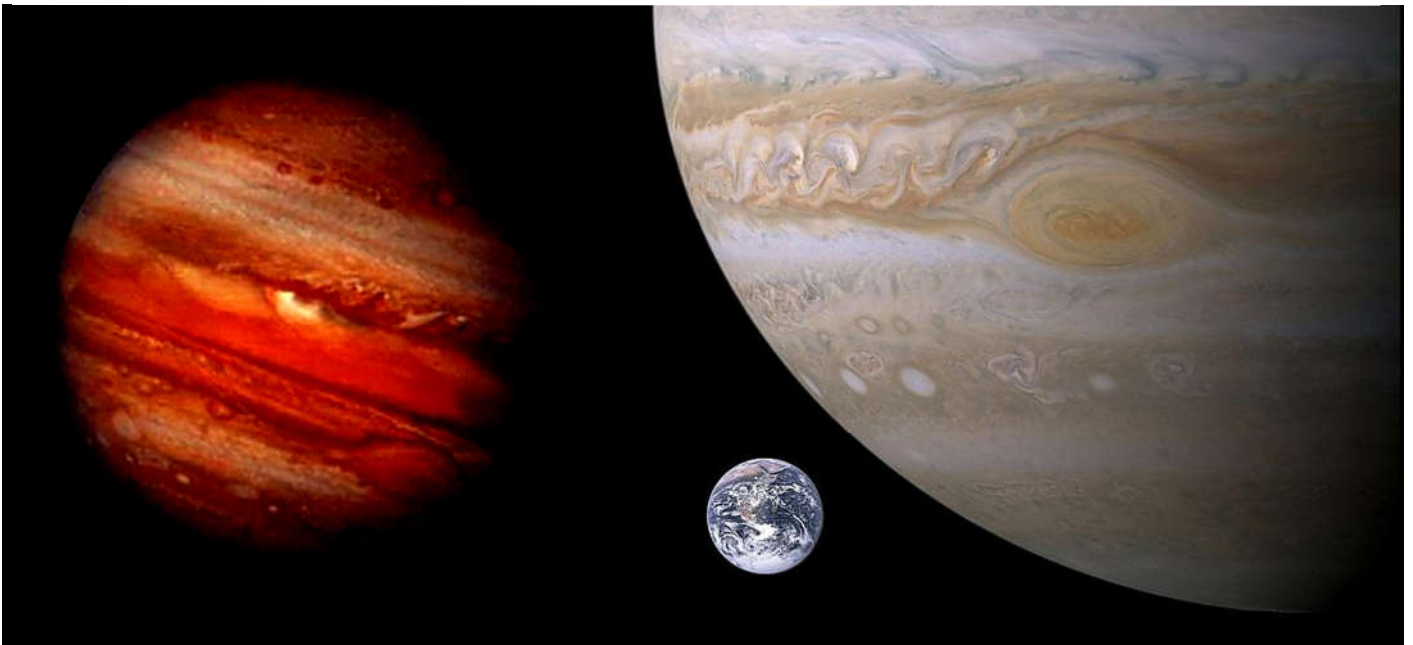
⁵¹ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 8:9–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵² Astrology for the Millions (Llewellyn’s Classics of Astrology Library) by Grant Lewi



May 2368 Sun eclipsed by the Planet Jupiter with a crown of stars appears over Jerusalem

Jupiter represents the King of Righteousness. The Hebrew name for Jupiter is Tzedeq, which means “righteousness.” We see Jupiter representing the King of Righteousness, or the Righteous Ruler. **Jupiter has long been recognized as the Messianic star that symbolizes the Messiah.** <http://www.mazgaroth.com/ChapterSix/TheStarOfBethlehem.htm#Conjunction>



Jupiter - The largest planet in our Solar System

Jupiter with the Earth in the background (NASA)

This heavenly sign of Jupiter is followed by the sign of Israel. We know the “True Shepherd” and the Messiah is Christ the Lord, represented by Orion and Jupiter. In modern times, Orion has turned into the “Hunter” and not the “True Shepherd.” Is the “Hunter” looking for its sheep? This occurs in the Constellation of Taurus, which symbolizes a priestly sacrifice. Isn’t Christ our Heavenly Priest as well? The largest planet, Jupiter eclipsed with the sun turns the earth into darkness, with a dark amber glow. Could the changes in gravitational forces due to eclipses create earthquakes at this time? Is this a sign of Christ, the Messiah, appearing to the nation of Israel

prior to the restoration of the Temple significant? What instructions did He give to the twelve Disciples when Christ was here on this earth about preaching the truth?

Matthew 10:5-7 ***“These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”***

Matthew 4:17 ***“From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”***⁵³

Does Israel finally recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah and redeemer of men? Was this a sign in the heavens given to Israel for indicating in Christ dwells the fullness of the Deity? Christ is the ultimate atonement for sin.

Colossians 2:9-10 ***“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;”***⁵⁴

It can now be seen the Pleiades, crown of stars represents the rule of Christ over the earth for judgment day is approaching quickly and He is given authority prior to the opening of the seven seals by the Lamb. This can be seen as a symbolic sign in the heavens to the approaching “*beginning of birth pangs*” mentioned in Matthew 24:8. The Deity of Christ is again taught in the Gospel of John in the opening chapter.

The Deity of Jesus Christ

John 1:1-5, 14 ***“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.

5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”⁵⁵

14 “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”⁵⁶

Has Israel finally realized that Jesus Christ was the Messiah and also the redeemer of men? This heavenly sign of Jupiter is followed by the sign of Israel, which is seen twice in the heavens over a period of five years. Zechariah's prophetic scripture states an important event will occur. This will happen prior to when God destroys all the nations that come against Jerusalem in the Battle of Megiddo.

Zechariah 12:9-14 ***“And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.” “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”***

11 “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

⁵³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 10:5–7, Mt 4:17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Col 2:9–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Jn 1:1–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

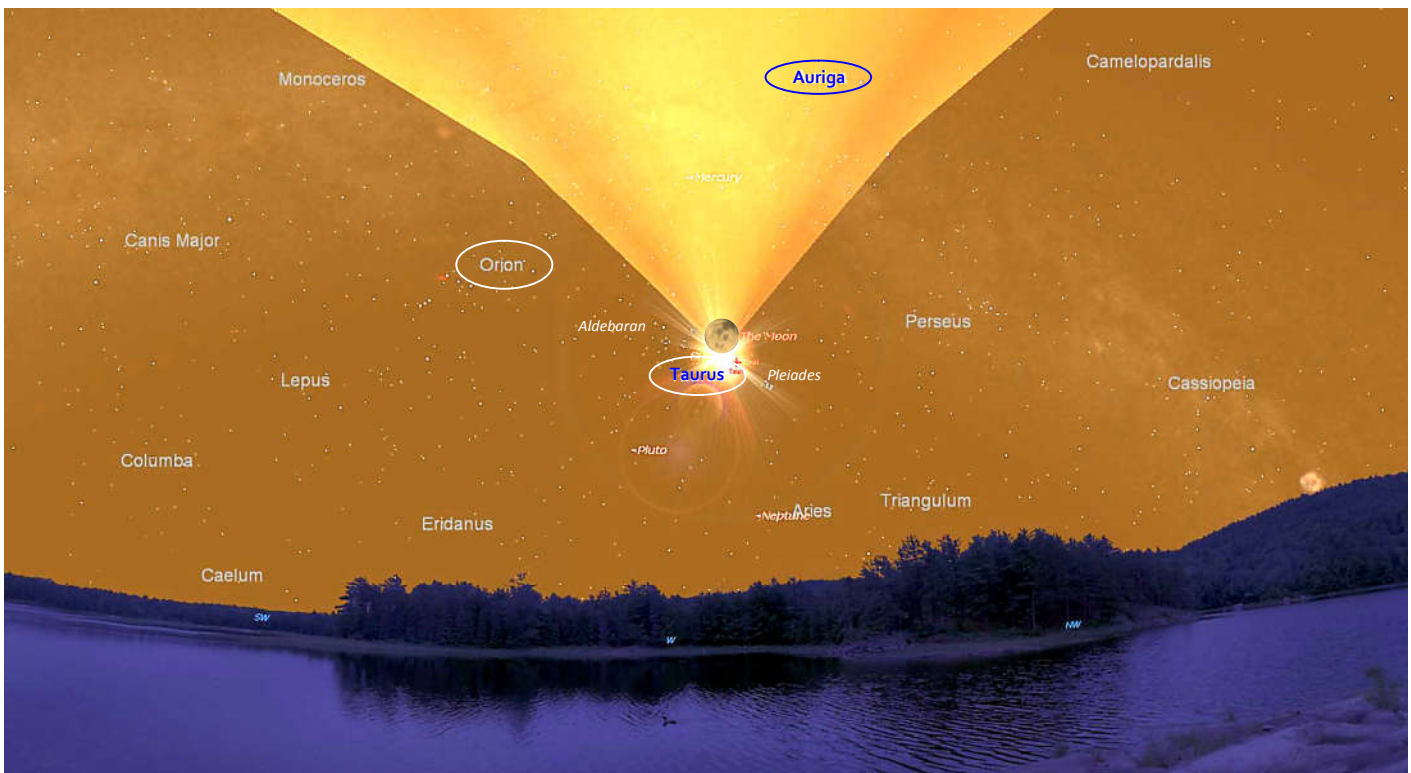
⁵⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Jn 1:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

- 12 *“The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves;*
 13 *the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves;*
 14 *all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.”*⁵⁷

It states that God will pour out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem His “*Spirit of Grace*,” for “*whom they have pierced*,” who is Christ the Lord. All of the Jews from the various tribes in Jerusalem will mourn what they have done. A similar prophetic scripture occurs from the Prophet Jeremiah. It makes the statement “*My people*”, the lost sheep.

Jeremiah 50:4-6 *“In those days and at that time,” declares the LORD, “the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek. “They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten. “My people have become lost sheep; Their shepherds have led them astray. They have made them turn aside on the mountains; They have gone along from mountain to hill And have forgotten their resting place.”*⁵⁸

Fulfilled only in part when some few of the ten tribes of “Israel” joined Judah in a “covenant” with God, at the restoration of Judah to its land (Ne 9:38; 10:29). ***The full event is yet to come.*** *weeping—with joy at their restoration beyond all hope; and with sorrow at the remembrance of their sins.*⁵⁹ The commentary by Jamieson recognizes this has not been fulfilled.



May 2375 after 5 years and on the fifth month, there is an eclipse of the sun

⁵⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Zec 12:9–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Je 50:4–6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁵⁹ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Je 50:4). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Look what appears in the heavens above Jerusalem as a sign of Israel reappears in both the years 2370 AD and 2375 AD with the heavens in a golden amber glory color. Please take note the number five repeated in years and months is a sign of “*atonement*.” Again, this is a sign of Israel with the sun and the moon with the crown of stars, which is Pleiades, is now below her head. Has something gone wrong with her crown? Zechariah made the statement “*whom they have pierced; and they will mourn.*”



Auriga depicted as Goat Shepherd (J. Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Auriga:

Auriga is a constellation in the northern sky. Its name is Latin for 'charioteer' and its stars form a shape that has been associated with the pointed helmet of a charioteer.

Auriga has many open clusters and other objects because the Milky Way runs through it. Traditionally, illustrations of Auriga represent it as a chariot and its driver.

*The driver is often represented as a Shepherd, usually with a goat flung over his left shoulder (due to the resemblance of that area to a lump), with two kids. Capella is associated with the mythological she-goat Amalthea. It forms an asterism with the stars ζ Aurigae and η Aurigae, which are known as the *Haedi* (the Kids).*

The skies turn golden amber due to the eclipse of the sun with the moon at sunset over Jerusalem. The star of Aldebaran (marked red) represents the guardian angel Michael over Israel. What is the significance of the radiant light on the Constellation of Auriga? Is this a heavenly sign of restoration of animal sacrifices on the altar? Is this because Israel mourns the killing of the “*True Shepherd*” the Lamb of God? The meaning Orion is “*Heavenly Shepherd*” or “*True Shepherd*.” Christ is recognized as the “*True Shepherd*” and our redeemer, ---“*whom they have pierced.*” This event occurs in Taurus, the “*Bull*,” which symbolizes an ultimate priestly sacrifice. Auriga represents and has the meaning of the “*Goat Shepherd*.” This heavenly sign must represent the restoration of “*regular sacrifices*” being made on the altar. There is significance to an animal sacrifice with a goat. The goat is being used because the Lamb of God had ultimately been sacrificed to redeem both Jew and Gentiles. In the Old Testament, there is a description of the Passover Lamb, from Exodus. Is this unblemished goat genetically engineered for the offering? The Constellations of Taurus and Auriga together symbolize sacrifices. This represents the beginning of “*Regular Sacrifices*” being made on the Altar until desolation is made which is mentioned in Daniel 11:31.

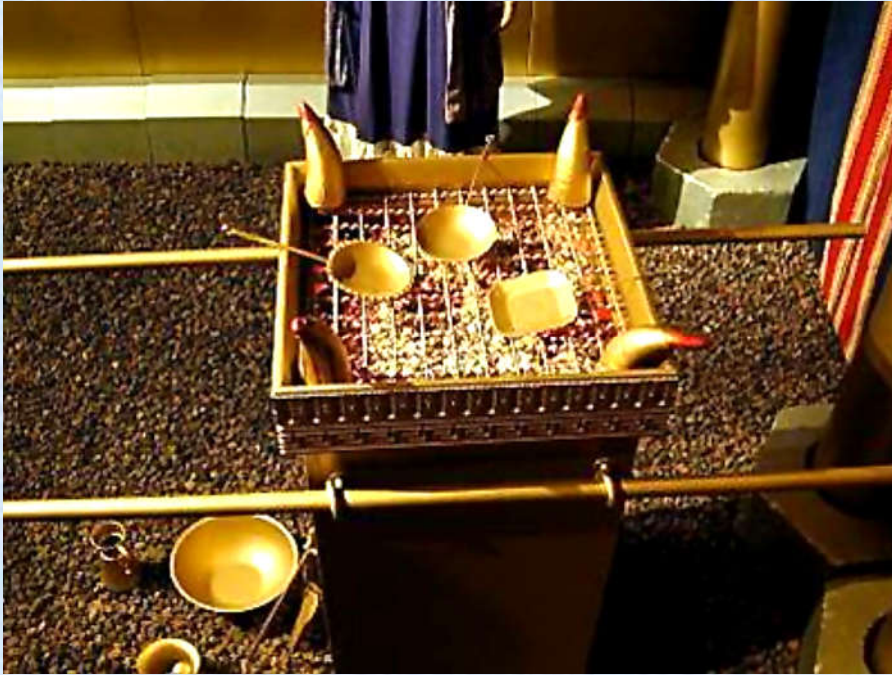
Exodus 12:5-6 ***“Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.”***⁶⁰

It states in Zechariah that every family by itself shall mourn. There were personal altars of burned offering that were used in the past. Is this done for pleasing God with the aroma of a burnt offering or scent of incense?

Zechariah 12:10 ***“The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves;”***⁶⁰

⁶⁰ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ex 12:5–6, Zec 12:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The altars of burned offerings often had a bezel around it, so the blood of the sacrifice could be thrown against the base of the altar underneath the bezel. The significance of the burned offering and the shedding of blood is a symbolic representation of Christ, who died as our redeemer. Christ was raised from the dead so that we may have newness of life which is mentioned in Roman 6:4. Likewise, Frankincense was also burned on altars like this in past history. These altars were designed for private or individual use.



Altars for sprinkling of blood and incense – Frankincense (GNU)

The Altar:

This three foot high altar was the location of regular incense offerings. Every morning and evening when tending the light of the menorah, the priests would offer a mixture of frankincense and other aromatic gums. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest would sprinkle blood on the horns of this altar. It was commonly referred to as the "golden altar" or the "inner altar."

Exodus 30:1-6 ***“Moreover, you shall make an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. “Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be of one piece with it. “You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it. “You shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make them on its two side walls—on opposite sides—and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. “You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. “You shall put this altar in front of the veil that is near the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is over the ark of the testimony, where I will meet with you.”***⁶¹

It is interesting to find that the date of this future event in the heavenly skies relates to a Jewish holiday. It commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem under control by Israel. It starts the restoration of “regular sacrifices.”

Yom Yerushalayim / יום ירושלים

Jerusalem Day (Hebrew: יום ירושלים, Yom Yerushalayim) is an Israeli al holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June 1967. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel declared Jerusalem Day a minor religious holiday to thank God for victory in the Six-Day War and for answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of "Next Year in Jerusalem". Note: In the year of 2375, Hebrew calendar it will be in late May. <http://www.hebcal.com/holidays/yom-yerushalayim>

The year 2375 is significant for the Holy Temple and the Altar of God, which will be used by Israel for sacrifice. This must mark the beginning of “Regular Sacrifices” being made on the Altar until desolation is made in the middle of the Tribulation. The Holy Temple was recognized by God to be restored to its glory in May 2370. This is 2300 years later after the destruction in May 70 AD by the Romans, which is prophesied in Daniel 8:14.

⁶¹ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ex 30:1–6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 5: TIMELINE

Daniel's prophetic statement that "*knowledge would increase*" is interesting, considering it is included in the description of the End Times. Could this knowledge include computer software models of the heavens?

Daniel 12:4 ***"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."***⁶²

2370 AD: The Temple Restored: "*the Holy Place will be properly restored*" Daniel 8:14

23xx AD: Beginning of the Tribulation Period: "*deliver you to tribulation*" Matthew 24:9

Is this knowledge referring to prophetic interpretation of scripture? Let us review how we determined the date through prophecy. Daniel wrote that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed by a kingdom from the north. Daniel also prophesied that the "*regular sacrifices*" on the Holy Altar would be removed.

Daniel 8:9 ***"Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land."***⁶⁶

Palestine is west leaving only a northern kingdom. Isn't The Roman Empire north of the Beautiful Land of Palestine? It is known that the Roman Emperor Vespasian is the small horn from history. We also know from history that this event occurred in 70 AD. This is when the Roman Empire destroyed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem under the rule of the Roman Emperor Vespasian. His son, Titus did the destruction by leading the Roman Army. Did Daniel say that the Emperor will be mighty, but not by his own power? It was Titus, the Emperor's son, who did the conquering of the city of Jerusalem.

Daniel 8:24 ***"His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people."***⁶³

Isn't it interesting that Christ in His Olivet speech said that it will be "*torn down*" as if referencing the scripture of Daniel 8:11? This is recorded in both Mark and Matthew.

Daniel 8:11 ***"...and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down."***⁶³

Matthew 24:1-2 ***"Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."***⁶⁴

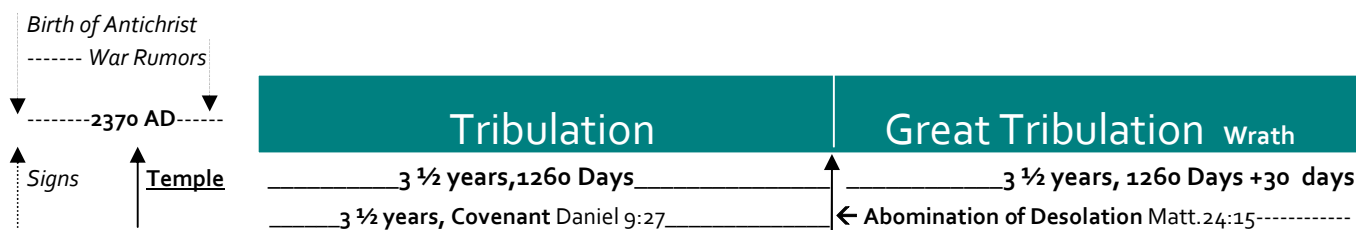
The previous chapter addressed the restoration of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The heavenly event marking glory being restored is the sign of Israel with the moon, sun and Pleiades Star cluster with radiant light into the Constellation of Orion. This will occur above Jerusalem on May 2370. This heavenly sign of glory being restored to Israel must relate to the prophecy in Daniel based upon the timing of the event of when "*the holy place will be properly restored*." How did we determine the date through prophecy? This restoration would occur 2300 years

⁶² New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 12:4, Da 8:9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶³ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 8:24, 11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶⁴ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 24:1-2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

from the destruction of the sanctuary in 70 AD, which will make the year 2370 AD. Daniel wrote that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed by a king, who is referred to as “*small horn*” and he would abolish the “*regular sacrifice*” on the altar. We also know that on May 2375 the “*regular sacrifice*” are restored with a goat or bull sacrifice on the altar. Next, we shall look at the prophetic statement to this effect in Daniel chapter 8.



Daniel 8:9-14 “*Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.*

- 10 *It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.*
- 11 *It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.*
- 12 *And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.*
- 13 *Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?”*
- 14 *He said to me, For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”⁶⁵*

We have learned that this relates to the year 2370 AD with the heavenly sign on May 2370 “*Sign of Israel*”, radiating “*Light of Glory*” onto the Constellation of Orion. The meaning of Orion was determined to represent the “*True Shepherd*” according to Babylonian history which is Christ the Lord.



Model of the Holy Temple in King Herod's time (GNU)

Daniel 8:14

He said to me, “For 2,300 evening and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”

Daniel 8:26

The vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, For it pertains to many days in the future.

Pertains to many days in the future.”⁶⁶ Translation of Hebrew: it pertains to the Great Age or Great Day 7227a. רב rab;; much, many, great;⁶⁷ 3117. יום yom; a prim. root; day:—afternoon, age

⁶⁵ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 8:9–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶⁶ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Da 8:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

What are the events that follow after the Temple has been properly restored? This will be marked with events which lead up to the start of the Tribulation. One of those events is in the statement that there will be rumors of war but that is not the end. We will look at that subject in the next chapter. First we shall look at the representation of the timeline that is marked by two periods of time. Relative to a timeline, we shall use the seven year period of time divided into two three and one-half year periods (1260 days) as a reference to the End Times. This seven year period of time is referred to as one week in prophecy in the book of Daniel.

Daniel 9:27 ***“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate even until a complete destruction one that is decreed is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”***⁶⁸

This beginning period of time we will refer to as the “*Tribulation*” period of 1260 days or three and one-half years. Even though there is disagreement among Bible scholars regarding this interpretation as being correct, we could easily label the periods as 1st half and 2nd half of the Tribulation period or that of Daniel’s week. Likewise, the Great Tribulation could be marked by the beginning of the “*Day of the Lord*” or the “*Wrath of God*”, which we will see is the correct delineation. We will later change the timeline to reflect this delineation. We will initially leave off the marking of the “*Day of the Lord*” from the timeline until it has been revealed by God’s Wrath. Christ used the terms both Tribulation and Great Tribulation in His Olivet Discourse recorded in Matthew 24. Christ used the term “*Great Tribulation*” after the “*Abomination of Desolation*” in Daniel. Therefore, we will use them for convenience and tradition; even though the terms may not be biblically correct for marking the time periods. This is an important issue to understand up front. We will see that prior to the desolation of the Temple that the Great Tribulation starts. This book will address the events through the Tribulation and including events prior to the Tribulation period as well as events during the Great Tribulation. The second half is referenced in Revelation 12:14 as the women being nourished for 1260 days in the wilderness that is the remnant of Israel. We will later find out that the “*Day of the Lord*” or the “*Wrath of God*” is longer than 1260 days and is not marked by the desecration of the Holy Temple.

Revelation 12:6-7 ***“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. And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,”***⁶⁹

This event of fleeing into the wilderness is preceded by the dragon, which is Satan, being thrown down to the earth. The last 1260 days occurs after the desecration of the Holy Temple.



When we see the “*Abomination of Desolation*” of the Holy Temple, this event will help us mark the second half of the seven year period of time mentioned in Daniel. Christ also spoke of this in the Gospel of Matthew.

⁶⁷ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

⁶⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 9:27). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁶⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 12:6–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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),”*⁷⁰

Daniel’s prophecy states that it will occur in the middle of the week; therefore, this is a correct interpretation for the beginning of the second half, which is again spoken of by Christ in Matthew as the Great Tribulation.

Matthew 24:21 *“For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will,”*⁷¹

Great Tribulation



Map of Hebrew World (1854)

Abomination and Desolation: Holy Temple and Altar

“At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before. “For ships of Kittim (red oval) 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. “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. “Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.”

Daniel 11:29-34

This “*Abomination of Desolation*” in the End Times is mentioned in greater detail in Daniel 11. It describes the ships from Kittim (Island of Cyprus) will wage war against the land of the South and it will not turn out the “*way it did before*”. The “*way it did before*” is described in Daniel 11:14-15 where the South had “*no strength to make a stand.*” Let us take a look at Ryrie’s commentary relative to the Tribulation period.

⁷⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁷¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The Tribulation Period by Ryrie- A Survey of Bible Doctrine

The Bible says a great deal in both the Old and New Testaments about the tribulation period—more than about many other doctrines.

LENGTH

The period is the seventieth week of Daniel's great prophecy recorded in Daniel 9:24–27. Half of the time is said to be 42 months or 1,260 days (Revelation 11:2–3). This, of course, is based on 30-day months, which has sometimes been considered an invention of students of prophecy. Notice, however, that 30-day months are found in non-prophetic passages such as Genesis 7:11, 24 and 8:4, and Numbers 20:29, Deuteronomy 34:8 and 21:13 where a 30-day period of mourning was called a full month. This 7-year period is divided into two equal parts by the breaking of the treaty which will be made at the beginning (Daniel 9:27). Both parts will be characterized by intense persecution and judgment.

UNIQUENESS

Our Lord spoke of the tribulation days as unique in the entire history of the world (Matthew 24:21). Of course there have been many difficult times since these words were spoken, the Lord Himself even warning that His followers would have tribulation in this world (John 16:33). What is it then that makes this coming period unique? Two characteristics will distinguish the tribulation from all other times of persecution and judgment that the world has seen. First, it will be worldwide, not localized (Rev 3:10). Therefore, terrible as they are the persecutions which people are experiencing in parts of the world today cannot indicate that the tribulation has come, for that time will affect the entire world. Second, the tribulation will be unique because then people will not only realize that the end of the world is near but they will act like it. In one of the early judgments, men will hide themselves in the dens and caves of the mountains and say, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sat on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16). Often men have talked as if the end were near. Many even today use the word Armageddon as a symbol of the end. But people are not acting as if they really believed that the end is at hand. Real estate is changing hands and savings are being accumulated as if life will continue indefinitely. When the tribulation comes, men will prefer death to life.⁷²

Let us take a look at the "Day of the Lord." In that day, men will seek to flee to caves for protection. Their wealth will be worthless due to famine throughout the earth. The Prophet Isaiah spoke about the "Day of the Lord."

Isaiah 13:6-13 ***"Wail, for the day of the LORD is near!"***

It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

***7 Therefore all hands will fall limp,
And every man's heart will melt.***

***8 They will be terrified,
Pains and anguish will take hold of them;
They will writhe like a woman in labor,
They will look at one another in astonishment,
Their faces aflame.***

***9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming,
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,
To make the land a desolation;
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.***

***10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations
Will not flash forth their light;
The sun will be dark when it rises
And the moon will not shed its light.***

***11 Thus I will punish the world for its evil
And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud***

⁷² Ryrie, C. C. (1995). *A survey of Bible doctrine*. Chicago: Moody Press.

- And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.*
- 12 *I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold*
And mankind than the gold of Ophir.
- 13 *Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,*
And the earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the LORD of hosts
In the day of His burning anger.”⁷³

Day of the Lord

The “*Day of the Lord*” is a term referred to repeatedly in both the Old and New Testaments. It is one of the more important terms in understanding a discussion of prophetic statements. Therefore, its usage in the Bible needs to be examined carefully. It is used by eight Prophets in the Old Testament times. There are three New Testament writers which are Luke, Peter and Paul who used the term the “*Day of the Lord*” in scripture passages. These passages are included in the following books: Acts 2:19-20, 2 Peter 3:9-10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2. In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10, the Apostle Paul declares “*For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*” In verse 4, Paul gives us greater insight: “*But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;*” Paul also tells us in verse 9 that “*For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Let us look at Walvoord’s Bible commentary and what he states about the Day of Wrath and the Great Tribulation.

The Order of Events in Revelation

*Does Revelation deal with the entire seven years anticipated in Daniel 9:27 or only with the last three and one-half years, often referred to as “the Great Tribulation” or “a time of great distress”? (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21) Because the Great Tribulation is specifically mentioned in Revelation 7:14 and the same period is called “the **great day of their wrath**” (6:17), there seems to be clear identification of Daniel 9:27 with the events of Revelation. Most expositors assume that the events beginning in Revelation 6 cover the whole seven-year period. The Book of Revelation, however, never uses a seven-year figure but frequently refers to three and one-half years or 42 months (11:2; 13:5). Certainly at least by the fourth seal (Rev. 6:7-8), the events described anticipate a time of unprecedented trouble.*

What is the relationship of the events of Revelation to Christ’s sermon on the end times? (Matt. 24-25) As J. Dwight Pentecost points out (Things to Come, pp. 280-82), the order of events in Revelation and the order of events in Matthew are strikingly similar: (a) war (Matt. 24:6-7; Rev. 6:3-4), (b) famine (Matt. 24:7; Rev. 6:5-6), (c) death (Matt. 24:7-9; Rev. 6:7-8), (d) martyrdom (Matt. 24:9-10, 16-22; Rev. 6:9-11), (e) the sun and the moon darkened with stars falling (Matt. 24:29; Rev. 6:12-14), (f) divine judgment (Matt. 24:32-25:26; Rev. 6:15-17). It should be obvious that the events of Revelation have their background in previous prophecies, which aids in interpreting John’s symbolic revelation.⁷⁴

The Prophet Zephaniah foretold the “*Day of the Lord*” when he called Judah to repentance and warned of impending judgment during the days of captivity in Babylon.

- Zephaniah 1:14-18, 2:1-2 *“Near is the great **day of the LORD**, Near and coming very quickly;*
Listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.
- 15 *A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress,*
A day of destruction and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloom,

⁷³ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Is 13:6–13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

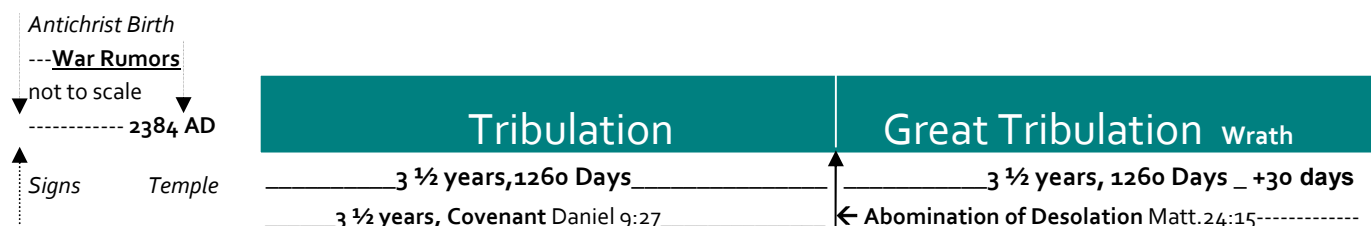
⁷⁴ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary: An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 5:13–14). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- A day of clouds and thick darkness,
 16 A day of trumpet and battle cry
 Against the fortified cities
 And the high corner towers.
 17 I will bring distress on men
 So that they will walk like the blind,
 Because they have sinned against the LORD;
 And their blood will be poured out like dust
 And their flesh like dung.
 18 Neither their silver nor their gold
 Will be able to deliver them
 On the day of the LORD's wrath;
 And all the earth will be devoured
 In the fire of His jealousy,
 For He will make a complete end,
 Indeed a terrifying one,
 Of all the inhabitants of the earth.
 1 Gather yourselves together, yes, gather,
 O nation without shame,
 2 Before the decree takes effect—
 The day passes like the chaff—
 Before the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you,
 Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you.”⁷⁵*

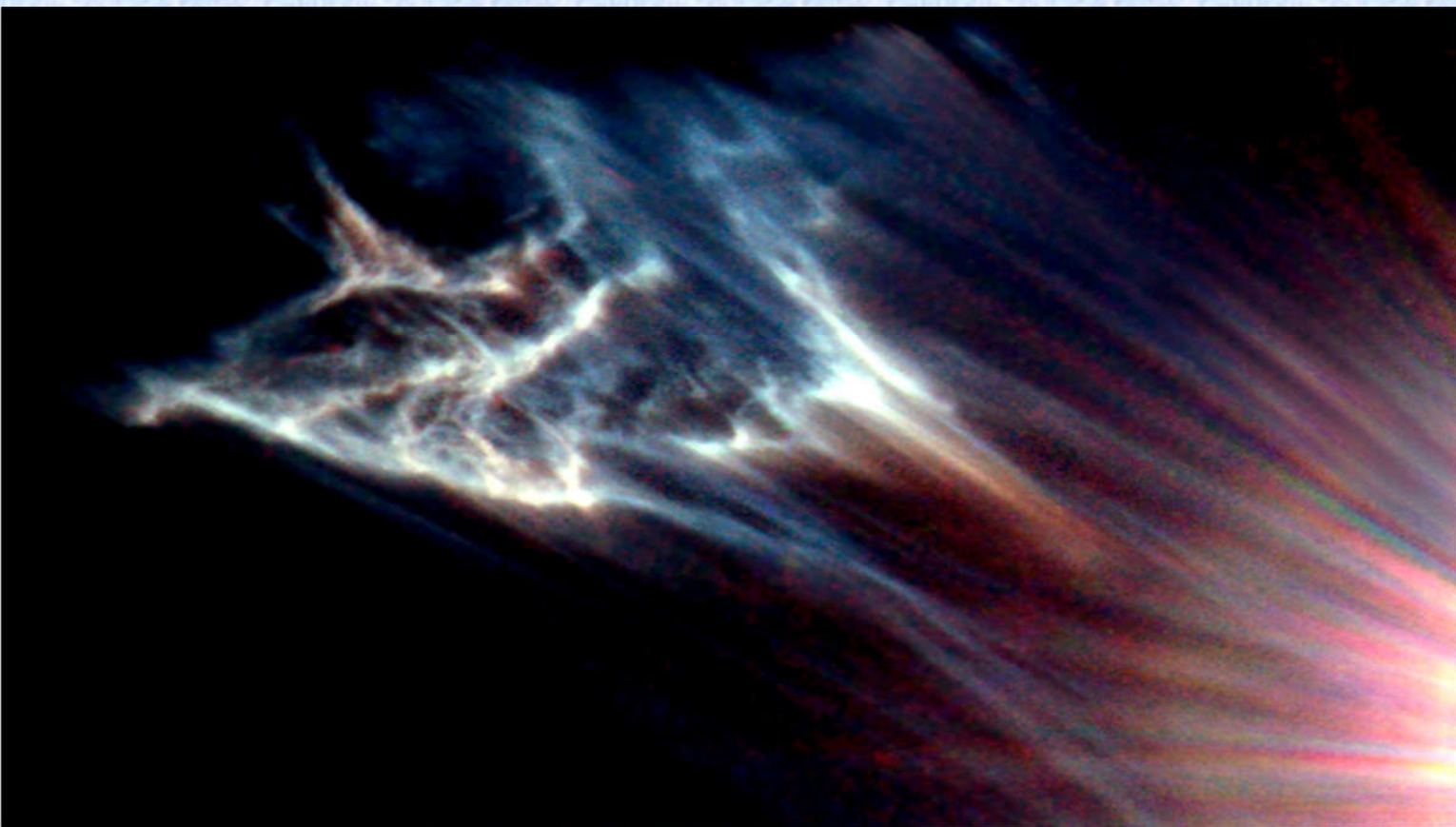
The description is almost incomprehensible due to the destruction described as the great “*Day of the Lord*.” It is like a battle of God’s Wrath, day of trouble (Jacob’s trouble: Jeremiah 30:7), a day of waste and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom and a day of clouds and thick darkness, which is described in this passage. Likewise, the “*Day of the Lord*” is also referred to as the Final Wrath of God.

Justice will ultimately triumph in the End Times. This is when Christ returns with His Army of immortals, who are clothed in fine white linen to conquer all evil in the world which is from Revelation 19:11-14. God’s wrath is symbolized by the Constellation of Leo, the Lion in the heavens. Until, Leo shows up in the heavens we will see the Constellation of Orion, the “*True Shepherd*” seen.

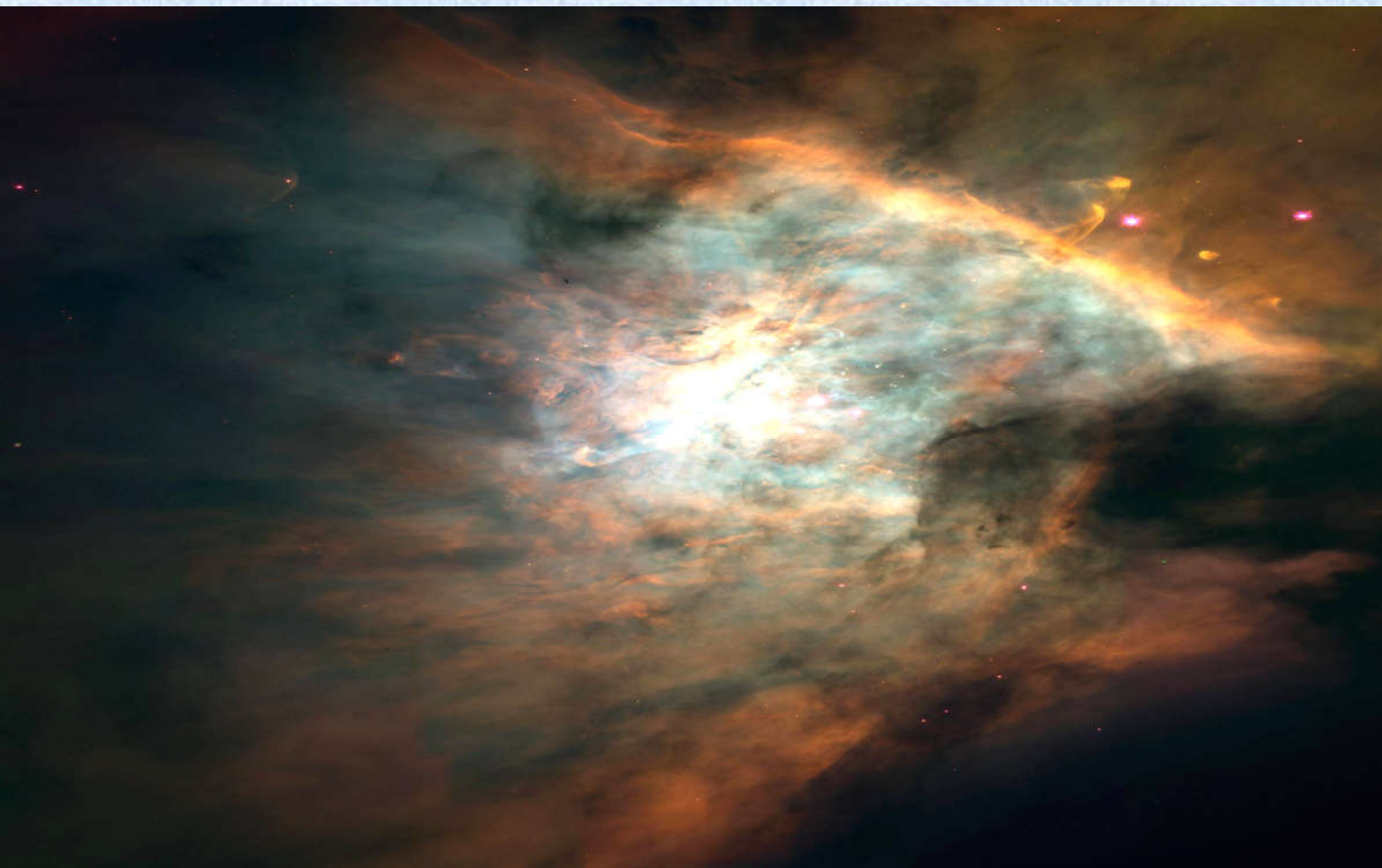
We shall use the timeline below as a reference to prophetic events going forward in this book. We will also revise the timeline when we see the Wrath of God coming and update the timeline with the Day of the Lord. The assumption by Bible scholars is that the Day of the Lord begins with the Abomination of Desolation of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. We will show that the Day of the Lord and the Great Tribulation start after the Rapture of His Bride from this earth.



⁷⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Zep 1:14–18, 2:1-2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Interstellar cloud being destroyed by the passage of one of the brightest stars in the Pleiades star cluster – Crown of Authority (NASA)



The Heavenly Shepherd - The Crucible of Creation: Panoramic Image of Center of the Orion Nebula - Hubble Telescope (NASA)

CHAPTER 6: RUMORS OF WAR



The Siege and Destruction of War (GNU)

Didn't Christ describe that there would be rumors of war prior to the End Times? Christ said *"not to be frightened those things must take place"* and *"nation will rise up against nations"* on the earth. He also makes the statement that these things are merely the beginning signs of the End. He compares them to birth pangs. When we get closer to the beginning of the Tribulation, the events will accelerate. In both Mark and Matthew Christ says the following.

Mark 13:7-8 ***"When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."***⁷⁶

Daniel writes about the wars in the End Times, which is described by Michael the Archangel of the Lord.

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."***⁷⁶

Translation of Hebrew: latter and day

אַחֲרֵייתָ **acharith**; *the after-part*, **end**—come, descendants, end, **final end**, final period, future, last, latter, latter ending, latter period ⁷⁷ **day** יוֹם **yom**; a prim. root; day:—afternoon, **age**

This means that it is not of our current age or the age of Antiochus of approximately 175 BC, but relates to the End Times or Final End Days or End of the Age. This statement is in reference to the prophecy in Daniel 11.

⁷⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Mk 13:7–8, Da 10:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁷⁷ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

We know this event is in reference to the End Times or the Tribulation period because Christ spoke to us about it in both Matthew and Mark where it is recorded. Christ didn't say like or similar to the Antiochus Epiphanes ruler in 175 BC. He spoke of the event in the future; when you see the "*Abomination of Desolation*" of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was not desecrated during the Roman destruction in 70 AD.

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),"***⁷⁸

Isn't it interesting for the insertion of the statement "*let the reader understand*". In the Old Testament, the use of the phrase "*ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION*" only appears twice in the Old Testament and both times in the Book of Daniel. The first occurrence is Daniel 11:31 and then again in Daniel 12:11.

It looks like Christ was quoting directly from Daniel which proves this is not the time of Antiochus Epiphanes as Bible scholars have assumed. We know the passage above appears in Mark as well. It is relative to the End Times and Christ's return to earth that the Apostles were asking Christ what would be the sign of His coming and the end of the age. Chapters 11 and 12 of Daniel must be prophetic relative to the End Times. Let us look at the opening statement of Daniel 12.

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."***⁷⁹

Michael the Archangel is telling Daniel this "*will be a time of distress such as never occurred*" which is also stated by Christ in His Olivet Discourse. Even Michael is stating that the prophetic nature of chapters 11 and 12 of Daniel relate to the End of the Age events. Throughout Daniel 11, "*End Times*" is used. Prime examples are the following scripture verses from Daniel 11.

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."***⁸⁰

Daniel 11:40 ***"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."***⁸¹

It is like Christ knew that this passage in Daniel was to be interpreted differently by Bible Scholars, with the insertion of the phrase "*let the reader understand*" that this passage in Daniel relates to the End Times. This is not in agreement with Bible Scholars such as *Easton's Bible Dictionary*, *Holman Concise Bible Dictionary*, *J. Vernon McGee's Commentary* and *Marvin Rosenthal in The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*. Please take a look at the text below from each Biblical source.

Holman: ANTIOCHUS (*Ān tī ō kūs*) Name of 13 rulers of Syria between 281 B.C and 64 B.C. They were part of the Seleucid dynasty that inherited part of Alexander the Great's kingdom. No Antiochus is specifically mentioned in Scripture. Many Bible students think ***the book of Daniel*** originally had its attention focused on the Seleucid kings, particularly Antiochus IV (175 to

⁷⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁷⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 12:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 11:35). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁸¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 11:40). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

163 B.C.). The Maccabean revolt and Jewish intertestamental history occurred during the reigns of the Antiochus kings. See Daniel; Intertestamental History and Literature; Maccabees. ⁸²

EASTON’S: ANTIOCHUS — the name of several Syrian kings from 280 to 65 BC. The most notable of these were, (1.) Antiochus the Great, who ascended the throne in 223 BC. He is regarded as the “king of the north” **referred to in Dan. 11:13–19**. He was succeeded by his son, Seleucus Philopater, spoken of by Daniel (11:20) as “a raiser of taxes”, in the Revised Version, “one that shall cause an exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom.”

(2.) Antiochus IV., surnamed “Epiphanes” i.e., the Illustrious, succeeded his brother Seleucus. His career and character are prophetically described by Daniel (11:21–32). He was a “vile person.” In a spirit of revenge he organized an expedition against Jerusalem, which he destroyed, putting vast multitudes of its inhabitants to death in the most cruel manner. From this time the Jews began the great war of independence under their heroic Maccabean leaders with marked success, defeating the armies of Antiochus that were sent against them. Enraged at this, Antiochus marched against them in person, threatening utterly to exterminate the nation; but on the way he was suddenly arrested by the hand of death. ⁸³

J. Vernon McGee in “*Thru the Bible*” commentary believes the same thing that Daniel 11 is a prophetic statement on Antiochus. Nevertheless, in his commentary on Daniel 11:21 he makes the following statement. “Antiochus Epiphanes came to the throne in 175 BC.

*He is called vile because of his blasphemies. He came to the thorn with a program of peace. The **Antichrist** will come to power in the same way. He will introduce the Great Tribulation with three and one half years of peace, and the people of the world will think they are entering the Millennium when they are really entering the Great Tribulation Period.”*

Even, J. Vernon McGee could see that there were similarities to the description in Daniel to the Tribulation period. Nevertheless, he doesn’t believe this is the case. J. Vernon McGee goes on to say that “*The Prince of the Covenant*” was probably the high priest Onias III, who was deposed and murdered at this time by the deceitful devices of Antiochus when he came to power. This is in reference to Daniel 11.

Daniel 11:22 “**The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.**” ⁸⁴

It is strange to find the Onias III had not signed a “*Covenant*” and it didn’t get broken halfway through the week, which is three and one-half years later.

In a book written by **Marvin Rosenthal** entitled “*The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*” he writes:

*“The further ascendancy of the **Antichrist is foreshadowed** in the Bible by past emergence of the Syrian leader Antiochus Epiphanes. So important is this personage in history and prophecy that no less than three major passages of the Word of God are given over to his career (Dan. 8:9-25, 11:21-35; Zech. 9:13-17). He is clearly and indisputably set forth in Scripture as an illustration of the **Antichrist** and pretribulationists have long taught that concept.” ⁸⁵*

In the Scofield Reference Bible, it reads in “note 1” at the bottom of Daniel chapter 11 the following: “*Prophecy does not concern itself with history as such, but only with history as it affects Israel and the Holy Land. Antiochus Epiphanes was*

⁸² Brand, C., Draper, C., England, A., Bond, S., Clendenen, E. R., Butler, T. C., & Latta, B. (2003). *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (76–77). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

⁸³ Easton, M. (1996). *Easton's Bible dictionary*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁸⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 11:22). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

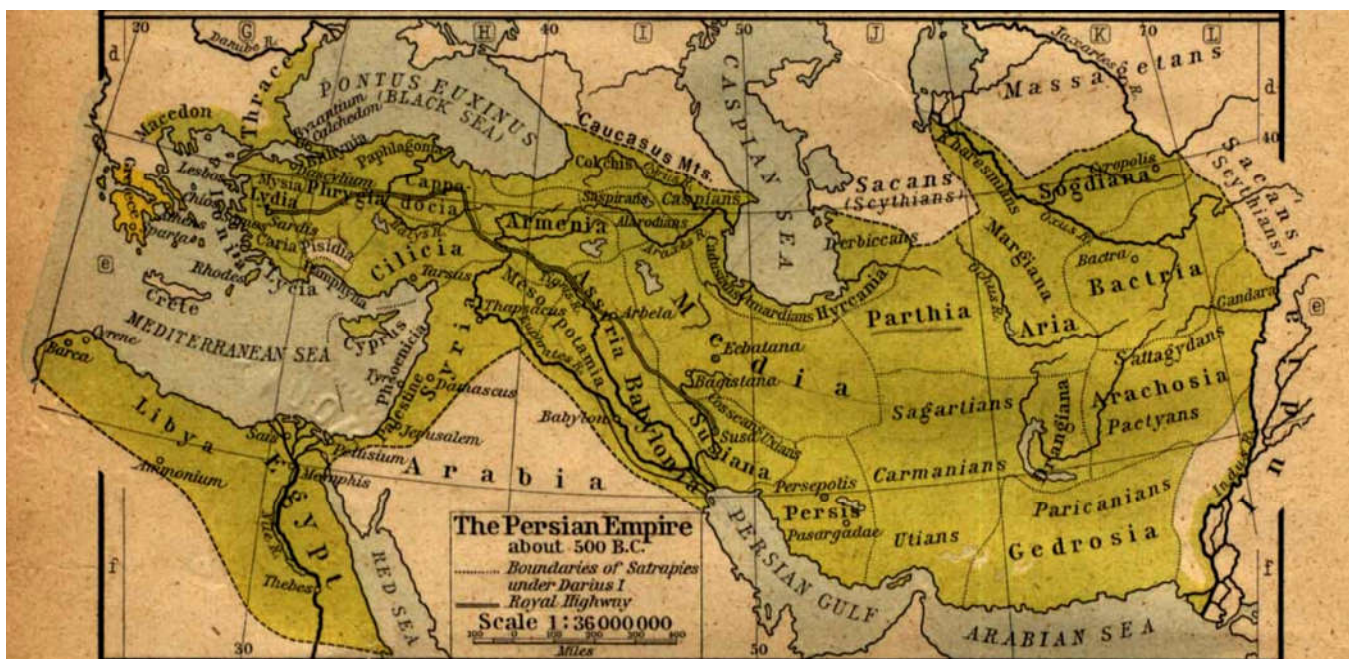
⁸⁵ *Marvin Rosenthal, The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*: 1990: Nashville, Tennessee, Thomas Nelson, Inc.

insignificant as compared with historical personages whom the Bible does not mention; but he scourged the covenant people and defiles God's altar, thus coming into prophetic light."

Isn't it more likely that Daniel 11 is prophesying about the Tribulation period versus that of the time of Antiochus Epiphanes on his throne in 175 BC? Perhaps the events of Antiochus Epiphanes are a foreshadowing of the events in the final End Times. Michael the Archangel said this was prophetic to the Final End or End Times, which has been recorded in scripture using the Hebrew word *אָחָרִית* acharith. Therefore, we know that 175 BC is not the final end to this world. Christ had also told us that the desolation would occur in the time of Great Tribulation as well. Let us begin interpreting Daniel 11 as prophetic scripture relates to the End Times.

Daniel 11:2-4 ***"And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece. And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. "But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them."***⁸⁶

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 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. These four regions were: Macedonia and Greece, Asia Minor including Turkey, Syria and the remaining Middle East and the last region was Egypt and northern Africa. In today's world, the countries that occupy this Persian Empire region are: Iran which is modern day Persia, Iraq, Northern Egypt, Libya, Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and part of northwestern India.



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

Most of these countries were conquered by Alexander the Great, Tamburlaine, a Mongolian Conqueror, and Genghis Khan in past history. I find it interesting that in 2011, the United States was involved in three of the

⁸⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 11:2-4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

countries based on the threat of terrorism in this world. Those three countries are Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The fourth nation of Iran is a nuclear threat to the world with their preparation of nuclear weapons deployment in that country. The greatest threat by Iran is to the nation of Israel. Israel is not one of the Islamic nations in the middle-east. Notice the statement “*he is strong because of his riches.*” In both 2011 and 2012, Germany, a European nation, has financed billions of Euros (\$130 billion in Feb. 2012, out of \$430 billion fund) to get Greece out of economic distress. Does the king of the North come out of Germany in the End Times? Does Germany become the warring power in the End Times much like it did in World War I and II? History seems to repeat itself over time. Germany today is the strongest European nation from an economic aspect as well as 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 which are the 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 described in Daniel 7:20. This is a prophetic scripture. Therefore, the northern King must come from the United European nations. The southern king represents a coalition of Islamic nations to make up the New Persian Empire. We will see in Daniel the King of the South forms an alliance. Is this to match the northern king forces?

Could it be that these horsemen who Michael, the Archangel describes in Daniel 11:40 “*the king of the North will storm against him with horsemen*” are the horsemen that John describes in Revelation? The horsemen are mentioned in the opening of the first four seals in Revelation 6:1-8. Paul in the passage below is referring to the Antichrist, which many Bible scholars believe is the first horseman described at the beginning of the Tribulation.

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....until he is taken out of the way.***”⁸⁷

The First Seal—Rider on White Horse

Revelation 6: 1:2 “***Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.***”⁸⁷

Is the rider on the white horse either the king of the north or south because he conquers to conquer, or is he the Antichrist, the fourth beast, which is mentioned in Daniel 7? The truth is revealed by Apostle Paul’s statement: “*you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.*” We can now understand that the rider on the white horse is not the Antichrist. It is not his time to be revealed prior to the beginning of the Tribulation, the opening of the first seal. This is further confirmed in Zechariah 6:6 where the white horses follow the black horses “*going forth to the north country.*” In Daniel 11:21, it makes the statement “*in his place a despicable person will arise,*” which is the Antichrist. By the time of this prediction in Daniel 11:40, the Antichrist has become king. The pale or ashen horseman must to the “*despicable person,*” who is the Antichrist. In Revelation 13:5, the Antichrist received “*authority to act for forty-two months was given to him*” at the middle of the Tribulation period. A white horse can be used as a symbol of peace. In Daniel 11:6, the princess of the South will bring a “*peaceful arrangement*” to the northern empire. Is this rider the princess? Christ is seen riding on a white horse in His Second Coming in Revelation 19:11 because He will ultimately bring peace to this earth during His Reign. The black horse must represent the kingdom of the North that retaliates and attacks the well-fortified city of the South. The red horse represents the princess’s own descendant who attacks the United European nations and breaks the peace.

Revelation 19:11 “***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.***”⁸⁷

⁸⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Th 2:6–7, Re 6:1–2, Re 19:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The Second Seal—War

- Revelation 6: 3-4 *“When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come.’”*
4 *And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.”*⁸⁸

Could this be a reference to the statement in prophecy *“Then the king of the South will grow strong”* since we know that the South will war with the North in Daniel 11? The North retaliates and attacks the southern alliance. The king of the South must represent an alliance of Islamic nations. These horsemen are symbolic in the sense that they have the meaning of peace, war, famine and death. This constitutes or represents the result of the warring kings and the time of darkness on the earth which materializes into famine. With limited sunlight, it is impossible to grow vegetation on the earth. Without food to feed animals, it will be expensive to purchase meat or grain in the End Times. A *“denarius”* is considered a full day’s wages in Daniel’s time. All the ancient Prophets knew this was a time of darkness. The war, famine and pestilence will finally result in death for a fourth of the population.

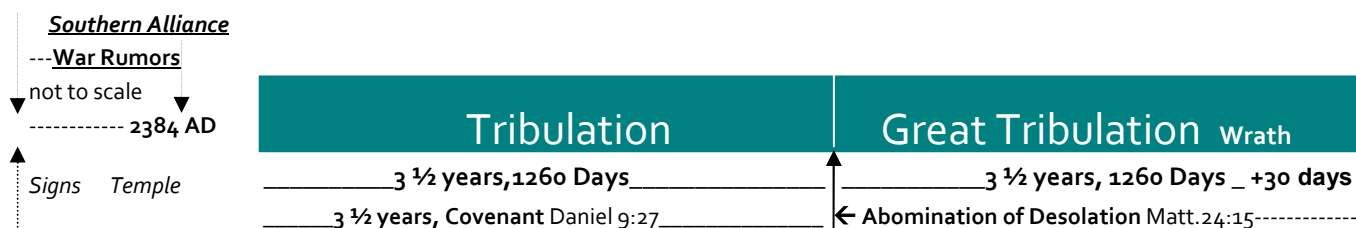
The Third Seal—Famine

- Revelation 6: 5-6 *“When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, ‘Come.’”* *I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.*
6 *And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.’”*⁸⁸

The Fourth Seal—Death

- Revelation 6: 7:8 *“When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, ‘Come.’”*
8 *I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.”*⁸⁸

Is there one world currency? Does the black horse represent the United European nations, with the Euro currency? In Zechariah 6:6 it states the white horses follow the black horses *“going forth to the north country.”* We will see the red horse represents war from a *“descendant”* of the daughter of the South who *“takes peace.”* Prior to these events are *“rumors of wars.”* Is this a war with Islamic terrorist nations? Are these battles with Christianity and Judaism? In particular, most Christian’s believe in the Deity of Christ which is totally against Islamic belief in one God, Allah. An Islamic believer must first affirm that *“There is no god but God, and Muhammad is the Messenger of God.”*⁸⁹ Islam doesn’t believe in the Trinity of God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is considered blasphemy.



How does one of the kingdoms bring about peace in the time of *“rumors of wars”*? Are there signs in the heavens?

⁸⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:3–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

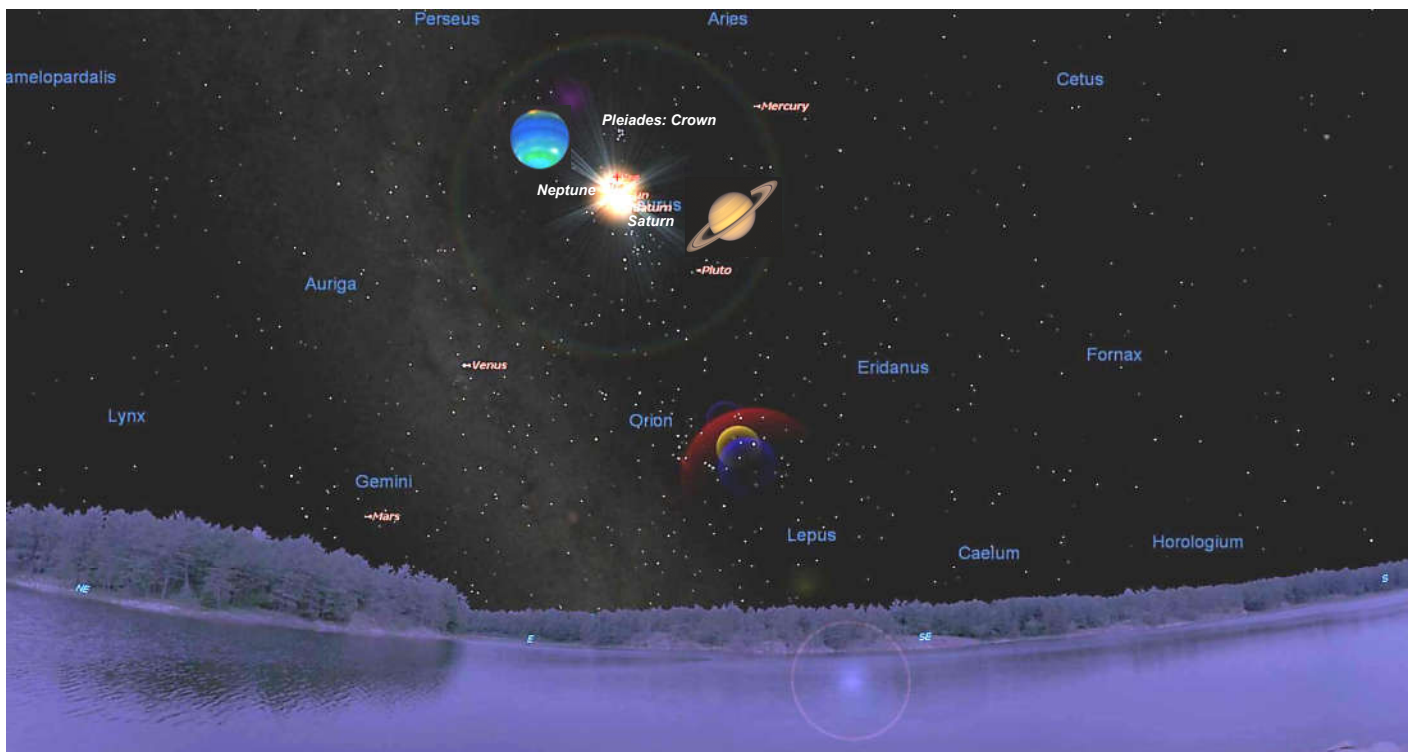
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Daniel 11:5-6 *“Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with one of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain will be a great dominion indeed.”*

- 6 *“After some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who sired her as well as he who supported her in those times.”*⁹⁰

Hebrew: Sired יָלַד *yalad*; to bear, bring forth, beget:—bear, bearing, bears, became, become the father⁹¹

It is through the daughter, or the princess of the king of the South, who brings a peace arrangement with the king of the North. However, neither she nor her father (see Hebrew meaning of “Sired”) will keep their power or authority over the empire. Was the king’s daughter a royal princess, a noblewoman of the southern empire? It appears that she was a ruler over the land because of the statement *“but she will not retain her position of power.”* There is a long history of Egyptian princesses and queens. I find it interesting that Saudi Arabia's king has a princess and also that there is a princess of Yemen. Both are southern nations in this geographic region today. Yemen harbors terrorists; it is a nation that has both an army and navy, but could be considered weak in power.



May 2384 Eclipse of Sun with Saturn and Neptune at Sunrise over Jerusalem

Daniel states *“they will form an alliance.”* Is the king of the South a united Islamic regime or coalition of Islamic nations which grows stronger based upon the number of nations in the coalition? Is that why it is referred to as an alliance? The northern king must come from the United European nations according to prophecy. Is there a sign in the heavens relating to the peaceful arrangement which will give us a timeframe for this event? What would be the heavenly signs for structure and a temporary peace? This is a temporary peace and it will involve deception of the parties signing the agreement? Therefore, the heavenly sign must reflect this deception. The heavenly sign in the skies is a eclipse of the sun with both planets of Saturn and Neptune. Both of these planets are rarely seen to eclipse the sun together. The time that the eclipse is seen is from sunrise to sunset over

⁹⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 11:5–6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

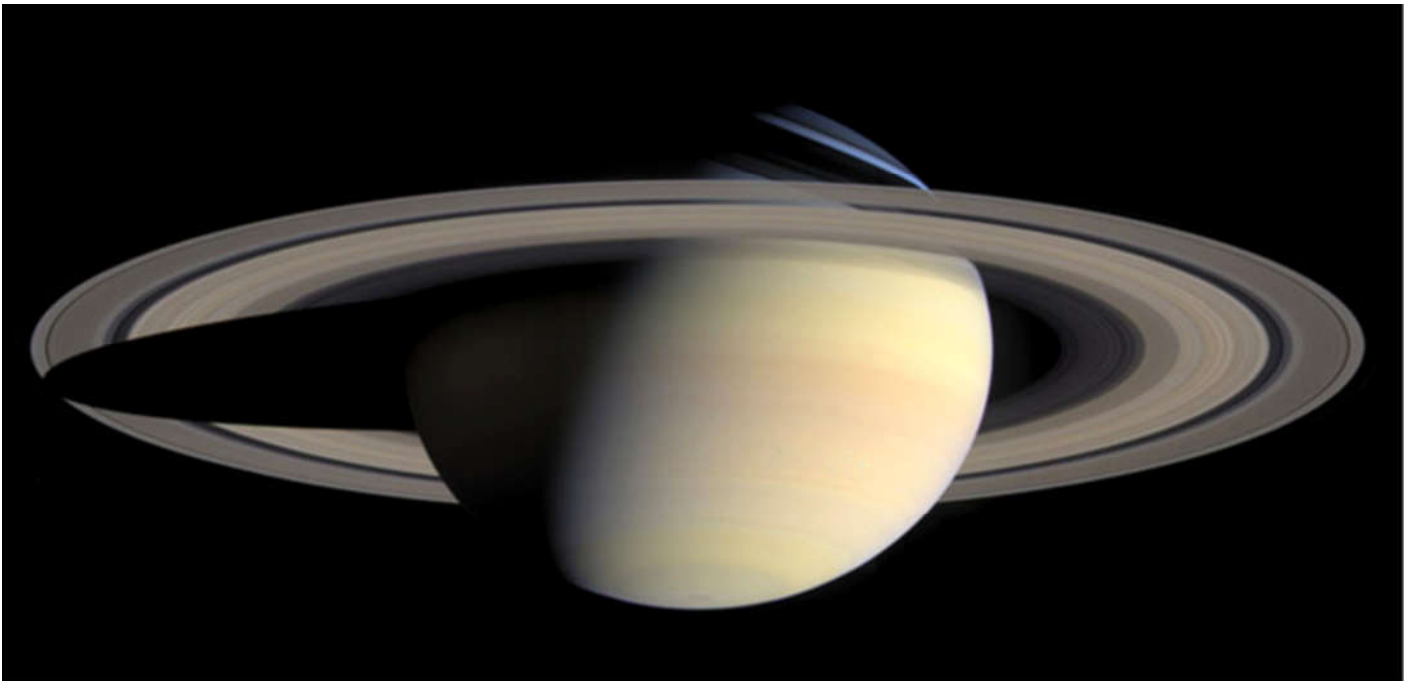
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Jerusalem in May 2384. The Pleiades star cluster or crown, a sign of authority, is given from the heavens above to this kingdom? Scripture says “*he will rule with great authority*” until he is uprooted. Saturn brings structure and meaning to the world. Saturn is associated with the principles of limitations, restrictions, boundaries, practicality and reality, crystallizing, and structures. Saturn governs authority and hierarchy, and conforming social structures. Doesn’t this sound like an alliance among nations and their authority and governing hierarchy and structure? With both planets of Saturn and Neptune, the heavens reflect the event as described.

Saturn is associated with restriction and limitation. Where Jupiter expands, Saturn constricts. Although the themes of Saturn seem depressing, Saturn brings structure and meaning to the world. Saturn knows the limits of time and matter. Saturn reminds us of boundaries, responsibilities, and commitments.. Saturn makes us aware of the need for self-control and of boundaries and limits. ⁹²



Saturn's glyph, or symbol, shows the cross of matter (reality) over the soul, representing the material nature of man reigning. The symbol of Saturn is the symbol of Jupiter inverted! This is God's reigning authority seen in Jupiter.



Saturn (NASA) – the golden-platinum planet, symbolizes harvest time on the earth as well as earthly structure

The image above shows Saturn 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.

Daniel 11:7-8 ***“But one of the descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against their army and enter the fortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display great strength. “Also their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will refrain from attacking the king of the North for some years.”*** ⁹³

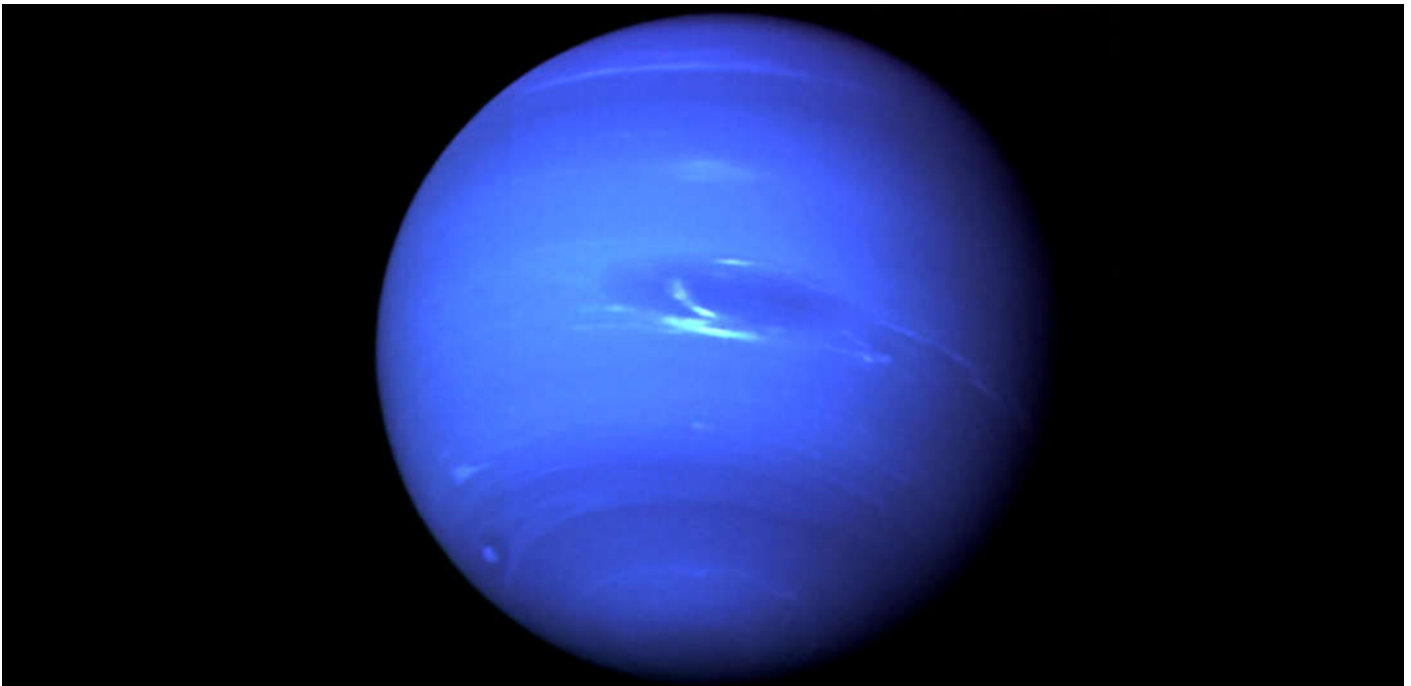
For “*some years*,” the southern forces will refrain from attacking the northern empire. There will be a time of peace because the king will force it to happen with authority and through a powerful coalition army. Daniel states that one of the descendants of her line will come against the king of the North. The southern alliance will deal with the northern forces with great strength and will take their wealth in 2391. Remember, slain martyrs seen in

⁹² Astrology for the Millions (Llewellyn's Classics of Astrology Library) by Grant Lewi

⁹³ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 11:7–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

heaven would be beheaded by an Islamic army because they are considered Christian infidels. Scripture reveals that the king of the South will take silver and gold from the northern empire and take the precious goods into the land of Egypt. It also states the king will take the images of their gods. A crucifix, an image of Christ on the cross, is considered an image and idolatry by Islam. The Vatican has numerous images and a large deposit of silver and gold reserves as well as other historical valued items. It is also interesting to find in 2012 the “*European Redemption Pact*.” This pact pledges as collateral each European country’s gold reserves to Germany for their debt. In Berlin Germany, there is a museum with numerous valuable Egyptian artifacts. Do the southern forces attack Germany and the Vatican City, “*the fortress*”? With these precious items, the king will refrain from attacking the United European nations. Is this gold needed to control the world currency under the Islamic regime?

Neptune is a planet of mercy and compassion. The more negative manifestations of Neptune include deception, trickery, deceit and guilt. Does this deception lie in the fact that the North will come up against the king of the South after the alliance has been made? Scripture says the peace will involve deception, a false sense of peace.



Neptune (NASA) – the blue planet, symbolizes water and the sea as well as the negative sign of deception



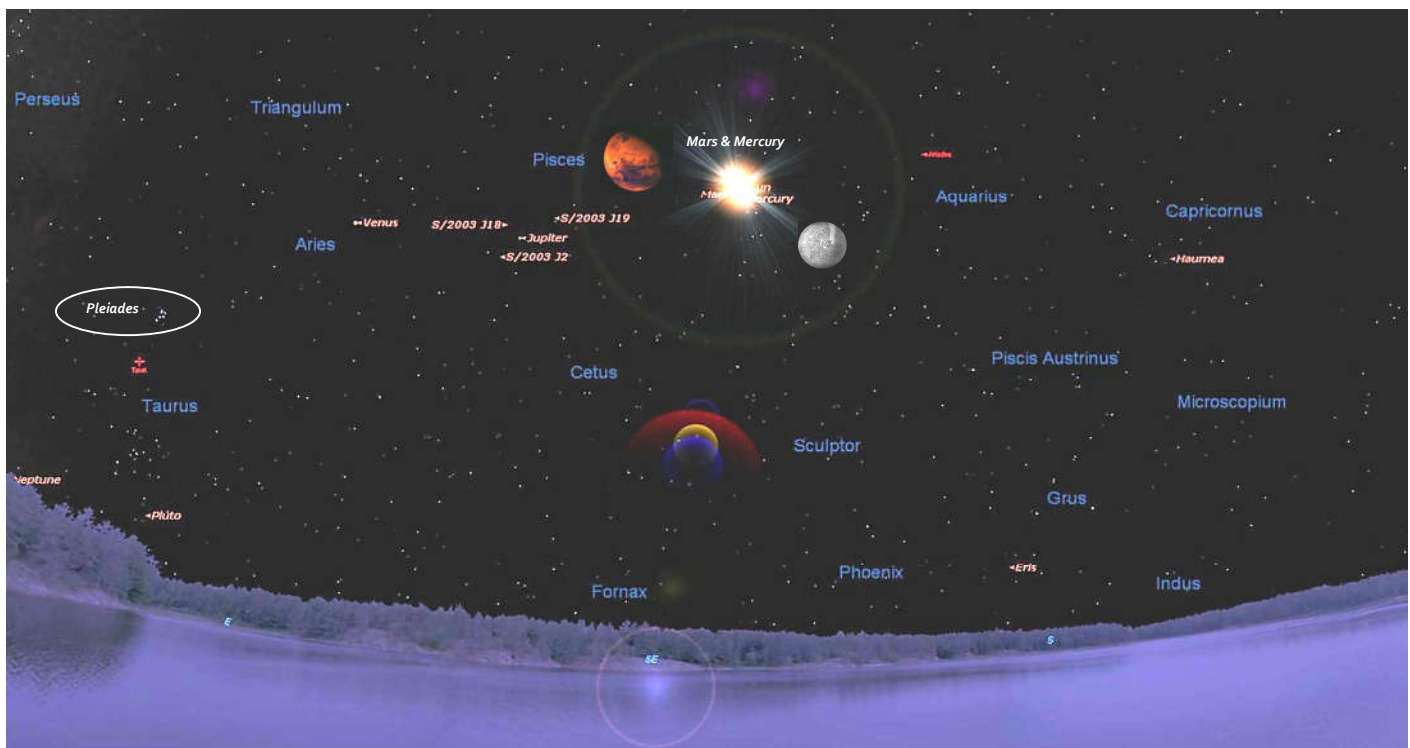
Neptune's glyph, or symbol, resembles the trident that the god Poseidon of the Sea is often shown holding. The crescent, representing receptivity, is pointing upwards, indicating spiritual receptivity, and is placed above the cross of matter. This symbolizes to break free from restrictions and limitations.

The picture above of Neptune was taken through the green and orange filters on the Voyager 2 narrow angle camera. Dark, cold and whipped by supersonic winds, Neptune is the last of the hydrogen and helium gas giants in our solar system. More than 30 times as far from the sun as Earth, the planet takes almost 165 earth years to orbit our sun. In 2011, Neptune completed its first orbit, since its discovery in 1846.

Neptune is the god of the sea, the ruler of Pisces. Neptune is considered a planet of inspiration, dreams, psychic receptivity, illusion, and confusion. Neptune rules spirituality, and all things subtle. A youthful, and sometimes naive, spirit characterizes those with a strong placement.⁹⁴

There is a sign in the heavens relating to war. The planet that represents war is Mars. The red planet's bloody color symbolizes war. Is there also a sign in the heavens for the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness? This is symbolized by the planet Mercury.

⁹⁴ *Astrology for the Millions (Llewellyn's Classics of Astrology Library)* by Grant Lewi



March 2391 Eclipse of Sun with both Mars and Mercury the sign of war between the South with the North

Notice, the missing heavenly stars of the Pleiades is far to the left, which is a sign of the crown of authority not given by God. It is reserved for a later time, once the Antichrist is given authority which is just prior to the desecration of the Holy Temple. To get further insight and information relating to the Antichrist, see the book entitled: *“Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for Christ’s Return.”* This sign is for the waging of war with a southern Islamic regime against the North, which is the United European Empire. We will see a sign in the heavens that war will break out again (page 61) with authority given to the retaliating king. The United European Empire will retaliate and will siege a well-fortified city in the year of 2393. Remember, the martyrs in heaven are asked to rest a little while longer before their blood is judged and avenged upon the earth. This will come shortly in the attack of the Islamic alliance and followed by the Rapture, and God’s First Trumpet Judgment. In Daniel, there is a description of the mobilization of an army. I find the use of the word mobilization in the prophecy of Daniel to be of interest. The word mobilization is used by today’s armies and is considered terminology for modern military forces, especially military readiness for combat. This is in preparation of the European forces to attack the southern alliance and the well-fortified city.

Hebrew word: mobilize. מְרַחֵם *garah*; to stir up (strife), engage in strife:—contend, engaged in conflict, mobilize, provoke, stirs, strive. ⁹⁵

Daniel 11: 9-11 ***“Then the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land. His sons will mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and overflow and pass through, that he may again wage war up to his very fortress. The king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.”*** ⁹⁶

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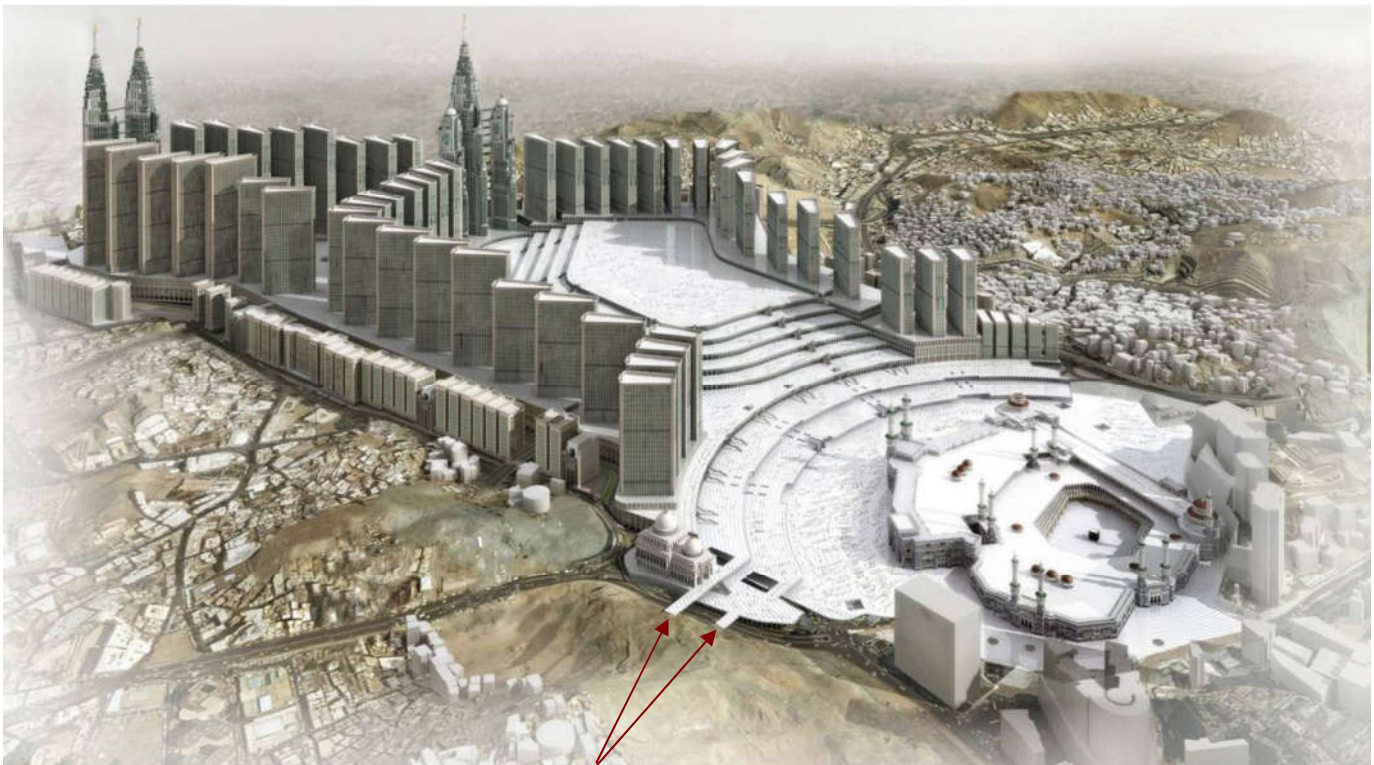
⁹⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 11:9–11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Siege of Well-Fortified City

Daniel goes on to say that both the North and the South had a great multitude of forces and that tens of thousands fell in battle. This battle will come after “*some years*.” However, the forces of the South will not make a stand because of the lack of strength. It also states the northern king of the United European forces will raise a greater multitude in its army. Is this attack due to the gold reserves being removed from the Northern Empire?

Daniel 11:12-15 ***“When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail. “For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment. “Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will fall down. “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 will not stand their ground, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.”*”**⁹⁷

Daniel’s prophecy states that the king of the North will siege a well-fortified city. This is not an open field battle, but one that will capture with strength the city. This siege of a well-fortified city seems to occur just prior to the beginning of the Great Tribulation. This includes the capture of its best trained troops within the well-fortified city. What is considered the most valuable city in the southern alliance of nations besides Jerusalem?



Northern King Captures a well-fortified city of the south by cast siege ramps – Planned expansion of Masjid Al-Haram in Mecca (GNU)

It is interesting to find in prophecy the Hebrew word **שָׁפַק** *shaphak* translated as “*cast or poured*” ramps, which is a modern construction term. It is used for poured concrete structures versus brick or stone ramps of the past. The well-fortified city must be south of the nations of Israel and Jordan, but north of the Red Sea or Gulf of Aden. It must be an Islamic coalition of nations represented by the king of the South as the alliance. Since the riches were taken into Egypt, is that the location of the city or does the North attack their “*Sacred Mosque*” the city of Mecca?

⁹⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 11:12–15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Masjid Al-Haram: "The Sacred Mosque"

Well-Fortified City:

The scripture also stated that the troops of the North pressed on with a "great army and much equipment." The North went up on "poured" ramps to capture the well-fortified city and the South had no strength to make a stand even with its choicest troops and forces of men. רַב; much, many, great, powerful: great or powerful weapons. שָׁפַךְ shaphak to pour out, pour:—cast, poured

This is an important city to the Islamic nations, other than the "Dome of the Rock" in Jerusalem. Daniel's prophecy goes on to tell that the commander will come into the Land of Israel. The purpose is to bring a "proposal of peace" to Jerusalem. This land is referred to as the "Beautiful Land" where he will stay for a period of time after the capture of the southern "well-fortified city." The "Beautiful Land" refers to the nation of Israel.

Daniel 11:16-17 ***"But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will be able to withstand him; he will also stay for a time in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand."***

17 ***"He will set his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand for him or be on his side."***⁹⁸

It sounds like Israel doesn't have the military forces to withstand him because he possesses the ability to do ultimate destruction in their land. He brings with him a "proposal of peace" which he implements in the nation of Israel. He gives him one of his daughters to maintain the peace treaty and a method to corrupt it. However, she doesn't stand by him as planned. Notice, there is no great nation such as the United State of America from the west to enforce or support this peace treaty with the nation of Israel. A western nation is missing from prophecy.

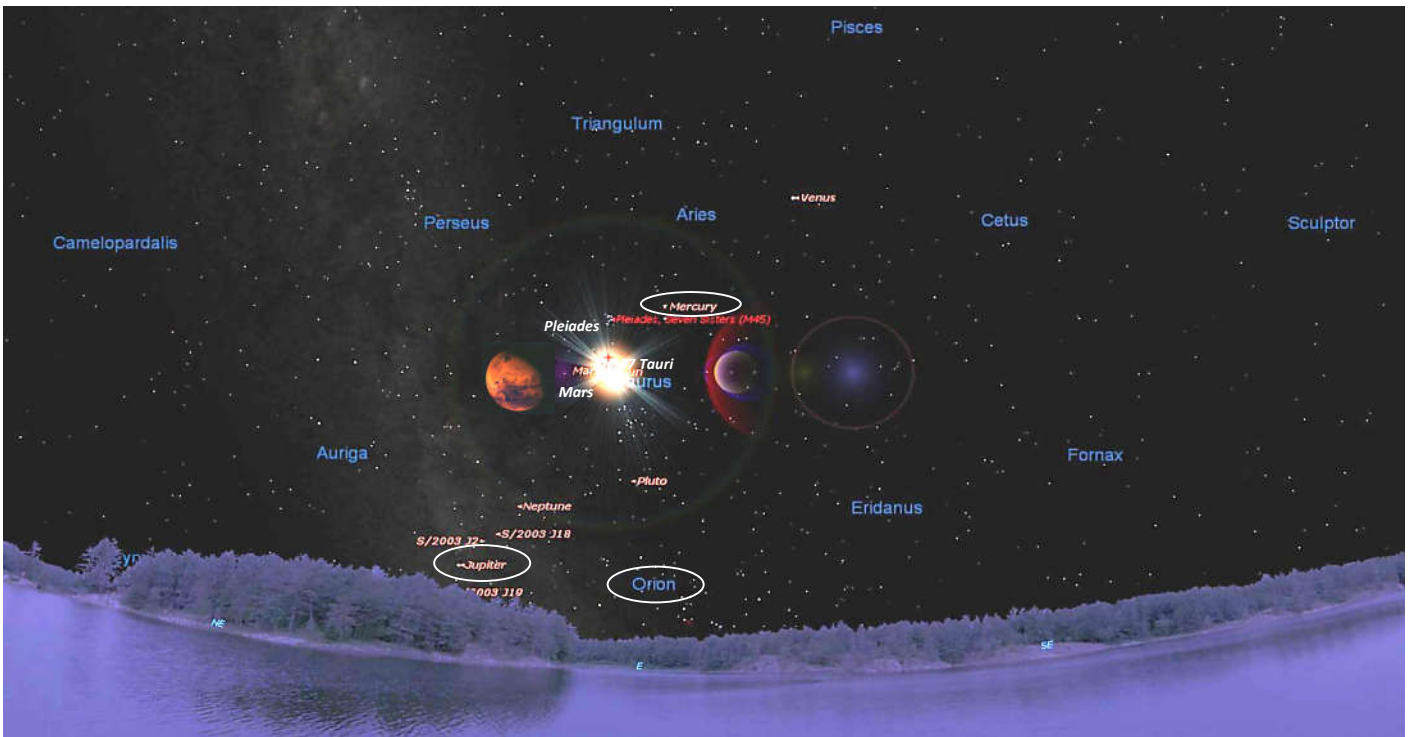
The Hebrew word for "ruin" is the following. שָׁחַת shachath; to go to ruin:—act corruptly, act ... corruptly⁹⁹

It appears that she doesn't pursue his wishes, because the scripture says "*she will not take a stand for him or be on his side.*" This is clearly stating that she doesn't support his interest in corrupting the peace treaty. There is a sign in the heavens relating to war. It is the attack of the North with the southern alliance of Islamic nations. The planet that represents war is Mars. The red planet's bloody color symbolizes war. Is there also a sign in the heavens for the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness? This is symbolized by the planet Mercury. This must be the war during the siege of the well-fortified city. This is because the Antichrist takes over after a peace treaty is offered to Israel, in the "Beautiful Land." The Pleiades star cluster, a sign of authority, is also given from the heavens for this event. Notice the authority if given for this war but not to the Antichrist, that is symbolized by the planet Mercury being above the crown of stars. This is unlike the sign in 2391 which didn't give authority to the Islamic alliance

⁹⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 11:16–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

⁹⁹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition.* Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

of nations. This sign in the heavens seems to be appropriate with authority given to the retaliating king from the United European Empire against the Islamic southern alliance. This attack of the “*well-fortified city*” is justifiable.



May 2393 Sunrise, the sun as “black as sackcloth” sign of war between the North and the Southern alliance

The image is of the planet Mars. It is a cold desert world. Mars is half the diameter of earth and has the same amount of dry land. Like earth, Mars has seasons, polar ice caps, volcanoes, canyons and weather, but its atmosphere is too thin for liquid water to exist for long on the surface. There are signs of ancient floods, but evidence for water now exists mainly in icy soil and thin clouds.



Mars (NASA) – the red planet, bloody color of war

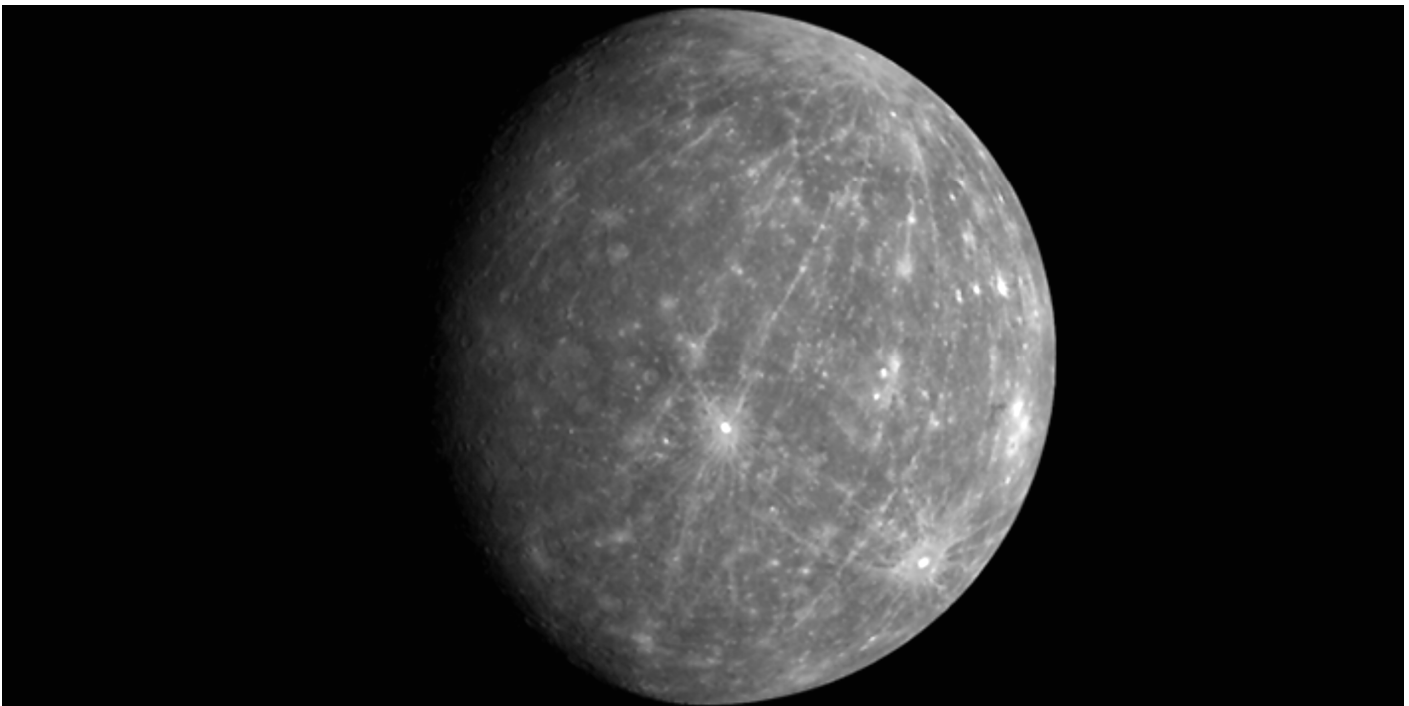


The symbol, or glyph, of Mars is widely used as a symbol of the male. It shows the circle of spirit, directed outwards. It can represent mankind or man in general. ⁹⁷

Mars is the planet of energy, action and desire. It is the survival instinct, and can be thought of as the "leftover" animal nature of man. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war, as befitting the red planet's bloody color. The Romans copied the ancient Greeks, who named the fourth planet from the sun after their god of war, Ares. Other civilizations also typically gave the planet names based on its color — for example, the Egyptians named it "Her Desher," meaning "the red one," while ancient Chinese astronomers dubbed it "the fire star." ¹⁰⁰

Mars, the god of war, is the ruler over war. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war. The Romans copied the ancient Greeks, who named the fourth planet from the sun after their god of war, Ares. In different cultures, Mars represents masculinity and youth. Its symbol, a circle with an arrow pointing out to the upper right, is also used as a symbol for the male gender. This planet is associated with war as well as a symbol of man in general or mankind. It is the red planet color which represents bloody war.

Mercury, the messenger of the gods, represents a deceptive communicator. The Islamic Mehdi comes in the name of Muhammad and he is considered to be a messenger of god. Mercury's action is to take things apart and put them back together again. This has the meaning of *magician, juggling impressions taken in through sight, sound, the intellect, and creating patterns that form your perception. Mercury not only rules communication, it represents coordination. Thought processes, ideas, and sensory information from both unconscious and conscious sources all need to be coordinated and understood.* ¹⁰⁹



Mercury (NASA) – the gray planet symbolizes the messenger and communicator



Mercury's glyph, or symbol, resembles that of Venus, with the addition of a semi-circle (horns) at the top. The horns represent Satan empowered Antichrist.

The spectacular image shown is one of the first to be returned from MESSENGER's second flyby of Mercury. The image shows the departing planet taken about 90 minutes after the spacecraft's closest approach. The bright crater just south of the center of the image is Kuiper, identified on images from the Mariner 10 mission in the

¹⁰⁰ Astrology for the Millions (Llewellyn's Classics of Astrology Library) by Grant Lewi

1970s. For most of the terrain east of Kuiper, toward the limb (edge) of the planet, the departing images are the first spacecraft views of that portion of Mercury's surface. Mercury is the innermost planet in our Solar System. Mercury is the closest to the sun and is one of the hottest in temperature (800 °F).

Mercury, represented by the horned glyph is a sign of the Antichrist. The beast or the man of lawlessness is described in the Bible who is empowered by Satan. Is the Antichrist, the Islamic Mahdi? The Mahdi (Arabic: مهدي mahdī) is the prophesied redeemer of Islam who will rule for seven years before the Day of Judgment. The definitive term “mahdi” means “*the rightly-guided one*”. The Mahdi is not mentioned in the Qur’an, but rather in Hadith. Some suggest he will come when the Arabian tribes are resettled into Syria. They also anticipate the Mahdi will lead the rising people of Yemen back to their country. He would be unknown in the world until Allah wills it. This is similar to the Apostle Paul’s statement “*so that in his time he will be revealed.*” He will deny the Deity of Christ as being the only son of God. This is exactly how the Antichrist is defined in 1 John 2:22. Notice, the timeframe of the peace alliance was 2384 AD. This sign of war with the uprooting of northern power occurs in 2391. It will be less than seven years. “*Some years*” are used in the prophecy in Daniel 11:6, Daniel 11:8 as well as in Daniel 11:13. Is there a description of the Antichrist in Daniel? Daniel 11 goes on to describe a “*despicable person*” arising whom the honor of kingship has been granted. The Antichrist is given authority later in time. He has not been revealed to the world as of 2391 AD. This will come later when the “*despicable person*” takes over in a “*time of tranquility*” and seizes power by “*intrigue.*” He will be revealed in 2393 AD. Then, his kingly authority will be given prior to the desecration of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem (see the book entitled: “*Heavenly Signs –Grand Design for Christ’s Return*”). The Antichrist is one who must deny the Deity of Christ, like the Mahdi. Could the Mahdi be the Antichrist or the False Prophet as prophesied in the Bible? Both of them will deny Christ as the son of God.

Daniel 11:18-21 ***“Then he will turn his face to the coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn. “So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more. “Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though not in anger nor in battle. “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.”***¹⁰¹

Daniel is stating that the king of the North will wage war against the coastland nations and “*capture many.*” This could include Lebanon, Syria, Libya and Egypt. Egypt is the land where the gold has been taken from the northern empire, the United European nations. We know that he has already established a peace treaty with the nation of Israel, which is referred to as the “*Jewel of his Kingdom*” which is the city of Jerusalem in the “*Beautiful Land*” of Israel. Nevertheless, a stop to this capture of the coastland nations will occur when his army commander puts an end to the war. Daniel states “*But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn.*” It states that after a few days he will be shattered but not in a battle and a “*despicable person*” will arise into power and seize the kingdom. 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 חֲלָאֻלָּהּ chalaqlaqqoth; smoothness:—hypocrisy, intrigue, slippery, slippery paths.¹⁰²

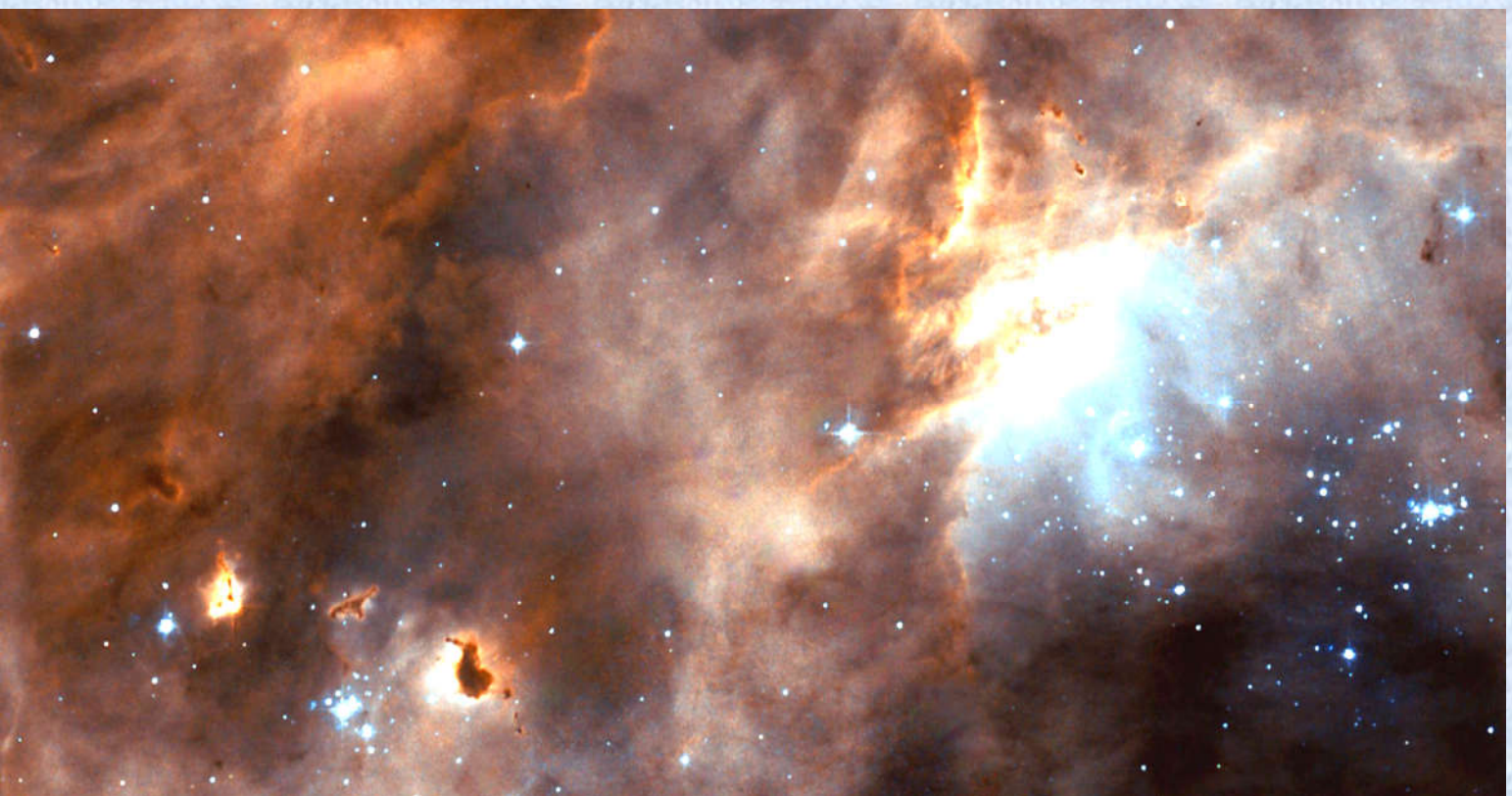
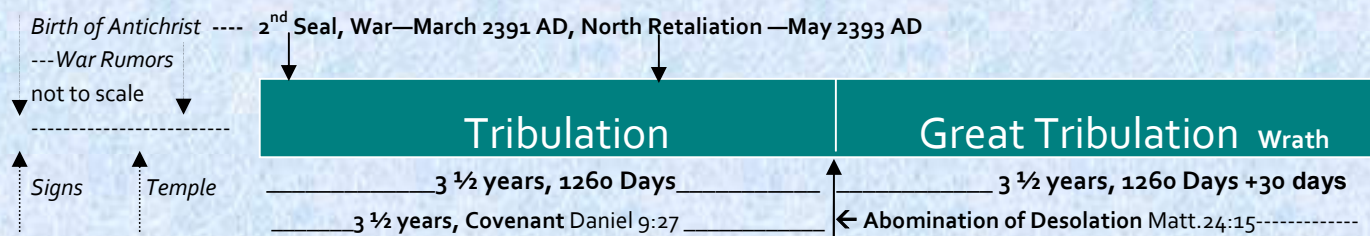
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¹⁰² Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition.* Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

This is a description of the Antichrist coming to power in Daniel. We also know from the heavenly signs that Mercury represents communications: thought processes, ideas and sensory information from both unconscious and conscious sources. If this is a sign of the Antichrist in Daniel with his communicating smoothness and intrigue, does it sound like him from what we have been taught? Remember, Mercury's glyph has horns.

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 practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.”***¹⁰³

Daniel continues to describe his attributes as an individual that practices deception. Otherwise, he will bring an alliance between him and the warring nations of the North and the South. It 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 or another coastal country such as Syria or Egypt? Paul said there would be a time when the Antichrist would be revealed. Once the Rapture of those, who are sealed in the Holy Spirit are removed, he will be revealed. We also know from scripture in Daniel 7:2-3 that the Antichrist comes from a coastland nation. We know through scripture that this covenant will be signed and agreed to at the beginning of the seven year Tribulation period. Take a look at the top cover picture of this book. It has the symbol in the cone of the cross shield representing the Antichrist.



Generations of Star Formation in the Large Magellanic Cloud - Creation Continues in the Heavens, Hubble Telescope (NASA)

¹⁰³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 11:22–23). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

CHAPTER 7: TRIBULATION- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Seals

The Tribulation refers to tumultuous events that are described during the “*Sign of His Coming and the End of the Age*” first mentioned by Jesus in the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24:3.

Matthew 24:8-9 ***“But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”***

9 ***“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.”***¹⁰⁴

Christ told us that after the birth pains, we would enter the time of Tribulation. He mentioned the birth pains as war, rumors of war, famines and earthquakes occurring prior to the time of Tribulation. In the previous chapter entitled “*Rumors of War*” we discussed the waging of war and the peace alliance events that led us into the time of Tribulation. It begins with a time of peaces. Then war breaks out in four months, after the covenant is made in Jerusalem. This war is with the southern Islamic alliance attacking the United European nations.

Matthew 24:7 ***“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.”***¹⁰⁵

Among Bible scholars, there are differing views about what will happen to Christians or believers during the Tribulation. The Rapture occurs with the European retaliation and attack of a well-fortified city in the south.

Pre-tribulation scholars believe that all Christians who are either dead or alive will be taken bodily up to Heaven (called the Rapture) before this Tribulation begins. So, who do these scholars believe is the “*deliver you to tribulation*” referring to when Christ spoke this during His Olivet Discourse? According to this belief, every true Christian that has ever existed throughout the course of the entire Christian era will be instantaneously transformed into a perfect resurrected body, and will thus escape the trials of the Tribulation. Those who become Christians, after the Rapture, will live through or perish to death during the Tribulation. After the Tribulation, Christ will return to establish His Millennial Kingdom.

Pre-wrath Tribulation scholars such as Marvin Rosenthal believe the Rapture will occur during the Great Tribulation, passed the halfway point, but before the seven trumpet judgments and the seven bowls of the Wrath of God. Marvin Rosenthal has a book entitled “*The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*”, which shows the Rapture to come after the Great Tribulation period, but before the Day of the Lord. We will see that this part of his view is correct but the timing of the Rapture will occur prior to the halfway point of the Tribulation. His event order is correct except for the timing of the desecration of the Holy Temple which he believes will occur after the fourth seal is opened but prior to the fifth seal. Marvin Rosenthal’s view is that the Rapture occurs after the opening of the sixth seal, and before the opening of the seventh seal, the Wrath of God, which is a correct view.

Seventh Trumpet Tribulation scholars believe the Rapture will occur during the Tribulation, halfway through or thereafter, but before the seven bowls of the Wrath of God. Specifically, this will occur at the sound of the seventh trumpet by interpretation of Revelation 11:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:52. They believe that the last trumpet must correspond to the seventh trumpet being blown. But according to Marvin Rosenthal “*The last trump will be nothing more, nothing less, and nothing different than the final, climatic, eschatological outpouring of the Wrath of God.*” The central theme of the Prophet Joel is the Day of the Lord which will commence with the blowing of a trumpet.

¹⁰⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:8–9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁰⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Joel 2:1 ***“Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain!***

2 ***Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, So there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it To the years of many generations.”***¹⁰⁶

Therefore, their view is incorrect as well as the timing of events, that we will see later in this book because the Day of the Lord will begin on the opening of the seventh seal and not after the seventh trumpet.

Mid-tribulation scholars believe that the Rapture will occur halfway through the Tribulation, but before the worst part of it occurs. The seven year period is divided into halves - the “*Beginning of Sorrows*” or “*Tribulation*” and then followed by the “*Great Tribulation*.”

Post-tribulation scholars believe that Christians will not be taken up into Heaven, but will be received or gathered by Christ into the Kingdom of God on earth at the end of the Great Tribulation. “*Immediately after the Tribulation ... then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man which is Christ ... and he shall “gather his elect”*” which comes from the following scripture: Matthew 24:29–31; Mark 13:24–27; Luke 21:25–27. Post-tribulation scholars argue that the seventh trumpet mentioned in Revelation is also the last trumpet mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:52, and there is a strong correlation between the events mentioned in Isaiah 27:13, Matthew 24:29–31, and 1 Thessalonians 4:16- thus creating a strong parallel, proving that the Rapture occurs after the Tribulation. Therefore, post-tribulation scholars see the Rapture happening during the seventh trumpet, which would only mean that the Rapture can never happen during the Tribulation according to their view. The idea of a post-tribulation Rapture can also be read into 2 Peter 3:10–13 where Christ's return is equated with the “*elements being melted*” and the earth being burned up. They don’t seem to understand that Peter is referring to the “*New Heaven and Earth*”, which is stated in Revelation 21. If this is true, then who is returning with Christ as His armies which are “*clothed in fine linen, white and clean*”? It also gives heed to the question who is His bride during the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? This supper is described in Revelation 19:7–10, which occurs prior to his armies coming to earth? It must be the Rapture of the Bride of Christ which occurs prior to the Marriage Supper and his conquering return to the earth.

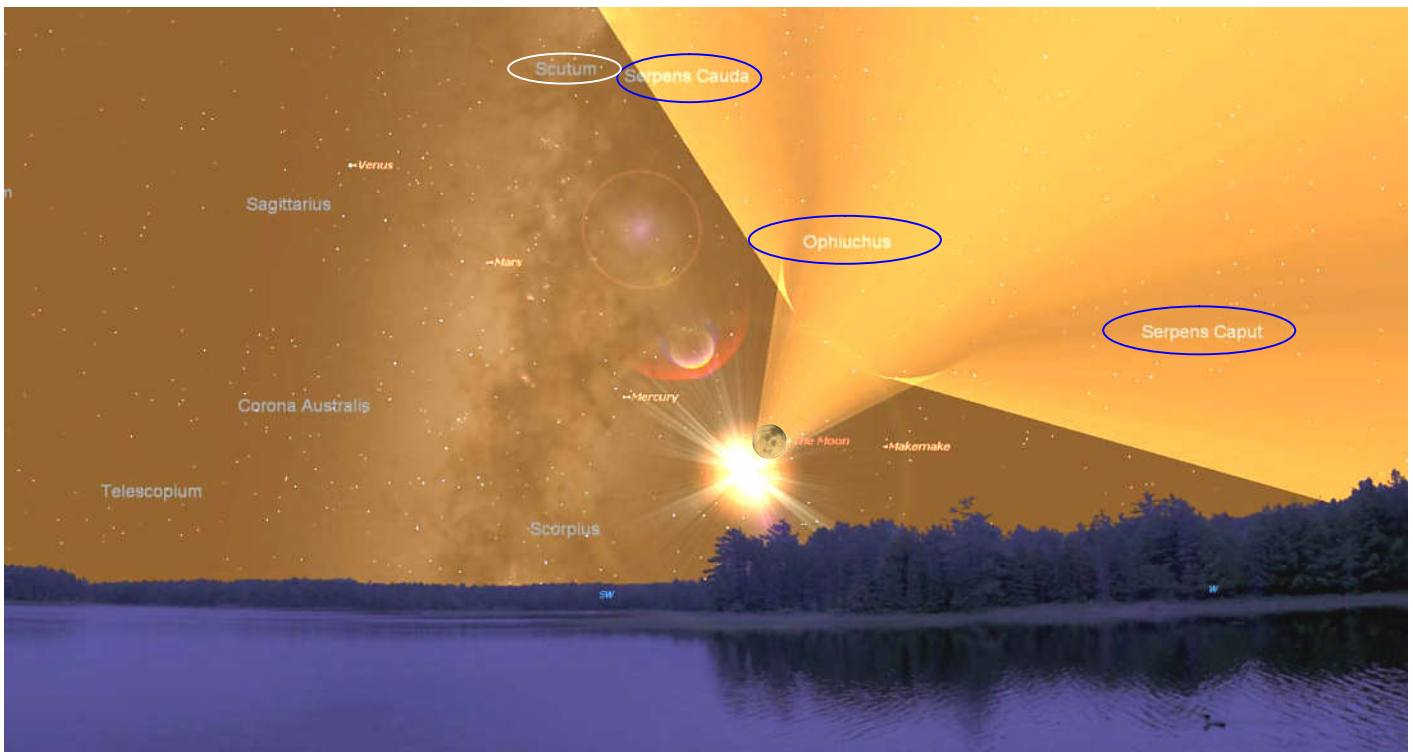
The Bible knowledge commentary from Dallas Theological Seminary states the following: *The second coming of Christ is anticipated in the words, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. John used the word “Almighty” (pantokratōr; also in Revelation 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:15; 21:22). Along with the exhortation to rejoice, announcement is made that the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. The fine linen with which the bride will be adorned is explained as representing the righteous acts of the saints (Rev. 19:8). (In the OT the high priest’s clothing included linen: Ex. 28:42; Lev. 6:10; 16:4, 23, 32.) While some think this refers to the fact that the saints are justified by faith, the plural expression “the righteous acts” seems to refer to the righteous deeds wrought by the saints through the grace of God. Though all this has been made possible by the grace of God, the emphasis here seems to be on the works of the bride rather than on her standing as one who has been justified by faith.*¹⁰⁷

In pre-tribulation and mid-tribulation views the Rapture and the Second Coming (or Greek, par[ousia] of Christ are separate events, while in post-tribulation beliefs the two events are identical or simultaneous. For a more complete view of these Three Views on Pre-, Mid- and Post-Tribulation, there is a book available written by Stanley Gundry and Gleason Archer Jr. entitled “*Three Views on The Rapture*.” These diverse views are why I

¹⁰⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Joel 2:1–2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

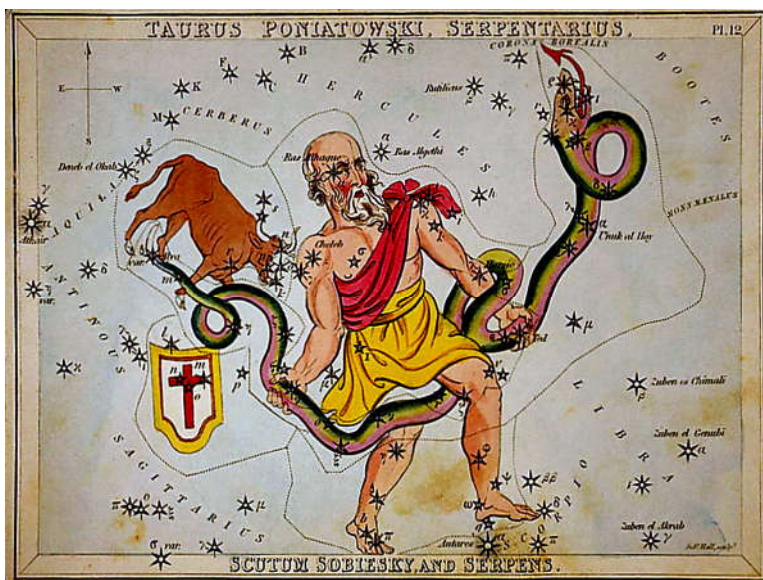
¹⁰⁷ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 19:6–8). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

have written this book to bring clarity and understanding to the End Times. God has a “*Grand Design for the Rapture*” of His Bride as well as His return to reign upon this earth in truth and righteousness.



December 2390 Sunset partial eclipse by the moon over Jerusalem

We shall look at the heavenly signs that reflect this Tribulation. This is the beginning of the Tribulation which is the moon reflecting light into the Serpens constellations. The sun is low in the sky during the early evening timeframe with the earth darkened due to the partial eclipse of the sun and moon. This is followed by a nightly event of the stars in the Hyades cluster creating a true wonder in the skies to mark the start of the Tribulation.



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

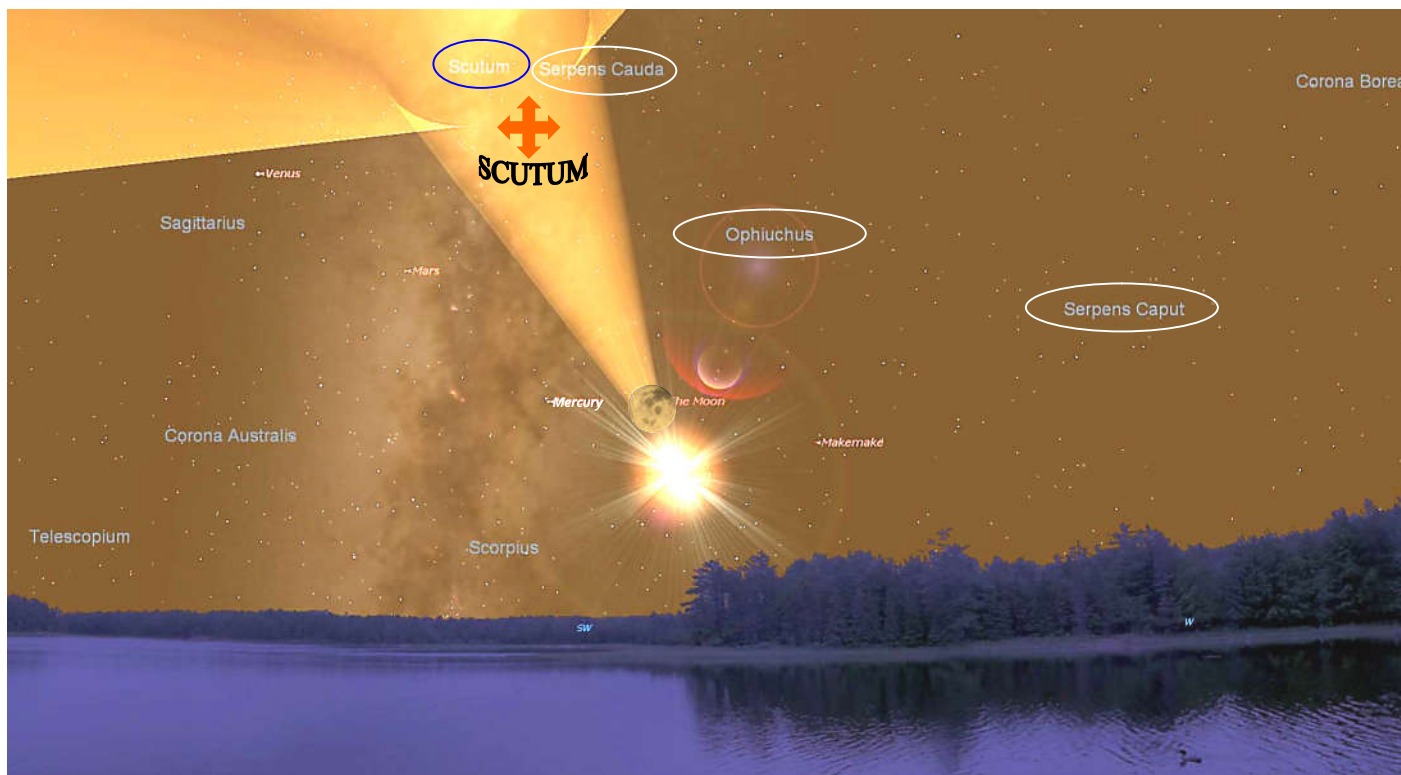
Serpens & Ophiuchus

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;”

The constellations which are visible in the sky during the daytime are Ophiuchus, Serpens Caput and Serpens Cauda. The fourth constellation which is high in the skies is Scutum. Ophiuchus is depicted as a man grasping a serpent; the interposition of his body divides the snake constellation Serpens into two parts. The scripture tell us the Antichrist, the lawless one, will be empowered by Satan. Satan is considered the serpent. Scutum shown as a cross shield symbolizes the Antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9 ***“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.”***¹⁰⁹



December 2390 Sun eclipsed by the moon radiating light into the Constellation of Scutum over Los Angeles, California

Ophiuchus is a large constellation located around the celestial equator. This makes this event visible across the earth from the northern to the southern hemispheres. Its name is from the Greek $\phi\iota\omicron\chi\omicron\varsigma$ "serpent-bearer", and it is commonly represented as a man grasping the snake that is represented by the constellation Serpens. Ophiuchus was one of the 48 constellations listed by the 2nd-century astronomer Ptolemy, and it remains one of the 88 modern constellations. It was formerly referred to as Serpentarius and also Anguitenens, a Latin word meaning the same as its current name of "serpent-bearer". This constellation has been taken as symbolic in later literature, and placed in relation to the words spoken by God to the serpent in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15).

Serpens ("the Serpent", Greek $\phi\iota\varsigma$) is a constellation of the northern hemisphere. It was one of the 48 constellations listed by the 2nd century astronomer Ptolemy and it remains one of the 88 modern constellations defined by the International Astronomical Union.

From: Wikipedia:Ophiuchus

It is unique among the modern constellations that it is split into two non-contiguous parts: **Serpens Caput**, the *Serpent's Head* to the west and **Serpens Cauda**, the *Serpent's Tail* to the east. Between these two halves lies the Constellation of Ophiuchus, the "Serpent-Bearer." In figurative representations, the body of the serpent is represented as passing behind Ophiuchus between μ Ser in Serpens Caput and ν Ser in Serpens Cauda. The Constellation of Scutum is a cross shield which is located at the tail of the serpent.

*Both hands of Ophiuchus firmly clutch the Serpent, which encircles the waist of Ophiuchus, but he, steadfast with both his feet well set, tramples a huge monster, even the Scorpion, standing upright on his eye and breast. Now the Serpent is wreathed about his two hands – a little above his right hand, but in many folds high above his left. ... Toward the Crown leans the Serpent's jaw, but beneath his coiling form seek thou for the mighty Claws Libra.*¹⁰⁸ There were two "serpent" constellations in Babylonian astronomy, known as Muš uššu and Bašmu. It appears that Muš uššu was depicted as a hybrid of **dragon**, lion and bird, and loosely

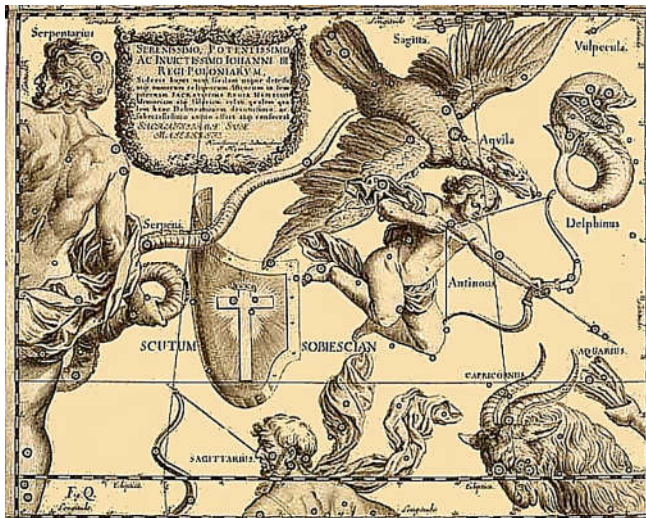
¹⁰⁸ Mair, A. W. & G. R. Loeb Classical Library Volume 129. London: William Heinemann, 1921.

corresponds to Hydra. Bašmu was a **horned serpent** (c.f. Ningishzida) and loosely corresponds to the $\varphi\iota\varsigma$ constellation of Eudoxus of Cnidus on which the $\varphi\iota\varsigma$ (Serpens) of Ptolemy is based.

This event will be visible in both hemispheres due to the location in the sky of the constellations. In Babylonian history the constellations were depicted as a hybrid of the dragon and the horn serpent. In scripture, the “*Serpent*” is Satan, the devil or the dragon? Isn’t this also mentioned in Revelation as the “*beast*” which is the Antichrist will be empowered by the dragon?

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?”***

Revelation 20:2 ***“And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.”***¹⁰⁹



Scutum depicted as a Cross (1690)

Scutum:

This constellation of a Cross Shield owes its name to a non-classical historical figure. It was created in 1684 by Polish astronomer Johannes Hevelius, who originally named it Scutum Sobiescianum (Shield of Sobieski) to commemorate the victory of the Polish forces led by King John III Sobieski in the Battle of Vienna in 1683. Later, the name was shortened to Scutum. The serpent was Bašmu in Babylonian astronomy. It was a horned serpent of today’s Serpens constellation.

The shield of the Constellation Scutum has the symbol of a cross on it. Is this a sign of the Antichrist which is given authority by Satan the Serpent of Old? The cross shield symbolizes the Antichrist as a military leader or conqueror. The horned serpent as described by the Babylonians is similar to the Mercury glyph that represents the Antichrist, which has horns. Mercury is present and next to the moon and sun in this sign. This must mark the signing of a “*firm covenant*” by the Antichrist symbolized by the cross shield. The signing of this covenant marks the beginning of the seven year Tribulation period. The covenant will be broken in the middle of the week which is half way through the Tribulation. This is mention in Daniel.

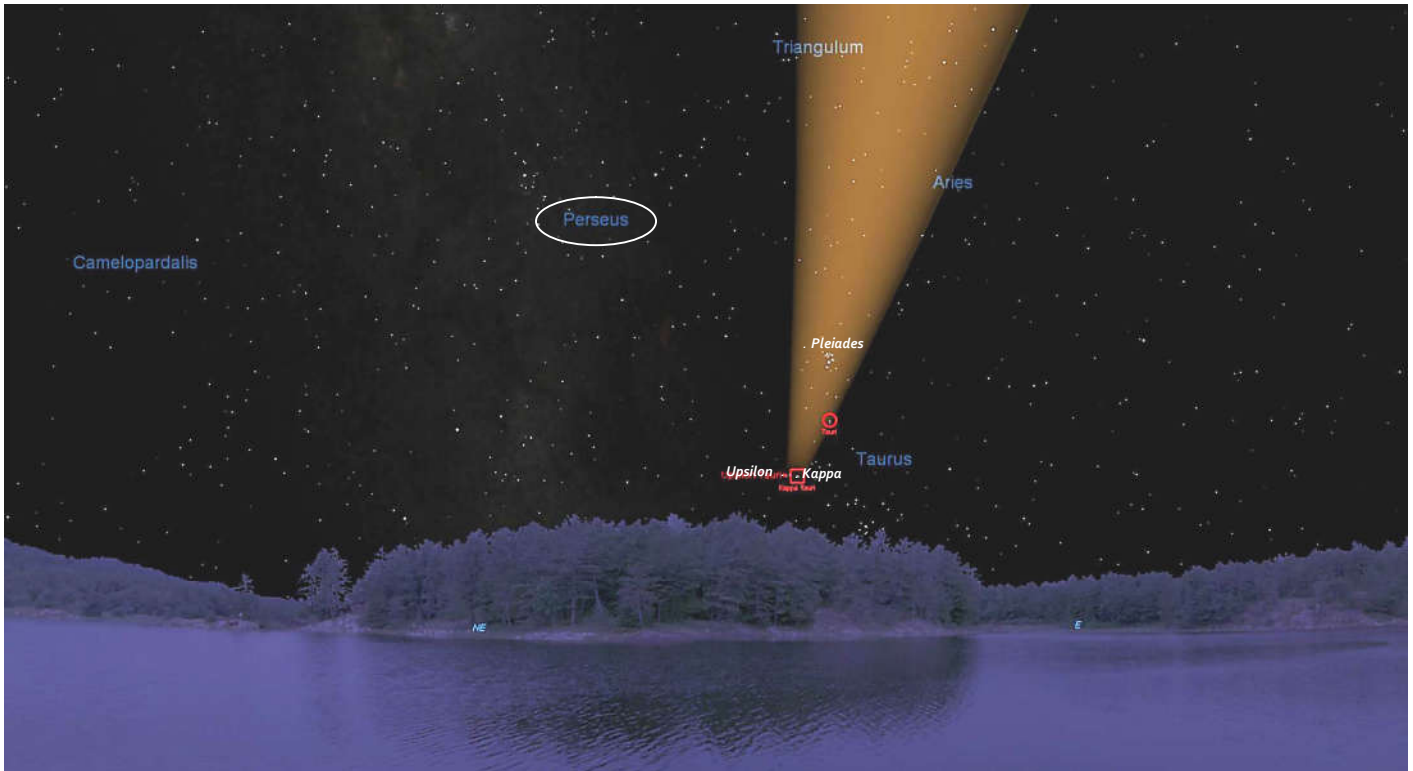
Daniel 9:27 ***“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”***¹¹⁰

What is the next heavenly sign in the sky above that reflect the Tribulation? It is two stars in the Hyades open star cluster in the night sky on the same day as the solar eclipse occurs. Please notice that the star name Upsilon is to the left of the Kappa Tauri. **Kappa Tauri** (κ Tau, κ Tauri) is a star system in the Constellation of Taurus and a member of the Hyades open cluster. **Upsilon Tauri** (υ Tau, υ Tauri) is in the Constellation Taurus and a member of

¹⁰⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Th 2:8-9, Re 13:4, 20:2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Da 9:27). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

the Hyades star cluster as well. We will have a sequence of slides that will show these two stars changing positions in the sky, which is a very unusual event, since these objects are in the same star cluster of Hyades. Typical motion would be to see the stars move through the sky rising from the east and move in position through the night skies with the constellations towards the west. Nevertheless, planets may not follow since they are known as wandering stars and may reverse their path in the skies.



December 2390 Night Stars of Upsilon and Kappa Tauri in the Hyades Star cluster above Jerusalem

Hyades Star Cluster Motion

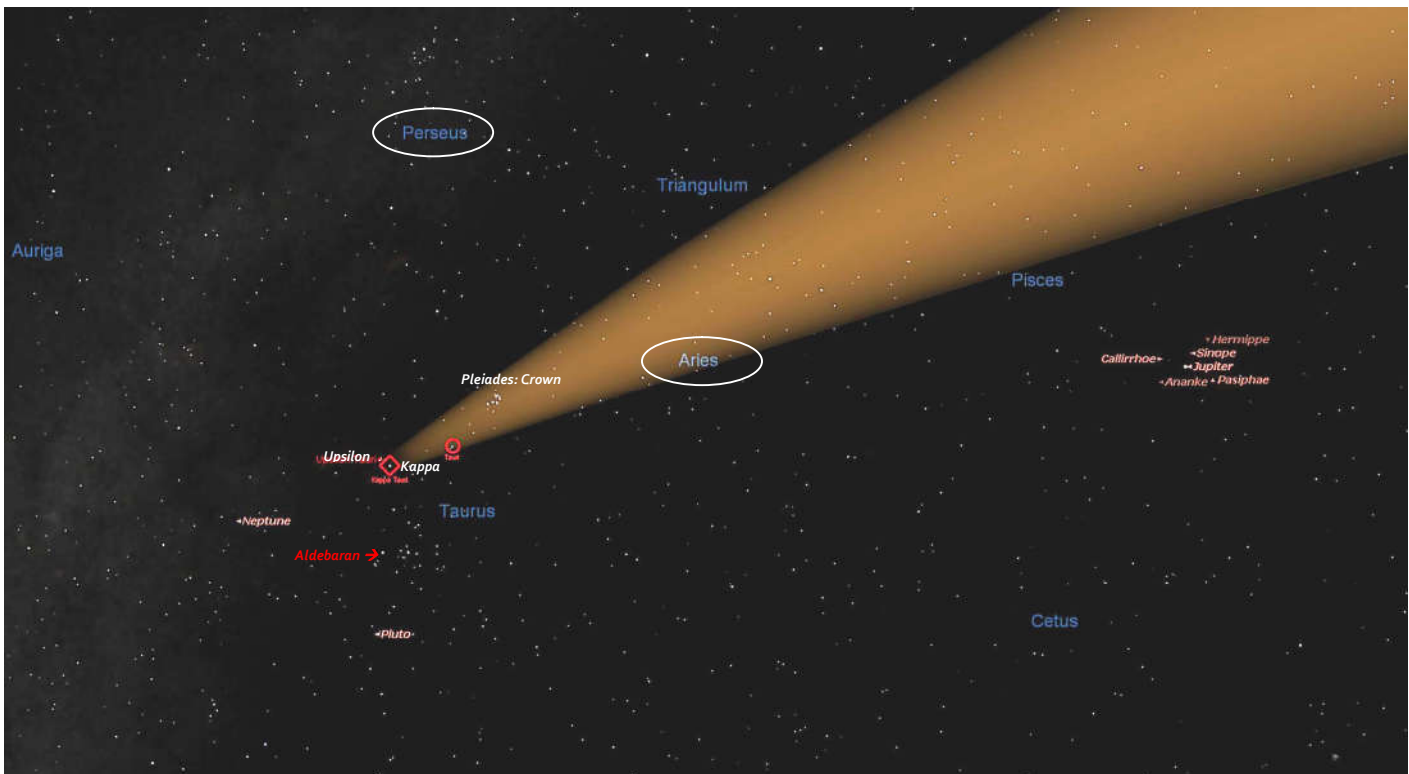
The stars of the Hyades are more enriched in heavy elements than our Sun and other ordinary stars in the Solar System Neighborhood. The Hyades Cluster is related to other stellar groups in the Sun's vicinity. Its age, metallicity, and proper motion coincide with those of the larger and more distant Praesepe Cluster, and the trajectories of both clusters can be traced back to the same region of space, indicating a common origin. Another associate is the Hyades Stream, a large collection of scattered stars that also share a similar trajectory with the Hyades Cluster.

Recent results have found that at least 15% of stars in the Hyades stream share the same chemical fingerprint as the Hyades cluster stars. However, about 85% of stars in the Hyades Stream have been shown to be completely unrelated to the original cluster on the grounds of dissimilar age and metallicity; their common motion is attributed to tidal effects of the massive rotating bar at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy. From http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyades_star_cluster

The star of Aldebaran (red) and the Pleiades star cluster have moved from above the Hyades stars of Upsilon and Kappa to below. The Upsilon star is now directly above the star of Kappa Tauri. The next event will be the star Upsilon moving to the right side of Kappa Tauri. This is truly a wonder in the heavens with stars moving from their location in the same Haydes star cluster. They should have a common motion attributed to being at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy. Notice, Pluto is below the star of Aldebaran (red). The Constellation of Aries symbolizes a Ram, which is highlighted by the radiant light from the moon. The radiant light appears to track the Constellation of Aries in the heavens.



Pluto is the **god of the underworld**. In Greek mythology, the corresponding god was **Hades**. Pluto to the left side above represents all that is "below the surface". This glyph suggests spiritual receptivity to "super-worlds" or the "underworld."



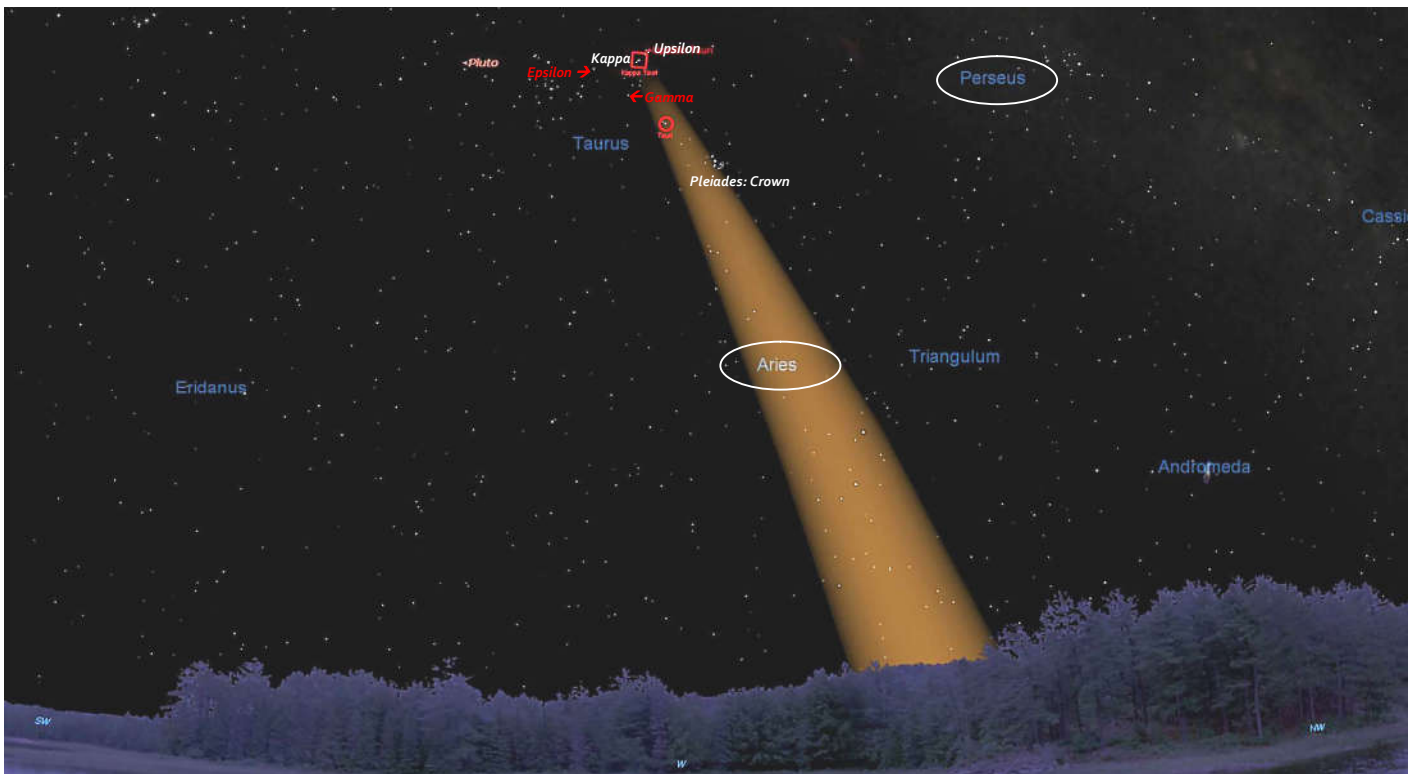
December 2390 Stars of Upsilon and Kappa Tauri above each other over Jerusalem

The Hyades Greek ἄδης, also known as Melotte 25 or Collinder 50 or Caldwell 41 is the nearest open cluster to the Solar System and one of the best-studied of all star clusters. The Hipparcos satellite, the Hubble Space Telescope, and infrared color-magnitude diagram fitting have been used to establish a distance to the cluster's center of ~ 153 light-years. The distance established, via the three independent analyses agree, thereby making the Hyades an important rung on the cosmic distance ladder. The cluster consists of a roughly spherical group of hundreds of stars sharing the same age, place of origin, chemical content, and motion through space. From the perspective of observers on Earth, the Hyades Cluster appears in the Constellation Taurus, where its brightest stars form a "V" shape along with the still brighter red giant Aldebaran. However, Aldebaran is completely unrelated to the Hyades, as it is located much closer to Earth (hence its apparent brightness) and merely happens to lie along the same line of sight. As a naked-eye object, the Hyades Cluster has been known since prehistoric times. It is mentioned by numerous Classical authors from Homer to Ovid. In Book 18 of the Iliad the stars of the Hyades appear along with the Pleiades, the Big Dipper, and Orion on the shield that the god Hephaistos made for Achilles.

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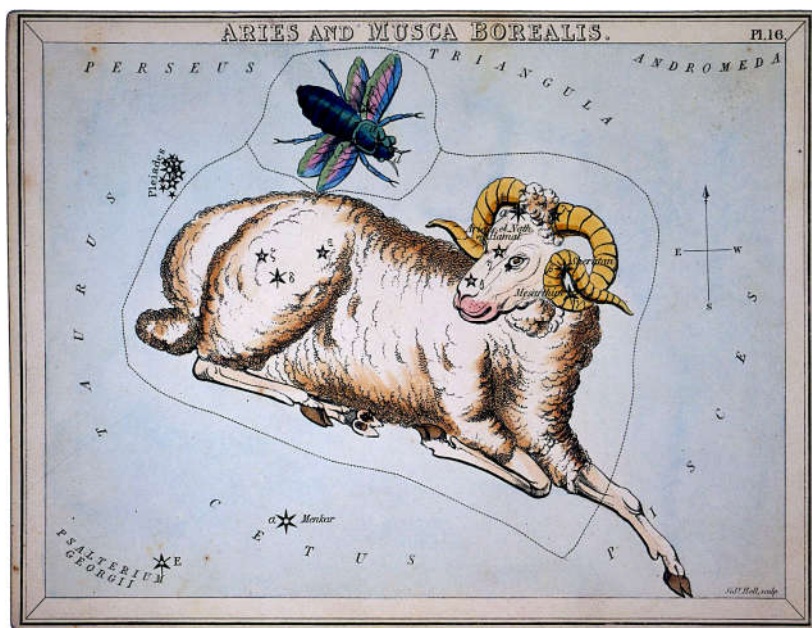
The Upsilon (HD 28024 or 69 Tauri not shown on the Hyades Star Cluster Map) star is now to the right side of Kappa Tauri (HD 27934 or 65 Tauri not shown) and has reversed its position in the sky during the same night. This is a very unusual event. It will be followed by the stars appearing to fall from the sky to the earth with both the planets of Neptune and Pluto coming down to the earth as the last objects from the heavens. Pluto represents the underworld and Hades is the place of mortal man's soul and spirit according to Greek mythology as well as the Bible.

It is amazing the similarity in the name Hyades and Hades and also that Pluto is seen in the skies with the Hyades star cluster. Notice the movement through the skies of the Constellation of Perseus, it has moved from east to west through the night sky. This is the proper motion of the Hyades stars as well as the Constellation of Perseus. After changing positions in the sky above, the Pleiades crown of stars is now below the stars of Upsilon and Kappa Tauri. It appears that these two stars are falling from the sky as stated in Matthew 24:29 "and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." Is this "heaven will be shaken" referring to the multiple planetary eclipses with the sun? We know that these eclipses will effect the gravitational forces on the earth and also effect the sea tides. Christ declared this to occur during the End Times in Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars and on the earth dismay among nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves."



December 2390 Stars of Upsilon to the right of Kappa Tauri over Jerusalem

Is there a sign in the heavens for the event of sacrifices being made on 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 ♈ representing a Ram's horns. This must be a sign of the Ram sacrifice on the altar.

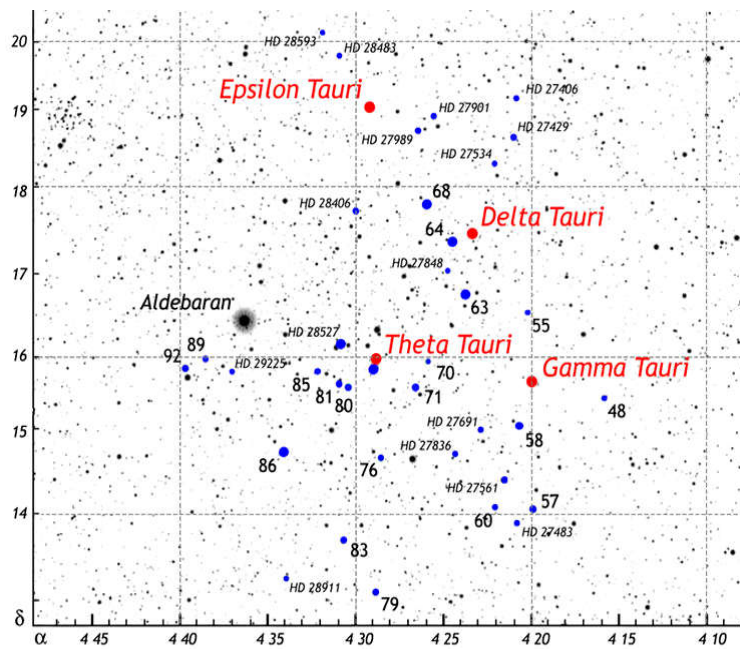


Aries depicted as a Ram (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

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This heavenly event occurs in Taurus, the bull, which also symbolizes sacrifice. This must represent the continuation of the regular sacrifices made in the evening. What a short timeframe for such a significant change of events in the heavens. The beginning of the Tribulation is symbolized by a morning event of a partial eclipse of the sun and moon highlighting the Constellation of Scutum, the cross shield, symbolizing the Antichrist and the signing of the covenant. This is followed by the nightly event of the Constellation of Aries being highlighted with radiant light. This was preceded by the changing of stars in the heavens within the same star cluster.



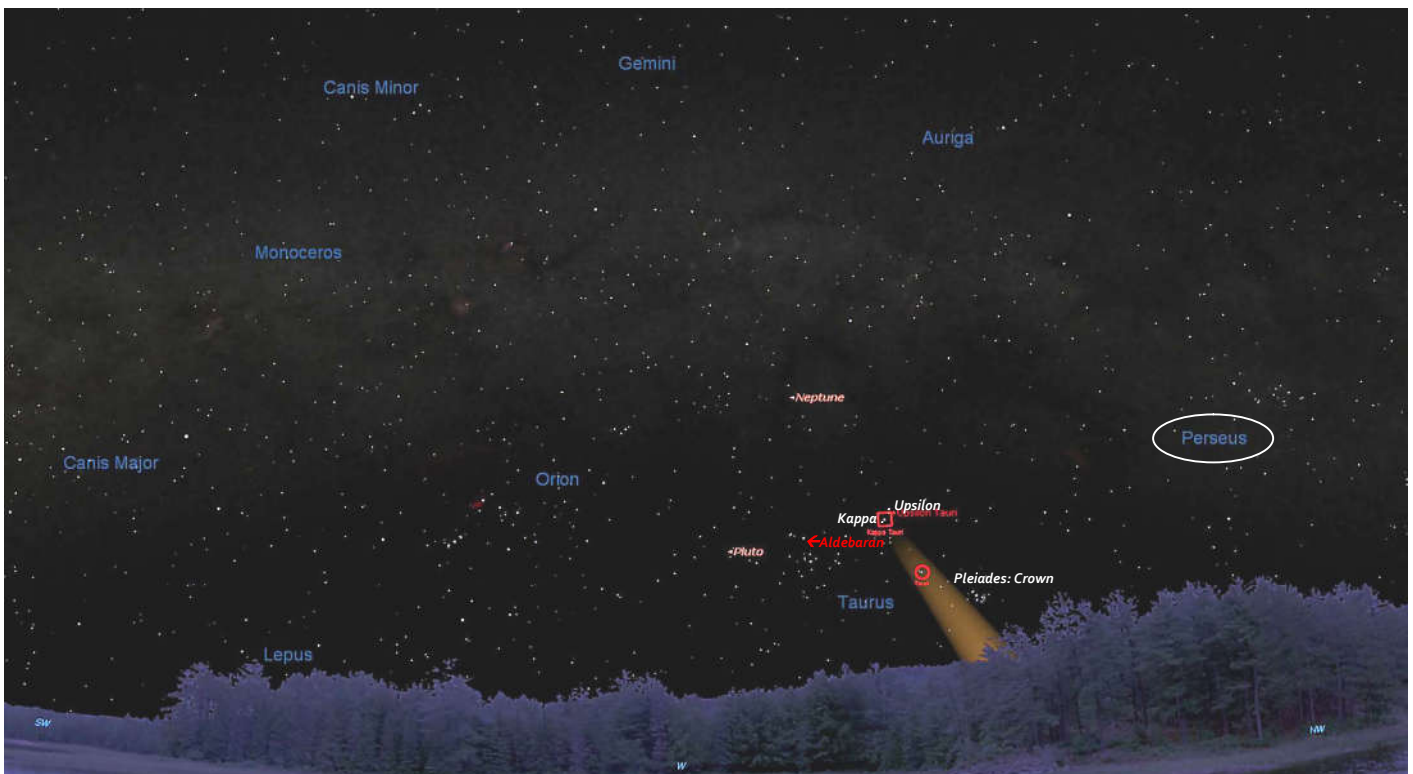
The Hyades Star Cluster Map (GNU)

The Hyades Star Cluster:

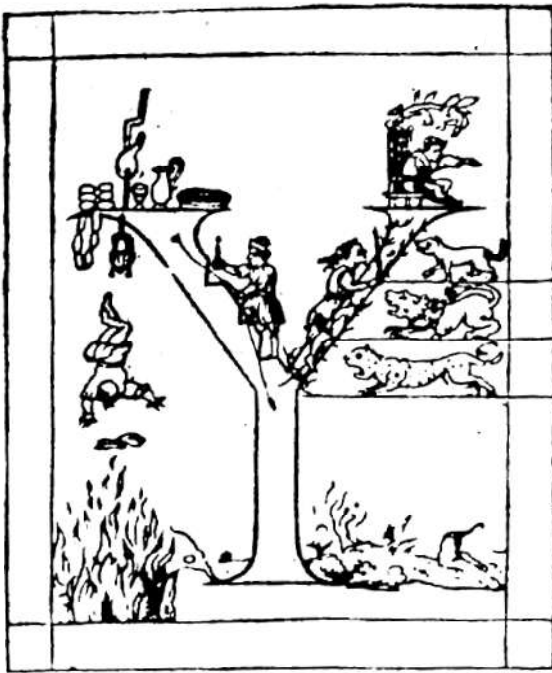
The four brightest member stars of the Hyades are all red giants that began life as A-type stars and have now evolved off the main sequence. All are located within a few light years of each other. Their Bayer designations are Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, and Theta Tauri. The distance to the cluster's center is ~153 light years from Earth.

Note: Haydes Cluster to Hades.

The radiant light coming from what appears as the stars Upsilon and Kappa Tauri is actual coming from the sun's partial eclipse which is a reflection off the moon. It is interesting that this nighttime event follows after the "serpent-bearer;" Ophiuchus Constellation is seen during the daytime. This is followed by the planets and stars appearing too fall from the night sky. We will see these same two stars again falling to the earth during Christ's Millennium Reign. This relates to the doom of the Beast and False Prophet. This is a true wonder in the skies that the Prophet Joel said would happen in Joel 2:30 "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth." This event in the heavens can be assured to be a wonder due to the fact that two stars in the heavens change position in the same star cluster. This is unlike the stars seen in the heavens normally and is a very unusual occurrence.



December 2390 Stars of Upsilon and Kappa Tauri are falling to earth



Ypsilon by Geoffroy Troy (1529)

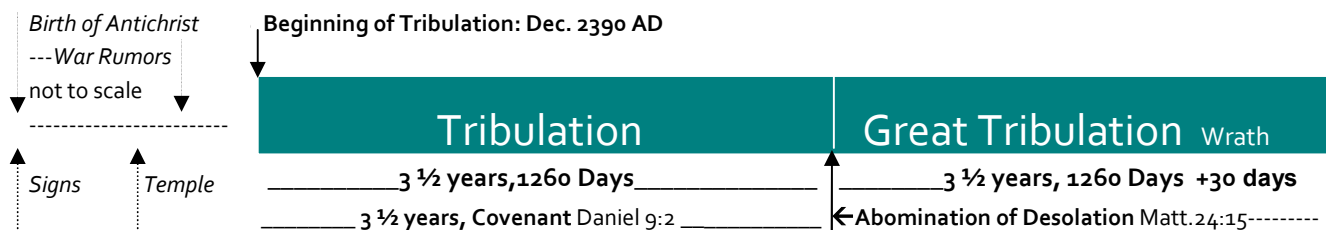
The Geek Υ figure to the left, which represents the Greek letter of Upsilon in a picture sketch by Geoffroy Tory called Ypsilon. The fire is below the left side of the Geek Υ letter, and a man dropping into the fire. Does that reflect as a sign of a Satanic star fallen to the earth such as the Antichrist? Could the dual stars of Upsilon and Kappa be the sign of Antichrist and the False Prophet? Both planets Neptune and Pluto are following the stars as well. The planet Neptune is a sign of “deception” and Pluto is god of Hades, the underworld. The above event looks like the stars are falling from the heavens. In the Υ figure, the King with his hand over the beast given them authority is on the right side of the Geek Υ letter. The person climbing has multiple beasts roaring over him as he climbs the right branch to the King seated.

Wasn't the sun darkened by the eclipse of the moon during the day? Didn't Christ say something about this occurring immediately after the tribulation? This seems to be similar to the gathering of His Bride from this earth. We will see that during the Rapture the moon doesn't “give its light” upon the earth. Could this be a significant sign when “moon will not give its light” to mark an important event?

Matthew 24:29 ***“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”***¹¹¹

In the commentary written by I.D. Campbell in “Opening up Matthew” it states the following:

*The subtlety of Satan is seen in the fact that false prophets will appear, promising to give an easier option and to be the true prophets of God. So the church will be physically persecuted but will also be tempted to embrace seductive and attractive heresies. These have always been Satan's twin weapons against the church. However, God will not leave his people in this situation for ever. For the sake of his own people he will shorten the days of trial. His appearance will be as sudden as a flash of lightning, and the trials and tribulations of his people will come to an end.*¹¹²



The Apostle Paul said that there would be a time that the man of lawlessness, the beast or the Antichrist, would be revealed. This is not the time Antichrist is revealed or given authority for forty-two months by God.

¹¹¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:29). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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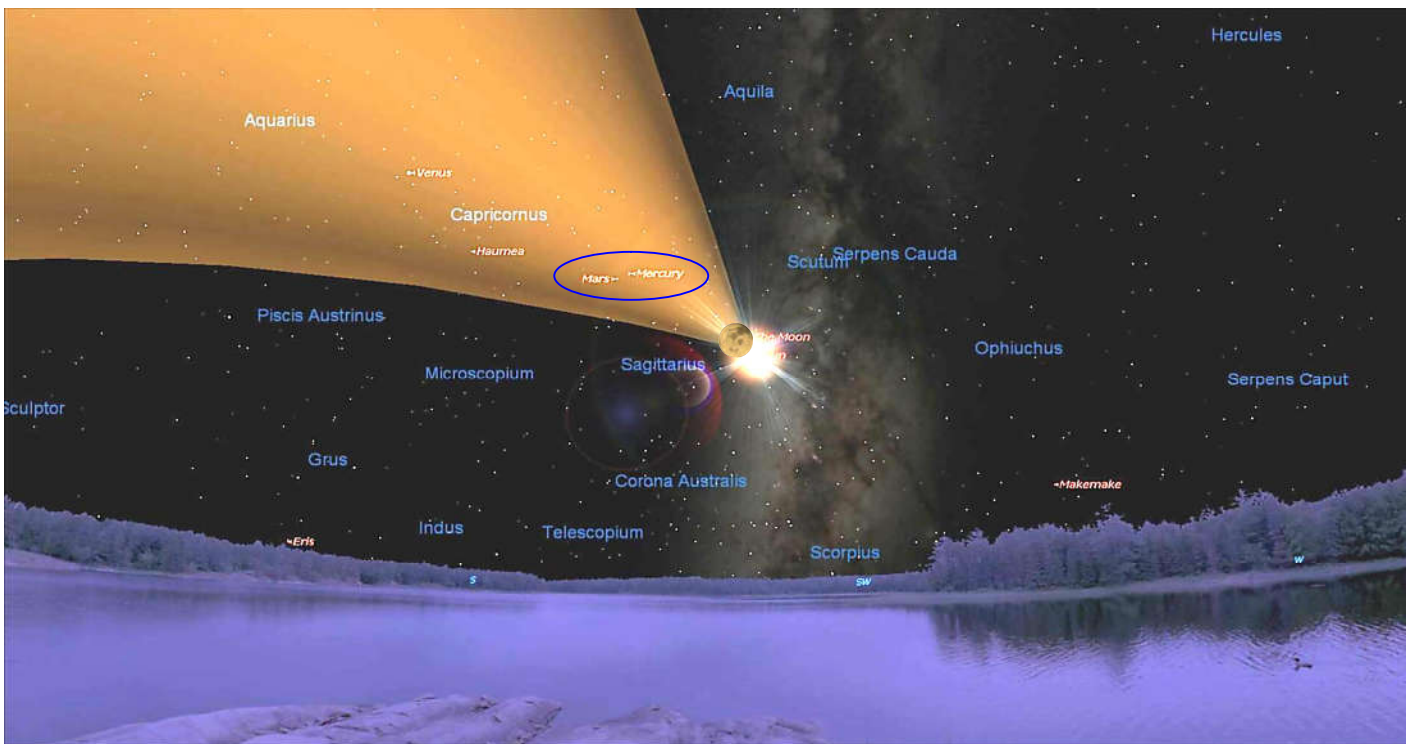
2 Thessalonians 2:3 ***“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,”***¹¹³

We open this chapter with the statement that this was the beginning of birth pains which would be followed by the time of Tribulation. In the same commentary written by I.D. Campbell, it makes the following statements about pangs.

These are birth pangs, not death pangs, and will result in something glorious. However, the natural disasters will be accompanied by spiritual declension. The church will experience persecution, with apparent Christians betraying other Christians and turning away from their profession of faith. The sign of genuine Christianity, according to Jesus, is not that people start living a life of discipleship, but that they complete it! It is those who ‘endure to the end’ who will be saved (v. 13).

*In spite of these difficulties, however, the gospel will continue to be preached. This state of affairs should not lead to pessimism, however. Some readers of the Bible have focused on passages like this and have suggested that we can expect nothing in the days preceding our Lord’s return but gradual spiritual decline. The fact that the gospel is to be preached is, however, an indication that the decline in some places will be matched by growth and blessing in others, since the Word of God always results in sinners being saved. We must, therefore, persevere with the worldwide evangelization of the nations, knowing that Jesus will return.*¹¹⁴

How do we know from this heavenly event that this is the beginning of the Tribulation? It is because of the events that follow in the heavens in subsequent months. The Tribulation would be marked by darkness and gloom according to the ancient Prophets. Starting with the month of January 2391, the sun is darkened in the sky. This is due to the continuation of solar eclipses of the moon or planets in the heavens, which is a very unusual occurrence. This is followed in March 2391 with a sign of war and darkness on the earth.



January 2391 Sun and the partial eclipse of the moon

The radiant sun seems to send light from the moon that points into the heavens at Mars and Mercury. Is this a sign of the southern Islamic alliance going into war in the near future?

¹¹³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Th 2:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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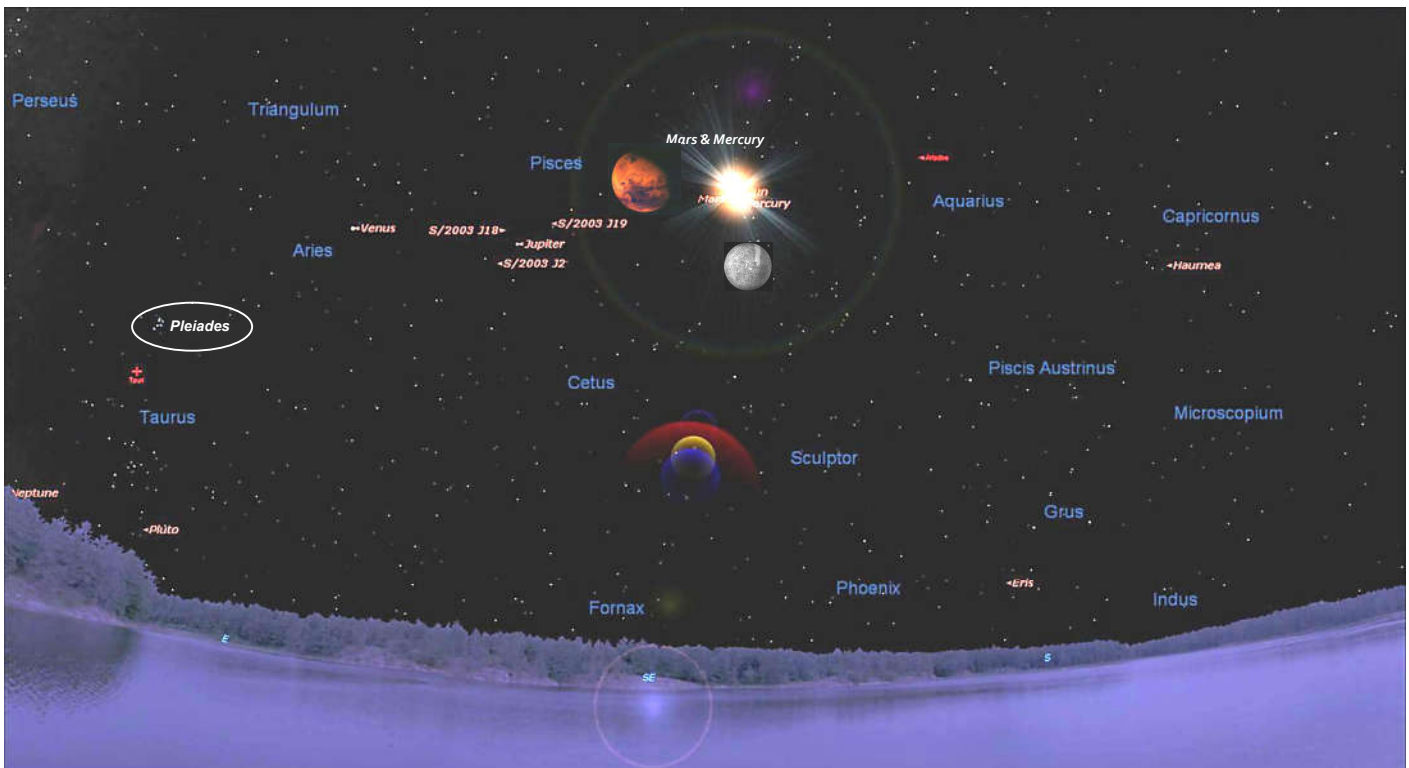
Mercury, the messenger of the gods, represents a deceptive communicator and ruler, the Antichrist.

Mars the god of war, who is the ruler over war. Mars is named after the ancient Roman god of war. It is well-suited to the red planet's bloody color as representing war.

The Second and Third Seals

In March of 2391, there is an eclipse of the sun with both planets of Mercury and Mars. See the previous chapter entitled “*Rumors of War*.” The second seal that is broken in Revelation has to do with war and the red horseman.

Revelation 6:4 “*And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another....*”¹¹⁵



March 2391 Eclipse of Sun with both Mars and Mercury over Jerusalem

There is a sign in the heavens relating to war, which follows after the beginning of the Tribulation. This is the eclipse of the sun with both the Mars (War) and Mercury. The princess of the southern Islamic alliance has previously brought a peace arrangement to the United European nations which is the prophesied reconstruction of the Roman Empire. This princess could be the rider on the white horse, which bring a “*Peace Arrangement*” to the North. We know that Mars represents bloody war from a “*descendant*” of the alliance who “*takes peace*.” The red horse represents one of her descendants who wages war against the United European nations. It is the new king of the South who removes the Princess from power. The Islamic forces take the silver and gold from Europe down into Egypt. Please notice the Pleiades crown of authority is not overhead, but it is far to the left. We can see that God doesn’t give authority to the Islamic alliance, which make up a New Persian Empire. We have seen this crown is given (page 61) to the United European Empire during the retaliation of the Islamic invasion. This occurs just prior to the Rapture of Christ’s Bride. Does the black horse represent the United European nations with the Euro currency which symbolizes a “*denarius*” of the Roman Era? In Zechariah 6:6 it states the white horses follow the black horses “*going forth to the north country*.” Revelation 6:6 makes the statement:

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“And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.’” ¹¹⁶

A “denarius” was a full day’s wage in the time that the Apostle John had written this passage. If the sun is darkened, how could plants including vegetables grow without sunlight? Would it result in famine on a worldwide scale? Would this affect the feed for cattle on the earth? This would inherently result in a shortage of food both in meat and vegetable products. Would this change the value of money? Would this cause hyper-inflation of currency throughout the world? This would be independent of a one world currency. Darkness over the earth is due to the continuation of solar eclipses of the moon or planets in the heavens. This monthly occurrence is a very unusual. His Living Elect at this time should be prudent observing the coming darkness and be prepared for the famine. The world will be like the days of Noah and the Great Flood and not be prepared for this time of Tribulation. Is there a greater significance in the Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25 which is after Christ’s description of His Coming for His Bride? *“The oil in flasks along with their lamps”* in the parable must be a warning of the darkness prior to the famine in the land and the Rapture by the bridegroom, who is Christ.

Parable of Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-9 *“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.”*

2 *“Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.”*

3 *“For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,*

4 *but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.”*

5 *“Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.”*

6 *“But at midnight there was a shout, Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”*

7 *“Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.”*

8 *“The foolish said to the prudent, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.”*

9 *“But the prudent answered, No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.”* ¹¹⁷

The five prudent virgins had just enough lamp oil for their lamps to not go out. They were unable to share their oil; but, told the less prudent virgins to go and buy some from the dealers. Nevertheless, the prudent virgins were ready for the bridegroom, who represents Christ our Savior and Lord. The believers in Christ are considered His Bride. Is this a sign of being prepared for the return of Christ by storing-up supplies necessary for the prolonged famine caused by darkness over the earth prior to the Rapture of the believer? Is this why this parable follows logically after Christ’s warning in Matthew 24 of His Return for His Bride? In a commentary, that is written by R. Jamieson, *A commentary, critical and explanatory*, it says the following:

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out—rather, “are going out”; for oil will not light an extinguished lamp, though it will keep a burning one from going out. Ah! Now at length they have discovered not only their own folly, but the wisdom of the other class, and they do homage to it. They did not perhaps despise them before, but they thought them righteous overmuch; now they are forced, with bitter mortification, to wish they were like them. ¹¹⁸

But the wise answered, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you—The words “Not so,” it will be seen, are not in the original, where the reply is very elliptical—“In case there be not enough for us and you.” A truly wise answer this. “And what, then, if we shall share it with you? Why, both will be undone.” ¹¹⁹

¹¹⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹¹⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 25:1–9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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Wedding Feast

In Mathew 25, the statement is made that there was no time “*to make the purchase and the bridegroom came,*” which is Christ. This is a statement that Christ will come in a short time after the beginning of the Tribulation.

- Matthew 25:10-13 ***“And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.”***
11 “Later the other virgins also came, saying, Lord, lord, open up for us.”
12 “But he answered, Truly I say to you, I do not know you.”
13 “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”¹²⁰

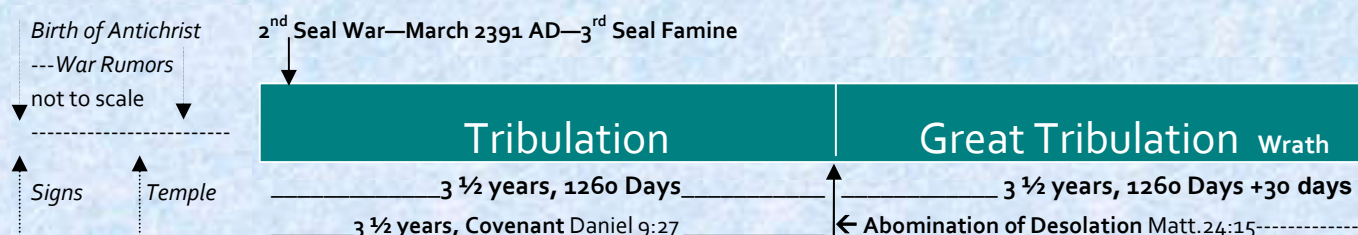
Those who are saved and have the indwelling Holy Spirit, the seal of Christ in them, should be prepared for this event. The Apostle Paul said that we should not be overtaken as a thief in the night for we “*are not in darkness.*”

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 be alert and sober.”¹²¹***

It is interesting to find the Wedding Feast spoken of in Matthew 25:10 to mirror the description in Revelation.

- 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.”¹²²

His Living Elect at this time will behold the warnings of imminent famine and war on the earth and be prepared. This may mean building a store-house of supplies of food, water and fuel for energy for a short time period. The believer should have faith for this is a temporary event for them. This period of Tribulation will truly test one’s faith on being delivered. In scripture, it says the believer will be delivered from the Wrath of God. However, we must “*not sleep as others do, but be alert and sober.*” The image below is a figure of the timeline of War and Famine on the earth. The Rapture will occur during the invasion by the North to capture a well-fortified city of the Islamic alliance. The Apostle Paul said that there would be a time that the man of lawlessness, the beast or the Antichrist would be revealed. This is not the time Antichrist is revealed or given authority for forty-two months.



¹²⁰ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Mt 25:10–13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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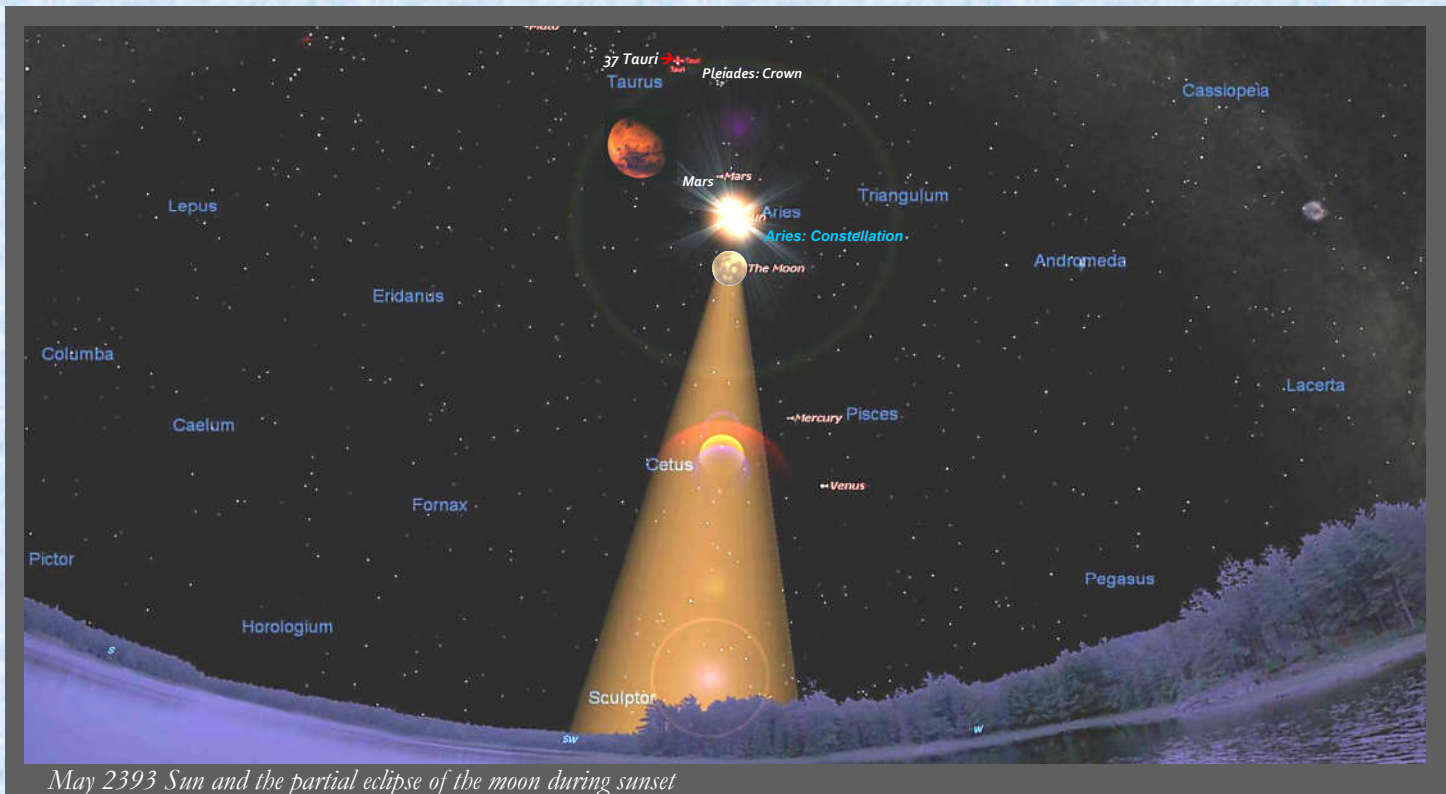
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CHAPTER 8: MARTYRDOM- 4th & 5th Seals

The Tribulation refers to a tumultuous event of martyrdom that is described in the passage of being “*Delivered... to Tribulation*”, first mentioned by Jesus in the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:9-10 *“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.”*

10 *“At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.”*¹²³



The above heavenly sign is symbolic of the nation of Israel, since the Pleiades, crown of stars are above her head and the sun and moon are involved in this sign. The planet Mars represents the continuation of wars on the earth or that war is imminent in the near future since Mars doesn't eclipse the sun at this time. What is the significance of this event occurring in the Constellation of Aries? We know that God has named the Constellation of Aries. Let us take a look at the various signs that are present in the skies at this time.

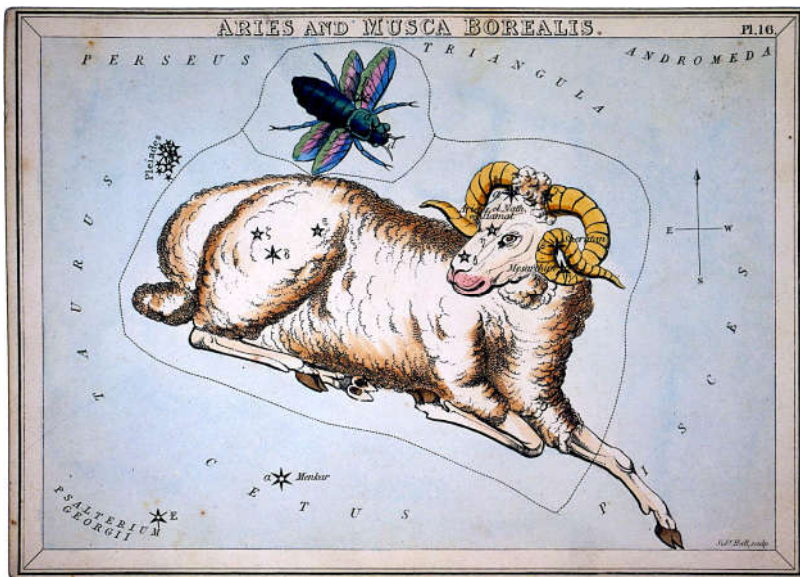
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Pleiades star cluster is the Crown of Stars. The Pleiades star cluster, also known as the Seven Sisters and Messier 45, is a conspicuous object in the night sky with a prominent place in ancient mythology. The cluster contains hundreds of stars, of which only a handful are commonly visible to the unaided eye. The Pleiades has a meaning of crowns or diadems. A crown is worn as a sign of royalty or authority. When it is seen together over the sun and moon then it represents the nation of Israel. It represents authority being given to Israel by God.

¹²³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Mt 24:9–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

37 Tauri is a super-giant or red giant star in the Taurus constellation. It doesn't have a given name, except for the number 37. In Biblical numerology it has the meaning of God given (3=God willed or Divine) and the completion of the earth before day seven, which represents completeness (7=Completeness). It appears in the sky, when there seems to be authority willed by God to the heavenly sign of Divine Completeness. It is displayed as a red circle/red plus sign in the sky maps used throughout this book. This star seems to be insignificant without a name given by man. Nevertheless, it seems to be significant to God and His signs that are given to the heavenly event. It can be a confirmation that this is an important Divine Event.

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It seems marvelous to find in the sky the sign of the "True Shepherd," which is Christ, "The Lamb of God," followed by a goat for sacrifice and then, finally followed by a ram with a Golden Fleece. This is a sign of continuing faith in Christ as Savior, during the difficult times of the Tribulation. For, Abram was a man of faith that God blessed him greatly. The ram was part of the sacrifice to the Lord as well as a three year old heifer and a three year of female goat, a male lamb or ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon. It appears the order is important.

Genesis 15:7-9 **"And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."**

8 He said, "O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?"

9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon."¹²⁴

Faith is a response to God's Word

*Faith was not Abram working up, in himself, some confidence that God was going to bless him. Regrettably, that is how faith is often portrayed in our day—a quality worked up in an individual who is "believing God" for a windfall of his or her own imagination. That is not what we see in the account of Abram (ch. 15). He didn't decide that, if he would just believe enough, God would give him a son. On the contrary, the whole thing was God's idea. Abram simply responded to the promise of God. Abram simply took God at his word. The lesson is? If we desire more faith, we ought to get ourselves more familiar with God's Word! Faith is a response to God's Word!*¹²⁵

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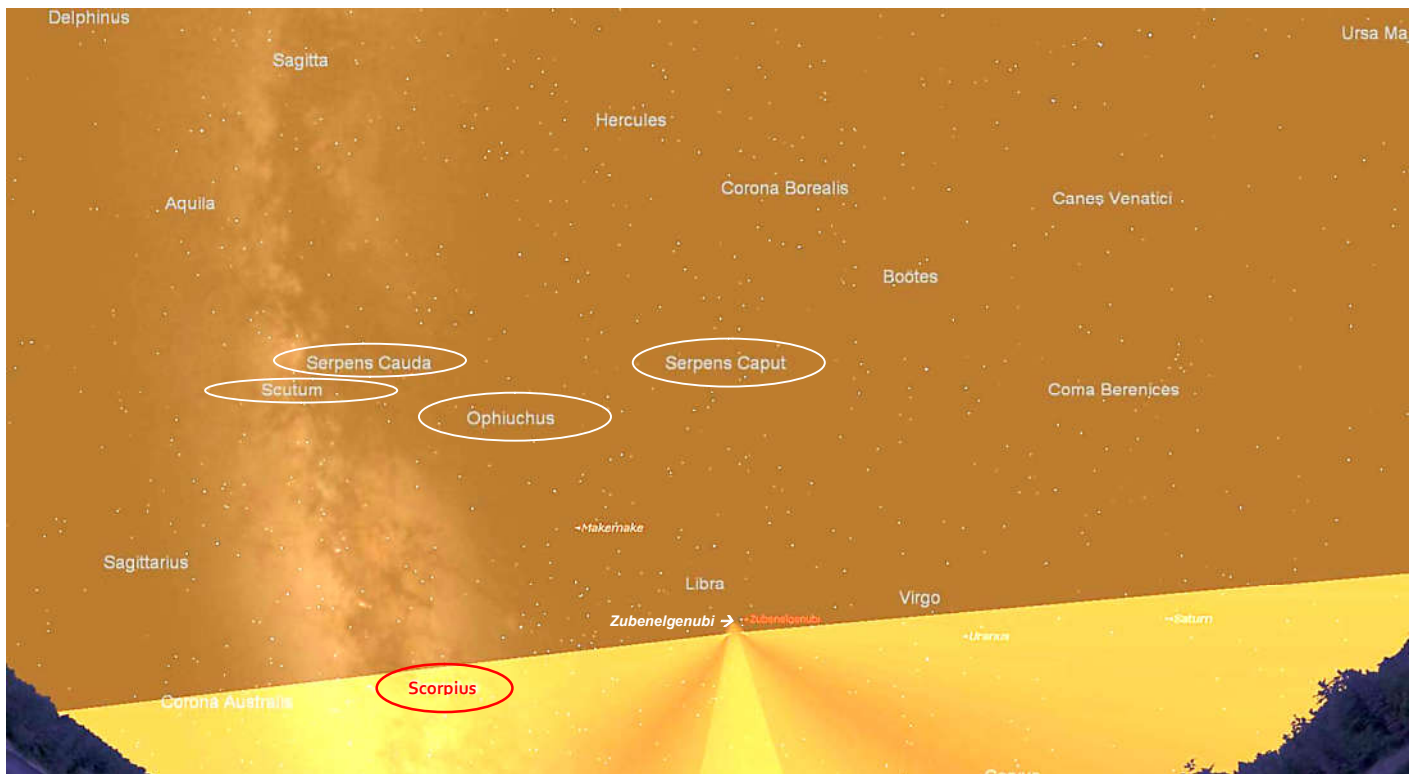
¹²⁵ Strassner, K. (2009). *Opening up Genesis* (75). Leominster: Day One Publications.

This enduring faith in Christ is spoken of in Mark 13. This passage speaks about being arrested for declaring the truth in Christ. It makes the statement of not to worry that it will be the Holy Spirit that will speak through us during this time of Tribulation.

Mark 13:11-12 ***“When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.”***

12 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.”¹²⁶

The scripture says that the believer will be betrayed by brother to brother even to death. Even, the Apostles were martyred during their time on this earth for their beliefs; it shall be the same during the time of Tribulation.



May 2393 Star Zubenelgenubi with the Serpens Constellations above it

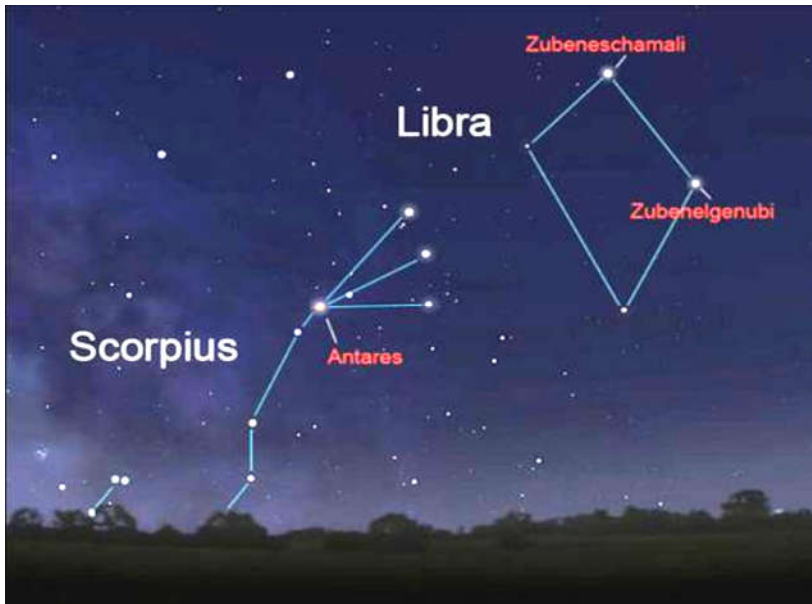
This is the continuation of Tribulation, which will be marked by a nightly event of the star Zubenelgenubi above in the sky. The constellations, which are visible in the sky during the nighttime, are Ophiuchus and Serpens Caput. Ophiuchus is depicted as a man grasping a serpent; the interposition of his body divides the snake constellation Serpens into two parts, Serpens Caput and Serpens Cauda. It is unique among the constellations since 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 Constellations of Serpens are above the star of Zubenelgenubi. Is this symbolizing that Satan is persecuting the believers on the earth? The star Zubenelgenubi's radiant light is projected down on the earth into the Constellation of Scorpius (oval circle in red). Scorpius invariably contains references to Orion the "True Shepherd," as described in the image caption entitled "Constellation of Scorpius." Is the "Serpens" a reference to Satan, the devil? In the End Times, Satan, the Serpent, will ultimately be bruised or crushed under His feet it states in

¹²⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:11–12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Genesis 3:15 and Roman 16:20. Nevertheless, this will occur later, when Christ returns. However, grace will be with the believer during this time of Tribulation and trials as it has been in the past.

Romans 16:20 ***“The God of Peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”***¹²⁷



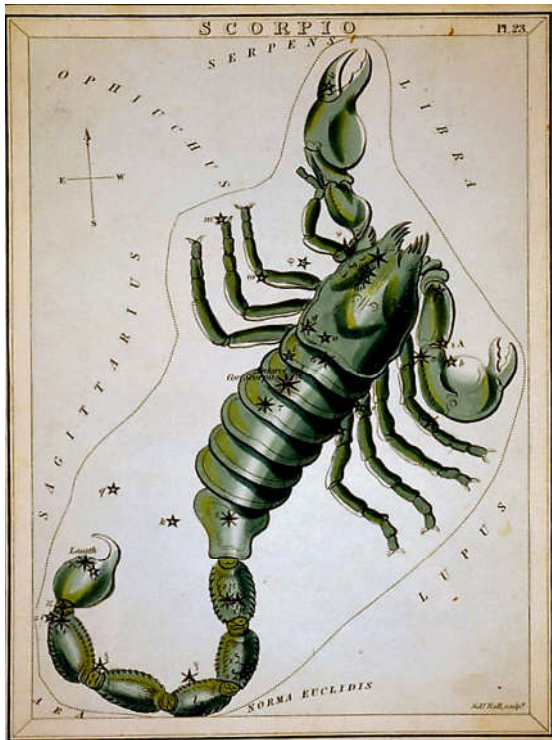
Zubenelgenubi: Southern Claw (GNU)

Star Named Zubenelgenubi:

The first sign of radiant light coming down from Heaven from a star named Zubenelgenubi.

A double star: the Arabic names of its two brightest stars, Zubeneshamali (Zoo-BEN-ess-shah-MAH-lee), the Northern Claw, and Zubenelgenubi (Zoo-BEN-el-jeh-NEW-bee), the Southern Claw.

The Claws of the Scorpion were also known by Babylonian Empire as part of the Constellation of Scorpius.



Scorpius depicted as a Scorpion (J. Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Scorpius:

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.

The star Zubenelgenubi is part of the lower right claw of the Scorpion. We saw a similar sign in the heavens with the Serpens Constellations at the very beginning of the Tribulation period. The claw could represent the snatching up or the killing of the martyred Christians during the Tribulation. The believer is destined for Heaven

¹²⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Ro 16:20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

when he dies in the spirit. We will see the martyred believers are in the spirit under the Altar of God in Heaven. Did Satan or the devil have authority over death? Yes, the devil does, which can be seen in the passage from Hebrews 2. Nevertheless, believers should have no fear over death, since the spirit is eternal and not the body.

Hebrews 2:14-15 ***“Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,***

15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.” ¹²⁸

When the fourth seal is opened there is a statement of giving authority to “*he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him.*” Is this a statement about Satan? Notice that the Pleiades crown of authority was given May 2393. We will see later that Satan will be cast down to the earth prior to the First Trumpet Judgments.

The Fourth Seal—Death

Revelation 6:7-8 ***“When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.”***

8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.” ¹²⁹

The emergence of the Antichrist will begin a movement toward the ultimate rebellion against God Himself. We know the Antichrist will come in a time of false peace on the earth. This will come later when the “*despicable person*” takes over in a “*time of tranquility*” and seizes power by intrigue which is stated in Daniel 11:21. The Tribulation rebellion must first start with the killing of His servants. To attempt to achieve his satanic ambition, which is represented in the skies by the Serpens Constellations, the world needs to be plunged into war. This is described by killing or the slaying in Revelation 6:9. Islamic rebels will behead a believer in Christ using a sword. Islam doesn’t believe in the Deity of Christ. However, they claim Jesus was a prophet. Is this making the statement about war with an Islamic coalition of nations? Scripture states the “*authority was given to them.*” The word “*them*” is plural and must be referring to a coalition of nations. Could this ashen horseman be referring to the Antichrist, who becomes the king of the South? But, this martyrdom must occur with the Islamic alliance and prior to the Antichrist. This war will be followed by famine and pestilence on the earth. When the fifth seal is opened, it depicts the martyrdom of the believers, who have maintained their testimony of Christ and His Deity.

The Fifth Seal—Martyrs

Revelation 6:9-11 ***“When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;***

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.” ¹³⁰

¹²⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Heb 2:14–15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹²⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:7–8). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹³⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:9–11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The faithful servants cry out with a loud voice saying, “*How long, O Lord, holy and true, will you refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?*”? They plead for retribution against their persecutors. Therefore, this cannot be “*God’s Wrath or Day of the Lord.*” This is because the martyred souls plead to God for judgment. We are to be blessed when we are persecuted because of Christ according to the scripture in Matthew 5.

Matthew 5:11-12 ***“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.”***

12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”¹³¹

It says that our reward in heaven will be great due to persecution on this earth. In Revelation 6, the multitude is said to be souls “*under the altar*”. They are given to “*each of them a white robe*”. Notice, they are not wearing the white robes. They are spirits without a body as of yet. This is evidence that the Rapture of the believer has not occurred at this time, since they have not received their glorified bodies. Please see, the commentary by J. F. Walvoord below that states the “*Spirits without any substance could not wear robes.*”

The Fifth Seal

REVELATION 6:9-11 6:9. *With the opening of the fifth seal John had another revelation of heaven itself and his attention was directed to souls pictured as under the altar and identified as those who had been slain because of the Word of God and the testimony they had maintained. (For “under the altar,” see Ex. 29:12; Lev. 4:7.) These are obviously martyrs, mentioned in more detail in Revelation 7. This makes it clear that souls will be saved in the Great Tribulation, but many of them will be martyred. 6:10-11. They will cry out to the Lord, asking how long it will be before He will avenge them. In reply each is given a white robe and informed that the Tribulation is not over and that others must be martyred before God’s judgment on the wicked and deliverance of the righteous occurs at the Second Coming. This passage shows that the time period is the Great Tribulation, but not its end. ***Spirits without any substance could not wear robes.***¹³²*

However, in Revelation 7, the multitude is said to be standing “*before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes.*” This event occurs after the opening of the sixth seal by Christ. We will see later that this will occur in the next month. It is why the martyred believers are asked to “*rest for a little while longer.*” The martyred are now seen in their glorified bodies. Therefore, the Rapture must have occurred prior to the opening of the seventh seal, which follows in Revelation 8. What is the meaning and purpose of the statement of “*under the altar*”?

Under the altar—*As the blood of sacrificial victims slain on the altar was poured at the bottom of the altar, so the souls of those sacrificed for Christ’s testimony are symbolically represented as under the altar, in heaven; for the life or animal soul is in the blood, and blood is often represented as crying for vengeance (Ge 4:10). The altar in heaven, antitypical to the altar of sacrifice, is Christ crucified. As it is the altar that sanctifies the gift, so it is Christ alone who makes our obedience, and even our sacrifice of life for the truth, acceptable to God. The sacrificial altar was not in the sanctuary, but outside; so Christ’s literal sacrifice and the figurative sacrifice of the martyrs took place, not in the heavenly sanctuary, but outside, here on earth. The only altar in heaven is that antitypical to the temple altar of incense. The blood of the martyrs cries from the earth under Christ’s cross, whereon they may be considered virtually to have been sacrificed; their souls cry from under the altar of incense, which is Christ in heaven, by whom alone the incense of praise is accepted before God. They are under Christ, in His immediate presence, shut up unto Him in joyful eager expectancy until He shall come to raise the sleeping dead.*¹³³

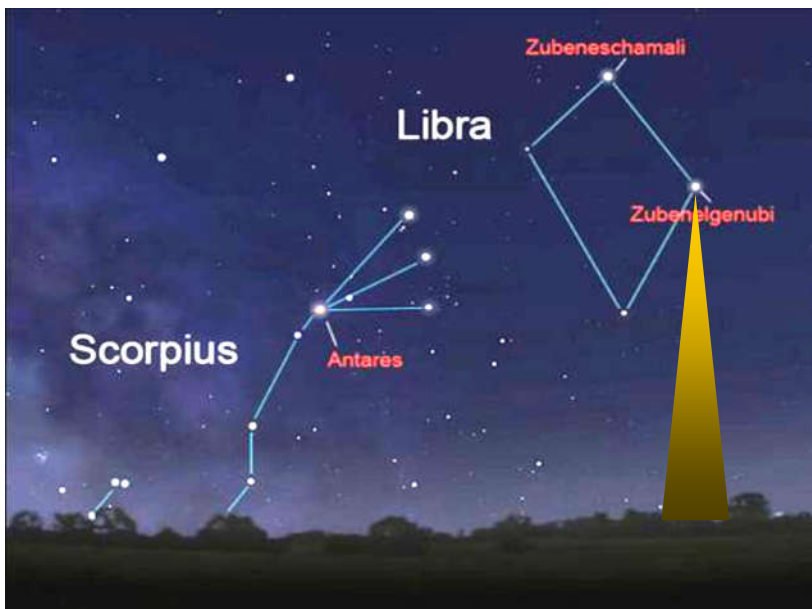
¹³¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 5:11–12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹³² Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 5:13–6:17). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

¹³³ 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 6:9). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

What is the next sign in the heavens? Alpha Librae (α Lib, α Librae) is the second brightest star in the Constellation Libra (despite its Bayer designation as alpha). It has the traditional name Zubenelgenubi. The name, from Arabic الزين الجنوبي (*al-zuban al-janubiy*), means “southern claw” and was coined before Libra was recognized as distinct from Scorpius. Could the “southern claw” represent the “claw of death” for the martyred believers? In Greek Mythology, the scorpion killed the “True Shepherd,” who was Christ. Christ had died on the cross and was resurrected from the grave.

The radiant light coming from what appears as the star Zubenelgenubi is actually coming from the sun’s partial eclipse, which is a reflection from the moon. This nighttime event follows after the “Serpens” constellations are seen in the heavens above. Libra is a constellation of the zodiac. Its name is Latin for weighing scales, and its symbol is the Ω . The brightest stars in Libra form a quadrangle as seen in the image below, which make up the “scales of justice.”



Zubenelgenubi: Southern Claw - The Claw of Death of the Scorpion

Stars of Libra:

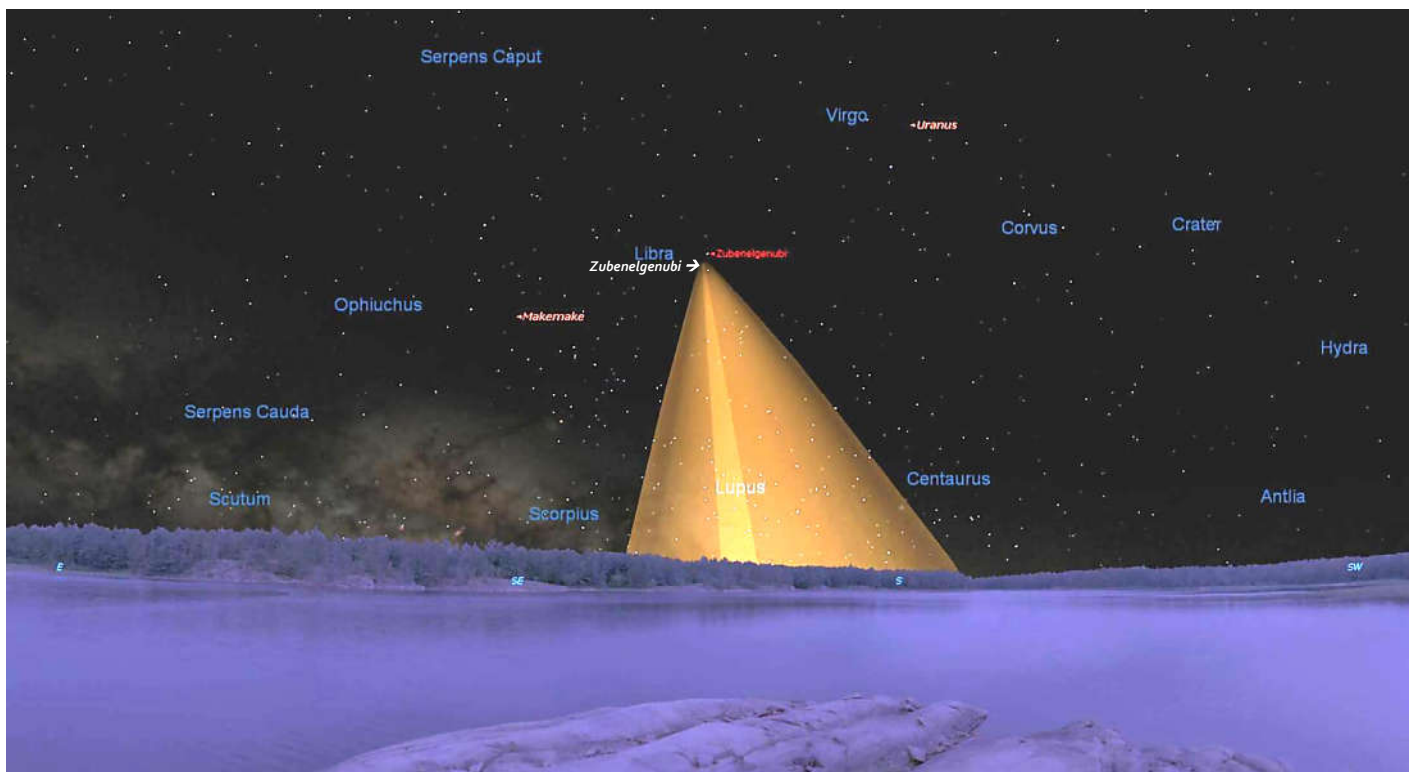
σ Librae was formerly known as γ Scorpii despite being well inside the boundaries of Libra. It was not redesignated as σ Librae until 1851 by Benjamin A. Gould.

α Librae, Zubenelgenubi ("southern claw"),

β Librae, Zubeneshamali ("northern claw");

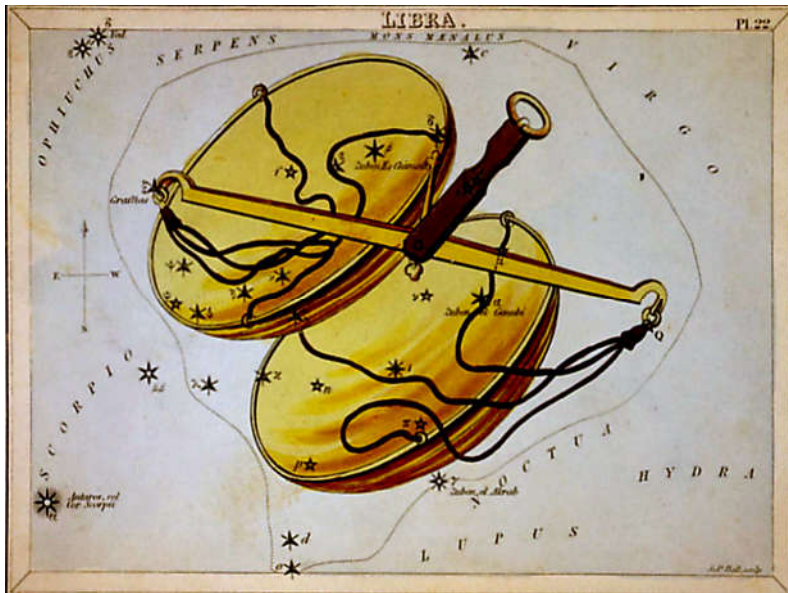
γ Librae, Zubenelakrab ("scorpion's claw");

σ Librae, Brachium, an eclipsing variable.



May 2393 Radiant light cone comes down on the earth from the star Zubenelgenubi

The light cone seems to be pointing up to heaven as a sign. The cone flashes light at times, with the light disappearing as it moves across the earth. Is there some other significance to this event? Is there significance with the star Zubenelgenubi and the Constellation of Libra? If this is a heavenly sign of truth and justice, then it must mean that God's judgment is coming. We can now understand why the martyred servants are asked to "rest for a little while longer" before God's wrath is poured onto this earth. Is there another meaning to light cone which flashes radiant light as it moves over the earth? The search for "Light Cone" showed the following realization which relates to "General Relativity and Space-Time Events."



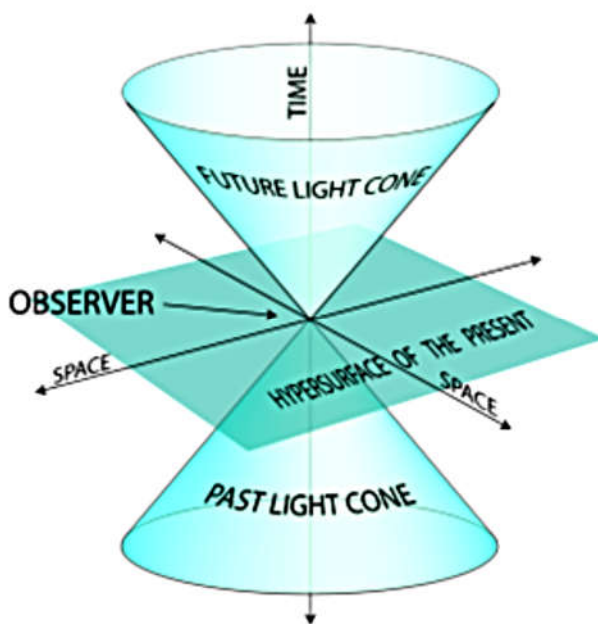
Libra depicted as Scales of Justice (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

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.

Light Cone Mathematical Construction

A light cone is the path that a flash of light, emanating from a single event (localized to a single point in space and a single moment in time) and traveling in all directions, would take through space-time. If we imagine the light confined to a two-dimensional plane, the light from the flash spreads out in a circle after the event E occurs.



Light cone in 2D space plus a time dimension.

Light Cone Event in Space-Time:

Given an event, the light cone classifies all events in space and time into 5 distinct categories:

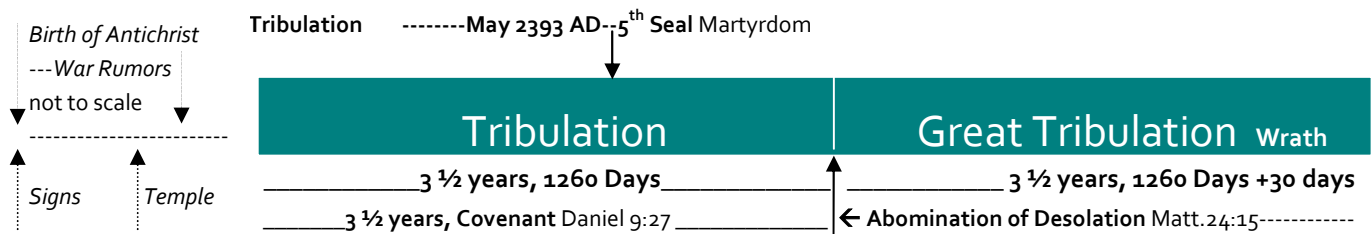
- *Events on the future light cone*
- *Events on the past light cone*
- *Events inside the future light cone are those affected by a material particle emitted*
- *Events inside the past light cone are those that can emit a material particle and affect what is happening*
- *All other events are in the (absolute) elsewhere of the event and are those that cannot affect or be affected by the event*

The event classifications hold true in any frame of reference; that is, an event judged to be in the light cone by one observer, will also be judged to be in the same light cone by all other observers, no matter their frame of reference. This is why the concept is so powerful. In general relativity, the future light cone is the boundary of the causal future of a point and the past light cone is the boundary of its causal past.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Light_cone

It was interesting to find a light cone had significance in “*General Relativity*.” The space-time of the heavens reflects on both future and past events. Is this a reflection of the martyred souls and the future event of judgment coming? Nevertheless, the downward light cone represents past events of men on this earth. The Constellation of Libra is a heavenly sign of truth and justice based upon the symbol of a “*scale*.” Maybe that is why in scripture they were told to rest a “*little while longer*,” since judgment is imminent.

Revelation 6:11 ***“And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.”***¹³⁴

The downward light cone represents judgment of past events of one’s life of wickedness in the world. We will see other light cones throughout the End Times. We know that the Trumpet Judgments start with the opening of the seventh seal. It appears that in a little while there will be judgment. The timeline of events for the opening of the fourth and fifth seals are shown below. Paul forewarned us that the “*lawless one*,” the Antichrist, would come.



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, 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.”***¹³⁵

This nighttime event of the cone of light follows after the Serpens constellations which are seen in the heavens above. The Apostle Paul says in the above passage: “*one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders.*” This event of the Constellations of Serpens includes the Constellation of Scutum. Scutum represents the cross with a shield of armor. This is a symbol of the Antichrist before he is given authority for forty-two months. This is the man of lawlessness, the Antichrist, coming in accord with the activity of Satan. Yet, it is not time for him to be revealed until the Great Tribulation begins. We will also see the Antichrist receives his authority four days prior to the middle of the Tribulation period. This can be seen in the book entitled “*Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for Christ’s Return*.” This is followed by the heavenly sign of truth and justice, which must be that God’s judgment is coming shortly. Judgment is the symbol of “*scales of justice*” represented by the Constellation of Libra. Those, who have been martyred are in heaven, are asked to wait a little while longer. This will be followed by the Rapture and the Trumpet Judgments. The heavenly sign of Libra which is the “*scales of justice*” represent the outpouring of God’s judgment on the earth. We have seen the “*True Shepherd*” in the heavenly signs, which is represented by the Constellation of Orion. However, once the Rapture has occurred we will see the Constellation of Leo in the heavenly signs that follow, which symbolizes the Lion of Judah. The Lion represents God’s Judgment and Wrath upon the earth.

¹³⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 6:9–11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹³⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (2 Th 2:8–10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The Fifth Seal – Martyrdom: The Claw of Scorpius -The Star cluster Pismis 24 of the Scorpius Constellation (NASA)



The Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbance - Galactic Center Region Hubble Telescope (NASA)

CHAPTER 9: COSMIC DISTURBANCE- 6th Seal

Mark chapter 13 describes the gathering of His Elect, who become His Bride, from the farthest ends of earth and heaven. The “GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT” is the terminology used in the Bible for the Rapture. This is not in agreement by Bible scholars, who believe that this is not referring to the Rapture. Nevertheless, this passage of scripture goes on to describe “two men in the field and two women at the mill.” One is taken and the other is left behind. This is followed by the statement to stay alert, since you do not know “*what hour your Lord doth come.*” In this chapter, we will investigate the significance of comic disturbances in the heavens prior to the Rapture.

Mark 13:24-27 ***“But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. “Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. “And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.”***¹³⁶



June 2393 Sunrise, the sun is eclipsed by Mars, Mercury and the Moon

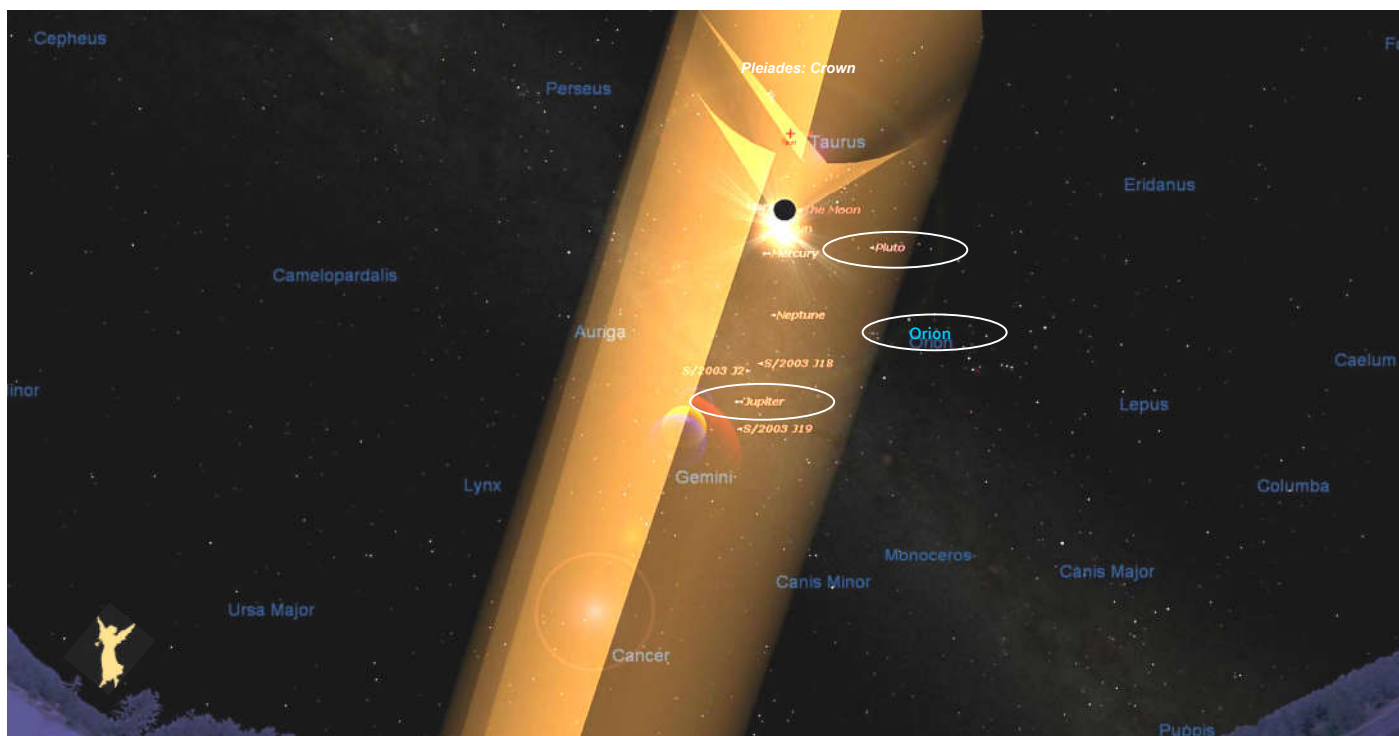
This heavenly sign is packed with numerous heavenly objects. This is the solar eclipse with both planets of Mars and Mercury as well as the moon that radiates sunlight upward. The dual planetary eclipses with sun and the moon’s complete alignment with Mars would make roaring waves. The eclipses can cause and increase in the gravitational forces on the seas creating greater tides. It could stress the faults in the earth and create earthquakes. Luke 21:26 makes the statement that the “*powers of the heavens will be shaken.*” Are the “*powers*” the gravitational forces? Besides cosmic disturbances, there will be signs on the earth and seas. Christ declared in Luke 21:25 “*There will be signs in sun and moon and stars and on the earth dismay among nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves.*” Observe the planet Jupiter is just above the earth. Jupiter and Orion together are both seen just above the treetops. Is this a sign of Christ in scripture? It states “*...the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky*” as mentioned in Matthew 24:30 (page images 89, 93). Christ in His Olivet Discourse mentions that the Tribulation is followed by a Great Tribulation and desecration of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Because of this phrase “*after*

¹³⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:24–27). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

the tribulation” most pre-tribulation scholars believe that these passages relate to Christ’s return to reign upon this earth. These scholars seem to miss the statement we will see the “*SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY.*” In the Rapture, Christ never comes down on the earth. When Christ comes to reign, He will come as the Lion of Judah. This is represented by the Constellation of Leo and not Orion that symbolizes the “*True Shepherd.*” The Lion symbolizes Judgment and God’s Wrath. The opening of the Seventh Seal starts God’s Judgment. The Rapture occurs prior to judgment, since believers are saved from His Wrath which is stated in Romans 5:9.

Matthew 24:29-31 ***“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”***¹³⁷

Please notice that in both accounts the “*sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.*” It also says that “*after the Tribulation of those days....*” It appears that our timeline is correct because we have seen the beginning of the Tribulation period. There must be darkness on the earth and “*the moon will not give its light*” prior to the Rapture. This will be followed by the gathering of His Bride from the earth. His Bride is symbolic of those who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, who are true believers. It includes both those alive on the earth and those dead in Christ. The dead in Christ are those who are in the spirit in Heaven. Therefore, it makes the statement in Mark “*from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.*” His Elect become His Bride in their glorified bodies. Luke 17:24 makes a statement relating to “*like lightning*” that flashes out of one part of the sky will be the “*Son of Man in His Day.*” We can see in the next image and on page 21 the appearance of “*like lightning*” in the skies. The light cone changes into the light tunnel in a flash of time. It strikes the earth, as like “*in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.*” But, this moment is referring to the time it takes to change into glorified bodies.



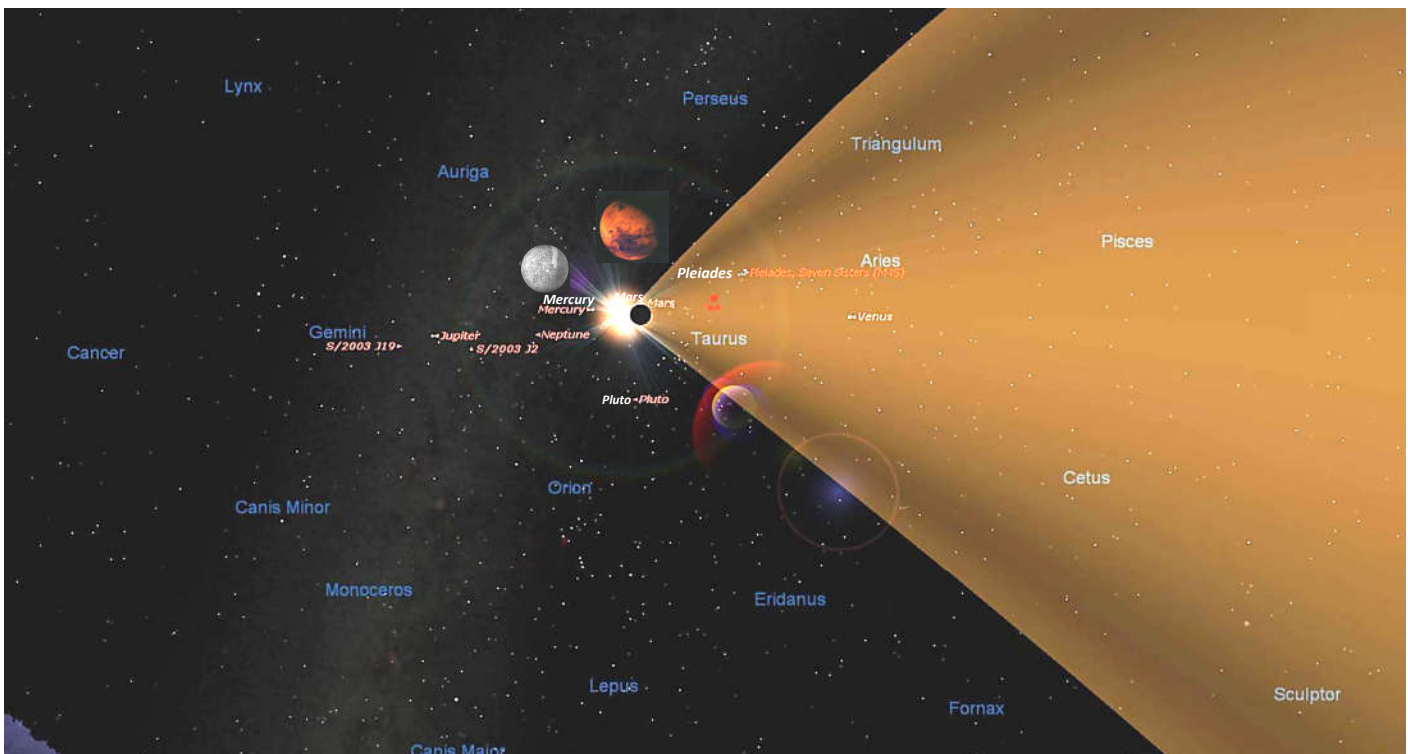
June 2393 Light cone converting into the light tunnel on the Day the Son of Man is revealed – Rapture

¹³⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:29–31). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

His Bride Gathered

Jupiter, the Messianic star, is “*the sign of the Son of Manin the sky.*” It is just above the treetops in the images on pages 89 and 93. Also just above the earth in the Constellation of Orion, which has the meaning of “*True Shepherd.*” It is time for Christ, the Shepherd, to gather His Sheep from this earth. It is also a symbolic reminder that we “*will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...*” which is stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. The light cone appears in the sky after sunrise and causes the sky to glow an amber color of glory, as if lightning flashes out of one part of the sky as described in Luke 17:24. This event is followed by darkness over the earth again. Next, it is followed by a light tunnel which appears over the earth to Rapture the believers. The time of day is different based upon the latitude and longitude of the location on the earth. Therefore, the meaning of “*GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.*” In Matthew 24 it states to be on the alert for we will not know what time of the day it will occur – daybreak, daytime or midday. Scripture states after the comic disturbances then “*...the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky.*” This is followed by Christ appearing in the clouds and His angels will gather His Elect “*from one end of the sky to the other.*” Again, the Apostle Paul reveals to us there is an order to the resurrection. Thank God for Paul’s writing to the various early churches. Otherwise, we may not have the same level of clarity on these issues. We shall go to scripture in 1 Thessalonians. The sound of a “*Shout*” as well as the “*Trumpet*” will come prior to the resurrection and Rapture occurring. We shall hear this event first; unless, we are looking up at the heavens, looking for the signs of His coming. Hopefully, this book will help in looking for the signs given to man from God. We should not as believers be caught in darkness, but be ready for His coming as the Shepherd for His Sheep. This gathering by the Shepherd is what is symbolized by both Orion and Pluto (*underworld*) on the light tunnel.

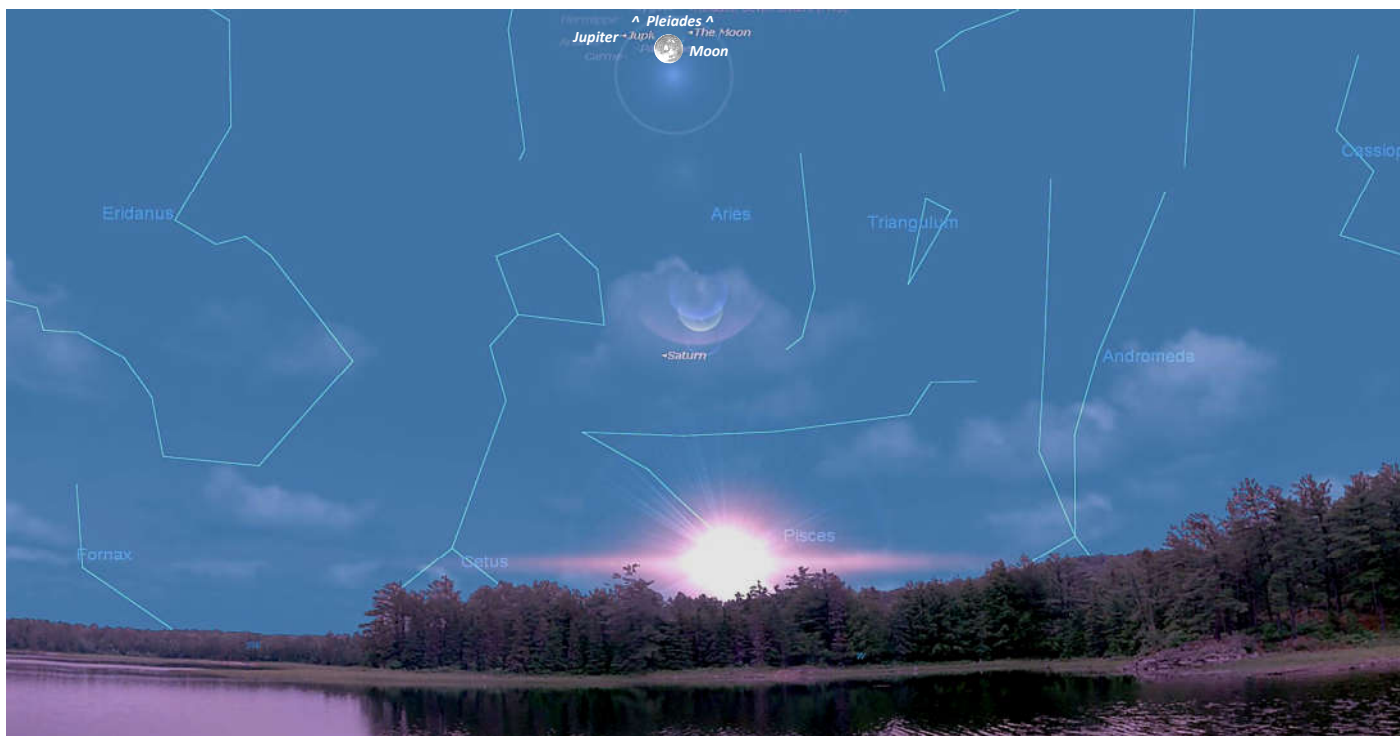
1 Thessalonians 3:16-18 ***“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”***¹³⁸



June 2393 Day after the Rapture, darkness for an evil world; sun eclipsed with Mars, Mercury and the Moon

¹³⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Th 4:16–18). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

It will be the dead in Christ, those who are in the spirit in Heaven, who will receive their “*imperishable body*” and immortality first. Glorified body is the term used by the church for “*imperishable body*.” Those alive in natural or fleshly bodies will next receive their glorified bodies. However, it is only those who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit in them. Those with the mark or seal of ownership will receive imperishable bodies that are alive on the earth during this timeframe. This is why the scripture states “*from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven*.” This event is followed by darkness over the earth once His Bride has gone to Heaven in their glorified bodies. Once the light tunnel is rotated from down on the earth back into the heavens, it shines with a golden amber. Does this golden color reflect the Glory of God? Blue skies above the earth seem to have become a past historical event; as if, the heavens have been changed during the End Times. Notice, Mercury the sign of the Antichrist is left behind in a world of darkness which follows. The Rapture is followed by darkness over the earth and war is upon the world. Planet Neptune and Pluto are also left in the dark as well. These are signs of deception, trickery and the underworld. In the End Times it appears that the beautiful blue skies are a thing of the past. In the environment, the colors blue and green seem to be peaceful and relaxing. Because of this darkness during the End Times, it was necessary to insert an ordinary picture of daylight into this book. This is for comparison of the beauty seen on the earth when there is radiant sunlight modeled with the software used to generate these pictures. The selection of Christ’s birthday at sunset was used looking towards Bethlehem in 5 BC.



March 5 BC Sunset on Christ’s Birthday: West toward Bethlehem.

For over two thousand years since Christ’s birth, blue skies have presided over the earth. Even before Christ came to earth, blue skies persisted since the Great Flood. If you remember, it was Christ’s birth that led us on the journey of the End Times and the Rapture. Just compare this sunset picture of Christ’s birth to the opening picture in this chapter at sunrise about twenty-four hundred years apart God has provided darkness during the End Times for evil to dwell upon the earth. It appears that the righteousness of God and His light into this world have disappeared. It is no wonder why there is famine on the earth with darkness as prevalent in the skies. Now, there is a separation between man on earth and man in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:47-49 ***“The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.”***¹³⁹

¹³⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Co 15:47–49). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

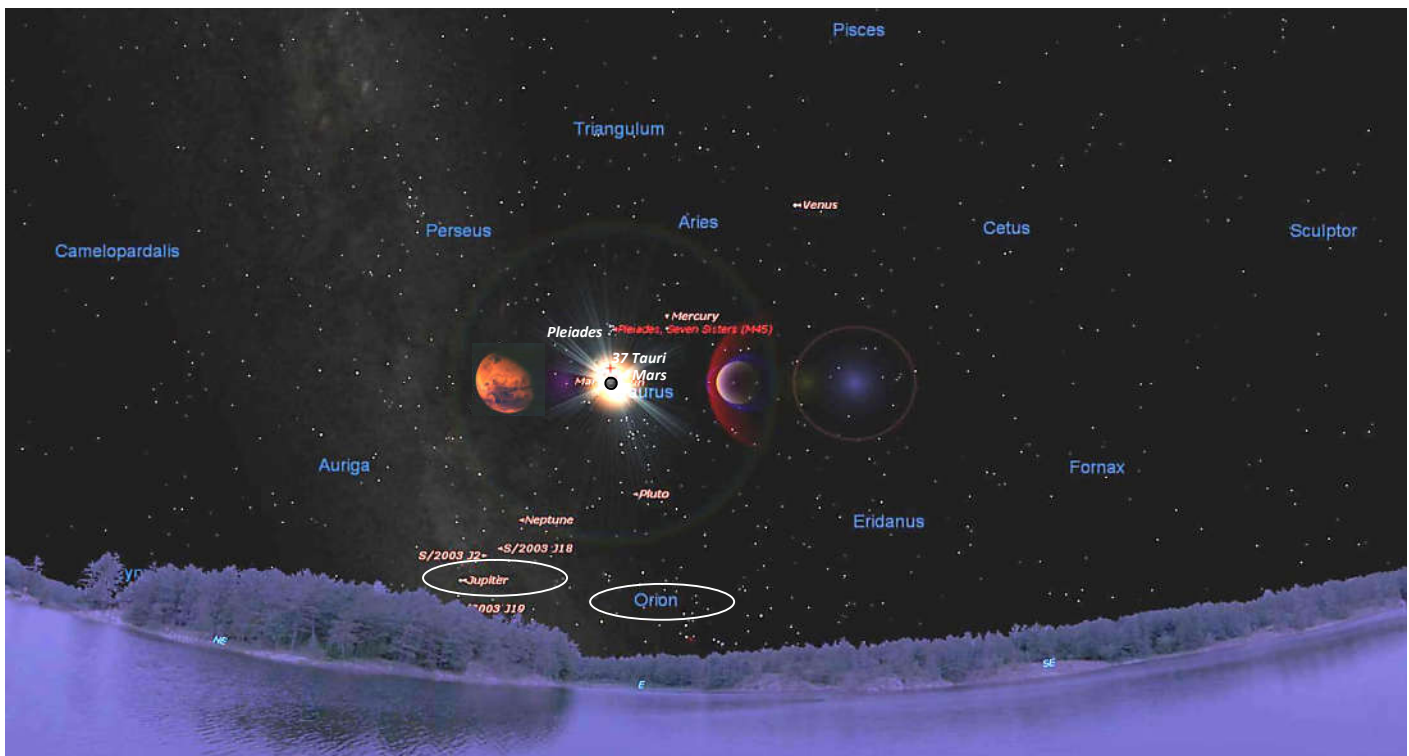
What does one of the commentaries say about the Rapture and Christ coming in the air? During the Rapture, Christ meets His believers in the air with their glorified bodies of immortality. Again, I would like to pray that this book will impact the non-believers into a world of “*Light and Truth*” such that they will come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord and receive everlasting life. Next, how is the word “*Rapture*” defined?

Definition of rap•ture \ noun \ [*Latin raptus*]

- 1** *an expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion*
- 2** **a** : *a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion*
b : *a mystical experience in which the spirit is exalted to a knowledge of divine things*
- 3** *often capitalized: the final assumption of Christians into heaven during the end-time according to Christian theology* ¹⁴⁰

Sun— “Black as Sackcloth”

This image relates to the opening of the sixth seal because of the statement in Revelation “*the sun became black as sackcloth.*” This heavenly sign is given by God, since the Pleiades crown of stars (*red*) is overhead. The sixth seal is a time of cosmic disturbances in the heavens and earthquakes on the earth. This event occurs prior to the Rapture. But, the sign of the Son of Man, which is both Jupiter and Orion, is seen just above the treetops. It appears for days prior to the Rapture of the believer. Therefore, the statement to be “*alert*” is made in scripture. Man will finally fear God and hide from Him. All of mankind now knows that God’s Wrath is about to come upon the earth including those who are not saved in Christ. Is this due to the sign in the skies?



May 2393 Sunrise, the earth as “black as sackcloth” with the Sign of the Son of Man seen in Jupiter and Orion above the treetops

Let us look at what J.F. Walvoord in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* has to say about Christ’s coming in the air. It makes the statement that none of the scripture passages describe Him as touching the earth.

Revelation 19:11-21 As John saw heaven open he saw prophetically Christ’s second coming and the events which will follow it. The second coming of Christ is a prominent doctrine in Scripture Rev. 1:7-8; 2:25-28; 16:15; 22:20). So this is obviously a major event in the divine program. It should be noted that none of the many details given in Revelation 19:11-21 corresponds to the Rapture of

¹⁴⁰ Merriam-Webster, I. (2003). *Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary*. (Eleventh ed.). Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc.

the church. In Revelation Christ returns, but in none of **the Rapture passages is He ever pictured as touching the earth, for the saints meet Him in the air** (1 Thes. 4:17). ¹⁴¹

The Sixth Seal—Cosmic Disturbance

Revelation 6:12-16 ***“I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.***

14 *The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

15 *Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;*

16 *and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;”* ¹⁴²

Is this great earthquake caused by the solar eclipse of our nearest planet, Mars and its combined gravitational forces with the moon? It could stress the faults in the earth and create earthquakes. Notice the dual eclipse includes the moon on page 89, a later event but just prior to the Rapture occurring. This increase in gravitational forces would cause the seas to roar with winds. Let us look at what J.F. Walvoord’s Commentary has recorded.

THE SIXTH SEAL

REVELATION 6:12-17 6:12-14. *As, the sixth seal opened, John recorded that a great earthquake occurred. More dramatic than the earthquake was the transformation of the heavens with the sun turning black, the moon turning blood red, and stars falling like late figs from a fig tree. The heavens appeared like a scroll being rolled up. At the same time, due to the earthquake, all the mountains and islands were moved from their places. Here again in the sequence of events, the end had not been reached as there was still another seal. But this was the most dramatic judgment thus far in this time of great distress before the Second Coming. Many expositors have attempted to see a figurative fulfillment to this prophecy. It is preferable, however, to take this prediction literally. The trumpet and bowl judgments, to be revealed later in Revelation, also include great disturbances in the heavens and on the earth before Christ’s second coming.*

REVELATION 6:15-17. *The practical effect of the judgment was fear in unbelievers from all walks of life. They called on the mountains and the rocks to fall on them and to hide them from God’s wrath. Their fear was so great they would rather be killed by a falling mountain than to face the wrath of the Lamb and Their wrath, referring to the anger of the Triune God. Again this is not a picture of ordinary trouble but the period of greatest distress in world history. Taken as a whole, Chapter 6 is one of the most important and pivotal Chapters in the entire book. It describes the first six seals and also introduces the seventh seal which consists of and introduces the seven trumpets and the seven bowls of the wrath of God in chapters 8-9; 16. The contents of Chapter 6 should put to rest the false teachings that God, being a God of love, could not judge a wicked world. It also raises the important question contained in the closing words of verse 17: Who can stand? Only those who have availed themselves of the grace of God before the time of judgment will be able to stand when God deals with the earth in this final period of great distress. Those who will be saved in the Great Tribulation are described in the next Chapter.* ¹⁴³

It is quite apparent that many Bible scholars do understand that the Rapture must occur prior to God’s Wrath. In Romans 5:9, the Apostle Paul tells us that “For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” If God has not destined the believer to wrath, then the Rapture must occur after the breaking of the sixth seal and before the opening of the seventh seal. After the Rapture, we will see the Constellation of Leo in the heavenly signs which represents the Lion of Judah. The breaking of the seventh seal starts the Seven

¹⁴¹ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 19:10). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

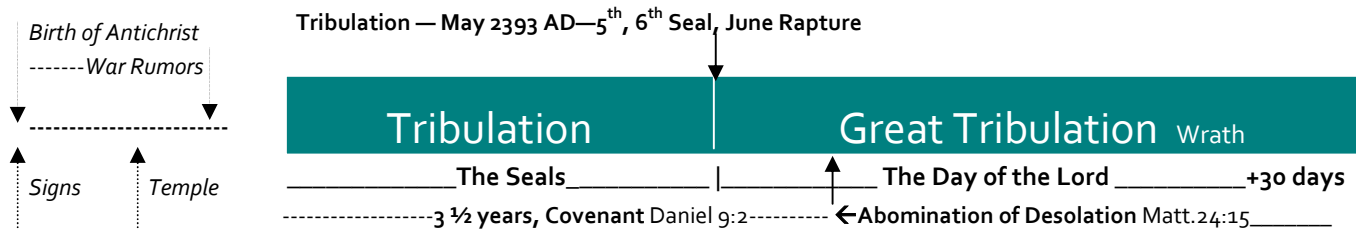
¹⁴² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:12–16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴³ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 5:13–6:17). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Trumpet Judgments. Those individuals who are on the earth recognize God's Wrath is imminent with the following statement in Revelation 6:16 about the sixth seal. The Lamb is Christ and they try to hide in caves.

Revelation 6:16 ***"Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;"***¹⁴⁴

The light cone represents judgment of "*past events or deeds*" of wickedness in the world. We also know that the light tunnel is used to Rapture the Bride of Christ from this earth. We know that the Trumpet Judgments start with the opening of the seventh seal. It appears that in a little while there will be the outpouring of God's Wrath on the earth. The timeline of events for the opening of the sixth seal is shown in the following figure.



Mark 13:19-20 ***"For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will."***

20 ***"Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days."***¹⁴⁵

Christ states He shortened the days for the Elect. It is less than halfway through the total Tribulation period. Please take note that the succession of the fifth and sixth seals occurs very rapidly. It is immediately followed by the Rapture. In 2 Peter 3:9 it states "*The Lord ...is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish...*" It is reason why God waits to the last moment before taking the believer. This is just before judgment comes. Therefore, we should stay alert for there are heavenly signs that are given by God. Unlike, the New Heaven and Earth where there will not be any signs for man, the Son, or the angels. Only God, the Father knows when this will occur.

Mark 13:31-32 ***"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."*** ***"But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."***¹⁴⁶

2 Peter 3:12-13 ***"looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."***¹⁴⁷

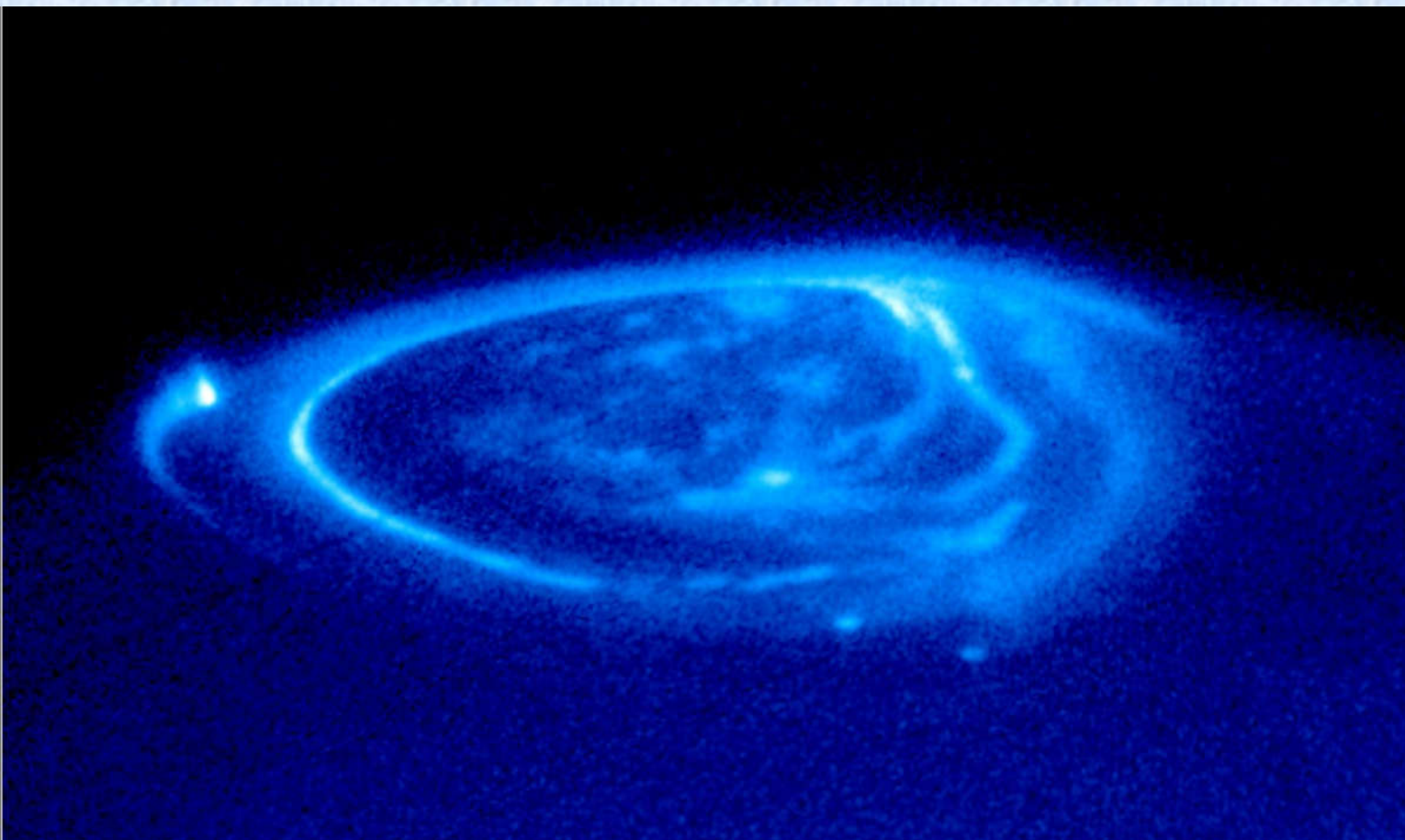
It is completely apparent that the heavenly sign of the light tunnel was the Rapture and we should be on the alert. The Rapture occurs over a very short period of time. Next, we are taken to Heaven from this earth in our glorified bodies and the skies turn to a golden amber color for the Glory of God. We shall again see the light tunnel reappear in the heavens when Christ returns to earth during His Second Coming. See the book entitled "*Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for Christ's Return*." This will be with His immortal armies to conquer the evil world and destroy the Antichrist, the False Prophet and finally Satan, the dragon, the devil, the serpent of old.

¹⁴⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:12–16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

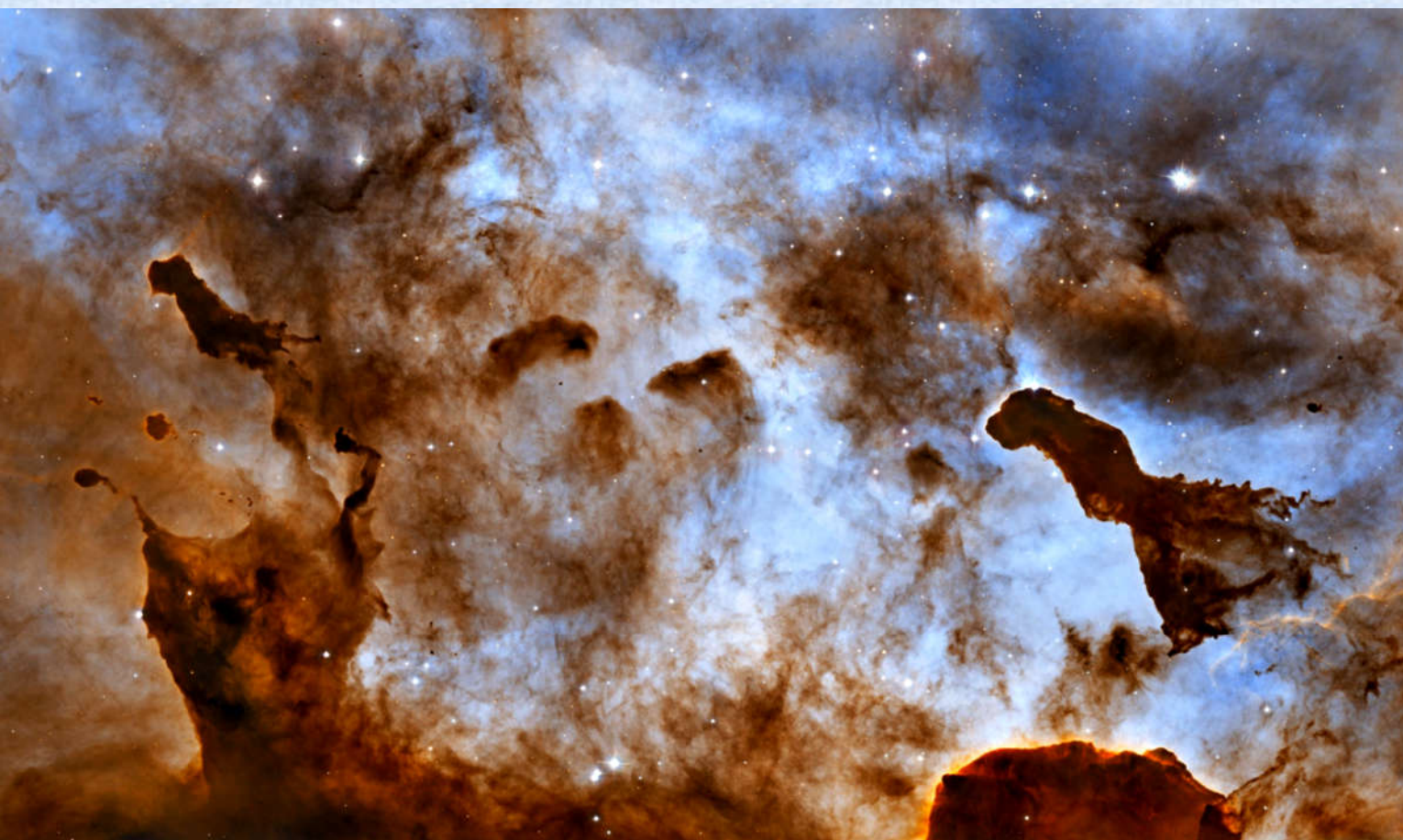
¹⁴⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:19–20). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:31–32). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Pe 3:12–13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



Jupiter, the King Planet: Jupiter's Aurora Hubble Telescope (NASA)



Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbance in Carina Nebula – Dust Pillars Hubble Telescope (NASA)

CHAPTER 10: THE 144,000 SEALED

The 144,000 who are sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel is described in Revelation 7.

Revelation 7:4 ***“And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.”***¹⁴⁸

What are the 144,000 being sealed for? It is from the Wrath of the Lamb, which will come at the First Trumpet Judgment. We see in Revelation a parallel statement to that effect in both chapter 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.”***¹⁵⁵

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”***¹⁴⁹

Likewise, the second trumpet sounded and the sea became blood. Why is it necessary for the bond-servants of the tribes of Israel to get a seal on their foreheads? Remember, a seal is made for protection and ownership. The saved in Christ received the Holy Spirit as a seal.

Ephesians 4:30 ***“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”***¹⁵⁰

The seal of 144,000 is for protection against both Satan and God’s Wrath to come. We will later see that God protects them in the wilderness from Satan’s destruction by a flood. This shows God’s love and grace for His children even during this time of Tribulation on the earth. He will protect His own. We will soon see this symbol of “love” in the heavenly sign for the woman, Israel. We now find out from the Apostle Paul that the Holy Spirit is what restrains him. His Spirit will be taken out of the way. This occurred during the Rapture of the saved in Christ and those who were alive and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Paul in the passage is speaking about the man of lawlessness or the Antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 ***“And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.”***

7 *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.”*¹⁵¹

What do the commentaries of McNaughton, Matthew Henry, and Walvoord have to say about whom “*the restrainer*” is and who is taken out of the way? This may reveal the reason for the 144,000 to be sealed in a new way. The seal of the believer in Christ is with His Holy Spirit. Already His Bride has been gathered from this earth. The sealing of the 144,000 occurs prior to the First Trumpet Judgments by God.

¹⁴⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 7:4, Re 7:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁴⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 8:7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Eph 4:30). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (2 Th 2:6–7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The Delay of the Antichrist

*It is from these verses that most conflict concerning the description and identification of the Antichrist rages. The following questions need to be answered: (i) What is restraining? ; (ii) Who is revealed in his own time? ; (iii) Who has to be taken out of the way? It is common for people to answer these questions in a way that suits a particular millennial view; thus their explanations are colored by their belief systems. In Paul's day, the man of sin's coming was held back, but the question is: By what? **Paul may have been referring to the Holy Spirit** or the preaching of the gospel, but, if so, why did he not say this clearly? Alternatively, many believe that this is a reference to the Roman Empire that would be destroyed in the fourth century AD, giving rise to an anti-Christian power that would grow in universal influence. This new power would, however, appear to the world to be from God, because 'he' or 'it' would sit 'as God in the temple of God' (v. 4). This is why Paul calls it 'the mystery of lawlessness' (v. 7). This may be a description of the Roman papacy which, after the fall of Rome in AD 410, slowly took over political power and claimed the right to govern both spiritually and politically in Europe and then the whole world. Historically, the papacy has exalted itself by exercising rule and authority over kings and nations. The popes of Rome wear a three-tiered tiara that represents their claim to rule in earth, heaven and hell. ¹⁵²*

An account of the sealing of the servants of God, were observed; 1. To whom this work was committed—to an angel, another angel. While some of the angels were employed to restrain Satan and his agents, another angel was employed to mark out and distinguish the faithful servants of God. 2. How they were distinguished—the seal of God was set upon their foreheads, a seal known to him, and as plain as if it appeared in their foreheads; by this mark they were set apart for mercy and safety in the worst of times. 3. The number of those that were sealed, where observe, (1.) A particular account of those that were sealed of the twelve tribes of Israel—twelve thousand out of every tribe, the whole sum amounting to a hundred and forty-four thousand. ¹⁵³

*Revelation 7:1-3. The question was raised in 6:17 whether any would be saved in the Tribulation. This is answered in this Chapter, and two classes of the saved are mentioned specifically: (1) those who are saved in Israel, (2) those of all nations who, though saved spiritually, are martyred. **Four angels** were told to withhold judgment on **the earth** until the **servants of ... God** were sealed (v. 3). The **seal on their foreheads** symbolizes protection and ownership and God's intention to protect the 12 tribes that are mentioned, much as He protected Noah from the Flood, Israel from the plagues of Egypt, and Rahab and her household in Jericho. ¹⁵⁴*

The 144,000 Sealed

Let us take a closer look at the scripture in Revelations about the 144,000.

Revelation 7:1-5 ***“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.”***
- 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:***
- 5 From the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand”***¹⁵⁵

¹⁵² McNaughton, I. (2008). *Opening up 2 Thessalonians* (47–48). Leominster: Day One Publications.

¹⁵³ Henry, M. (1996). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible : Complete and unabridged in one volume* (Re 7:1–12). Peabody: Hendrickson.

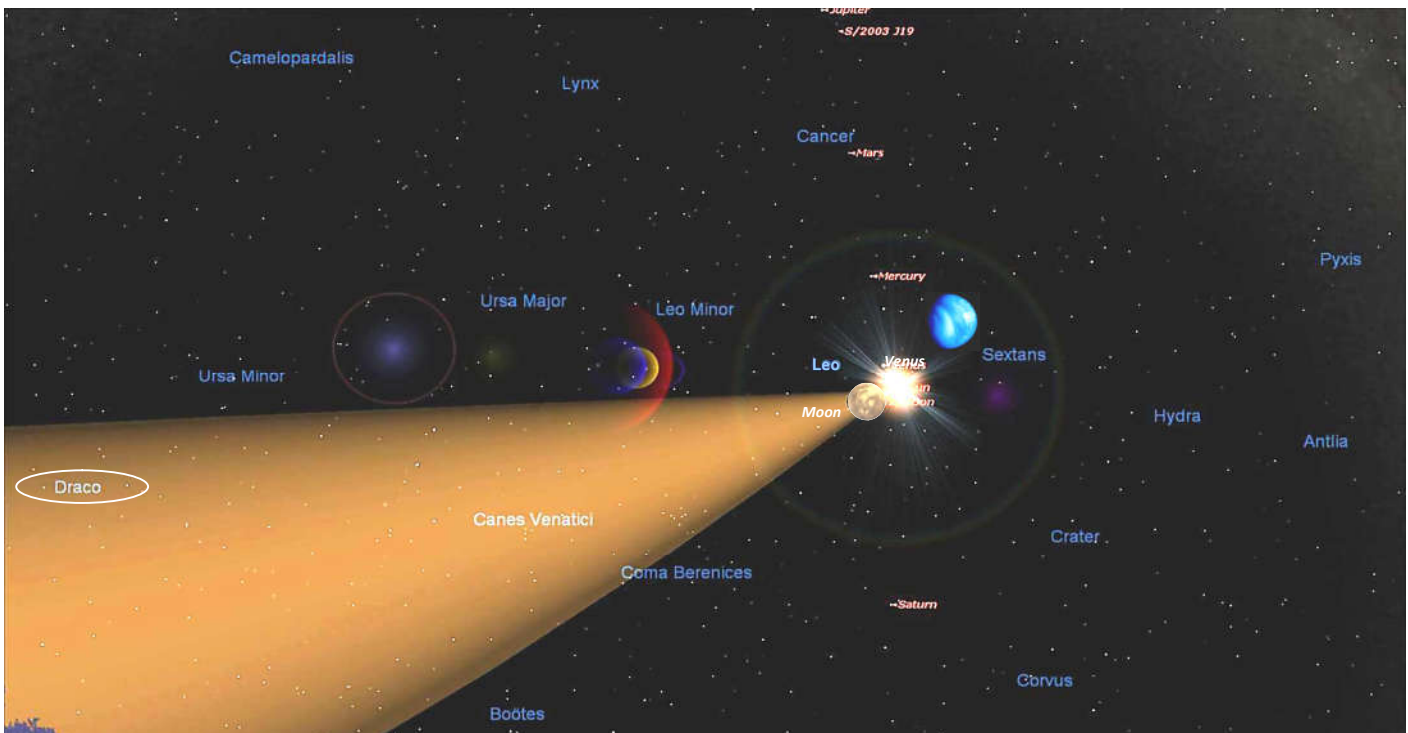
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¹⁵⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 7:1–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The message is clear and precise in which a command is given by an angel most likely the Archangel Michael, who is the specific guardian over Israel and the Jews. To summarize, the angel is saying do not pour out God's wrath on the remnant of 144,000 which are first sealed for the protection from the subsequent judgments to occur. We will find the true meaning of the seal that is written on their foreheads in Revelation 14.

Revelation 14:1 ***"Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads."***¹⁵⁶

It is written on their foreheads both His name, which is Christ, and the Father's name. It is a double seal, which could be from the Trumpet Judgments as well as for the Bowls of Wrath. We will also find out that God will protect Israel from Satan and the Antichrist when they go into the wilderness, which is seen in Revelation 12:13-17. This is in contrast to those who receive the mark of the beast *"in their right hand or in their foreheads"* in Revelation 14:6. However, one day the Antichrist will be defeated. This double seal seems to provide greater protection than the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit doesn't protect the saved from the martyred events or from evil in the world. The Apostles were martyred as well in their day. Nowhere in the Bible are 144,000 called evangelists. This has been popularly proclaimed by many churches. Remember, the Two Witnesses are present from the beginning of the Tribulation to declare the Truth. There is also the question of whether they are regenerated and saved. Nevertheless, they are called *the bond-servants of our God*, which is equivalent to being called the bond-servants of Christ who were saved prior to the Rapture. What is abundantly clear to our understanding is that they were to be sealed. Is it the Two Witnesses or an angel of God that does the sealing? The scripture says *"another angel"* having *"the seal of living God"* cried out. The scripture doesn't say who does the actual sealing.



September 2393 Sun eclipsed by Venus and the moon over Jerusalem

It isn't hard to believe that judgment will be coming from the Lamb, who is Christ Jesus. In scripture, it says that all judgment is given to the Son, Christ. This is mentioned in the Gospel of John. This will bring honor to both the Son and the Father. It is interesting to find the authority given by the Father to the Son for judgment. This visible world was created by and for Christ to reign upon in righteousness. Therefore, it is for Him to judge.

¹⁵⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 14:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

John 5:23 ***“For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”*** ¹⁵⁷

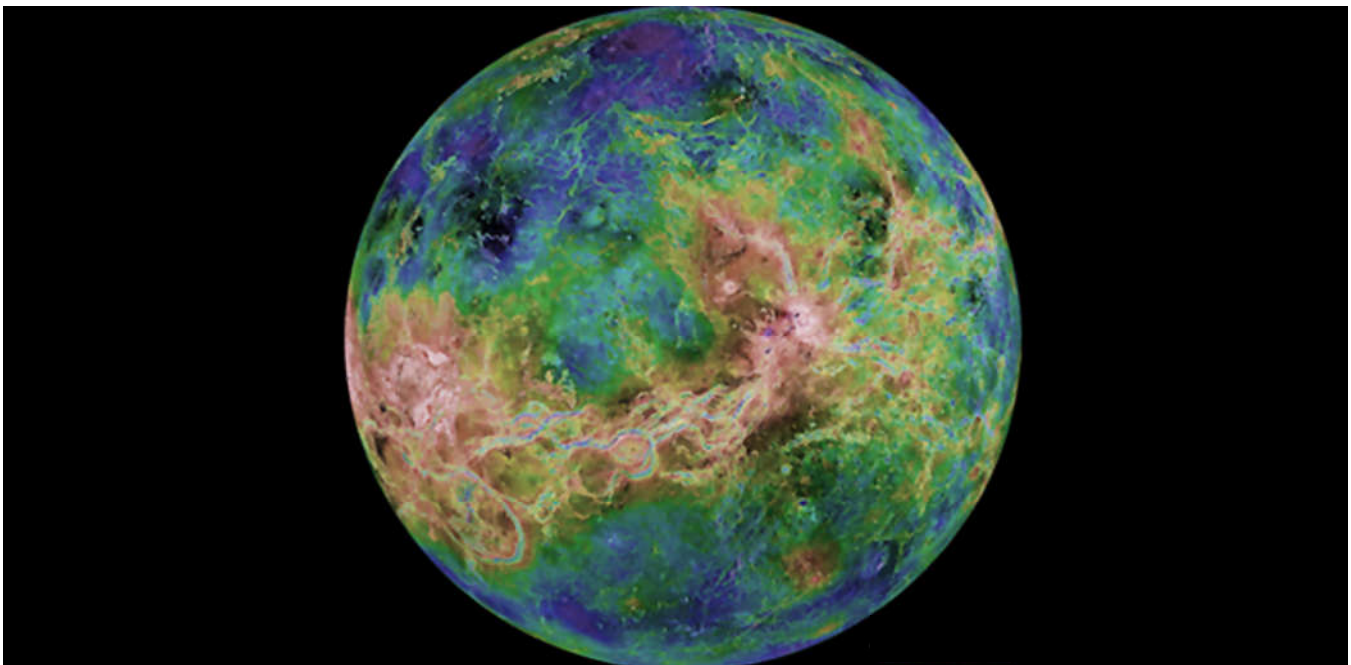
The above heavenly sign is given by God. Venus is the goddess of love. “*Love*” is actually a simplistic interpretation of Venus. Most important is that it is also the sign of a woman, who was named after a goddess of love. The woman represents Israel. We have numerous references to the “*woman*” in scripture. God showed love over and over again for His chosen people, Israel. This event occurs in the Constellation of Leo, which represents a Lion. Leo, the Lion, represents the God of Judah, also the God of Israel, as we will see in scripture.

Venus is the **goddess of love**; it may hold true with Venus to some extent today; we prefer not to attach gender bias to Venus and Mars. Nevertheless, our experience is women tend to take on the role of Venus in their relationships. This planet has a role of representing a “*female or woman*” as well as “*love*” based upon the glyph or symbol used to represent the planet Venus.



Take a closer look at Venus' glyph, or symbol. It shows spirit (circle) over a cross. Grace, charm, and beauty are all ruled by Venus. It is also the symbol of female or woman.

Venus, the second planet from the sun, is named for the ancient Roman goddess of love and beauty. The planet — the only planet named after a female — may have been named for the most beautiful goddess because it shone the brightest of the five planets known to ancient astronomers. Venus is principally associated with love, beauty, fertility, prosperity and military victory. In ancient times, Venus was once thought to be two different stars, the evening star and the morning star.



Venus (NASA) — the blue green planet, symbolizes love and beauty

Venus is a dim world of intense heat and volcanic activity. Similar in structure and size to Earth, Venus' thick toxic atmosphere traps heat in a “*greenhouse effect*.” The scorched world has temperatures hot enough to melt lead. Glimpses below the clouds reveal volcanoes and deformed mountains. Venus spins slowly in the opposite

¹⁵⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Mk 13:24–27). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

direction of most planets. After the moon, it is the brightest natural object in the night sky. The woman represents Israel in numerous references in scripture. Revelation 12 is a key and prime example of the woman.

The Woman as Israel

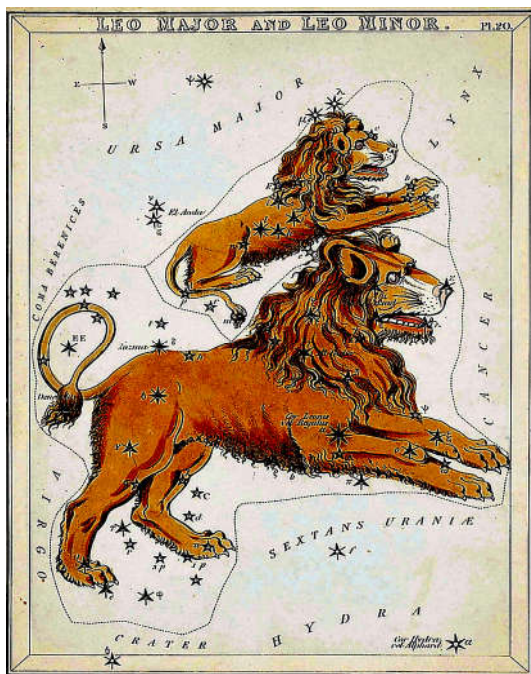
Revelation 12:1-2, 14 ***“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;***

2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.”¹⁵⁸

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.***

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.”¹⁵⁹

When we see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, then the Godly remnant of Israel on the earth will flee to the wilderness and be nourished for 1260 days. This is for a time, times and half a time, which is three and one-half years or 1260 days. The serpent is Satan, the devil. God will protect the remnant of Israel against Satan, as well as the Antichrist during the last half of the Great Tribulation. Next, we will take a look at the Constellation of Leo which was called the “Great Lion” in Babylonian times. Leo is one of the constellations of the zodiac. Its name in Latin is the lion and its symbol is ♌. Leo lies between the Constellations of Cancer to the west and Virgo to the East.



Leo depicted as Lion (Jehoshaphat 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 and 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 if 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

¹⁵⁸ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:1–2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁵⁹ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Re 12:13–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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. ¹⁶⁰

How do we know from scripture the meaning of the Constellation of Leo, which represents the “*Lion*”? We do know the tribe of Judah used the symbol of a Lion. 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. Leo represents the Deity of Christ or a Young Lion, as Leo Minor. 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.*” The scripture says the Lord is the Lion and represents God’s Judgment. Christ has been given authority to judge. This is stated in John 5:22 “*...He (Father) has given all judgment to the Son.*” Scripture also states that “*He will roar like a lion*” which symbolizes His Wrath and Judgment.

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.***” ¹⁶¹

He shall roar like a lion—by awful judgments on their foes (Is 31:4; Je 25:26–30; Joe 3:16), calling His dispersed “children” from the various lands of their dispersion. ¹⁶² This is from R. Jamison’s Commentary. “He” refers to the Lord.

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 lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.” ¹⁶³

Another mighty angel—as distinguished from the mighty angel who asked as to the former and more comprehensive book (Rev 5:2), “*Who is worthy to open the book?*” ***Clothed with a cloud***—the emblem of God coming in judgment. ¹⁶⁴ R. Jamison

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;***

5 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.” ¹⁶⁵

Root of David—(Is 11:1, 10). Not merely “a sucker come up from David’s ancient root” (as ALFORD limits it), but also including the idea of His being Himself the root and origin of David: compare these two truths brought together, Mt 22:42–45. Hence He is called not merely Son of David, but also David. He is at once “the branch” of David, and “the root” of David,

¹⁶⁰ H. A. Rey, *The Stars — A New Way To See Them*. Enlarged World-Wide Edition. Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1997

¹⁶¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Ho 11:10). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁶² Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., Fausset, A. R., Brown, D., & Brown, D. (1997). *A commentary, critical and explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments* (Ho 11:10). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹⁶³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 10:1–3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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¹⁶⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 5:4–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

David's Son and David's Lord, the Lamb slain and therefore the Lion of Judah; about to reign over Israel, and thence over the whole earth. ¹⁶⁶

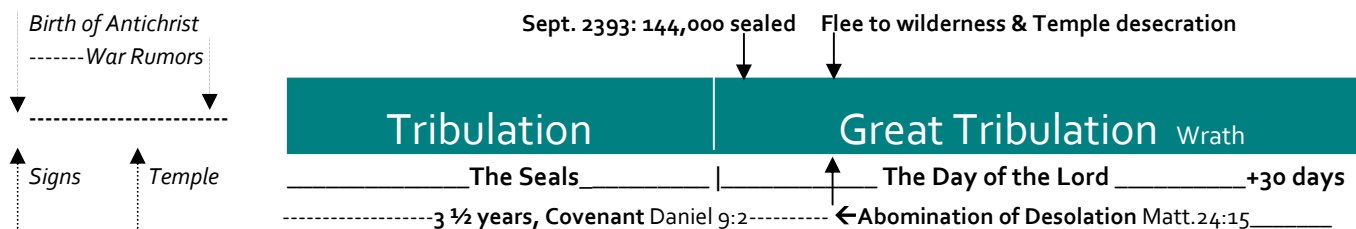
The God of Judah is the same God for all the tribes of Israel. Venus' glyph is the symbol of a woman. Israel is referred to in scripture as the woman in Revelation 12:1-2. Therefore, we can interpret this sign in the heaven as protection over 144,000 by God. God provides a seal in their foreheads for both a mark of ownership as well as for protection from God's Wrath as well as protection from Satan himself. R. Jamieson's Commentary refers to the Root of David as the "*Lamb slain and therefore, the Lion of Judah.*" The Lamb, Christ is seen on Mount Zion with the 144,000, who are said to be found blameless. Therefore, they are saved believers.

The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion

Revelation 14:1-5 ***"Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.***

- 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps.***
- 3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.***
- 4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.***
- 5 And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless."*** ¹⁶⁷

September 2393: we have arrived to the timeframe of the sealing of the 144,000 from the Wrath of God.



Most Bible scholars assume that the 144,000 are sealed prior to Judgment Day. We have shown this is Biblically correct, since this occurs prior to the First Trumpet Judgment. Many have speculated that the 144,000 were saved because of seeing the Rapture. Is there Biblical evidence to support this statement? They were blameless and bond-servants of God, which says they were saved. We don't know if it was because of seeing the Rapture event or not. The sealing of the 144,000 occurs after the Day of the Lord, but prior to the Day of Judgment. The correct representation on the timeline chart is shown here. The sealing 144,000 occurs prior to Satan being cast down on the earth that we will see in the next chapter. This is for protection against Satan as well. Let us take a look at what J.F. Walvoord has to say about the 12 tribes of Israel.

¹⁶⁶ 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 5:5). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹⁶⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 14:1-5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Revelation 7:4-8. John heard the names of 12 tribes with 12,000 from each tribe ... sealed and thus protected. The 12 tribes are not "lost" as some contend. Attempts have been made to identify the 12 tribes here with the church, mostly to avoid the implication that this is literally Israel. The fact that specific tribes were mentioned and specific numbers from each tribe were indicated would seem to remove this from the symbolic and to justify literal interpretation. If God intended these verses to represent Israel literally, He would have used this means. Nowhere else in the Bible due to a dozen references to the 12 tribes mean the church. Obviously Israel will be in the Tribulation, and though men do not know the identification of each tribe today, certainly God knows. ¹⁶⁸

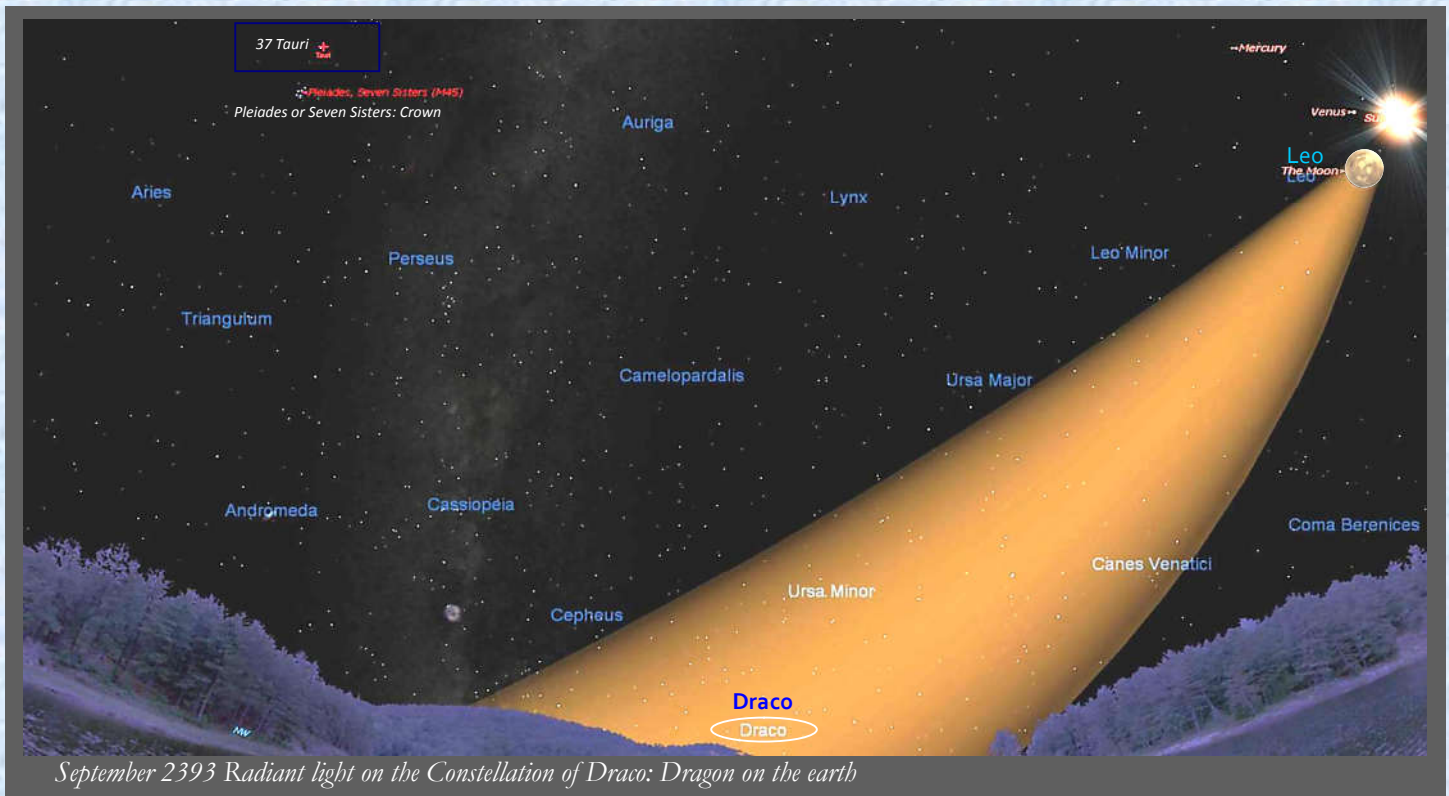
It is quite apparent that Israel and all 12 tribes will be in the Great Tribulation. Only those who were saved prior to the Rapture are absent. What do the commentaries tell us about this event? The Bible Knowledge Commentary states that "men do not know the identification of each tribe today." The 12 tribes are called out in Revelation 7. God knows the DNA make-up of the 12 tribes and the individuals who belong to them. The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are missing and been replaced by the tribes of Levi and Joseph (Ephraim) respectively. For comparison, please see Ezekiel 48 and Revelation 7. There are only 12 tribes, like there are only 12 Apostles. Paul replaced Judas as the twelfth Apostle, who was divinely chosen by Christ on the road to Damascus. It was not the casting of lots by Peter for the selection of Matthias. This selection process occurred prior to the Holy Spirit, the Helper, being given on the Day of Pentecost. Both points are in disagreement by Bible scholars. We do know God has sealed the 12 tribes called out in Revelation 7 for protection from His Wrath and Satan's destruction.



Orion, the Shepherd is replaced with Leo the Lion symbolizing Judgment and Wrath - View of the Orion Nebula (NASA)

¹⁶⁸ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 7:4–8). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

CHAPTER 11: DRAGON THROWN DOWN



This is the heavenly sign of the Dragon, the Constellation of Draco. Satan is being thrown to the earth by the God of Judah, which is represented by the Constellation Leo, the Lion on the right side of the skies. The left image is the Pleiades or Seven Sisters cluster; it is the Dragon's crown representing his lost power, authority and access to Heaven. Satan must bear God's Judgment of this earth with mankind during the Great Tribulation.

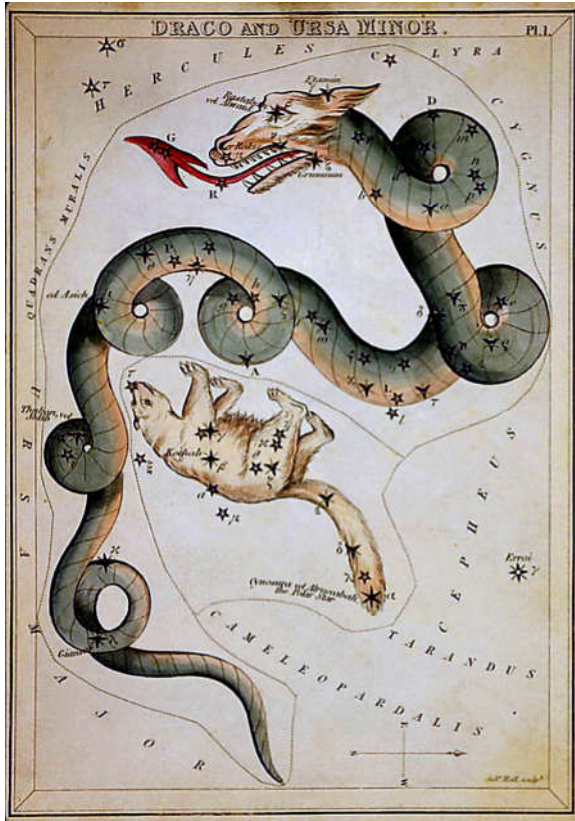
Draco is a constellation in the far northern sky. Its name is Latin for dragon. Draco is circumpolar (that is, never setting) for many observers in the northern hemisphere. It was one of the 48 constellations listed by the 2nd century astronomer Ptolemy, and remains one of the 88 modern constellations today. The star Thuban (α Draconis) was the northern pole star around 2700 BC, which was during the time of the ancient Egyptians.

Draco is Latin for "dragon" from Greek dracon. "Dragon" seems to be a term for any mysterious snakelike creature in mythology. Dragons are often depicted as having a snake body on four feet. There is no fossil evidence for dragons ever having existed. The forked tongue (multiple tongues, language from lingua, tongue) of serpents seems to mean; interpretation, and the potential for misinterpretation.

The serpent in the Garden of Eden in dialogue with Eve tells her that the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil had a different interpretation to what she understood it to be. She says that even if she touches the tree she will die. The serpent responds that she will not die, rather she would become like a god, knowing good and evil. From: <http://www.constellationsofwords.com/Constellations/Draco.html>

What does scripture say about this sign appearing in the heavens relating to the dragon which had seven diadems? The sign in the heavens is the Seven Sisters' star cluster that represents the seven diadems crown. This is described in Revelation 12:3 with the statement "another sign appeared in heaven:dragon having ... on his heads were seven diadems." We will see from this point forward that Orion, the "True Shepherd" is replaced with Leo the Lion, the symbol of God's Wrath. Likewise, this is the start of the Great Tribulation, which begun when His Bride was gathered from this earth. We saw the Lion was represented by Christ in the previous chapter.

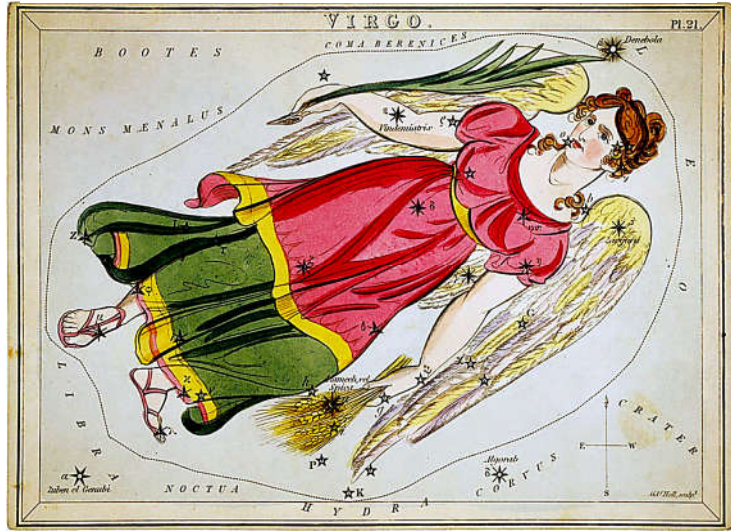
Dragon Thrown Down



Draco depicted as a Dragon (Jehoshaphat Aspin, 1825)

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.*

Constellation of Virgo: *Virgo was sometimes associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary.*



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

Revelation 12:3-4 ***“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. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.”***¹⁶⁹

How do we know who was thrown down to the earth and who was the woman? It is because the Virgin Mary gave birth to Christ the male child, who was from the stem of Jesse, the father of David. The genealogy of Christ is recorded in Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38. Virgo has a branch or stem in her hand which is mentioned in Isaiah 11:1. The branch symbolizes the virgin birth of Christ. The “eye” of Draco is over Virgo ready to devour her. The dragon is described as the Serpent of Old, the Devil and Satan in Revelation 12:9. Hydra, the seven headed serpent is just below the Constellations of Virgo and Leo. Hydra’s tail occupies one-third of the heavenly stars. But, John uses the word “dragon” in his vision for alignment with the sign of the Constellation of Draco.

Revelation 12:13 ***“And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.”***¹⁷⁰

Again, God protects his children and Israel and seals 144,000. The woman is able to flee into the wilderness to be nourished for the second half of the Tribulation period. It will be on symbolic wings of a “great eagle.”

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.”***¹⁷⁷

¹⁶⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 12:3–4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 12:13, Re 12:6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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.”***¹⁷¹

This fleeing into the wilderness for protection will occur a little later once the “*forces ...desecrate the sanctuary fortress.*” The most important fact taught here 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 tribulations, by sending them into the wilderness or mountains where God will nourish them for 1260 days during the Great Tribulation.

The Grand Design

Even though it is unusual to call Satan the great dragon, it is the term used throughout Revelation. This was because of the heavenly sign seen by the Apostle John in his vision, which was a dragon. 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 was 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 amazing to see God’s creation align with His Word. This is stated in the opening of the Gospel of John.

John 1:1-5, 14 ***“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.

5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”¹⁷²

This passage says “*All Things come into being through Him*” who is Christ the Lord and the Word was with God from the beginning. What a marvelous statement for those in the “*light*” and then “*the darkness did not comprehend it.*” I pray that this wonder is truly appreciated by those who have insight and life in Him. It is astonishing to find the Holy Word aligns perfectly with God’s “*Grand Design*” of the visible universe that we can observe and see. It is through His Spirit that He has revealed an invisible spiritual world, an eternal world, to us as well as this visible world in which we live today. At this time, believers are in glorified bodies in Heaven waiting to return with Him.

War in Heaven

Revelation 12:7-9 ***“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 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.”***¹⁷⁸

How do we know for certain His “*angels waging war*” in heaven occurs during the End Times? This could be a reflection on a past event. Could this be similar to the statement in Revelation 12:4 where it says “*woman who was about to give birth*”? We know this is in reference to Christ’s birth which didn’t occur during the End Times. Nevertheless, Satan, the dragon, has not been cast down until the Tribulation occurs. The fallen angels have had eternal bonds and have been cast into the abyss by God. Jude’s reference to the abyss is “*under darkness.*” 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

¹⁷¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 12:13–14, Re 12:7–9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Jn 1:1–5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

fallen angels, which are kept there for the Great Day of Judgment as stated in Jude. They will be released from the abyss during the Fifth Trumpet Judgment. Prior to this Satan needs to be cast down on the earth so he cannot accuse the brethren in Heaven. This will allow Satan to give his authority to the Antichrist on the earth.

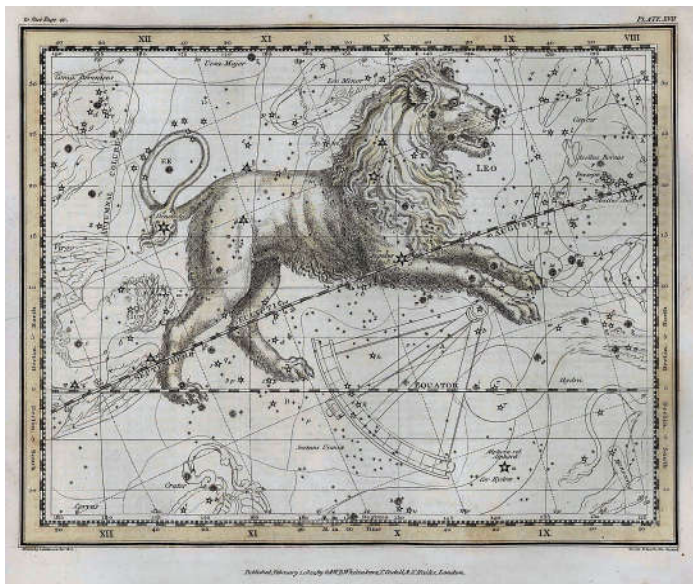
Jude 6 ***“And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,”***¹⁷³

Peter calls *Tartarus* the “*pits of darkness*” in 2 Peter 2:4. What does J. Walvoord have to say about Satan’s angels?

Michael the archangel (cf. Jude 9) and his angels fought Satan and his angels, that is, demons. The time of this war in heaven was not indicated but the context refers to the end time. Also Satan is most obviously active throughout the period of the Church Age (cf. Acts 5:3; 1 Cor. 5:5; 7:5; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:14; 12:7; 1 Tim. 1:20; 1 Peter 5:8). This concept that Satan is inactive in the present Age is a false conclusion based on an attempt to place the binding of Satan at the first coming of Christ (Rev. 20:1-3). However, the binding of Satan is still a future event that relates to the millennial kingdom. 12:8-9. The outcome of the war was that Satan was hurled to the earth, and his character was clearly revealed in the various titles ascribed to him: the great dragon ... that ancient serpent ... the devil or Satan. With him went the fallen angels of the demon world.¹⁷⁴

The Lion - Christ the Lord

We can see the Constellation of Leo which was called the “*Great Lion*” in Babylonian times. It represents who has authority to cast Satan down to the earth from Heaven. Leo is one of the constellations of the zodiac. Its name is Latin for lion. Its symbol is ♌. Leo lies between the Constellations of Cancer to the west and Virgo to the East. What is the significance of the Constellation of Leo in this event?



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 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.

¹⁷³ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Jude 6). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁴ Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (Re 12:7–9). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

We do know the tribe of Judah used the symbol of a Lion. The scripture says the Lord is the Lion. We have found the Lion is from the Root of David, who is Christ. It is Christ who has been given authority over Satan and Michael, the archangel, wages the war to cast Satan down out of Heaven. We can see Christ's authority given in Revelation 12:10 and Satan knows he has but a short time before he is thrown into the abyss.

Revelation 12:10-12 ***“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.”***

11 *“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”*

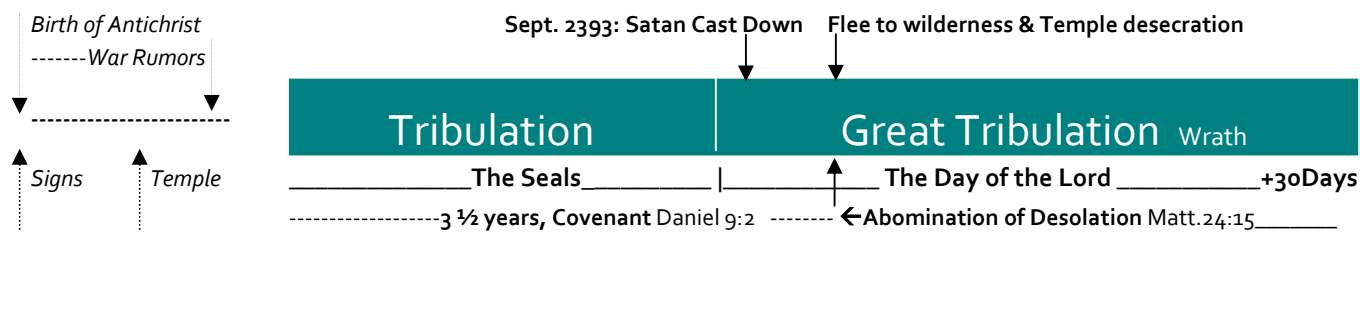
12 *“For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”*¹⁷⁵

What does R. Jamieson's commentary have to say about the downfall of Satan? *There are four gradations in the ever deeper downfall of Satan: (1) He is deprived of his heavenly excellence, though having still access to heaven as man's accuser, up to Christ's first coming. As heaven was not fully yet opened to man (Jn 3:13), so it was not yet shut against Satan and his demons. The Old Testament dispensation could not overcome him. (2) From Christ, down to the millennium, he is judicially cast out of heaven as the accuser of the elect, and shortly before the millennium loses his power against Israel, and has sentence of expulsion fully executed on him and his by Michael. His rage on earth is consequently the greater, his power being concentrated on it, especially towards the end, when "he knowingly that he hath but a short time" (Rev 12:12). (3) He is bound during the millennium (Rev 20:1-3). (4) After having been loosed for a while, he is cast for ever into the lake of fire.*¹⁷⁶

We do know through scripture that Satan will be bound for a thousand years in the abyss which will be during Christ's Millennium Reign of this earth. This is the same abyss where the fallen angels have been bound during this day and age. The statement that Satan will be thrown into the abyss comes from Revelation 20:2.

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.”***¹⁷⁷

It is a short time that Satan has left on this earth to deceive men. He shall empower the Antichrist, as a messenger to deceive mankind during the Great Tribulation. On September 2393, we have arrived to the timeframe of Satan being cast down to the earth to deceive mankind for several years and again after the Millennium Reign of Christ.



¹⁷⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 12:10-12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁶ 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 12:8). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

¹⁷⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 20:2-3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The Great Tribulation with Wrath from the Lion of Judah - Star-Forming Region S106 Hubble Telescope (NASA)



Cosmic Disturbance - Veil Nebula - Hubble Telescope (NASA)

CHAPTER 12: LAMB'S WRATH- 7th Seal

The Wrath of the Lamb is described in Revelation at the end of chapter 6 as being imminent and recognized by man during the End Times. For man will attempt to hide from God and from the Lamb. In the heavens, we will see the Lion, represented by the Constellation Leo and Jupiter, the Messiah appears during the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 6: 16-17 ***“and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;***

17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”¹⁷⁸

It isn't hard to believe that judgment will be coming from the Lamb, which is Christ Jesus. Because in the scripture it says that all judgment is given to the Son, Christ, which is mentioned in the Gospel of John.

John 5:22 ***“For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,***

23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”¹⁷⁹

It is interesting to find the authority given by the Father to the Son is for judgment. It is followed by the statement of those who believe in Him will have eternal life and will not come into judgment. This Wrath of the Lamb will follow after the Rapture of the believer, who has gone into heaven in a glorified body. The scripture tells us in Romans we will be saved from the Wrath of God.

Romans 5:9 ***“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”***¹⁸⁰

We do know from scripture the resurrected body is an imperishable body. This is confirmed in scripture with the statement that the souls (spirits) in heaven were given white robes; however, they are not wearing the robes since they do not have bodies until the resurrection. This is seen in Revelation with the view of the martyred souls in heaven. After the Rapture, the event called “*A Multitude from the Tribulation*” is seen with people who are clothed in white robes. Therefore, they must have recently received their glorified bodies due to the Rapture. This happened after the opening of the sixth seal with cosmic disturbances occurring and prior to the opening of the seventh seal which begins the Trumpet Judgments. It is the reason for the statement “*rest for a little while longer.*”

Revelation 6:11 ***“And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.”***¹⁸¹

Revelation 7:9 ***“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;”***¹⁸²

¹⁷⁸ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:16–17). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁷⁹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Jn 5:22–24). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁰ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Ro 5:9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸¹ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 7:9). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

By the way, before the Rapture and the receiving of glorified bodies, we are not in a temporary body. We are in the spirit, living in a spiritual domain in heaven. This is told to us by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians.

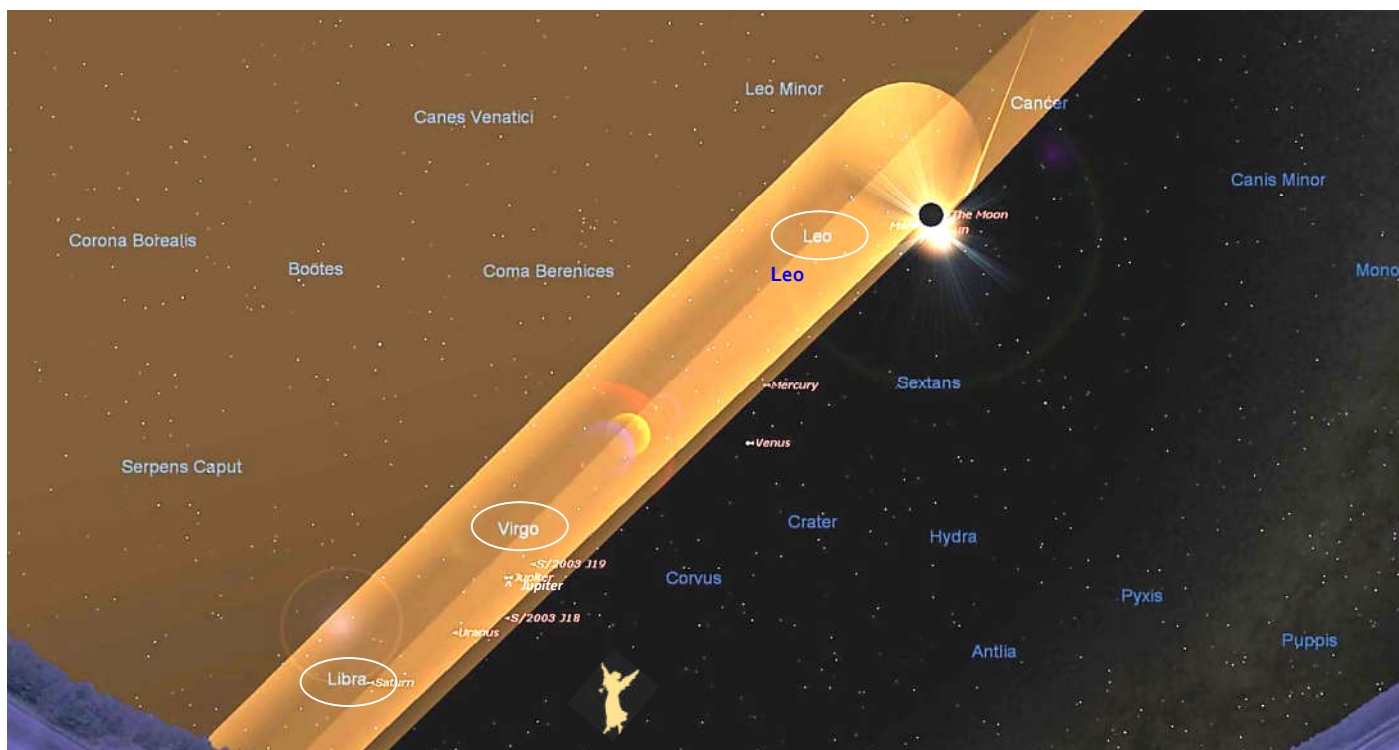
1 Corinthians 15:45:46 ***“So also it is written, “The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.”***¹⁸³

This belief comes from the insertion in the previous passage of the word *body* in “***spiritual body***”, which is not mentioned at all in the original Greek manuscript. This insertion of “*body*” has confused Bible teachers.

1 Corinthians 15:44 ***“it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also spiritual body.”***¹⁸⁴

Trumpet Judgments: Seventh Seal

These contrasting events in heaven reveal to us that the Rapture must follow after the sixth seal is broken. Once the seventh seal is opened by the Lamb, it will start the Trumpet Judgments. The opening of the seventh seal begins with silence in heaven for the space of approximately a half-hour. What is the significance of the silence?



August 2397 Light Tunnel for Christ's Return to earth with His Armies of War, similar to the Rapture Light Tunnel

The light tunnel is used for both Christ's Return with His immortal armies of war as well as for the Rapture. Nevertheless, the light tunnel used for the Rapture of the Bride in Christ appears on the earth for approximately a half-hour? This time is paralleled in scripture with the statement “*there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*” This silence occurs when Christ, the Lamb, breaks the seventh seal. His gathering of His Bride requires them to come to earth from the heavens in the spirit to receive their resurrected bodies. For those who are dead in Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit are in heaven. This gathering from the heavens and on the earth those who are

¹⁸³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Co 15:45–47). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (1 Co 15:44). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

still alive in Christ is stated in Mark. Pre-tribulation scholars believe this does not describe the Rapture; but it is when Christ returns to reign. We have seen in the context of scripture this is a wrong interpretation.

Mark 13:27 ***“And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.”***¹⁸⁵

Could it be that heaven is silent due to the fact that all the heavenly spirits are down on earth receiving their resurrected “*imperishable body*” and immortality at that time? Again this silence is mentioned by the Prophet Zephaniah in the Old Testament, where the Day of the Lord is near. We know the Day of the Lord must begin no later than when the Wrath of the Lamb is noticed on the earth. This begins with the opening of the sixth seal.

Zephaniah 1:7 ***“Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, He has consecrated His guests.”***¹⁸⁶

Revelation 8:1 ***“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”***¹⁸⁷

The word “*wrath*” occurs eight times in the book of Revelation. All eight occurrences are followed after the opening of the sixth seal. The word wrath is never used in connection with the first five seals. Isn’t it intriguing that angels initiate all the Trumpet Judgments and the Bowl Judgments of God. The angels have no part in the seals because the seals do not encompass God’s Wrath. This is an important issue to understand relative to the timing of the Rapture during the Tribulation. The Wrath of God occurred for the first time in Noah’s day with the Great Flood upon the earth. God makes a covenant to never again destroy the earth with water.



Noah's Ark resting in mountains of Urartu: wyattmuseum.com

The Ark: ***“Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.”***
Genesis 6:17-18

Note: No tree rings are found in the Ark wood located in Urartu.

¹⁸⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Mk 13:24–27). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Zep 1:7). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁸⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 8:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

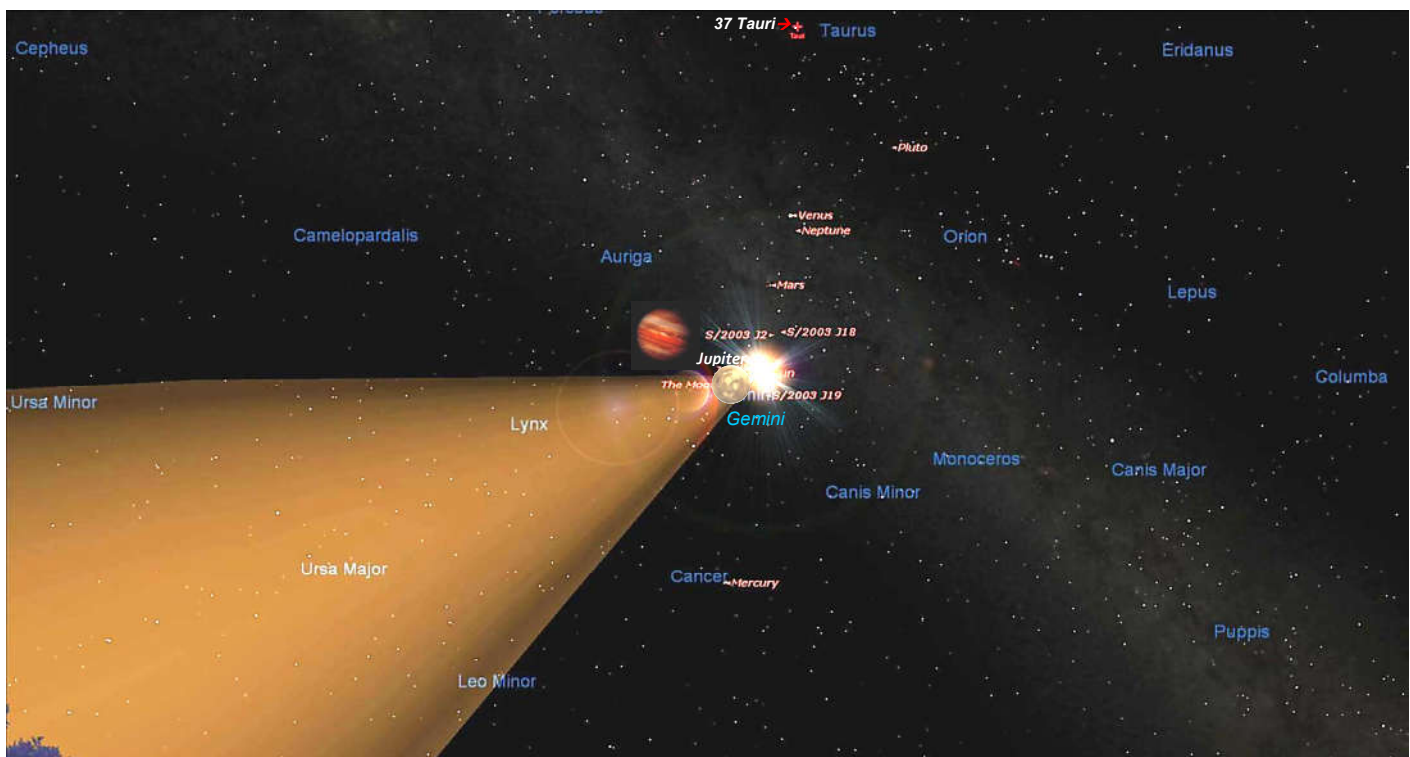
Genesis 8:4 ***“In the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.”***¹⁸⁸ Original Hebrew text: ***“mountains of Urartu”*** a region in far eastern Turkey: just west of Mt. Ararat.

Genesis 9:11 ***“I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.”***¹⁸⁹

Even though the land had been cursed prior to the Flood, the Flood itself changed the earth and its atmosphere. Man lived to be almost one thousand years of age and fathered children at the age of over hundred years. It must have affected the life span of man with the cosmic radiation from the heavens and the new atmosphere. Now, the scripture tells us the earth and heavens are reserved for fire for the Day of Judgment. This judgment will occur after the Millennial Reign of Christ and during the White Throne Judgment in Heaven.

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.”***¹⁹⁰

Is there a sign in the heavens of Christ, the Lamb, the Messiah, bringing judgment to the earth? It is the sun’s eclipse by Jupiter and the moon. It occurs after the saved believers have been removed from the earth.



July 2393 Sun eclipsed by Jupiter and the moon over Jerusalem

The planet Jupiter represents the Messiah, the King of Kings, who is Christ. Jupiter is the giant or king planet in our solar system. It is the red planet which signifies the blood of the Lamb. This is the sign of the Lamb’s Wrath as it relates to the Antichrist and the False Prophet, which is symbolized by the Constellation of Gemini.

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun and the largest planet within the Solar System. The king planet is the third brightest object in the night sky. The original Greek Deity is Zeus, adopted by the Romans. Jupiter is derived from the Hebrew or Chaldean Jah,

¹⁸⁸ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ge 8:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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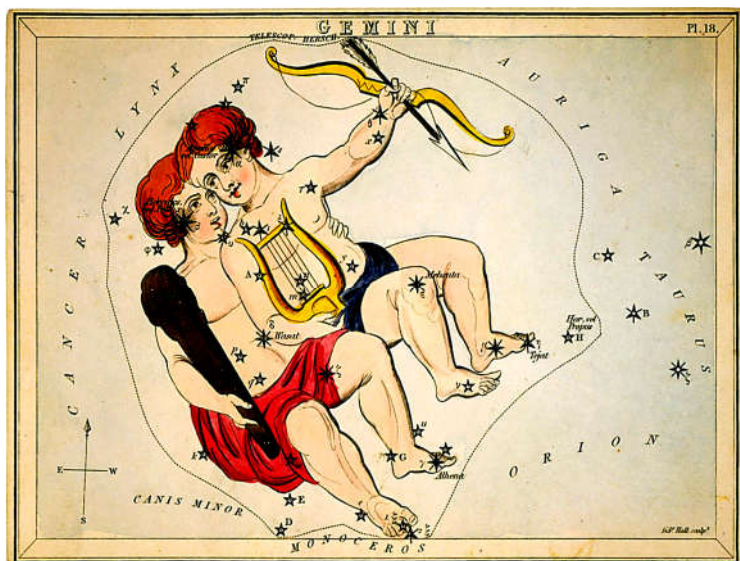
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which is the name of God revealed to Moses. Jupiter represents the King of Righteousness. The Hebrew name for Jupiter is Tzedeq, which means "righteousness." We see Jupiter representing the King of Righteousness, or The Righteous Ruler.

Jupiter has long been recognized as the Messianic star that symbolizes the Messiah.

Antichrist and the False Prophet

This event occurs in the Constellation of Gemini, which is one of the constellations of the zodiac. It was one of the 48 constellations described by the 2nd century astronomer Ptolemy and it remains one of the 88 modern constellations today. Its name is Latin for "twins," and it is associated with the twins Castor and Pollux in Greek mythology. Its symbol is Π . The sign of Gemini is governed by Mercury that symbolizes the Antichrist.



Gemini depicted as Twins (J. Aspin, 1825)

Constellation of Gemini:

In Babylonian astronomy, the stars Castor and Pollux were known as the Great Twins. The Twins were regarded as minor gods and were called Meshlamtaea and Lugalirra, meaning respectively 'The One who has arisen from the Underworld' and the 'Mighty King'. Both names can be understood as titles of Nergal, the major Babylonian god of plague and pestilence, who was king of the Underworld. Gemini is dominated by Castor and Pollux, two bright stars that appear relatively close together. This encourages the mythological link between the constellation and twin-ship.

The sign (Gemini) is governed by Mercury, a planet noted for swift movement and symbolically associated with the interchange of ideas and fluid responses to circumstances. Gemini is also linked with the 'element of air' which represents the mental and social realms, the ability to formulate abstract ideas and to effectively interpret symbols, imagined concepts and communicative signals.¹⁹¹

One of the twins of Gemini has arisen from the underworld. Could one of the twins be the sign of the first beast, the Antichrist, and the other sign the False Prophet? In Revelation 13:11 the dragon is Satan, the devil. While another beast "coming up out of the earth" from the underworld is the False Prophet. The False Prophet is said to have "two horns like a lamb," which represent a religious leader. The first beast is the Antichrist, who is considered as a "Mighty King" according to Babylonian astronomy. We know from Daniel 11:21-24 the Antichrist, "a despicable person," will become a king in a "time of tranquility" during the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 13:11-14 ***"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men."***

14 ***"And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life."***¹⁹²

¹⁹¹ Kevin Burk, *Astrology: understanding the birth chart: a comprehensive guide to classical interpretation*. Llewellyn Worldwide, 2001.

It is astonishing to find the False Prophet performs a great sign by “*making fire come down out of heaven.*” Fire is what God has reserved for both beasts – the Antichrist and the False Prophet. Yet, it is not their time.

Revelation 19:20-21 ***“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. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”***¹⁹³

God will finally seize both the Antichrist and the False Prophet, who deceived the world with their signs, and cast them into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This will occur after the second coming of Christ to the earth. The Antichrist deceives men; but evil men attempt to hide from God during this time.

Day of the Lord

The Prophet Isaiah predicts this event as well as the Apostle John. Isaiah also describes the Day of the Lord as “*The sun will be dark when it rises*” and “*men will go into caves.... before the terror of the Lord.*”

Isaiah 13:9-10 ***“Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.***

- 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light;
The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.***
- 11 Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity;
I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.***
- 12 I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold And mankind than the gold of Ophir.***
- 13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, And the earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the LORD of hosts In the day of His burning anger.”***¹⁹⁴

Isaiah 2:19-21 ***“Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the LORD And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.***

- 20 In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats
Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship,***
- 21 In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs
Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.”***¹⁹⁵

The sun is eclipsed by the largest planet Jupiter on July 2393 as well as the moon. The sun is dark when it rises over the earth after the Day of the Lord has begun. This scripture in Isaiah parallels the scripture of John in Revelation. The description prior to the Day of the Lord is also the sun becomes “*black as sackcloth.*” This event is during the opening of the sixth seal. In Revelation 6:15, it goes on to make the statement “*every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains.*” This parallel the statement made in Isaiah of “*men will go into caves.*” This shows from scripture that the Day of the Lord begins after the opening of the sixth seal.

¹⁹² *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 13:11–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 19:20–21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Is 13:9–13). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Is 2:19–21). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Revelation 6:12 ***“I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;”***¹⁹⁶

The Prophet Zephaniah foretold the Day of the Lord when he called Judah to repentance and warned of the impending Day of Judgment during the days of captivity in Babylon. He said it would be darkness and gloom, and clouds and thick darkness on the great Day of the Lord. We see in the heavens darkness due to eclipses of the sun with the moon and other planets occurring on the Day of the Lord or Terror of the LORD.

Zephaniah 1:14-2:2 ***“Near is the great day of the Lord, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.***

- 15** *A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness,*
16 *A day of trumpet and battle cry Against the fortified cities And the high corner towers.*
17 *I will bring distress on men So that they will walk like the blind,
Because they have sinned against the LORD; And their blood will be poured out like dust
And their flesh like dung.*
18 *Neither their silver nor their gold Will be able to deliver them On the day of the LORD’s wrath;
And all the earth will be devoured In the fire of His jealousy,
For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.*
1 *Gather yourselves together, yes, gather, O nation without shame,*
2 *Before the decree takes effect— The day passes like the chaff—
Before the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you,
Before the day of the LORD’s anger comes upon you.”*¹⁹⁷

The description is almost incomprehensible due to the destruction described as the great Day of the Lord. It is like a Battle of God’s Wrath, Day of Trouble (Jacob’s trouble: Jeremiah 30:7), a day of waste and desolation and a day of darkness and gloom, and a day of clouds and thick darkness which is described in this passage. This will be the wrath of holiness and likewise, the Day of the Lord is also referred to as the Final Wrath of God.

Two Witnesses - Prophesying

Malachi makes the statement the Lord will send Elijah before the Day of the Lord. He will come prior to God’s Wrath. There is a great deal of controversy with Bible scholars determining the identity of the two witnesses. They are introduced in Revelation without any suggestion as to who they are.

Revelation 11:3 ***“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”***¹⁹⁸

Malachi 4:5 ***“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.”***¹⁹⁹

It seems to be almost certain that Elijah is one of the witnesses, since it was predicted that he would return. Most Bible scholars believe the second witness is either Moses or Enoch. It is more likely to be Enoch, since both Elijah and Enoch never died on this earth and were taken to heaven. Enoch was a Gentile. Therefore, the two

¹⁹⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 6:12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁷ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Zep 1:14–2:2). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁸ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Re 11:3). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

¹⁹⁹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Mal 4:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

witnesses represent the Jewish people, through Elijah as well as the Gentiles in the world by Enoch. What we do know is that they are human witnesses given their description. Scripture has always required two witnesses to bear testimony to anything that needs a confirmation of truth. This is contrary to the False Prophet; who is one.

Matthew 18:16 ***“But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.”***²⁰⁰

These two witnesses are given unlimited power and authority. They can control the rainfall on the earth. They are also able to turn water into blood and smite the earth with plagues. It is the reason why some scholars believe that the second witness is Moses, who had brought the plagues upon Egypt during the Exodus of Israel.

Revelation 11:6-9 ***“These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.***

- 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.***
- 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.***
- 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.”***²⁰¹

The two witnesses will finish their testimony which will last for 1260 days on the earth. In the middle of the Tribulation the Antichrist will return from the South to Jerusalem. He will order the False Prophet to kill the witnesses. Four days prior to the “*Abomination of Desolation*” of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the Antichrist receives authority. To get a better understanding of these events see chapter “*War and Desolation*” in the book entitled: “*Heavenly Signs – Grand Design of Christ’s Return*.” The first expressed authority will be to kill the two witnesses before the desecration of the Temple. Please notice that the False Prophet comes out of the earth in Revelation 13:11; while, the Antichrist comes from the sea that symbolizes the worldly nations as stated in Revelation 13:1. It is the False Prophet, the beast from the abyss, who makes war with the two witnesses and kills them both and leaves their dead bodies in the street. Christ received a proper burial after He was crucified. But, their bodies are left in the street and are not permitted to be buried. This is similar to the Islamic treatment of an extremist, a Christian infidel, by not permitting their burial. It is Islamic tradition to behead someone, who believes that Christ was the Son of God. Islamic fundamentalists don’t believe in the Deity of Christ and that Christ was crucified on the cross. Their Islamic symbol is a crescent moon and a star. The Babylonian moon god, “*Sin*” was the “*Lamp of Heaven and Earth*.” Islam condoning killing is unlawful. The God of Abraham gave the Law to Moses which says “*You shall not murder*.” Islamic followers are deceived by Satan, since they do not believe that Christ came as a redeemer; but, declare they serve the same God as Abraham. The scripture doesn’t say how the two witnesses are killed. But, they have prophesied since the very beginning of the Tribulation for 1260 days.

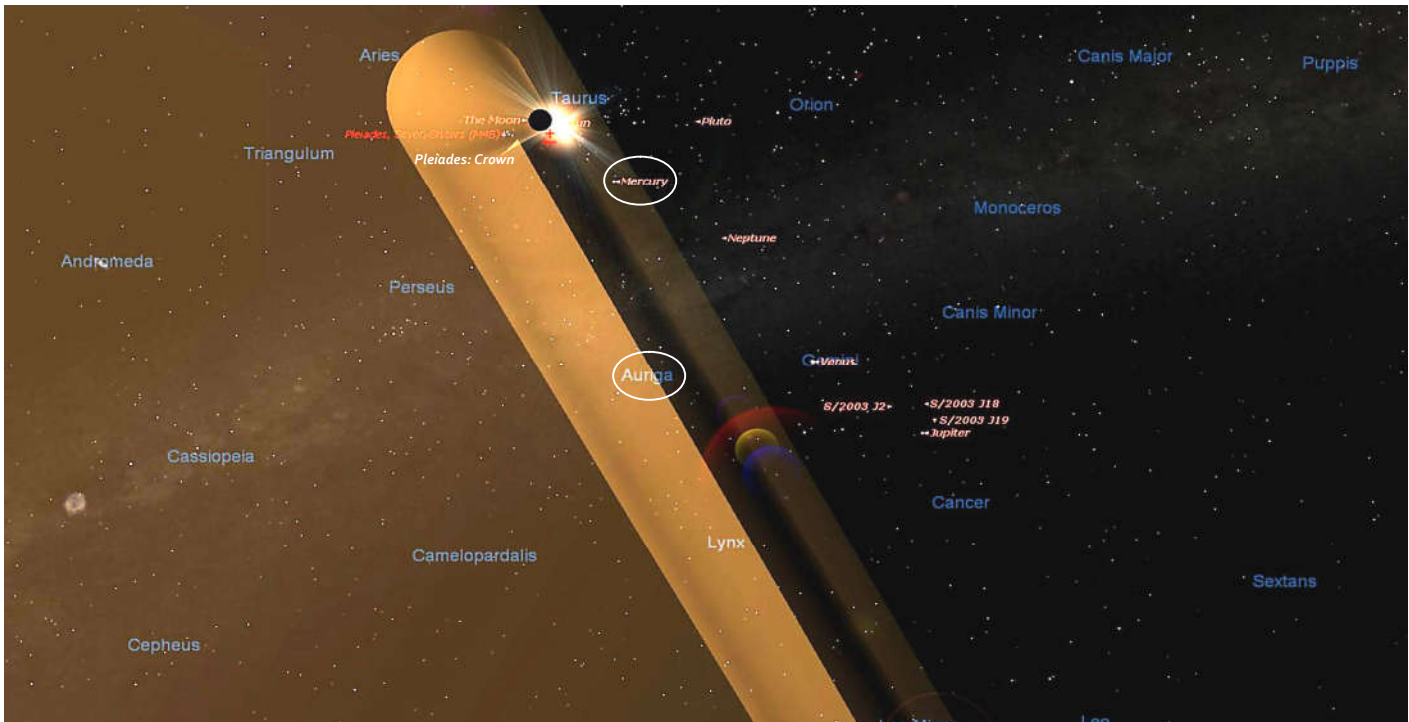
Revelation 11:10-12 ***“And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.***

- 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.”***²¹¹

²⁰⁰ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Mt 18:16). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

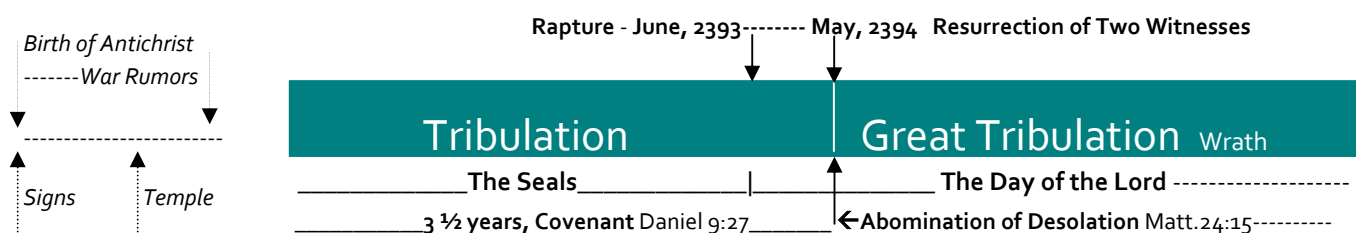
²⁰¹ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 11:6–9, Re 11:10–12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

The death of these two individuals will cause a great celebration to occur on the earth. It is a type of Mardi-Gras event. “*They will send gifts to one another*” as is done during Christmas. But, this is a devilish time of celebration. The next event is their resurrection from the dead after three and half days. Is there a sign in the heavens for this event? It is again a light tunnel, “*Jacob’s Ladder*,” that appears over Jerusalem for an extremely short timeframe. It looks like the light tunnel used to Rapture “*His Bride*” into heaven in their glorified bodies. The difference is that the heavenly sign is absent, the war planet of Mars. We can see 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 11:30-32. In Daniel 11:24 it tell us about a “*time of tranquility*” in the land during which time the Antichrist comes to power. This is the reason why the planet of Mars doesn’t appear in the heavens. Mercury is on the light tunnel.



May 2394 Light tunnel for the resurrection of the Two Witnesses from Jerusalem

The Antichrist first authorizes the witnesses to be killed and then this is followed by the sacrifices being removed from the Holy Altar. This heavenly event only occurs over Israel with the light tunnel down to the earth. It is not a worldwide heavenly event, unlike the Rapture. The Constellation of Auriga is on the light tunnel and represents a “*Goat Shepherd*.” This resurrection of the two witnesses and the sacrifice being removed occur on the same day with heavenly signs for both events. The timeline for opening of the seventh seal and the beginning of the Day of the Lord is shown below. It would be strange to have the Great Tribulation not start on the Day of the Lord. For the event of the “*Abomination of Desolation*” in the Temple has not occurred. It occurs approximately one year after the Rapture of “*His Bride*.” Could this be the result of Bible scholars assuming that the desecration of the Holy Temple would occur prior to the Trumpet Judgments? Nevertheless, the First Trumpet Judgment occurs prior to the desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem which is shown in the book entitled: “*Heavenly Signs – Grand Design for Christ’s Return*.” What does W. W. Wiersbe say about the Rapture and the Day of the Lord?



Paul appealed to them to “calm down” on the basis of the truth he had taught them in his first letter: the Lord would return and catch up His own to meet Him in the air (1 Thes. 4:13–18). This is “the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and ... our gathering together unto Him” (2 Thes. 2:1). Once the church is out of the world, Satan and his forces will unfold their program. **The Day of the Lord is the period that follows the Rapture of the church.** It will be a time of Tribulation for the people on earth: Satan and his hosts will be working on earth, and God will send righteous judgments from heaven. Revelation 6–19 describes this period for us. ²⁰²

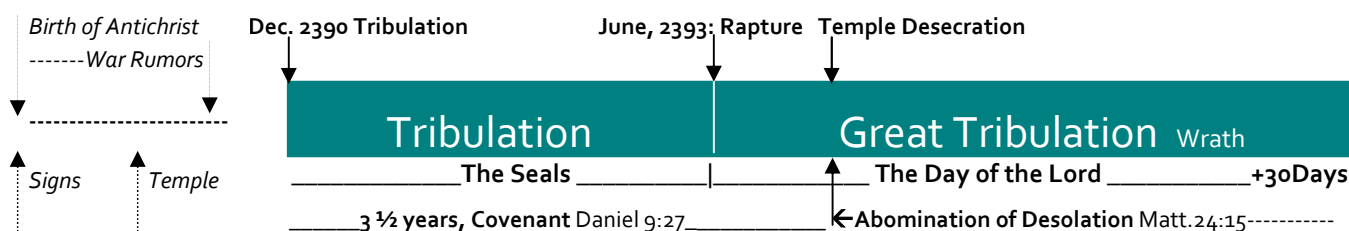
We started with the timeline assumption that when we saw the “*Abomination of Desolation*” in the Holy Temple we would use this to mark the second half of the seven year period of time mentioned in Daniel. An error in logic is assuming the Day of the Lord and the Great Tribulation commences with the desecration of the Holy Temple.

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),”*** ²⁰³

Daniel wrote in the Temple of Jerusalem that “*regular sacrifices*” would be abolished for a period of time, 1290 days. Therefore, we will mark the second half with a “+30 Days” during the Great Tribulation period. We also know from Daniel the “*Abomination of Desolation*” will occur in the middle of the week, which is seven years. The Day of the Lord occurs on the very day of the Rapture that Paul teaches in 1 Thessalonians 5:2. It says the “.....day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.” Luke will clearly show this to be the case.

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.”*** ²⁰⁴

Nevertheless, we have not come to the timeframe of three and one-half years into the Tribulation, which began on December 2390. But, we have arrived to the timeframe of judgment, the seventh seal and a heavenly sign of the Antichrist and False Prophet one month after the Rapture. Most Bible scholars assuming that the desecration of the Holy Temple would occur prior to Judgment Day. We will show you that it is not Biblically correct in the representation of the timeline as shown. We have made a correction to the timeline that can be seen in the figure below and show that the Great Tribulation and the “*Day of Lord*” begin after the Rapture.



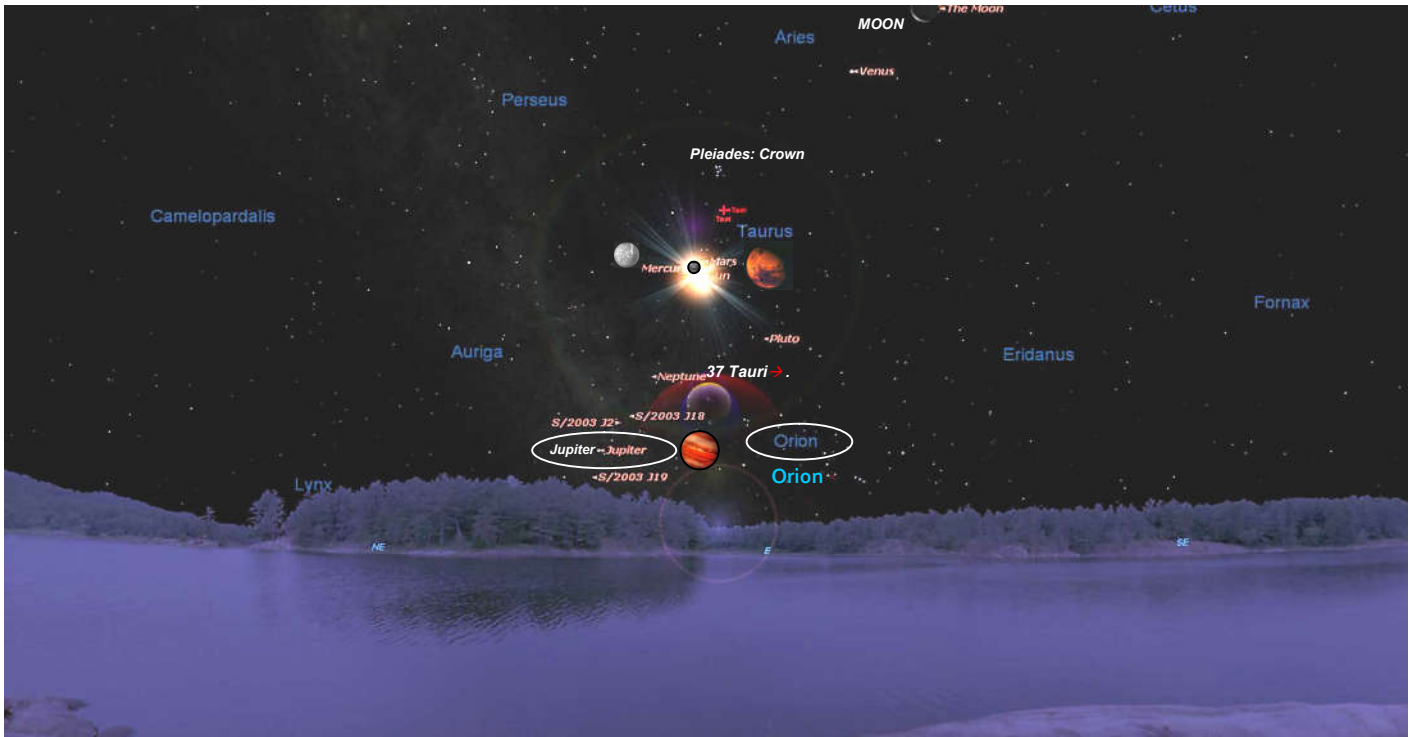
If you remember we agreed when we saw this event of “*Abomination of Desolation*” in the Holy Temple we would use this to mark the second half of the seven year period of time mentioned in Daniel. This desolation occurs after the beginning of the Great Tribulation period. Luke compares the Day of the Rapture, which is called the “*Day the Son of Man is revealed*” to that of the Destruction of Sodom. Lot was saved from Sodom the same day like believers will be saved from God’s Wrath. Therefore, the same day that the Rapture occurs must be the Day of the Lord and the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

²⁰² Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (2 Th 2:1). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.

²⁰³ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Mt 24:15). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰⁴ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Da 12:11). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Luke 17:29-30 ***“but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. “It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.”***²⁰⁵



June 2393 Sunrise, the sun is eclipsed by Mars, Mercury

The planet Mars is the god of war and represents the continuation of war on the earth. This war is the United European nations attacking the well-fortified Islamic city in the South. Both Jupiter (Messiah) and Orion (*True Shepherd*) are down near the earth which represents “... the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky” as mentioned in Matthew 24:30. This sign is given days prior to and during the Rapture. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 mentions that believers should be “*alert*” so it will not overtake us as “*like a thief*.” The Son of Man marks the coming (*parousia*) and initiates two things: first, the Rapture of the righteous in Christ and second starts the Day of the Lord. This also begins the Great Tribulation and judgment of the wicked. The Bible is accurate in all aspects in God’s word. Likewise, to be on the same day as in Lot was delivered from the Wrath of God would mean the day of the Rapture must be the beginning of the Great Tribulation. There is also further evidence that this is the correct interpretation. This explains the statement of the martyred multitude seen in heaven to “*rest for a little while longer*.” This heavenly scene is followed by the great multitude coming out of the Great Tribulation as seen in Revelation 7:14. This event must follow after the Rapture, since the multitude is seen in bodies that are clothed in white robes versus the martyred souls, who were given but not wearing their white robes. The great multitude has received their glorified bodies during the Rapture and after the opening of the sixth seal. Therefore, a glorified body can wear the white robes unlike spirits that do not have a physical body. This heavenly scene occurs prior to the opening of the seventh seal which begins the Trumpet Judgments and God’s Wrath upon the earth.

Revelation 7:13-14 ***“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” “I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”***²⁰⁶

²⁰⁵ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Lk 17:29–30). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

²⁰⁶ *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Re 7:12–14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.



The believer is saved from God's Wrath and has been taken to Heaven. In Matthew 24:30 it makes the statement that the revealing of the Son of Man will occur after the heavenly event of the "MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT." Didn't Christ say that this would occur immediately after the tribulation? This is followed by the angels gathering His Bride from this earth, which is the Rapture. This is further evidence that immediately after the tribulation must start the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord. They all are concurrent events from the Rapture to the start of the Great Tribulation

Matthew 24:29 ***"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."***²⁰⁷

Isn't it amazing to find that the fifth seal occurred in May, the fifth month, followed by the sixth seal and the Rapture occurring in June, the sixth month? All of these events occur in rapid succession and sequence from the martyred saints, to the cosmic disturbance, to the Rapture and followed by the Day of the Lord. Seven marks the completeness of the seventh seal and the beginning of the Seven Trumpet Judgments, which will follow. It is interesting that Noah's Ark rested upon the mountainous region of Ararat on the seventh month. Was that a sign of completeness of God's Wrath at the time of the Flood as well? We know that all the movements of the heavenly bodies were made at the time of creation by the Almighty God. "*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 have used 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....*" during the End Times. It is astonishing to find that God's Word aligns perfectly with the heavenly signs that have been shown in this book. This, without a doubt, proves there must be an Almighty God who has had a plan for this earth, since the beginning of time. God's creation also included a plan of salvation for those who believe in Christ as their personal savior and Lord in their life.

What a humbling experience this is to see God's hand at work from the time of creation until the End of Time. God's grand design for the universe matches His Prophetic Word. This tells the true story of creation through intelligent design by God. Christ can save you. Call upon the Lord and be saved in Christ.

-Mel Gable

NGC 4631, Better known as the Whale Galaxy Hubble Telescope (NASA)

²⁰⁷ *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update.* 1995 (Mt 24:29). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman

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 RETURN:
“There will be signs in sun and moon
and (fixed and wandering) stars, and on the
earth.....”*

*HOW GREAT IT IS TO SEE THESE
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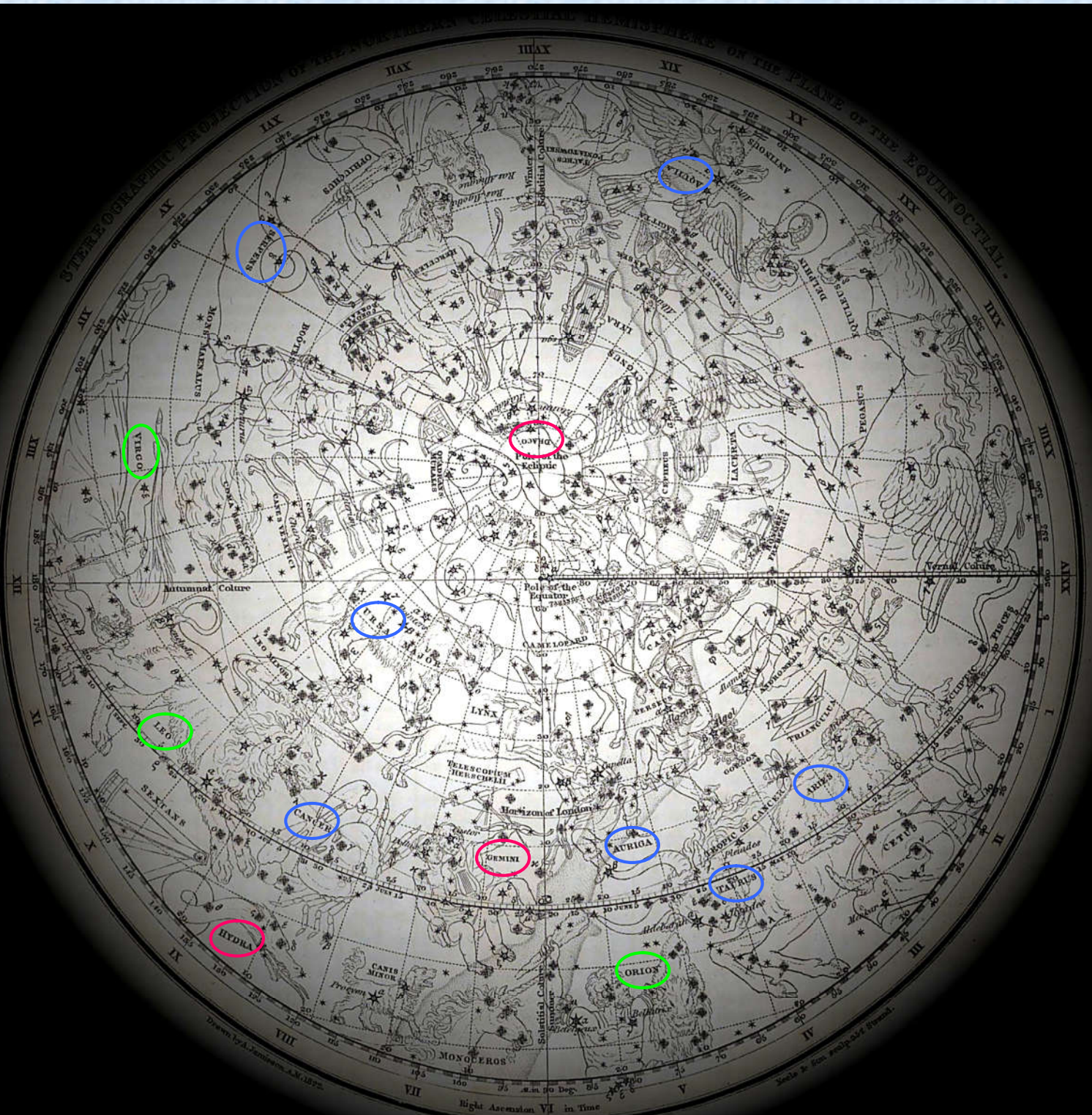
Mel Gable is just a simple bond-servant of Christ, who has known his Lord and Savior for more than fifty years. He understood for the first time that there was meaning to heavenly signs; it came with the birth of Christ and how the Magi saw the Bethlehem Star. The Magi understood that this was a sign 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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Psalms 19:1 “*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.*” ²⁰⁸

²⁰⁸ New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995 (Ro 10:9-11, Lu 21:25, Ps 19:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Star Constellation Map



Constellations in prophecy around the center of Draco - Northern Hemisphere (Alexander Jamieson, 1822)

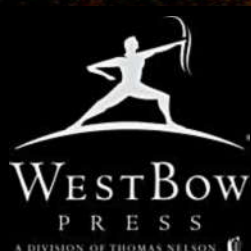
The beginning of this heavenly star cycle occurs with the Constellation of Virgo and ends with the Constellation of Leo. This represents the “Grand Design” for this world by God from the beginning of creation. In the center of the circle is Draco, the dragon, who is ready to deceive the entire world. 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.

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