A Sign for the Ages

The Planets Will Align During the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.



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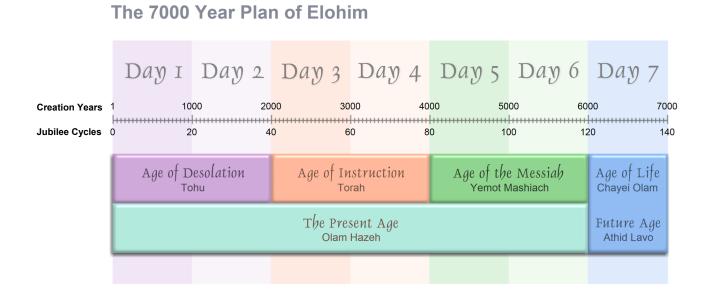
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An Exceptional Sign at the End of the Age

On April 8, 2024 C.E., a total solar eclipse will be potentially visible in parts of Mexico, the United States of America, and Eastern Canada. Any total solar eclipse viewed during day time on a clear day is an exceptional event, a spiritual experience which causes one to wonder at the precision of the universe we live in, and the One who has ordered it. However, during the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., the *planets will align* in this *sign* at the *end of the age*.

In saying that this *sign* is at the *end of the age* it is important to define what an *age* is. In Hebraic thought, there are four ages in the 7000 Year Plan of Elohim: the Age of Desolation, the Age of Instruction, the Age of the Messiah, and the Age of Life. The first three ages last 6000 years and are under the umbrella of the Present Age. The 7000 years are considered an *interpolation* in *eternity* – a time period *inserted* between The World that Was and The World to Come.



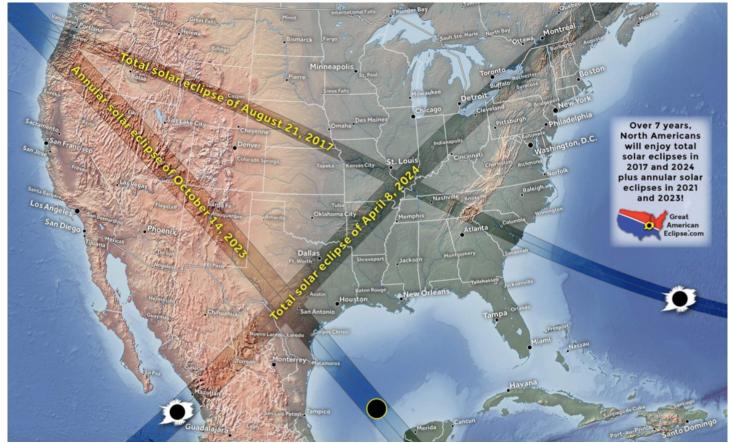
The heavens and the earth were created perfect by Elohim [Genesis 1:1]. Elohim *did not* create the earth desolate [tohū ההו], He created it to be inhabited [Isaiah 45:18]. This time when the universe was perfect is known in Hebraic thought as The World that Was. A spiritual rebellion led by Satan caused the earth to become desolate [tohū החו] and ruined [ובהו] [Genesis 1:2]. Elohim judged this rebellion by separating light-righteousness from darkness-wickedness [Genesis 1:3]. This judgment initiated the 6000 year Present Age in which man is striving with Elohim. It is followed by the 1000 year Age of Life, which will lead to The World to Come.

The **Present Age** is a **6000 year** period of time which overarches three smaller ages: the **Age of Desolation**, the **Age of Instruction** and the **Age of the Messiah**. At the end of the **6000 year Present Age** and the **2000 year Age of the Messiah**, the **1000 year Age of Life** or "eternal life" with Yeshua Messiah will begin. We are somewhere near the *end* of the **Age of the Messiah** and the *end* of the **Present Age**, and this is the historical setting for the eclipse on **April 8**, **2024 C.E.**



The Eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is the Third of Three Solar Eclipses Which Occur Over the U.S.A. Between 2017-2024 C.E.

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. at the end of the Age of the Messiah will be the third of three solar eclipses which occur over the U.S.A. between 2017-2024 C.E. A *total* solar eclipse has already occurred on August 17, 2017 C.E.; an *annular* solar eclipse will soon occur on October 13, 2023 C.E.; and after it a *total* solar eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024 C.E.



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The paths of three U.S.A. Solar Eclipses from 2017-2024 C.E. form an "Aleph" *↓* .

Eclipse watchers are aware that we are in the midst of witnessing these three solar eclipses which occur over the U.S.A. between 2017-2024 C.E. The *eclipse paths* formed by these three eclipses form an Aleph \neq over the United States of America. Aleph \neq is the first letter of the Paleo Hebrew Alphabet which corresponds with A, the first letter of the English Alphabet.

One may see the lines formed by the *eclipse paths* of these three solar eclipses over the U.S.A. as the *cursive script* of the Creator Himself. This **Aleph** \bigstar visibly indicates that the Creator has *His hand* on the U.S.A., and prayerfully, it signifies that He will use the U.S.A. as a messenger to deliver the good news of the Kingdom of Elohim to all nations before the Age of Life begins.





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The paths of the two U.S.A. Total Solar Eclipses in 2017-2024 C.E. form a "Taw" ≯.

The paths of the two U.S.A. Total Solar Eclipses in 2017-2024 C.E. form a Taw \checkmark which is the last letter of the Paleo Hebrew Alphabet. Therefore, the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is the *final stroke* of the Master that completes both the Aleph \checkmark and the Taw \checkmark .



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The paths of three U.S.A. Solar Eclipses from 2017-2024 C.E. form a Paleo Hebrew "Aleph" 华.



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The Aleph *≮* Taw *⊁* Represents Yeshua Messiah

It is immediately noticeable at the very *beginning* of the Scriptures, that the fourth word, composed of an Aleph $\not\leq$ and a Taw $\not>$ is *not* translated into the English language.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning Elohim \checkmark created the heaven and the earth.

A foundational teaching of the Torah is that Yeshua Messiah *is* the Aleph \neq and the Taw \checkmark the "Word" $\checkmark \neq$ at the beginning of creation. This fundamental point has not been accepted in Judaism or understood in Christianity although John wrote about it.

John understood that the Word "Aleph Taw" $\checkmark 4$ was beside or *with* the word Elohim, and that the word "Aleph Taw" $\checkmark 4$ was Elohim. This is *the* supreme revelation of the Scriptures. Yeshua Messiah *is* the Aleph 4 and a Taw \checkmark . Yeshua Messiah *is* the image of the invisible Elohim – the Creator of the universe.

John often uses the phrase "the Word" to refer to the un-translated word in the Torah – the Aleph Taw \checkmark 4, which refers to the embodiment of Elohim in Yeshua Messiah.

John 1:1-14 ¹ In the beginning was the Word $[\checkmark 4]$, and the Word $[\checkmark 4]$ was with Elohim, and the Word $[\checkmark 4]$ was Elohim. ² He was in the beginning with Elohim. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of Elohim, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim. ¹⁴ And the Word [$\checkmark 4$] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His brilliant majesty, the brilliant majesty as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

This theme appears over and over again in the writings of John who was a beloved disciple of Yeshua Messiah.

1 John 1:1-4 ¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word $[\checkmark 4]$ of life $-^2$ the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you the Age of Life which was with the Father and was manifested to us $-^3$ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Yeshua Messiah. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full!

John mentions in **Revelation 1:11** a vision in which he saw Yeshua Messiah saying He *was* the **Aleph** \neq and the **Taw** \checkmark – the Almighty Eternal Creator of the Universe – El Shaddai.



Revelation 1:7-11A ⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, so be it. ⁸ "I am the \checkmark ⁴, the Beginning and the End," says the Master, "Who is and who was and who is to come, El Shaddai." ⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and Kingdom and patience of Yeshua the Messiah, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of Elohim and for the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Day of \checkmark ⁴ \checkmark ⁴, the First and the Last."

In John's vision in **Revelation 21:1-8** the Messiah again says He *is* the **Aleph** \neq and the **Taw** \checkmark . The vision acts as a solemn warning as it lists those who will not enter into the **Age of Life** or **The World to Come**.

Revelation 21:1-8⁻¹ Now [as the Age of Life began] I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.² Then I, John, saw the set apart city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the Tabernacle of Elohim is with mankind [when the Age of Life begins at the dawning of the day on the **Day of Salvation**], and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim.⁴ And Elohim will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the \checkmark , the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his Elohim and he shall be My son.⁸ But the faithless, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the Second Death."

The 7000 Year Plan of Elohim is in the First 7 Alephs [∠] of the Torah

The **7000 Year Plan of Elohim** with its four ages and seven millennia can be seen within the first eight words of the Torah. The letter **Aleph** $\neq = \aleph$ in modern block font, is the first letter in the Hebrew Alphabet – equivalent to "A" in the English Alphabet. It has long been understood that the first *six Alephs* in Scripture referred to the first **6000 years** of the history of the world.

Martin Erdmann It was common practice among the ancient Judeans to interpret the six Alephs in the first verse of Genesis, which in the Judean arithmetic stands for 6 times 1000, to mean that the world would last 6000 years. The six days of the creation week and the following seventh day, the Sabbath, were understood as outlining the duration of the world, in which one creation day counted for one thousand years. The seventh and last millennium was thought to be eternity.

Martin Erdmann, Millennium Historical and Exegetical Debate, Verax Vox Media, U.S.A., 2016, p. 154.



However, within the first eight words of the Torah are *seven alephs* $[\aleph]$ and each aleph $[\aleph]$ represents one millennium. The first three ages are represented by three pairs of two alephs $[\aleph]$ in which each aleph $[\aleph]$ of each pair appears in the same letter position of a Hebrew word. Remember that Hebrew is read from right to left.

And the earth	the earth	and	the heavens		Elohim	created	In the beginning
והארץ	הארץ	ואת	השמים	את	אלהים	ברא	ברא שית
7	6	5		4	3	2	1
Age of Life	Age of N	Aessiah		Age of	f Instruction	Age of	Desolation

The *first and second aleph* appear as the *third letter* in the *first and second* words and represent the **2000 year Age of Tohu** or **Desolation**. The *first pair of alephs* appear as the *third letter* signifying a time when mankind was *farthest* away from Elohim.

The *third and fourth aleph* appear as the *first letter* in the *third and fourth* words and represent the **2000 year Age of Torah** or **Instruction**. The *second pair of alephs* appear as the *first letter* signifying a time when mankind was *closest* to Elohim.

The *fifth and sixth aleph* appear as the *second letter* in the *sixth and seventh* words and represent the **2000 year Age of the Messiah**. The *third pair of alephs* each as the *second letter* signifying a time when mankind *is in a struggle to be close* to Elohim.

The *seventh aleph* appears as the *third letter* in the *eighth* word and represents the **1000 year Age of Life** – the **Sabbath of Millennia**. The fact that it appears in the *eighth* word is fitting as the number *eight* in Hebrew thought represents *new beginnings*.

The **Age of Life** will be a *new beginning* for the earth with Yeshua Messiah ruling over it in justice and equity. The *seventh aleph* is *centered* in the *eighth* word, in *the earth*, as the **Age of Life** will be a *new beginning* with Yeshua Messiah ruling *centrally* on a *renewed earth*.

One will notice that the letters Aleph [\aleph] and Taw [π] appear together *twice* – once with the fourth aleph and once with the fifth aleph. This is appropriate as in the 7000 Year Plan of Elohim, Yeshua Messiah – the Aleph [\aleph] and the Taw [π] – *was born* at the *end* of the fourth millennium, and He *redeemed* His people at the *beginning* of the fifth millennium.

Yeshua Messiah was born on New Moon 7 in 3 B.C.E. at the *end* of the fourth millennium. He *redeemed* His people when He died on Passover and was resurrected on the third day of Unleavened Bread on the Weekly Sabbath in 34 C.E. at the *beginning* of the fifth millennium.

After **6000 Hebrew Years**, when the **Seventh Millennium** begins, Yeshua Messiah will save all those who have believed and obeyed Him at the *dawning of the day* on the **Day of Salvation**.

Yeshua Messiah also expressed Himself mathematically in **Genesis 1:1!** The Living Word ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyvqqkGP_kg>



The total solar eclipse on August 17, 2017 C.E. moved along its *eclipse path* from west to east, *opposite* to the direction the sun travels across the sky from an observers perspective on earth. This fact has been interpreted as signifying that the Creator is *reversing the curse* on the nation. In fact this west to east movement of the shadow of the eclipse travelling across the surface of the earth also occurs with all three eclipses under consideration, which according to the logic employed above, would *triply signify* that the curse is ended.

The Creator did in fact place a *curse* lasting **390** years on the northern kingdom of Israel, and He ordered Ezekiel to lie on his left side for **390 days** to *signify* this **390 year** judgment.

Ezekiel 4:1-5¹ "You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem.² Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around.³ Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.⁴ Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity.⁵ For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of Israel."

This **390 year** curse apparently *began* when **Jeroboam I** of **Israel** instituted false worship by devising a festival of his own heart in **917 B.C.E.** The **Megillat Ta'anit** says this occurred on **Day 23 / Month 3** on the **Creation Calendar**, which equates with **July 2, 917 B.C.E.**

1 Kings 12:32-33 ³² And Jeroboam I ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like to the festival that is in Judah [Sukkot which begins on the fifteenth day of the seventh month], and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. ³³ So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast to the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

The **390** year curse *ended* briefly after certain **Jerusalemites** vainly attempted to rebuild the Temple in **527 B.C.E.** during **Cambyses III's** reign as **Josephus** says in **Antiquities 11 / 19-30**. However, this **390** year curse on the northern kingdom of **Israel** was *multiplied by seven* after **Israel** still would not obey הוה the said the would do in the Torah.

Leviticus 26:18 "And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins."

The *multiplied curse* of 7 x 390 years, or 2730 years, were retroactively reckoned by יהוה to have *begun* in 714 B.C.E. In this year, the last people of the northern kingdom of Israel were taken captive by the Assyrians in the Fifth Assyrian Captivity after Samaria fell in Year 6 of Hezekiah of Judah, which was in Year 9 of Hoshea of Israel, and Year 2 of Sargon II of Assyria. If this reckoning is correct, the *multiplied curse* on Israel did in fact *end* in 2017 C.E.



The Aleph [↓] Over the U.S.A. Signifies that the 1000 Years of the Age of Life Will Soon Begin

In Judean culture, Hebrew Years are designated by Hebrew letters, and when an Aleph ⁴ appears at the beginning of letters designating a Hebrew Year, it signifies 1000 years. In cosmic terms, by writing an Aleph ⁴ over the U.S.A. on April 8, 2024 C.E., Yeshua Messiah appears to be *spiritually signifying* that a new age, the Age of Life lasting 1000 years, will soon begin.

The first three ages last for 2000 years, but the Age of Life is a *special age* that only lasts for 1000 years as it is a Millennial Sabbath – the *last day* in the *cosmic week*. The fourth age only lasts 1000 years because in the Seventh Millennial Day, הוה will be *One*, and His name *One*.

Zechariah 14:5B-9 ^{5B} Thus יהוה my Elohim will come, and all the set apart angels with You. ⁶ It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; The lights will diminish. ⁷ It shall be one day which is known to יהוה – neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. ⁸ And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. ⁹ And יהוה shall be King over all the earth. In that [seventh millennial] day it shall be that i vin is One, and His name One.

This is why Yeshua said that the first commandment was to hear יהוה who is One.

Mark 12:28-31²⁸ Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" ²⁹ Yeshua answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, יהוה our Elohim, "The first of one. ³⁰ And you shall love in the first commandment." This is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The *day* alluded to in Zechariah 14:9 is the Seventh Millennial Day in the *cosmic week*, or the 7000 Year Plan of Elohim, which was taught by Moses, Peter and John.

Psalm 90:4 *"A thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."*

2 Peter 3:8 *"But, beloved, do not be ignorant of this one thing, that one day with is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as a day."*

During the **1000 years** in the **Age of Life**, Yeshua Messiah, who is יהוה, will *rule over the earth* as Zechariah prophesied in **Zechariah 14:5B-9**, and as John prophesied in **Revelation 20:4-6**.

Revelation 20:4-6 ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years [Age of Life].⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years [Age of Life]



were finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and set apart is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the Second Death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years [Age of Life].

Yeshua Messiah will return at the *restoration of all things* after 6000 years of history, or six millennial days, are completed, and Elohim has it planned out to the *day* and the *hour*.

Acts 3:19-23¹⁹ Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of ההה,²⁰ and that He may send Yeshua Messiah who was preached to you before,²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time of the restoration of all things [after six millennial days at the onset of the seventh millennium], which Elohim spoke through the mouth of all His set apart prophets since the [Present] Age began.²² For Moses truly said to the fathers, ההה" your Elohim will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. You shall hear Him in all things, whatever He says to you.²³ And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people." [Deuteronomy 18:18-19]

The Importance of the Aleph $\mathcal{V} / \mathcal{A} / \mathcal{X}$

The Aleph $\forall / 4 / \aleph$ is the first letter of 22 letters in the Hebrew Alphabet. In Mosaic Hieroglypic Hebrew, the Hebrew script used by Moses, also known as Proto-Sinaitic Hebrew from the Sinai Inscriptions, the pictograph Aleph \forall is shaped like the head of an *ox*. The shape of the Proto-Sinaitic Aleph \forall was later turned on its side and given straight lines in the Paleo Hebrew script Aleph 4. After the southern nation of Judah was taken captive to Babylon in a series of seven captivities between 612-589 B.C.E., the Aleph \aleph evolved into a square script that is still in use today.

The letter **Aleph** \aleph is important as it is the first letter of each of the three words that make up the *name* of the Creator which He spoke to Moses at the burning bush.

Exodus 3:13-15¹³ Then Moses said to Elohim, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The Elohey of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"¹⁴ And Elohim said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM [Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh area, [." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM [Ehyeh area,]." has sent me to you. '"¹⁵ Moreover Elohim said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Yahweh ['real'] Elohey of your fathers, the Elohey of Abraham, the Elohey of Isaac, and the Elohey of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name throughout the ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah, Age of Life, World to Come], the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

The letter **Aleph** א is also the first letter in the Hebrew word *emet* אמת which means *truth*, and Yeshua Messiah said that He is the way the *truth* [*emet*] and the life.



John 14:5-6 ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Master, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"⁶ Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, the truth [emet אמת], and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

If you take the *mem* [מ] out of the word *truth* [*emet* אמת you are left with an *aleph* [א] and a *taw* [n] which are the first and the last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet. Interestingly, Yeshua Messiah said that He is the *Aleph* [x] and the *Taw* [л].

Revelation 22:12-13 ¹² "And behold, *I am coming quickly*, and *My reward is* with *Me*, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the *Aleph* [\aleph] and the Taw [n], the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Yeshua Messiah, the *Aleph* [8] *Taw* [7], was *with* Elohim, and He *was* Elohim at the beginning.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning Elohim [את] created the heaven and the earth.

A deep truth of the Torah is that Yeshua Messiah *is* the *Aleph* [א] and *Taw* [ת] – the *Word* [את] at the *beginning* of creation – un-translated in English in Genesis 1:1 – of whom John prophesied.

John 1:1-2 ¹ In the beginning was the Word [\varkappa , and the Word [\varkappa , was with Elohim, and the Word [את] was Elohim.² He was in the beginning with Elohim.

The Aleph \forall is Shaped Like the Head of an Ox. The Ox is Symbolic of Joseph, and the Two Horns Symbolize the Tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.

In Proto-Sinaitic Hebrew, the pictograph Aleph \forall is shaped like the head of an *ox*. Moses likened **Joseph** to an *ox*, and he likened the *two horns* of this *ox* with Joseph's sons **Ephraim** and Manasseh, the descendents of whom were destined to spread to the ends of the earth.

Deuteronomy 33:13-17¹³ And of Joseph he said, "Blessed of יהוה be his land, with the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and the deep lying beneath, ¹⁴ with the precious fruits of the sun, and with the precious things put forth by the moon, ¹⁵ and with the best things of the mountains from before, and for the precious things of the hills throughout the ages [Present Age, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah, Age of Life], ¹⁶ With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, and the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.¹⁷ His glory is like a firstborn bull, and his horns like the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples to the ends of the earth; They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."

The tribe of Joseph is associated with the constellation known as **Taurus**. Interestingly, during the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Tzedek or Jupiter, the planet of Yeshua Messiah, will be positioned between Taurus, the constellation of Joseph, and Aries, the constellation of Naphtali. *Tzedek* means "*righteous*" and forms the last part of the name *Melchizedek*.



The Planets Will Align During the Eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.



Stellarium

Eight planets will be above the horizon during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.



Stellarium

Venus will be the brightest planet during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.



Stellarium

Five planets in the sky will be potentially visible on April 8, 2024 C.E.



An Exceptional Sign

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. at the end of the Age of the Messiah is an *exceptional sign* because during totality, all of the planets will be *above the horizon* and Jupiter and Venus will straddle the eclipse. Although three planets are not visible to the naked eye, the fact that eight planets are in alignment *above the horizon* during the eclipse is noteworthy.

Venus will be the brightest planet to the West of the eclipsed Sun, while Jupiter will be East of the eclipsed Sun. If viewing conditions are favorable, it may also be possible to see Mercury, Saturn and Mars when the sun is totally eclipsed.

The Planets and Constellations

Constellations are formed of stars that have arbitrarily been arranged into groups which form patterns or pictures. These constellations reveal the overall *narrative* of the 7000 Year Plan of Elohim. Several classic books have been written on *constellations* in modern times.

Mazzaroth by Frances Rolleston was published in 1862 C.E., *The Gospel in the Stars* by Joseph A. Seiss was published in 1882 C.E., and *The Witness of the Stars* by Ethelbert W. Bullinger was published in 1893 C.E. These works describe how in ancient times the heavens were divided into 48 constellations, 12 major and 36 minor.

Likewise, *planets* may be understood from a Hebraic perspective. However throughout history, the heavens have been misused by those who really do not understand their created purpose. The misuse of the heavenly bodies by astrologers was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 47:12-14 ¹² Continue on then with your magic spells and with all your sorcery which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed and perhaps you will cause terror. ¹³ You are weary with your multitude of counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from these things that shall come on you. ¹⁴ Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them. They shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame. There shall not be a coal to warm at, or fire to sit before it.

The fact that the heavenly bodies have been misused by astrologers and sorcerers will never diminish the original purpose for which they were created. For the created purpose of the heavenly bodies is to accurately tell the story of Messianic redemption.

Avi Ben Mordechai The stars, planets and constellations were created by Elohim and placed in the heavens to point out Hebrew epochs and seasons which are all a picture of Messianic redemption. They do not belong to Hasatan (Satan). He did not create them therefore he does not own them. The stars, planets and constellations belong only to Elohim and they are not, under any circumstances, to be consulted for meaning and purpose in your life. It is no wonder that the great deceiver, Hasatan, has set up a counterfeit plan involving astrologers and new-age philosophers who claim to offer the very thing Elohim forbids. These deceivers corrupt the truth of what Elohim has established for us in the heavens and we must avoid their ways. Avi Ben Mordechai, <u>Signs in the Heavens</u>, p. 21.



In fact, Elohim has created the heavenly bodies to declare His *majesty* and His *righteousness*.

Psalm 19:1-6 ¹ *The heavens declare the brilliant majesty of Elohim* and the firmament shows His handywork. ² Day after day they constantly pour forth speech, and night after night they display intelligence. ³ There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun ⁵ which is as a Bridegroom coming out of His chamber, as a champion rejoices to run a race. ⁶ It rises at one end of heaven and makes its circuit to the other: nothing is hidden from its heat.

Psalm 97:6 The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His brilliant majesty.

Although the devil has perverted the study of the heavens and has attempted to usurp them for his purposes through astrology, the heavens belong to הוה Elohim, and they were created to communicate the Creator's plan for the universe.

Deuteronomy 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the highest of heavens belongs to your Elohim, the earth and all that is in it.

The Five Ancient Planets

Ancient civilizations such as China, **Israel** and **Babylon** recognized five planets: Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Mercury and Mars. Uranus, although very dim, is visible to the naked eye and was likely seen by the ancients, but it was not recognized as a planet in antiquity. As Neptune and Pluto are not visible to the naked eye, they were not recognized as planets in antiquity.

Though Uranus was seen in antiquity, it was not recognized as a planet. In **1781 C.E.**, **William Herschel** observed Uranus. **Johann Elert Bode** concluded that its near circular orbit was more like a planet than a comet. By **1783 C.E.**, **Herschel** acknowledged Uranus as a planet. (Wikipedia)

Johann Gottfried Galle, with the assistance of his student Heinrich Louis d'Arrest, is credited with discovering Neptune in 1846 C.E. as he was the first person to see Neptune while being aware of what he was looking at. (Wikipedia)

Pluto was only discovered in **1930 C.E.** The name Pluto is the name of the **Roman** god of the underworld. The equivalent name of this god in **Greek** culture was **Hades**, and **Hades** actually became the name of the underworld itself. (Wikipedia)

In Greek, Hadēs $[\alpha\delta\eta\varsigma]$ translates as *hell* [Matt. 11:23, 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, 2:31; Rev. 1:18, 6:8, 20:13 and 20:14] and as the *grave* [1 Cor. 15:55]. Interestingly, Pluto / Hadēs $[\alpha\delta\eta\varsigma]$ is low on the horizon during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., while Uranus / Ouranós $[ov\rho\alpha voi\varsigma]$, the Greek word for *heaven*, is the highest planet in the sky.

The heavens declare the brilliant majesty of Elohim and *not* the devil, and the position of the five ancient planets within the constellations at the time of the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. tell a story from a Hebraic perspective. The definitions of the planets and constellations employed below are derived primarily from Avi ben Mordechai's book *Signs in the Heavens* (1999), as well as from Frances Rolleston's book *Mazzaroth* (1862).



The Planets and Constellations on April 8, 2024 C.E.

The Sun and the Moon in Pisces / Simeon

The *sun* and *moon* are in the constellation **Pisces** which belongs to **Simeon**. The *sun* represents the purity of Elohim, and the *moon*, which reflects the light of the *sun*, represents **Israel's** spiritual renewal. The constellation of **Pisces** / **Simeon** is associated with dispersing and intermingling so that the nations might be grafted into the body of Messiah.

The message: The purity of Elohim will lead to **Israel's** spiritual renewal which will result in the nations being grafted into the body of Messiah.

Jupiter / Tzedek between Taurus / Joseph and Aries / Naphtali

The Hebrew name for Jupiter is *Tzedek*, from Melchizedek, meaning "King of Righteousness." It is the King Planet of Yeshua Messiah. Several planetary conjunctions of Jupiter / Tzedek and Venus / Nogah between 3-2 B.C.E. were part of a series of signs that caused the Magi to find Yeshua Messiah as a 1 year old in Nazareth in 2 B.C.E. The salient work dealing extensively with all of the historical and astronomical facts surrounding the birth of Yeshua Messiah is *The Star that Astonished the World* (1996) by Ernest L. Martin. You may read it, or hear it read by any one of three narrators, free of charge. https://www.askelm.com/star/index.asp

On April 8, 2024 C.E., Jupiter / Tzedek is between Taurus, the constellation of Joseph, and Aries, the constellation of Naphtali. Taurus / Joseph is associated with strength and is a picture of blessing for the nations, and the two horns of Taurus / Joseph are Ephraim and Manasseh. Aries / Naphtali is associated with atonement and redemption through a lamb (ram).

The message: The sacrifice of the Lamb of Elohim Yeshua Messiah the King of Righteousness leads to atonement and redemption and blessing for the nations. From a Hebraic perspective, this picture describes what those practicing Judaism call "the greater redemption", while to those practicing Christianity it describes "the second coming" of the Messiah.



Stellarium

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According to Chapter 8 of the *Pirkei De-Rabbi Eliezer*, Adam knew how to *intercalate* the **Creation Calendar**, and this knowledge passed from him to Enoch, to Noah, to Shem, to Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, and to Joseph. *Intercalations* diminished after Joseph until the Creator taught Moses how to intercalate. In this light, Moses's blessing takes on new meaning.

Deuteronomy 33:13-17¹³ And of Joseph he said, "Blessed of ההה be his land, with the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and the deep lying beneath, ¹⁴ with the precious fruits of the sun [sunsets, sunrises, solar eclipses, equinoxes, solstices], and with the precious things put forth by the moon [New Moons, lunar eclipses], ¹⁵ and with the best things of the mountains from before, and for the precious things of the hills [archaeological inscriptions] throughout the ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah, Age of Life], ¹⁶ With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, and the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.' ¹⁷ His glory is like a firstborn bull, and his horns like the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples to the ends of Manasseh."

When Moses blessed the tribe of **Joseph**, he spoke of the precious fruits of the *sun* such as sunsets, sunrises, solar eclipses, equinoxes and solstices; and the precious things put forth by the *moon* such as **New Moons** and lunar eclipses. Moses appears to be honoring **Joseph** for his ability to *study the heavens* and to *intercalate*. Moses foresaw that with this knowledge, which was also one of his skill sets, **Joseph**, **Ephraim**, and **Manasseh** would *push the peoples to the ends of the earth*, and this is perfectly depicted in the sign in the heavens on **April 8**, **2024 C.E.**

Mercury / Kohav in Pisces / Simeon

The Hebrew name of the planet **Mercury** is **Kohav** and it is a scribe or attendant on the sun. The constellation of **Pisces** / **Simeon** is associated with dispersing and intermingling so that the nations might be grafted into the body of Messiah.

The message: A scribe attending on the sun bears witness to the purity of Elohim which will lead to **Israel's** spiritual renewal resulting in the nations being grafted into the body of Messiah.

Venus / Nogah in Pisces / Simeon

The Hebrew name of **Venus** is **Nogah** which means brightness, illumination and splendor, and the spiritual theme is trusting in Elohim who is the light that illuminates one's path, and in the Messiah who is the bright and **Morning Star**. The constellation of **Pisces** / **Simeon** is associated with dispersing and intermingling so that the nations might be grafted into the body of Messiah.



The message: The brightness, illumination and splendor of Yeshua Messiah who is the bright and **Morning Star** will illuminate the path of those who trust in Elohim so that the nations might be grafted into the body of Messiah.

Venus / Nogah is the Morning Star

Venus / Nogah is also known as the Morning Star, and the sign on April 8, 2024 C.E. is all the more poignant when considered in the light of the prophecies of the Morning Star.

Revelation 2:26-29 ²⁶ "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations; ²⁷ 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' – as I also have received from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the Morning Star [actépa tov $\pi poivov$]. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

Revelation 22:14-17 ¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. ¹⁶ "I Yeshua, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the assemblies. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star [o asthp o $\lambda a \mu \pi \rho o \varsigma$]. "¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Yeshua Messiah has identified Himself as the Root and the Offspring of King **David**, the Bright and **Morning Star**, and the **Morning Star** has always been associated with the brightest planet – **Venus / Nogah**. Disciples living in the first century who heard these **Morning Star** prophecies would have linked it with a Messianic prophecy that a **Star** would come out of Jacob.

Numbers 24:15A-17A ^{15A} "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, and the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; ¹⁶ The utterance of him who hears the words of El, and has the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open: ^{17A} 'I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not yet; A Star [CICC] shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel...'"

Shortly before he died [2 Peter 1:15], Peter *reminisced* about the time when he, James and John saw Yeshua Messiah *transfigure* at *dawn* [Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36]. Peter believed He had seen a *vision* of Yeshua Messiah coming in His Millennial Kingdom.

2 Peter 1:16-21 ¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Master Yeshua Messiah, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from Elohim the Father honor and majesty when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Majesty: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the set apart mountain. ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that



shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Day Star [$\phi\omega\sigma\phi\phi\rho\sigma\zeta$] rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but set apart men of Elohim spoke as they were moved by the Set Apart Spirit.

The word **Day Star** in **2 Peter 1:19** in the KJV is the **Greek** word **phosphoros** [$\phi \omega \sigma \phi \delta \rho o \varsigma$] [Strong's G5459]. It is different than the **Greek** word **aster** [$\alpha \sigma \tau \eta \rho$] [Strong's G792] used in **Revelation 2:28** and **22:16**. Venus / Nogah is the Morning Star and the Day Star, but as Peter used **Day Star phosphoros** [$\phi \omega \sigma \phi \delta \rho o \varsigma$] in **2 Peter 1:19**, it may prophesy that Venus / Nogah would be seen during *midday* – something which can only happen during a total solar eclipse. If so, seeing Venus / Nogah during *midday* could be construed as a *sign* of the Messiah's coming.

Peter's reminiscing of the *transfiguration* on **Mount Hermon 30+ years** earlier is interesting as the *transfiguration* occurred at the *dawn of day* in Israel [Luke 9:32]. As Peter says *until the day dawns and the Day Star rises in your hearts*, it is evident that he believed that as the vision *occurred* at the *dawn of day* in Israel, the vision would be *fulfilled* at the *dawn of day* in Israel.

From 2 Peter 1:19, multitudes of believers for millennia have believed that Yeshua Messiah would return at *sunrise*. However, what they may not have considered is that this will be at *sunrise* Israel time, which is at a different time of day in every time zone of the world. It is for this reason that Yeshua Messiah quite *correctly* prophesied that no man *intuitively knows* the day or the hour when the Age of the Messiah and the Present Age will *end*.

Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one intuitively knows [oldev], not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

There are two different **Greek** words that are translated as *know* in English: **oida** [**oida**] and **ginōskō** [γ **i** ν **\omega** σ **\kappa\omega**]. **E. W. Bullinger** explains the difference between the meaning of these two words in **Appendix 132** of *The Companion Bible* which was completed after his death.

- i. *oida* = to know (intuitively) without effort, to understand. No. i is subjective, while No. ii is objective.
- ii. $gin\bar{o}sk\bar{o}$ = to know (by experience, or effort); to acquire knowledge, become acquainted with; hence, to come or get to know, learn, perceive. See John 1. 48. 1 John 5. 20. Eph. 5. 5.

So *oida* [$ot\delta a$] carries with it the idea of *knowing intuitively*, while *ginōskō* carries with it the idea of *acquired knowledge*. These two Greek words convey two completely different concepts, and a derivative of *ginōskō* – *ginōskete* [$\gamma tv \dot{\omega} \sigma \kappa \epsilon \tau \epsilon$] – appears in Matthew 24:43.

Matthew 24:43 But acquire knowledge [γινώσκετε] of this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

No man *intuitively knows* the day or the hour when the **Age of the Messiah** and the **Present Age** will *end*. However, if a **day** is as **1000 years** and **1000 years** are as one **day**, then it is simply a matter for the Set Apart Spirit to *reveal* when **6000 Hebrew Years** are completed.

On April 8, 2024 C.E., while the Moon eclipses the Sun, Jupiter / Tzedek will be prominent to the East of the eclipse, and Venus / Nogah will be prominent to the West of the eclipse.



Saturn / Shabbatai in Aquarius / Reuben

The Hebrew name of the planet **Saturn** is **Shabbatai** which refers to a **Sabbatical** rest. The constellation of **Aquarius** / **Reuben** is associated with forgiveness and cleansing through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel.

The message: The **Millennial Sabbath** rest will begin after forgiveness and cleansing occurs through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel.

The word *mikveh* is a Hebrew word which simply means *immersion* or *baptism*. In antiquity, every man or woman who entered the temple first went through a *mikveh*, and it was part of John the Immerser's ministry to *immerse* or *mikveh* people. This Hebrew custom derives from the miracle at the Red Sea when the nation of Israel passed through the sea and were saved.

Paul prophesied that everyone who is a part of **Israel** has *passed through the sea* and gave an admonition to us who are now alive at the *end* of the **Age of the Messiah** and the **Present Age**.

1 Corinthians 10:1-11 ¹ Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were immersed into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Messiah.⁵ But with most of them Elohim was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Messiah, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah] have come.

Mars / M'adim in Aquarius / Reuben

The Hebrew name of the planet **Mars** is **M'adim** and it signifies atonement involving bloodshed and Elohim's strength. The constellation of **Aquarius / Reuben** is associated with forgiveness and cleansing through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel.

The message: Atonement involving bloodshed by Elohim's strength will result in forgiveness and cleansing which will occur through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel.

This summarizes the wonderful messages told by the five ancient planets in their constellations from a Hebraic perspective at the time of the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. However, the constellations by themselves tell their own story.



Seth's Descendants are Credited with Inventing The Wisdom Concerning the Heavenly Bodies

The idea that the universe would be restored after the coming of a Messiah was well understood by the people of **Israel** when Yeshua Messiah was last on planet earth. This idea was written into the lore surrounding the constellations in all ancient cultures and has been around in some form or another since the time of **Seth's** descendants. **Josephus** says **Seth's** descendants invented the peculiar sort of wisdom concerned with the heavenly bodies.

Josephus, Antiquities 1 / 68-71⁶⁸ Now this Seth, when he was brought up, and came to those years in which he could discern what was good, became a virtuous man; and as he was himself of an excellent character, so did he leave children behind him who imitated his virtues. ⁶⁹ All these proved to be of good dispositions. They also inhabited the same country without dissentions, and in a happy condition, without any misfortunes falling upon them till they died. They were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order. ⁷⁰ And that their inventions might not be lost before they were sufficiently known, upon Adam's prediction that the world would be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars; the one of brick, the other of stone: they inscribed their discoveries on them both, ⁷¹ that in case the pillar or brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain. and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar of brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day. William Whiston, The Works of Josephus, p. 32.

Seth, who was alive for about the first 15 years of Noah's life, passed this knowledge about the heavenly bodies down to Noah. Noah, who was alive for the first 59 years of Abram's life, passed this knowledge down to Abram. According to Josephus, Abram taught the Egyptians how to understand the heavenly bodies, and the Egyptians then passed this knowledge on to the Babylonians and the Greeks.

Josephus, **Antiquities 1 / 166-168** ¹⁶⁶ For whereas the **Egyptians** were formerly addicted to different customs, and despised one another's sacred and accustomed rites, and were very angry one with another on that account, **Abram** conferred with each of them, and, confuting the reasonings they made use of, every one for their own practices, demonstrated that such reasonings were vain and void of truth; ¹⁶⁷ whereupon he was admired by them in those conferences as a very wise man, and one of great sagacity, when he discoursed on any subject he undertook; and this not only in understanding it, but in persuading other men also to assent to him. He [Abram] communicated to them arithmetic, and delivered to them the science of astronomy; ¹⁶⁸ for before Abram came into Egypt they were unacquainted with those parts of learning; for that science came from the Chaldees into Egypt and from thence to the Greeks also. William Whiston, The Works of Josephus, pgs. 38-39.



In works such as Mazzaroth (1862 C.E.), The Gospel in the Stars (1882 C.E.), and The Witness of the Stars (1893 C.E.), the authors attempted to restore the wisdom invented by Seth's descendants, supported by the Scriptures. At this point, we will analyze the constellations at the time of totality on April 8, 2024 C.E. through the eyes of Ethelbert W. Bullinger in 1893 C.E.

The Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. Is in the Southern Sky Over Cetus or Leviathan



The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is over Cetus – the Great Enemy Bound.

The constellation Cetus has been identified with Leviathan of Scripture.

E. W. Bullinger § 2. CETUS (The Sea Monster). The Great Enemy Bound.

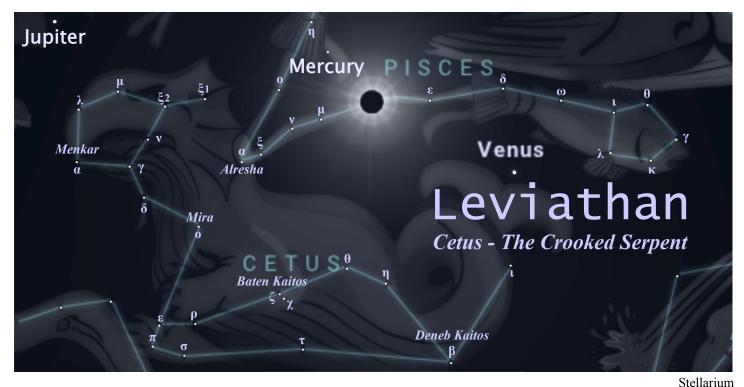
When John sees the New Jerusalem, the Bride, the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:10, 2). Satan has been bound already: for we read, a few verses before (Rev. 20:1-3): "I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, that **Old Serpent**, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him [and kept him bound] a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled."

This is what we see in the second section of this chapter - the second constellation in **AIRES**. The picture is that of a great **Sea-monster**, the largest of all the constellations. It is the natural enemy of fishes, hence it is placed here in connection with this last chapter, in which fishes are so prominent.

It is situated very low down among the constellations – far away towards the south or lower regions of the sky.

Its name in the Denderah Zodiac is *Knem*, which means *subdued*. It is pictured as a monstrous head, trodden under foot by the swine, the natural enemy of the serpent. The hawk also (another enemy of the serpent) is over this figure, crowned with a mortar, denoting *bruising*.





The constellation Cetus / Leviathan at the time of the total eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

It consists of 97 stars, of which two are of the 2nd magnitude, eight of the 3rd, nine of the 4th, etc.

The names of the stars interpret for us infallibly the meaning of the picture.

The brightest star, α (in the upper mandible), is named *Menkar*, and means *the bound* or *chained enemy*. The next, β (in the tail) is called *Diphda*, or *Deneb Kaitos, overthrown*, or *thrust down*. The star o (in the neck) is named *Mira*, which means *THE REBEL*. Its name is ominous, for the star is one of the most remarkable. It is very bright, but it was not till **1596 C.E.** that it was discovered to be *variable*. It disappears periodically seven times in six years!

It continues at its brightest for fifteen days together. **M. Bade** says that during **334 days** it shines with its greatest light, then it diminishes, till it entirely disappears for some time (to the naked eye). In fact, during that period it passes through several degrees of magnitude, both increasing and diminishing. Indeed its variableness is so great as to make it appear *unsteady*! Here, then, is the picture of the **Great Rebel** as shown in the heavens. What is it, as written in the Word? The Almighty asks man: –

"Canst thou draw out **Leviathan** with a fish hook? Or press down his tongue with a cord? Canst thou put a rope into his nose? Or pierce his jaw through with a hook?



Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? None is so fierce that he dare stir him up."

(Job 41:1-10, R.V.)

But he whom man cannot bind can be bound by the Lamb, and He is seen with "the Band" that has bound the fishes, now in His hands, which he has fastened with a bright star to his neck, saying, -

"Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling. Even the dregs of the cup of My fury; Thou shalt no more drink it again, But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee." (Isaiah 51:22B-23A) "Behold, יהוה cometh forth out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity In that day יהוה, with His sore, and great, and strong sword, Shall punish Leviathan, the piercing serpent, And Leviathan, the crooked serpent; And He shall slay the **dragon** that is in the sea." (Isaiah 26:21-27:1) "For Elohim is my king of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth. Thou didst divide (marg. Heb., break) the sea by Thy strength, Thou brakest the heads of the dragons (R.V. marg., sea monsters) in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of Leviathan in pieces." (Psalm 74:12-14)

And this Second Book closes by revealing to us this glorious "Breaker."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 112-115 [slightly amended].

The fact that the **Serpent / Cetus / Leviathan** is flanked by the **Sun**, **Moon**, **Jupiter** and **Venus** during the eclipse is significant. The **Sun** represents the purity, judgment, trustworthiness, anger, majesty and fame of Elohim. The **Moon** represents **Israel's** spiritual renewal as it reflects the light of the **Sun**. **Jupiter / Tzedek** is the planet of the Messiah as it pertains to His office as a righteous King and High Priest from the order of Melchizedek. **Venus / Nogah** is the planet of the Messiah as the Bright and **Morning Star** full of brightness, illumination, and splendor.

The Serpent / Cetus / Leviathan is also flanked by Perseus holding the head of Medusa. In Hebrew tradition, Perseus is Peretz, the Breaker, or Elijah the Prophet holding *Rosh Satan* – the head of Satan. And between heaven and earth is Orion, the Coming Prince Yeshua Messiah who is the Prince of Peace.



The Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is in the Southern Sky Over Eridanus – the River of the Judge.



Stellarium

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The constellation **Eridanus** has been identified as the **River of the Judge**, and it is noteworthy that on **April 8**, **2024 C.E.**, **Jupiter / Tzedek**, the planet of Yeshua Messiah, will be directly over **Eridanus**, the **River of the Judge**, while the **Sun** and **Moon** preside over **Horologium**.

E. W. Bullinger § 2. ERIDANUS (The River of the Judge). *The River of Wrath Breaking Forth for His Enemies*.

It issues forth, in all the pictures, from the down-coming foot of Orion. While others see in it, from the ignorance of fabled story, only "the River Po," or the "River Euphrates," we see in it, from the meaning of its name, and from the significance of its position, *the river of the Judge*.

In the Denderah Zodiac it is a river under the feet of Orion. It is named *Peh-ta-t*, which means *the mouth of the river*.

It is an immense constellation, and our diagram is on a smaller scale than the others (which are all in relative proportion, except where otherwise noted).

According to the Britannic catalogue, it consists of 84 stars; one of the 1st magnitude, one of the 2nd, eight of the 3rd, etc.

The brightest star, α (at the mouth of the river, bears the ancient name of *Achernar*, which is in, as its name means, *the after part of the river*.

The next star, β (at the source of the river), is named *Cursa*, which means *bent down*. The next, γ (at the second bend in the river), is called *Zourac* (Arabic), *flowing*. Other stars, not identified, are *Pheat*, mouth (of the river); and *Ozha*, *the going forth*.

Here, then, we have a river flowing forth from before the glorious *Orion*. It runs in a serpentine course towards the lower regions, down, down, out of sight.



Eridanus, the River of the Judge, is Visible in the Southern Sky, While Horologium, the Pendulum Clock, is on the Horizon.



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The constellation Eridanus at the time of the total eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

In vain the sea monster, *Cetus*, strives to stop its flow. It is "the river of the Judge," and speaks of that final judgment in which the wicked will be cast into the lake of fire. It was evidently originally associated with *fire*; for the Greek myths, though gross perversions, still so connect it. According to their fables, something went wrong with the chariot of the sun, and a universal conflagration was threatened. In the trouble, *Phaeton* (probably a reference to the star *Pheat*) was killed and hurled into this river, in which he was consumed with its fire. The whole earth suffered from such a burning heat that great disasters ensued. We see from this myth two great facts preserved in the perverted tradition, *viz.*, *judgment* and *fire*. Aratus also preserves the connection, –

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

Is not this the testimony afterwards written in *the Book?* Daniel sees this very river in his vision of that coming day, when the true **Orion** shall come forth in glory. He says, "I beheld till the thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: His throne was **fiery flames**, and the wheels thereof **burning**



fire. A FIERY STREAM ISSUED AND CAME FORTH FROM BEFORE

Him." This is *the River of the Judge*; for he goes on to say, "the judgment was set, and the books were opened" (**Daniel 7:9-11**, R.V.).

We have the same in **Psalm 97:3-5** (R.V.), which describes the scene when יהוה shall reign:

"A FIRE GOETH BEFORE HIM,

And **burneth up** His adversaries around about. His lightnings lightened the world: The earth saw and trembled, The hills melted like wax at the presence of *ה*וה, At the presence of the Master of the whole earth."

So again in **Psalm 50:3**, we read:

"Our Eloheynu shall come, and shall not keep silence, A FIRE SHALL DEVOUR BEFORE HIM, And it shall be very tempestuous round about Him."

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By Habakkuk the coming of the Master is described; and it is written:

"His brightness was as the light, Before Him went the pestilence, And burning coals went forth at His feet."

(Habakkuk 3:5)

What is this but Orion and Eridanus! Again, it is written in Isaiah 30:27-33:

"Behold, the name of הוה cometh from far, Burning with His anger, and in thick rising smoke: His lips are full of indignation, And His tongue is a **DEVOURING FIRE**: And His breath is an **OVERFLOWING STREAM** [*of fire*] For a Topheth is prepared of old; Yea, for the king [Molech] it is made ready; He hath made it deep and large; The pile thereof is **FIRE** and much wood; The breath of הוה, LIKE A STREAM OF BRIMSTONE, doth kindle it."

So, again, we read in Nahum 1:5-6A:

The mountains quake at Him, and the hills melt; And the earth is **burned up** at His presence, Yea, the world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of His anger? His fury is **POURED OUT LIKE FIRE**."



In Isaiah 66:15-16, we read:

"For, behold, יהוה will come with fire, And with His chariots like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with FLAMES OF FIRE, For BY FIRE, and by his sword, will plead with all flesh."

With this agree the New Testament scriptures, which speak of "the Day of "," "when the Master Yeshua shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **IN FLAMING FIRE** taking vengeance on them that know not Elohim, and that obey not the Gospel of our Master Yeshua Messiah" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).

This is the true **Eridanus**. It is no mere "picture." It is a dread reality! It is written in stars of **fire**, and words of truth, that men may heed the solemn warning and "flee from the wrath to come"!

But we ask, "Who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth" (**Malachi 3:2**)? "Who can stand before His indignation," when "His fury is poured out like **fire**" (**Nahum 1:6**).

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 129-133 [slightly amended].

Horologium – a Pendulum Clock – Tells the Hour



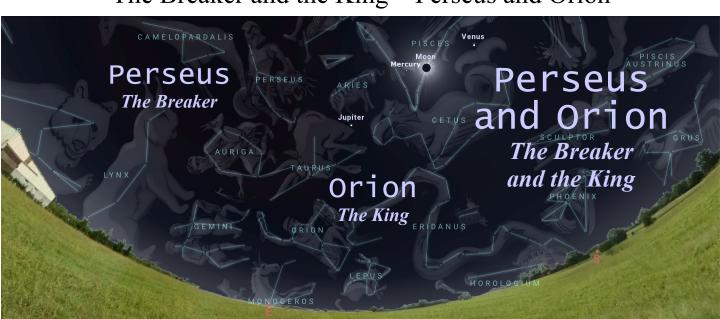
Stellarium

During the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Horologium, an instrument for telling the hour, is on the horizon at the end of the River of the Judge, by Achernar in Eridanus.



In **1756 C.E.**, French astronomer **Nicolas-Louis de Lacaille** visualized a constellation as a clock with a pendulum and a second hand, which he described as *l'Horloge à pendule & à secondes* (Clock with pendulum and seconds hand), which symbolized the Age of Enlightenment.

In **1922 C.E.**, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) redefined **Horologium** as a region of the celestial sphere containing **Lacaille's** stars. (Wikipedia)



The Breaker and the King – Perseus and Orion

Stellarium

During the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Perseus, constellation of Elijah, and Orion, constellation of the Coming Prince, are in the Eastern sky.

During the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Perseus, constellation of Elijah, and Orion, constellation of the Coming Prince, are in the Eastern sky. The breaker (Elijah) and the King (Messiah) and are the subject of a prophecy in Micah 2:12-13.

Seiss and **Bullinger** failed to interpret **Micah 2:12-13** as ancient **Judean** commentators as they incorrectly *conflated* the breaker and the King, believing that both refer to the Messiah. They failed to perceive that "the breaker" is Elijah and "their King" is Yeshua Messiah.

However, **Bullinger's** commentary on **Perseus** is enlightening when properly interpreted as not referring to the Messiah, but to Elijah. **Bullinger's** original work is available free online. It is edited slightly below to reflect the ancient understanding.

E. W. Bullinger § 3. PERSEUS ("The Breaker"). "*The Breaker" delivering.* Here we have set before us a mighty man, called in the Hebrew *Peretz*, from which we have the **Greek** form *Perses*, or *Perseus* (Romans 16:12). At the time when the **Messiah** will surely "gather the remnant of Israel" (Micah 2:12), it is written of the Breaker (Micah 2:13) –



Perseus – The Breaker

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The Breaker	
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Stellarium

During the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Perseus, the constellation of the Breaker, Elijah the Prophet, is in the Eastern sky.

"The Breaker [haporetz הפרץ] is come up before them: They have broken up [partzu פרצו], and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their King shall pass before them, and יהוה on the head of them."

This is what is pictured to us here. We see a glorious "**Breaker**" taking his place before the redeemed, breaking forth at their head, breaking down all barriers, and breaking the heads of **Leviathan** and all his hosts. In his right hand he has his "sore, and great, and strong sword" lifted up to smite and break down the enemy. He has wings on his feet, which tell us that he is coming very swiftly. In his left hand he carries the head of the enemy, whom he has slain.

In the Denderah Zodiac His name is *Kar Knem*, *he who fights and subdues*. It is a beautiful constellation of 59 stars, two of which are of the 2nd magnitude, four of the 3rd, twelve of the 4th, etc. Their names supply us with the key to the interpretation of the picture.

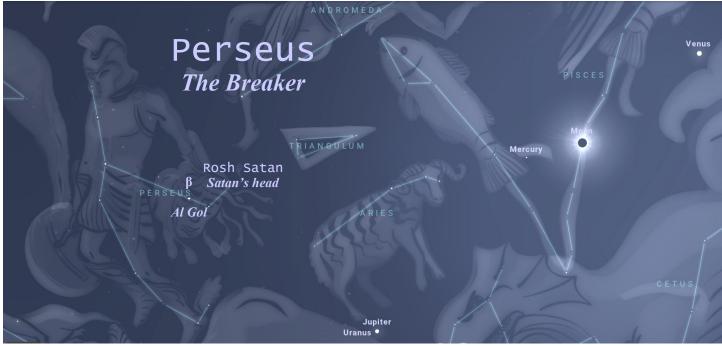
The star α (in the **Breaker's** waist) is called *Mirfak*, who helps. The bright star in the left foot is called *Atik*, *who breaks*?

In his left hand he carries the head of **Medusa**, being ignorant that its Hebrew root meant *the trodden under foot* [In Job 39:14-15 it says that the ostrich "leaveth her eggs in the dust, forgetting that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them (tedusha תדושה)."] The head of Medusa is also called *Rosh*



Satan (Hebrew), the head of the adversary, and Al Oneh (Arabic), the subdued, or Al Gol, the evil spirit.

The bright star, β (in Satan's head), had come down to us with the name *Al Gol*, which means *rolling round*. It is a most remarkable phenomenon that so many of these enemies should be characterized by variable stars! But this head of *Medusa*, like the neck of *Cetus*, has one. *Al Gol* is continually changing.



Stellarium

During totality on April 8, 2024 C.E., Perseus will be in the Eastern sky, and Venus, the Sun, the Moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus will be in the Southern sky.

In about **69 hours** it [*Al Gol*] changes from the 4th magnitude to the 2nd. During **four hours** of this period it gradually diminishes in brightness, which it recovers in the succeeding four hours; and in the remaining part of the time invariably preserves its greatest lustre. After the expiration of this time its brightness begins to decrease again. Fit emblem of our great enemy, who, "like *a roaring lion*, goes about seeking whom he may devour" (**1 Peter 5:8**); then changing into a *subtle serpent* (Genesis 3:1); then changing again into "*an angel of light*" (**2 Cor. 11:14**). "*Transforming himself*" continually, to devour, deceive, and destroy.

This brings us to the conclusion of the Second Book, in which we have seen the Redeemed blessed with all blessings, delivered out of all conflict, saved from all enemies. We have seen their Redeemer, "the Lamb slain from the disruption of the world," "the Conqueror," "the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."



This is the Revelation recorded in the heavens. This is the prophetic testimony inspired in the Book. And this is the heart-cry prompted by both: -

> Come, Lord, and tarry not, Bring the long-looked-for day; Oh, why these years of waiting here, These ages of delay?

Come, for Thy saints still wait; Daily ascends their cry: 'The Spirit and the Bride say, Come'; Dost Thou not hear their cry?

Come, for creation groans, Impatient of Thy stay; Worn out with these long years of ill, These ages of delay.

Come, for Thine Israel pines, An Exile from Thy fold; Oh, call to mind Thy faithful word, And bless them as of old.

Come, for Thy foes are strong; With taunting lips they say, 'Where is the promised advent now, And where the dreaded day?'

Come, for the good are few; They lift the voice in vain; Faith waxes fainter on the earth, And love is on the wane.

Come, in Thy glorious might; Come, with Thine iron rod; Disperse Thy foes before Thy face, Most mighty Son of God.

Come, and make all things new, Build up this ruined earth; Restore our faded **Paradise**, Creation's second birth.

Come, and begin Thy reign Of everlasting peace; Come, take the Kingdom to Thyself, Great King of Righteousness."

Dr. Horatius Bonar.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, The Witness of the Stars, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 115-118 [slightly amended].



Ancient Judean Commentary on the Breaker and the King

Micah prophesied of the breaker and the King.

Micah 2:12-13¹² "I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; They shall make a loud noise because of so many people.¹³ The breaker [haporetz הפרץ] is come up before them: They have broken up [partzu ופרצו, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their King shall pass before them, and - on the head of them."

As **Micah** lived in the **8th century B.C.E.**, the theme of the **breaker** and the **King** is ancient, and this theme was well understood by Yeshua Messiah and His disciples.

Brad H. Young He who opens the breach (the breaker, *haporetz*) will go up before them; they will break through (*partzu*), and pass the gate, going out by it. Their King (*malkam*) will pass on before them, המוה at their head (Micah 2:13). Of great significance here are the two major figures, "He who opens the breach" and "their King." "He who opens the breach" is one word in Hebrew, "the breaker," *haporetz*. Both of them are connected to the saying of Yeshua, "The Kingdom of Heaven breaks forth [Matthew 11:12] …" The first part of the verse from Micah 2:13, "He who opens the breach (the breaker, *haporetz*) will go up before them," is related to the words of Yeshua, "From the days of John the Immerser until now, the Kingdom of Heaven breaks forth [Matthew 11:12] …"

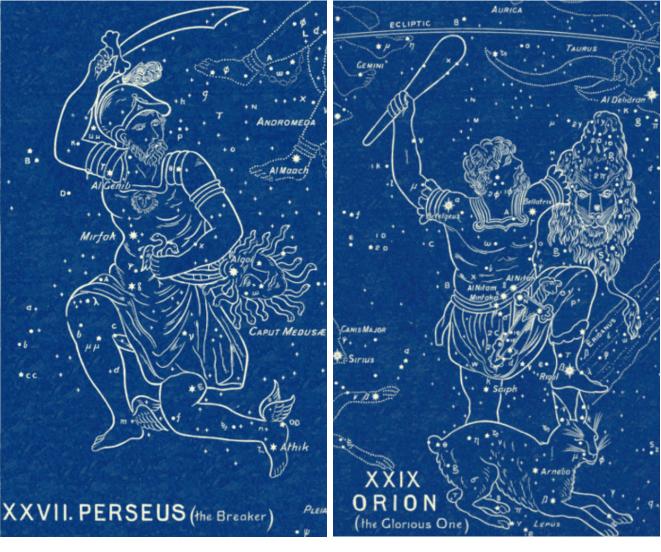
The one who causes the **Kingdom** to break forth is John the Immerser. Concerning him, David Flusser writes, "With John the end-time begins - the decisive eruption into the history of the world." John is the breaker (haporetz). He opens the breach. The mental image created by the verse in Micah 2:13 portrays a sheepfold full of sheep. When shepherds tend their sheep in the land of **Israel**, they often erect makeshift fences for a sheep-fold. They will gather stones and build a temporary holding pen. The shepherds might design a full circular enclosure, or they might adapt an already existing natural barrier like a cave in the side of a rocky hillside. They will build the stone wall barricade in a semicircular fashion that will seal off the cave or other natural enclosure. In John 10:9, John records the words of Yeshua, "I am the door [of the sheepfold]." Literally, He lies in the entrance way of the holding pen. The good shepherd may actually form a gate with his body as he sleeps at the opening to the sheepfold. Shepherds work diligently to protect and care for their flocks, even risking their lives for the wellbeing of their sheep. The art of shepherding a herd in the land of Israel frequently required the use of an enclosed sheepfold to protect the livestock at night.

After the sheep have been confined all night in the limited space of the makeshift sheepfold, the animals are anxious to **break out**. In the morning the shepherd will knock down a section from the piled-up stones. He will break open the barricade wall which penned up the sheep all night in a protective enclosure. Anxious to be released from the holding pen, the sheep will rush out as quickly as possible, knocking down more stones from the makeshift fence in order to break outside.



While in the historical context of **Micah**, the prophet may have had **Judean** exiles held in foreign captivity in mind, the word picture of a shepherd making a breach in a makeshift sheepfold fence possessed rich metaphorical possibilities for describing the process of redemption. In the Hebrew mind, Elohim would use two individuals, like the **breaker** and the **King** according to **Micah 2:13**, in order to make a way for the release of the captives.

The Breaker and the King – Perseus and Orion



A classic rendering of Perseus in *The Witness of the Stars* from 1893 C.E. where Perseus holds a terrible swift sword in his right hand, and the head of Satan in his left hand.

A classic rendering of Orion in *The Witness of the Stars* from 1893 C.E. where Orion holds a mighty club in His right hand, and the head and skin of the "roaring lion" in His left hand.



In the same way that sheep are anxious for release after a night of confinement within the sheepfold, the people will respond to Elohim's initiative, *"They will break through (partzu), and pass the gate, going out by it. Their King (malkam) will pass on before them, ההוה at their head"* (Micah 2:13). Not only are the two key figures mentioned in Micah, but also the prophet Malachi refers to the prophet Elijah who would prepare the way for the coming of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You" (Matthew 11:9-10).

Both Elijah and the Messiah emerge from popular **Judean** interpretations of **Micah 2:13**. Two figures were anticipated. The first would be like Elijah. He would lead a tremendous spiritual renewal among the people which would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah Himself. The scenario of Elijah as forerunner and the Messiah as prophetic deliverer who comes after him possesses deep roots in the diversified teachings concerning the redemption of the people during the time of Yeshua. The profiles of these two redemptive figures are described in dramatic detail. The ancient scholars of the Hebrew Scriptures possessed a vivid awareness of Elohim's purpose in their interpretations of the Hebrew prophets. The eternal passion of the prophets is felt in the popular **Judean** exposition of their prophecies.

Elijah Comes First

The passion of the prophets and their role in the higher purposes of Elohim are mirrored in the words of **Rabbi Johanan**, "All the prophets prophesied [all the good things] only for the days of the Messiah; but as for **The World to Come**, 'For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither has the eye seen, Oh Elohim, beside You, what He has prepared for him that waits for Him.' (**Isaiah 64:4**)." (Also **1 Corinthians 2:9**, **Psalm 31:19**, Sanhedrin 99A, Shabbat 63A) The main feature of the message of the prophets was identified by the rabbis as the days of the Messiah. The anxious waiting for the Messiah is felt in these words. Concerning John the Immerser, Yeshua said, "All the prophets prophesied until John." The ultimate reason for the work of the prophets was to point beyond their days. From the time of John the Immerser until now, the **Kingdom of Heaven breaks forth**, *and if one can understand it properly*, John fulfills the role of Elijah who was designated to prepare the way before the coming of the anointed Redeemer.

Malachi mentions Elijah by name when speaking about the future day of ההוה. The prophet Elijah is also referred to in the blessing of the Haftorah reading from the Hebrew prophets in the worship of the ancient synagogue. The powerful role of Elijah is reflected in the words of Malachi 4:4-6: *Remember the Torah of my* servant Moses, the statues and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of הכוה comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse.



At the conclusion of the words of the prophet, Elijah himself is portrayed in his special role in Elohim's plan. But Yeshua quoted the passage from Malachi, "Behold, I send My messenger to prepare the way before Me, and ההוה whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says ההוה of hosts" (Malachi 3:1-2). Two figures appear in the verse: (1) My messenger and (2) ההוה Xas in Malachi 3:1, two important characters emerge from the reading of Micah 2:13: "The breaker (haporetz) who opens the breach rises up before them; they will break through (partzu), and pass the gate, going out by it. Their King (malkam) will pass on before them, הוה at the head of them." In Micah, the two figures are portrayed by the designations (1) the breaker and (2) their King. These two characters, the breaker and their King, were popularly interpreted as referring to Elijah and the Messiah. A beautiful description of the future redemption is preserved in the homiletical Midrash, Pesikta Rabbati, which is filled with early Judean teachings about set apart days as well as with rich Scriptural exposition.

When the Set Apart One, blessed is He, redeems Israel. Three days before the Messiah comes, Elijah will come and stand upon the mountains of Israel ... In that hour the Set Apart One, blessed be He, will show His esteem and His Kingdom to all the inhabitants of the world: He will redeem Israel, and He will appear at the head of them as is said, he who opens the breach [the breaker, *haporetz*] will go up before them; they will break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their King will pass on before them, *at the head* (Micah 2:13).

The vivid portrait of the final redemption of the people of **Israel** portrays the coming of Elijah as a forerunner of the Messiah. Both Elijah and the Messiah are described here in a **Judean** Midrash which speaks about the esteem of Elohim's **Kingdom** and which quotes **Micah 2:13** as a proof text. The importance of the word "the **breaker**" *(haporetz)* in **Micah 2:13** and the mention of the **Kingdom** of Heaven as "breaking forth" in the words of Yeshua concerning John the Immerser and Elijah become clearer. In Hebrew the same word is used for both the "breaker" and the action of the **Kingdom**, which is described as "breaking forth" ("suffers violence" in the KJV, and "advancing forcefully" in the NIV).

John the Immerser is like the **breaker**. But another **Judean** parallel to the saying of Yeshua is even more precise. It is quoted from an earlier source by the medieval **Judean** exegete **Rabbi David Kimchi (Radak)** as he explains the meaning of **Micah 2:13**. Ancient **Judean** commentators were keenly aware of the two outstanding figures in the verse, the **breaker** and the **King**. **Radak** comments upon the interpretation of **Micah 2:13** by quoting an earlier **Judean** source. In the words of our teachers of blessed memory and in the Midrash, it is taught that "the **breaker**" is Elijah and "their **King**" is the **Branch** of the Son of **David**.

The **King** in Micah is identified as the **Branch** of the Son of **David**, terminology so often associated with Israel's Messianic hope. He is the **King** Messiah. The action verb from **Matthew 11:12** saying, *"the Kingdom of Heaven breaks*



forth, " is connected to the prophecy of Micah concerning "the **breaker**." In popular **Judean** discussions concerning the coming of the Messiah, Scriptural scholars thought that the change in society had to begin through a period of preparation for the **Messianic age**. The way for the coming of redemption would be preceded by a prophet who would have a ministry like Elijah. The **King** Messiah would then come to complete the task. Yeshua viewed the great spiritual awakening resulting from John's prophetic ministry as the preparation for His own work. **David Flusser** explains it so well when he discusses his own insights into the relationship between **Radak's** commentary on **Micah 2:13** and John the Immerser.

David Kimchi (**Radak**) put the following interpretation upon this verse: "the one who opens up the breach" is Elijah and "their King" is the scion of **David**. According to this interpretation, which Yeshua seems to have known, Elijah was to come first to open the breach, and he would be followed by those who broke through with their King, the Messiah. According to Yeshua, the Elijah-John has already come, and those men who have the courage of decision now take the **Kingdom** by force.

The sheepfold has been broken wide open by the work of John the Immerser. The drama which is unfolding with John's prophetic preaching was already foreseen by the ancient Hebrew prophets. The **Kingdom of Heaven** has decisively broken onto the scene with the healing ministry of Yeshua. He teaches the people to love Elohim and to esteem each person with the great personal dignity which must be given to everyone created in Elohim's image. The earlier vision of the prophets has been fulfilled with John the Immerser, who serves as a major turning point in the sacred history of Elohim's redemption. But now the **Kingdom of Heaven breaks forth** with vigor and power. The spiritual renewal possesses a supernatural potency as the intensity of Elohim's favor brings wholeness to a world suffering from the outside forces of oppression and the inner needs for healing. Yeshua then must be identified with the image of the **King** from **Micah 2:13**.

David Flusser has called our attention to the early Hebrew commentary on **Micah 2:13** and how it throws light upon the sayings of Yeshua concerning the **Kingdom**, the role of John the Immerser, as well as the ministry of Yeshua. **Flusser's** scholarly intuition led him to associate the **Judean** interpretation of Micah's words, *"the breaker who opens the breach,"* to the teaching of Yeshua, *"the Kingdom of Heaven breaks forth."* From this vantage point the saying affords profound insight into how Yeshua viewed Himself and His messianic task.

Interestingly, as early as the seventeenth century a Christian scholar, Edward **Pococke** (1604-1691) arrived at the exact same conclusion, also based upon a reading of **Radak's** commentary on **Micah**. **Pococke** was an outstanding scholar and impressive linguist. For five years (1630-1635) he served as English chaplain at Aleppo and certainly had access to a wealth of **Judean** literature. It is not outside the realm of possibility that he would have discussed the Hebrew commentary of **Radak** concerning Micah with eminent Sephardic rabbis in Aleppo. Such a conversation would have been conducted in Arabic, a language in



which **Pococke** was also fluent. **Pococke** explained the importance of **Radak's** commentary for a proper understanding of the relationship between John the Immerser and Yeshua.

To him that was promised to be as such, and was exhibited as such, and hath made good in himself what was promised, well may the title of *(haporets)* in this, or indeed in both senses agree. But if any think, that by *(Haporets), the breaker,* and *(Malcam), their King,* should be meant two distinct persons, let him hear, what the ancient **Judeans** (as cited by the modern) say, for exposition of this place. *Haporets, the Breaker,* that is *Elias,* and *Malcam, their King,* that is *the Branch,* the Son of *David*; and then observe, what our Saviour Himself hath taught us, that *John the Immerser* was that *Elias* which was to come.

After discussing the language of **Micah 2:13** and the **Judean** interpretation of it by **Radak**, **Pococke** comments upon the significance of the prophecy for the Book of Matthew. John the Immerser is Elijah, and Yeshua is the **Branch**, the Son of **David**. The **Kingdom** is portrayed because people are **breaking forth** with the tremendous spiritual renewal that resulted from John's ministry. **Pococke** continues: *that from the days of John the Immerser, the Kingdom of Heaven suffered violence, and the violent took it by force* **Matthew 11:10**, **12**. Men breaking as it were, and passing through the gate, by his preaching repentance laid open, that they might go in and out: and it will be easy to apply to him the title of *the breaker*: and so we have in the words, a most illustrious prophecy of the Messiah, and His forerunner *John the Immerser*.

As a philologist, **Pococke** recognized the great importance of Scriptural languages for a proper understanding of the Messianic Scriptures. Although **Flusser** and **Pococke** use much different words to explain the relationship between **Judean** interpretations of **Micah 2:13** and the sayings of Yeshua concerning John the Immerser and the **Kingdom**, they both have argued the case. John is identified with the breaker. Yeshua is claiming to fulfill the role of the **Branch**, the Son of **David**. Hence both a twentieth-century **Judean** scholar, **David Flusser**, and a seventeenth-century Christian scholar, **Edward Pococke**, independently arrived at very similar conclusions. The facts should be more important than the scholar's religious orientation. They both learned from the **Judean** literature.

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The ancient understanding saw Elijah the prophet as **the Breaker**, and the Messiah as **the King**, the Son of Elohim, whose wrath will be kindled a little at the end of the **Present Age**.

Psalm 2:8-12⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron [Revelation 2:27, 12:5, 19:15]. You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.¹¹ Serve הוה יהוה with fear, and rejoice with trembling.¹² Kiss the Son [obey



Yeshua Messiah], lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

John prophesied in **Revelation Chapter 20:1-15** that Yeshua Messiah will rule for **1000 years** during the **Age of Life** in the **Sabbath of Millennia**. In Hebraic thought this will occur after **6000 years** since creation. Yeshua Messiah will then continue to reign forever after that in **The World to Come** after **7000 years**, and the Great White Throne Judgment, are fulfilled.

In Hebrew thought, the constellation **Orion** refers to the **Coming Prince** and to Yeshua Messiah who is the **Prince of Peace**. During the eclipse on **April 8**, **2024 C.E.**, **Orion** will be between heaven and earth above the Eastern horizon.



Orion – The Coming Prince

Stellarium

During the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Orion, constellation of the Coming Prince Yeshua Messiah, will be above the horizon in the Eastern sky.

E. W. Bullinger § 1. ORION (The Coming Prince). *Light Breaking Forth in the Redeemer.* The picture is to show that the coming one is no mere animal, but a man: a mighty, triumphant, glorious prince.

He is so pictured in the ancient Denderah Zodiac, where we see a man coming forth pointing to the three bright stars (*Rigel, Bellatrix*, and *Betelguez*) as his. His name is given as *Ha-ga-t*, meaning *this is he who triumphs*. The hieroglyphic characters below read *Oar*. Orion was anciently spelt Oarion, from the Hebrew root, which means *light*. The ancient Akkadian was *Ur-ana*, *the light of heaven*.

Orion is the most brilliant of all the constellations, and when he comes to the meridian he is accompanied by several adjacent constellations of great splendor.



There is then above the horizon the most glorious view of the celestial bodies that the starry firmament affords; and this magnificent view is visible to all the habitable world, because the equinoctial line (or solstitial colure) passes nearly through the middle of Orion. Aratus thus sings of him: -

> "Eastward, beyond the region of the Bull, Stands great **Orion**. And who, when night is clear Beholds him gleaming bright, shall cast his eyes in vain To find a Sign more glorious in all heaven."

The constellation is mentioned by name, as being perfectly well known both by name and appearance, in the time of Job; and as being an object of familiar knowledge at that early period of the world's history. See Job 9:9; 38:31, and Amos 5:8 (Heb. כסיל *Chesil*, which means a strong one, a hero, or giant).

Job 9:9 He [El] made the Bear, Orion [כסיר], and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

Job 38:31 Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of **Orion** [כסיל]?

Amos 5:8 He made the Pleiades and Orion [וכסיר]; He turns the shadow of death into morning and makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth: יהוה is His name.

It contains 78 stars, two being of the 1st magnitude, four of the 2nd, four of the 3rd, sixteen of the 4th, etc.

A little way below ι (in the sword) is a very remarkable nebulous star. A common telescope will show that it is a beautiful nebula. A powerful telescope reveals it as consisting of collections of nebulous stars, these again being surrounded by faint luminous points which still more powerful telescopes would resolve into separate stars.

Thus beautifully is set forth the brilliancy and glory of that Light which shall break forth when the moment comes for it to be said, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come."

The picture presents us with "the Light of the world." His left foot is significantly placed upon the head of the enemy. He is girded with a glorious girdle, studded with three brilliant stars; and upon this girdle is hung a sharp sword. Its handle proves that this mighty Prince is come forth in a new character. He is again proved to be "the Lamb that was slain," for the hilt of this sword is in the form of the head and body of a lamb. In his right hand he lifts on high his mighty club; while in his left he holds forth the token of his victory – the head and skin of the "roaring lion." We ask in wonder, "Who is this?" and the names of the stars give us the answer





A classic rendering of Orion in *The Witness of the Stars* from 1893 C.E. where the hilt of the sword of Orion is in the form of the head and body of a lamb.

The brightest, α (in the right shoulder), is named **Betelgeuz**, which means the coming of the Branch.

Malachi 3:2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap."

The next, β (in the left foot), is named *Rigel*, or *Rigol*, which means *the foot that crusheth*.

Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will bruise [ישופך] your head, and you will bruise [תשופנו] his heel."

The foot is lifted up, and placed immediately over the head of the enemy, as though in the very act of crushing it. Thus, the name of the star bespeaks the act.

The next star, γ (in the left shoulder) is called *Bellatrix*, which means *quickly coming*, or *swiftly destroying*.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 ¹ Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will **come on them swiftly**, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.



The name of the fourth star, ζ (one of the three in the belt), carries us back to the old, old story, that this glorious One was once humbled; that His heel was once bruised. Its name is *Al Nitak*, *the wounded One*.

Isaiah 53:5 But *He was wounded* for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Similarly the star κ (in the right leg) is called *Saiph* [תשופנו], *bruised*, which is the very word used in Genesis 3:15, thus connecting Orion with the primeval prophecy. Like **Ophiuchus**, he has one leg *bruised*; while, with the other, he is crushing the enemy under foot.

This is betokened by other stars, not identified, named *Al Rai*, *who bruises*, *who breaks* (as in *Cepheus*); and *Thabit* (Hebrew), *treading on*.

Other (Arabic) names relate to His Person: Al Giauzâ, the branch; Al Gebor, the mighty, Al Mirzam, the ruler; Al Nagjed, the prince; Niphla (Chaldee), the mighty; Nux (Hebrew), the strong.

Some names relate to His coming, as *Betelgeuse* and *Bellatrix*, as above; *Heka* (Chaldee), *coming*; and *Meissa* (Hebrew), *coming forth*.

Such is the cumulative testimony of **Orion's** stars, which, day after day, and night after night, show forth this knowledge. That testimony was afterwards written in the Book. The **Prince of Glory**, who was once wounded for the sins of His redeemed, is about to rise up and shine forth for their deliverance. Their redemption draweth nigh: for -

יהוה shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war; He shall cry, yea, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies. I have [*He says*] long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself; Now I will cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once." (Isaiah 42:13-14)

Then it will be said to His people (and the setting of the prophecy in its beautiful introverted structure shows us the beauty and glory of the truth it reveals):

a | Arise,

b | Shine; for **thy light** is come,

c | And the glory of יהוה is risen upon thee

d | For, behold, the **darkness** shall cover the earth,

d | And gross **darkness** the people;

 $c \mid$ But הוה shall arise upon thee, and **His glory** shall be seen upon thee.

b | And the Gentiles shall come to **thy light**,

a | And kings to the brightness of thy **rising**.

(Isaiah 60:1-3)



This is the "glory of Elohim" which the heavens constantly declare (**Psalm 19:1**). They tell of that blessed time when the whole earth shall be filled with His glory (**Num. 14:21**; **Isaiah 11:9**); when "the glory of הוה" shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (**Isaiah 40:5**), as all see now the beauty of **Orion's** glory.

But side by side with the glory which the coming Light of the world shall bring for His people, there is "that wicked," whom יהוה "shall destroy with the brightness of His coming."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 124-129 [slightly amended].

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Taurus – The Bull

Stellarium

During the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Taurus the Bull is near Jupiter in the South-Eastern sky.

E. W. Bullinger Chapter I. TAURUS (The Bull). *Messiah, the coming Judge of all the Earth.* The picture is that of a **Bull** rushing forward with mighty energy and fierce wrath, his horns set so as to push his enemies, and pierce them through and destroy them.

It is a prophecy of Messiah, the coming Judge, and Ruler, and "Lord of all the earth."

The Egyptian Zodiac of Denderah already, 4,000 years ago, had forgotten the truth to which the prophecy had referred, and called him *Isis*, ie., *who saves or*



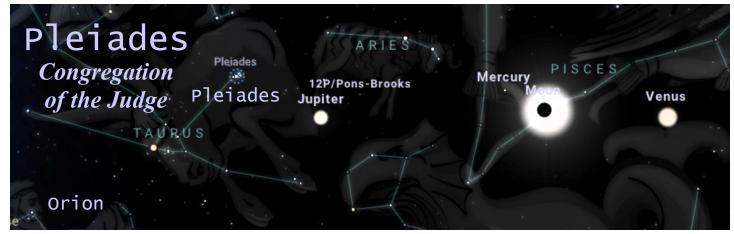
delivers, and *Apis*, i.e. *the head* or *chief*. The **Bull** is clearly represented, and in all the zodiacs which have come down to us is always in the *act of pushing*, or *rushing*.

The name of the sign in **Chaldee** is תור, *Tor*. Hence, Arabic, *Al Thaur*; **Greek**, *Tauros*; Latin, *Taurus*, etc. The more common Hebrew name was שור, *Shur*, which is from a root which means both *coming* and *ruling*. There are several Hebrew words for bulls and oxen, etc. But the common poetical term for all is *Reem*, conveying the idea of loftiness, exaltation, power, and pre-eminence. We find the root in other kindred languages (Etruscan, Sanscrit, etc.), and it can be traced in the name of Abram, which means *pre-eminent* or *high father*; *Ramah*, *high place*, etc.

The stars in **Taurus** present a brilliant sight. There are at least 141 stars, besides two important groups of stars, which both form integral parts of the sign.

The brightest star, α (in the bull's eye), has a **Chaldee** name – *Al Debaran*, and means *the leader* or *governor*. The star β (at the tip of the left horn) has an Arabic name – *El Nath*, meaning *wounded or slain*. Another prophetic intimation that this coming Lord should be first slain as a sacrifice.

Then there is the cluster of stars known as the *Pleiades*. This word, which means *congregation of the judge* or *ruler*, comes to us through the **Greek** Septuagint as the translation of the Hebrew כימה, *Chima*, which means the heap or accumulation, and occurs in Job 9:9, 38:31, and Amos 5:8.



Stellarium

Orion and Pleiades will witness the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. 12P / Pons-Brooks, a periodic comet, will also be passing by at the time.

Job 9:9-10 ⁹ *He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;* ¹⁰ *He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number.*



Job 38:31-32 ³¹ Can you bind the cluster of the **Pleiades**, or loose the belt of **Orion**? ³² Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs?

Amos 5:8 He made the **Pleiades** and **Orion**; He turns the shadow of death into morning and makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth; יהוה is His name.

Pleiades consists of a number of stars (in the neck of **Taurus**) which appear to be near together. The brightest of them, marked η in all the maps, has come down to us with an Arabic name – *Al Cyone*, which means *the centre*, and has given the idea to some astronomers that it is the center of the whole universe. The Syriac name for the **Pleiades** is *Succoth*, which means *booths*. The others have names, but they were given by the **Greeks** from the names of the seven daughters of *Atlas* and *Pleione*.

Another group of stars (on the face of the **Bull**) is known as *The Hyades*, which has the similar meaning of *the congregated*. As the *Hyades* were daughters of *Atlas*, they were the sisters of the daughters of *Atlas* and *Pleione*. Together they tell us that the saints will be secure with this mighty Lord when He comes to rule.

Other stars, not identified, are named *Palilicium* (Hebrew), *belonging to the judge*; *Wasat* (Arabic), *centre* or *foundation*; *Al Thuraiya* (Arabic), the abundance; *Vergiliæ* (Latin), *the centre* (Arabic, *vertex*) *turned on*, *rolled round*.

Every thing points to the important truth, and all *turns* on the fact that the Lord is **COMING TO RULE!** This is the central truth of all prophecy. "The testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy." All hope for Creation, all hope for the world, all hope for Israel, all hope for the Assembly, turns on this, that "Yeshua is coming again," and that when He comes, His saints, "the daughters of the King" (like the **Pleiades** and **Hyades**), will be with Him.

There is nothing of "the Assembly" revealed here. The Assembly will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, to be for ever with יהוה (1 Thessalonians 4:17) *before* He thus *comes unto* the world in judgment. He will *come forth* to receive the members of His Body unto Himself, before He thus comes with them to destroy all His enemies and "judge (or rule) the world in righteousness." When we read this Sign of **Taurus**, therefore, we are to understand that His Assembly will be *with* Him, safe from all judgment.

There is very much in the Scripture of the Book (as there is in the prophecies in the heavens) about the coming of הוה in judgment; and about this time of His indignation. For Enoch, who doubtless was used in arranging these prophetic *signs*, uttered the prophetic words, "Behold הוה cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones to execute judgment upon all and to convict all that are wicked" (Jude 14-15).

We have said that at a very early period these signs were appropriated to the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and borne upon "their standards." This may be traced in



the Blessing of Jacob (Genesis 49), and in the Blessing of Moses (Deuteronomy 33). Taurus was assigned to Joseph, or rather to his two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, like the two powerful horns:

"The firstling of his bullock (marg. *His firstling bullock*) – majesty is his, And his horns are the horns of the **wild-ox** (*Reem*). With them he shall **PUSH** (marg. *gore*) the peoples, all of them, even the ends of the earth. And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh."

(Deuteronomy 33:17, R.V.)

It is not, however, merely by men alone that this will be done, for **David** sings:

"Thou art My King, O Elohim Through Thee will **WE PUSH** down our enemies; Through Thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us." (Psalm 44:4-5)

"I will punish the world for their evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. ... Every one that is found shall be **THRUST THROUGH**."

(Isaiah 13:11-15)

Speaking of that day, the Holy Spirit says by Isaiah:

"For ההוה hath indignation against all the nations, And fury against all their host: He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter. ... hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom, And the **wild oxen** [*Reem*] shall come down with them, And the bullocks with the bulls; And their land shall be drunken with blood, And their dust made fat with fatness. For it is the day of the vengeance of ההה, The year of recompense in the controversy of Zion."

(Isaiah 34:2-8, R.V.)

"Behold, הוה cometh forth out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: The earth also shall disclose her blood, And shall not more cover her slain."

(Isaiah 26:21)

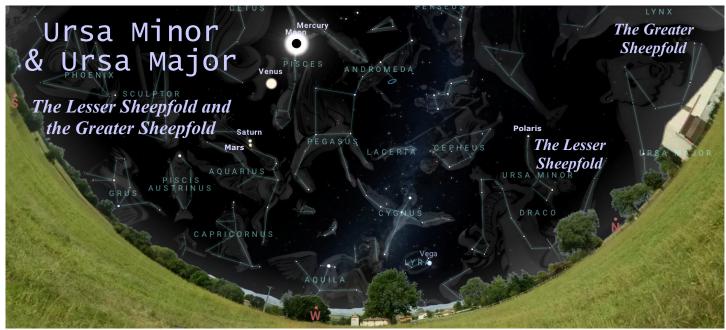


This is the united testimony of the two Revelations. It is pictured in the heavens, and it is written in the Book. It is the prophecy of a coming Judge, and of a coming judgment.

It is, however, no mere **Bull** that is coming. It is a man, a glorious man, even "the Son of Man."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 120-124 [slightly amended].

Ursa Minor and Ursa Major The Lesser Sheepfold and the Greater Sheepfold



Stellarium

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. will occur with Ursa Minor, the Lesser Sheepfold, and Ursa Major, the Greater Sheepfold bearing witness in the Northern sky.

John 10:11-18 ¹¹ "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the Good Shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."



Ursa Minor – The Lesser Sheepfold



Stellarium

Ursa Minor, the Lesser Sheepfold, and Polaris – the North Star, will bear witness to the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. in the Northern sky.

E. W. Bullinger § 1. URSA MINOR (The Little Bear). *The Lesser Sheepfold*. Here we come to another grievous mistake, or ignorant perversion of primitive truth, as shown in the ancient names of these two constellations.

It is sufficient to point to the fact that no Bear is found in any **Chaldean**, **Egyptian**, **Persian**, or Indian Zodiacs, and that no bear was ever seen with such a tail! No one who had ever seen a bear would have called attention to a tail, such as no bear ever had, by placing in its very tip the most important, wondrous, and mysterious **Polar Star**, the central star of the heavens, round which all others revolve. The patriarchal astronomers, we may be sure, committed no such folly as this.

The primitive truth that there were *two*, or a pair of constellations is preserved; and that of these two, one is larger, and the other smaller. But what were they? We have the clue to the answer in the name of the brightest star of the larger constellation, which is called *Dubheh*. Now *Dubheh* means *a herd of animals*. In Arabic, *Dubah* means *cattle*. In Hebrew, $\neg \neg \neg$ [Strong's H1696] *Dōhver*, is *a fold*; and hence in **Chaldee** it meant *wealth*. The Hebrew $\neg \neg$ [Strong's H1679] *Dōhveh*, means *rest* or *security*; and certainly there is not much of either to be



found or enjoyed with bears! The word occurs in **Deuteronomy 33:25** "As thy days so shall thy *strength* [דבאר] be." The Revised Version gives in the margin, "So shall *thy rest or security* be." This accords with what we have already seen under "CANCER": "Couching down *between two sheepfolds*, he saw a resting-place that it was good."

Genesis 49:14-15 ¹⁴ "Issachar is a strong donkey, couching between two sheepfolds [the Greater Sheepfold and the Lesser Sheepfold]; ¹⁵ He saw the [Millennial Sabbath] rest that is good, and the land that is pleasant; He inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, a bondservant laboring with vigor."

Here are the **two Sheepfolds**, then; the **Greater fold**, and **Lesser fold**; and here is the *rest* and *security* which the flocks will find therein.

But in Hebrew there is a word very similar in sound, though not in spelling $- \neg \neg$ or $\neg \neg$ [Strong's H1677] $d\bar{o}hv$, which means *a bear!* So we find in Arabic *dub*; **Persian**, *deeb* and *dob*. We can see, therefore, how the Hebrew *Dobveh*, *a fold*, and *Dobv*, *a bear*, were confused; and how the Arabic *Dubah*, *cattle*, might easily have been mistaken by the Greeks, and understood as a bear.

The constellation, which we must therefore call **THE LESSER SHEEPFOLD**, contains 24 stars, viz., one of the 2nd magnitude, two of the 3rd, four of the 4th, etc.

The brightest star, *a* (at the point of the tail), is the most important in the whole heavens. It is named *Al Ruccaba*, which means *the turned* or *ridden on*, and is today the **Polar** or central star, which does not revolve in a circle as does every other star, but remains apparently, fixed in its position. But though the star does not revolve like the others, the central point in the heavens is very slowly but steadily moving. When these constellations were formed the Dragon possessed this important point, and the star *a*, in *Draco*, marked this central point. But, by its gradual recession, that point is sufficiently near this star *Ruccaba*, in the *Lesser Sheepfold*, for it to be what is called "the **Polar Star**." But, how could this have been known five or six thousand years ago? How could it have been known when it received its name, which means *the turned* or *ridden on?* That it was known is clear: so likewise was it made known in the written Word that the original blessing included not merely the multiplication of the seed of faithful Abraham, but it was then added, "And thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Genesis 22:17).

The star was called by the **Greeks Kovóσovpa**, the "*Cynosure*." **ARATUS** seems to apply this term to the whole of the seven stars of the *Lesser Bear*. **Mr. Robert Brown Junr**. shows in pages 8-9 of *Euphratean Stellar Researches* (1896) that **Kovóσovpa**, once supposed to be Hellenic, is non-Hellenic, and possibly Euphratean in origin, from a word which he transliterates *An-nas-sur-ra*, and renders it "as it literally means, *high in* rising, i.e., in heavenly position." Is not this the primitive truth of Revelation? Will not this **Lesser Fold** be high, yea, the highest in heavenly position.



The **Polar Star** has been removed from the Dragon, and is now in *the Lesser Fold*; and when the Dragon shall be cast down from the heavens, the heavenly seed will be safely folded there. But this is *the Lesser Sheepfold*. These are they who all through the ages have been "partakers of the heavenly calling," who desired a better country, that is, a *heavenly*; wherefore Elohim "hath prepared for them a city," the city for which Abraham himself "looked." This was no earthly city, but a city "whose builder and maker is Elohim" (Hebrews 11:10-16).

Hebrews 11:8-16 ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude – innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly $[\epsilon \pi o \nu \rho \alpha v (o \nu)]$ country. Therefore Elohim is not ashamed to be called their Elohim, for He has prepared a city for them.

These have always been a smaller company, a "little flock," but the kingdom shall be theirs, even the **Kingdom of Elohim**, for which they now look and wait. They have not yet "received the promises; but, having seen them afar off" by faith, they "were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (**Hebrews 11:13**). Their Messiah has accomplished "the redemption of the purchased possession," and in due time the redeemed will inherit it, "unto the praise of His glory" (**Ephesians 1:14**).

The bright star β is named *Kochab*, which means *waiting Him who cometh*. Other stars, not identified, are named *Al Pherkadain* (Arabic), which means *the calves*, or *the young* (as in **Deuteronomy 22:6**), the *redeemed assembly*. But there is not only the heavenly seed, which is compared "to the stars of heaven," but there is the seed that is compared to "the sand of the sea" – the larger flock or company, who will enjoy the earthly blessing.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 150-154 [slightly amended].



While discussing Ursa Minor the Lesser Sheepfold, Bullinger mentions Jacob's blessing over his son Issachar. Jacob *spiritually saw* Issachar couching down *between two sheepfolds*, which in the context of this discussion is Ursa Minor the Lesser Sheepfold and Ursa Major the Greater Sheepfold, and these two folds refer to *redeemed mankind*.

Genesis 49:14-15 ¹⁴ "Issachar is a strong donkey, couching between two sheepfolds [the Greater Sheepfold and the Lesser Sheepfold]; ¹⁵ He saw the [Millennial Sabbath] rest that is good, and the land that is pleasant; He inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, as a bondservant and overseer."

One is hard pressed to find a good interpretation of **Genesis 49:15B**. The NKJV believes the tribe of **Issachar** was destined to become a *band of slaves*, while other translations believe this tribe *submitted to forced labor*. Moses' blessing over the tribe of **Issachar** is helpful in learning about the true function of this tribe within **Israel**.

Deuteronomy 33:18-19 ¹⁸ And of Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and **Issachar in your tents!** ¹⁹ They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas and of treasures hidden in the sand."

When Moses described **Issachar** as being *in their tents*, he meant that they were the *scholars* of **Israel**, the *sages* devoted to the Torah. As following the Torah involves observing the **Creation Calendar**, **Issachar** were the learned men of **Israel** skilled in the sciences.

1 Chronicles 12:32 ... the sons of **Issachar** who had **understanding of the times**, to know what **Israel** ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command ...

When the scribes characterize **Issachar** as having *understanding of the times*, it means the tribe of **Issachar** was skilled in *intercalating* the **Creation Calendar**.

Targum Yonasan – Bereishis 46:13 The descendants of **Issachar** were sages who were **experts in intercalation**. Yishai Chasidah, <u>Encyclopedia of Biblical Personalities</u>, p. 306.

Midrash Rabbah Genesis 72:5 (Vol. 2 p. 665) 1 Chronicles 12:33 "And of the children of Issachar men that had understanding of the times" What does "of the times" mean? R. Tanhuma said: An understanding of the seasons. Others explain the science of intercalation.

Midrash Rabbah Numbers 1 - 2:7 (Vol. 5 p. 29) 1 Chronicles 12:32-33 "And the children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times." "They were astronomers; calendar experts."

In ancient Hebrew culture it was the *Nasi*, or *president*, of the Sanhedrin who was concerned with the **Creation Calendar**. It was his responsibility to determine the **Hebrew Month** from the first visible crescent moon, and the **Hebrew Year** by implementing the *rule of the equinox* (**Exodus 13:10**). According to tradition, 200 presidents of the Sanhedrin came from the tribe of **Issachar** as they were the scholars skilled in *intercalation*.

Midrash Rabbah Genesis 72:5 (Vol. 2 p. 665) Issachar produced 200 heads of the Sanhedrin, and all their brethren were at their commandment. And all



their brethren agreed to the Halachah as they stated it, while he instructed them as though it were a Halachah of Moses at Sinai. And whence did all this greatness come to **Issachar**? From Zebulun who engaged in trade and supported **Issachar**, who was devoted to the Torah.

Rabbi Dr. H. Freedman (Translator), <u>The Midrash Rabbah</u> (Third Edition), The Soncino Press Ltd., New York, 1983.

Based on the historical record, **Issachar** appears to have become learned in the peculiar sort of wisdom concerned with the heavenly bodies which **Seth's** descendants invented. Not only were the men of **Issachar** learned – they were also *mighty men of valor*.

1 Chronicles 7:5 Now their brethren among all the families of Issachar were mighty men of valor, listed by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand in all.

Issachar became a *bondservant* laboring so **Israel** could enter *the rest* – the **Age of Life** – the **Seventh Millennial Day** in the *cosmic week* which is the *great hope* of covenant keeping **Israel**.

Genesis 49:14-15 ¹⁴ "Issachar is a strong donkey, couching between two sheepfolds [the Greater Sheepfold and the Lesser Sheepfold]; ¹⁵ He saw the [Millennial Sabbath] rest that is good, and the land that is pleasant; He inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, as a bondservant and overseer."



A commemorative stamp honoring Issachar with the sun and eight planets in the sky.



A banner depicting Issachar as a strong donkey laboring to understand the sun, moon, and stars.



Ursa Major – The Greater Sheepfold



Stellarium

Ursa Major, the Greater Sheepfold, will bear witness to the eclipse in the Northern sky.

E. W. Bullinger § 2. URSA MAJOR (The Great Bear). *The Fold and the Flock*. Of these it is written: –

"But in Mount Zion there shall be those that escape, And it shall be set apart: And the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."

(**Obadiah 17-19**, R.V.)

It is a large and important constellation, containing 87 stars, of which one is of the 1st magnitude, four of the second, three of the 3rd, then of the 4th, etc. It always presents a splendid appearance, and is perhaps, therefore, the best known of all the constellations.

Job 9:9-10 ⁹ *He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;* ¹⁰ *He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number.*

Job 38:31-32 ³¹ Can you bind the cluster of the **Pleiades**, or loose the belt of **Orion**? ³² Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the **Great Bear** with its cubs?



In the **Book of Job** it is mentioned under the name of *Ash* [Strong's H5906]. "Canst you guide *Ash* and her offspring?" which is rendered in the A.V. "Arcturus and his sons," and in the R.V., "The Bear with her train" (marg., "sons"). The Arabs still call it *Al Naish*, or *Annaish*, *the assembled together*, as sheep in a fold. The ancient Judean commentators interpreted *Ash* as the seven stars of this constellation. They are called by others *Septentriones*, which thus became the Latin word for *North*.

The brightest star, α (in the back), named **Dubhe**, means, as we have seen, *a herd* of *animals*, or *a flock*, and gives its name to the whole constellation.

The star β (below it) is named *Merak* (Hebrew), *the flock* (Arabic, *purchased*).

The star γ (on the left of β) is called *Phaeda*, *Phacada*, or *Phecda*, meaning *visited*, *guarded*, or *numbered*, as a flock; for His sheep, like the stars, are both *numbered* and *named*.

Psalm 147:4 *He* [יהוה] *counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.*

The star ε is called *Alioth*, a name we have had in *Auriga*, meaning *a she goat*.

The star ζ (in the middle of the tail) is called *Mizar*, *separate* or *small*, and close to it *Al Cor*, *the Lamb* (known as "g").

The star η (at the end of the so-called tail) is named *Benet Naish* (Arabic), *the daughters of the assembly*. It is also called *Al Kaid*, *the assembled*.

The star ι (in its right foot) is called *Talitha*.

The names of other stars, not identified, all give the same testimony: *El Alcola* (Arabic), *the sheepfold*; Cab'd al Asad, multitude, many assembled; *Annaish, the assembled*; *Megrez, separated*, as the flock in the fold; *El Kaphrah, protected, covered* (Heb. *redeemed* and *ransomed*); *Dubheh Lachar* (Arabic), *the latter herd* or *flock*; *Helike* (so called by HOMER in the *Iliad*), *company of travellers*; *Amaza* (Greek), *coming and going*; *Calisto, the sheepfold set* or *appointed*.

Psalm 95:7A For He is our Eloheynu, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 100:3 Know that יהוה, He is Elohim; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

There is not one discordant voice in the rich abundance of this testimony. We have nothing to do here with the **Grecian** myths about bears or wild boars. We see only innumerable seed *gathered* by Him who *scattered*.

Jeremiah 31:10-12¹⁰ "Hear the word of יהוה, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.'¹¹ For יהוה has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he.¹² Therefore they shall come and sing in the



height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of יהוה – For wheat and new wine and oil, for the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, and they shall sorrow no more at all."

Many are the Scriptures we might quote which speak of this gathering and assembling of the long-scattered flock. It is written as plainly in the Book, as it is in the heavens. The prophecies of this gathering are as conspicuous in the Word of Elohim as the "Seven Stars" are in the sky. It is difficult even to make a selection from the wealth of such promises; but few are more beautiful than that in Ezekiel 34:12-16:

> "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock In the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; So will I seek out my sheep, And will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

And I will bring them out from the people, And gather them from the countries, And will bring them to their own land, And feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers. And in all the inhabited places of the country.

I will feed them in a good pasture,

And upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be:

There shall they lie in a good fold,

And in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock,

And I will cause them to lie down, saith the Master יהוה.

I will seek that which was lost, And bring again that which was driven away, And will bind up that which was broken, And will strengthen that which was sick: But I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, The Witness of the Stars, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 154-157 [slightly amended].



Draco – The Dragon



Draco, the Dragon, appears "cast to the earth" during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger § 3. DRACO (The Dragon). *The Old Serpent, or the Devil, cast down from Heaven*. Each of the three great books concludes with this same foreshowing of Apocalyptic truth. The same great enemy is referred to in all these pictures. He is the **Serpent**; he is the **Dragon**; "the great dragon, that old serpent, called the **Devil** and **Satan**" (**Revelation 7:9**). The **Serpent** represents him as the *Deceiver*; the **Dragon**, as the *Destroyer*.

This *First Book* concludes with the **Dragon** being cast down from heaven.

The Second Book concludes with Cetus, the Sea Monster, Leviathan, bound.

The *Third Book* concludes with Hydra, the Old Serpent, destroyed.

Here, at the close of the *First Book*, we see not merely a dragon, but the **Dragon** *cast down!* That is the point of this great star-picture.

No one has ever seen a dragon; but among all nations (especially in China and Japan), and in all ages, we find it described and depicted in legend and in art. Both Old and New Testaments refer to it, and all unite in connecting with it one and the same great enemy of Elohim and man.

It is against him that the Elohim-Man – "the Son of Elohim – goes forth to war." It is for him that the **eternal fires** are prepared. It is he who shall shortly be cast down from the heavens preparatory to his completed judgment. It is of him we



read, "The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out and his angels with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of His Messiah; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down" (**Revelation 7:9-10**).

It is of him that **David** sings: –

"Elohim is my king of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth ... Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of **Leviathan** in pieces."

(Psalm 74:12-14)

Of him also the Spirit causes Isaiah to say, "In that day, shall this song be sung in the land of **Judah**"; –

"In that day יהוה, with His sore, and great, and strong sword, Shall punish **Leviathan** the piercing (R.V. swift) serpent, Even **Leviathan** that crooked serpent; And he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

(Isaiah 27:1)

This is exactly what is foreshadowed by this constellation of *Draco*. Its name is from the **Greek**, and means trodden on, as in the Septuagint of **Psalm 91:13**: "The dragon shalt thou trample under feet," from the Hebrew , *Dahrach*, *to tread*.

In the Zodiac of Denderah it is shown as a serpent under the fore-feet of Sagittarius, and is named *Her-fent*, which means *the serpent accursed!*

There are 80 stars in the constellation; four of the 2nd magnitude, seven of the 3rd magnitude, ten of the 4th, etc.

The brightest star, α (in one of the latter coils), is named *Thuban* (Heb.), *the subtle*. Some 4,620 years ago it was the Polar Star. It is manifest, therefore, that the Greeks could not have invented this constellation, as is confessed by all modern astronomers. It is still a very important star in nautical reckonings, guiding the commerce of the seas, and thus "the god of this world" is represented as winding in his contortions round the pole of the world, as if to indicate his subtle influence in all worldly affairs.

The next star, β (in his head), is called by the Hebrew name **Rastaban**, and means *the head of the subtle (serpent)*. In the Arabic it is still called *Al Waid*, which means *who is to be destroyed*.

The next star, γ (also in the head), is called *Ethanin* or *Eltanin*, i.e., *the long serpent*, or *dragon*.

The Hebrew names of other stars, not identified, are *Grumian*, *the subtle*; *Giansar*, *the punished enemy*. Other (Arabic) names are *Al Dib*, *the reptile*; *El Athik*, *the fraudful*; *El Asieh*, *the bowed down*.



And thus the combined testimony of every star (without a single exception) of each constellation, and the constellations of each sign, accords with the testimony of the Word of Elohim concerning the coming Seed of the woman, the bruising of His heel, the crushing of the serpent's head, "the sufferings of Messiah, and the glory which should follow."

> "From far I see the glorious day, When He who bore our sins away, Will all His majesty display.

A Man of Sorrows once He was, No friend was found to plead His cause, As all preferred the world's applause.

He groaned beneath sin's awful load, For in the sinner's place He stood, And died to bring him back to God.

But now He waits, with glory crowned, While angel hosts His throne surround, And still His lofty praises sound.

To few on earth His name is dear, And they who in His cause appear, The world's reproach and scorn must bear.

Yeshua, Thy name is all my boast, And though by waves of trouble tossed, Thou wilt not let my soul be lost.

Come then, come quickly from above, My soul impatient longs to prove, The depths of everlasting love."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 70-73 [slightly amended].

Bullinger linked the constellation **Draco** with a prophecy in **Revelation** which speaks of a war in heaven when the **Dragon** was *cast out to the earth*.

Revelation 12:7-10 ⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great Dragon [Draco] was cast out [on Day One of creation], that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now [on the 6000th anniversary of Day One of creation] salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of His Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been cast down."





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The Archangel Michael Cast Satan Out of Heaven on Day One of Creation.

In **Revelation 12:7-10**, the Spirit of Truth blends two critical moments in the **7000 Year Plan of Elohim** into one seamless account based on the *historical* and *prophetical* date when the prophecy *was*, and *will be*, executed. The dragon *was cast out* of heaven to the earth on **Day One** of creation, and the **Kingdom** *will come* on the **6000**th anniversary of **Day One** of creation.

John in his narrative saw a *spiritual synchronism* between the *first day* of the **First Millennium** when Michael cast the dragon out of heaven on **Day One** of creation, and the *first day* of the **Seventh Millennium** when salvation, strength, and the **Kingdom of Elohim** comes with the power of His Messiah and the **Age of Life** begins.

In the beginning, Elohim created the heaven and the earth and everything was *perfectly* created in the *spiritual universe* in a time known in Hebraic thought as **The World that Was**.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning [The World that Was] Elohim created the heavens and the earth.

Some time after this, the earth became *desolate and ruined* and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

Genesis 1:2A And the earth became desolate [tohū תהו] and ruined [va-bohū], and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

The Hebrew word used for **desolate** in **Genesis 1:2A** is **tohū** ההו which is the name given to the age that is defined by its epoch – the **Age of Tohu** or the **Age of Desolation**. Isaiah prophesied that יהוה *did not* create the world **desolate** [tohū יהוה].



Isaiah 45:18-19¹⁸ For thus says יהוה, Who created the heavens, Who is Elohim, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who DID NOT create it desolate [tohū, min], Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am יהוה, and there is no other.¹⁹ I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek Me in vain'; I, יהוה, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right."

Based on the whole counsel of Scripture it is evident that the earth *became desolate* [tohū מחון] and ruined [va-bohū ברבהו] after Satan, the *first rebel*, fell from heaven. In Hebraic thought, a spiritual universe known as Olam She'avar / The World that Was existed before the physical universe. Yeshua Messiah referred to this time before the creation of the physical universe.

John 17:5 *"And now honor Me Father, together with Yourself, with the honor which I had with You before the world began." [in The World that Was]*

John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My majesty which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the disruption of the world." [in The World that Was]

Paul prophesied that the children of Elohim were chosen before the disruption of the world.

Ephesians 1:3-6 ³ Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Yeshua Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah, ⁴ just as **He chose us in Him before the disruption of the world** [in **The World that Was**], that we should be set apart and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Yeshua Messiah to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the majesty of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

When Yeshua Messiah taught in **parables**, He *revealed* things kept secret since *the disruption of the world* when the **6000 year Present Age** commenced.

Matthew 13:34-35 ³⁴ All these things Yeshua spoke to the multitude in *parables*; and without a *parable* He did not speak to them, ³⁵ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in *parables*; I will utter things kept secret from the disruption of the world [Psalm 78:2]".

Just as *light* was separated from *darkness* on the *first day* of the First Millennium, so too will the *righteous* be separated from the *wicked* on the *first day* of the Seventh Millennium.

Revelation 12:10-12A ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of His Messiah have come, [on the 6000th anniversary of Day One of creation] for the accuser of our brethren [the dragon], who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ^{12A} Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!"

There is *only one day in history* when salvation, strength, the Kingdom of Elohim, and the power of His Messiah *comes*, and that is on the first day of the Age of Life – the Sabbath of Millennia – on the 6000th anniversary of Day One of creation.



Revelation 12:10-12A describes the *victory* which is destined to come to the *children of light* after fighting the good fight for **6000 years** in the **Present Age**. It matches the narrative in **Revelation 20:1-4** as both describe the *penultimate moment* in history when the dragon is *cast down* and *bound* and the **1000 year** reign of Yeshua Messiah in the **Kingdom of Elohim** begins.

Revelation 20:1-4 ¹ Then I saw an angel [Raphael – 1 Enoch 10:4] coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years [Age of Life]; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years [Age of Life] were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years [Age of Life].

According to 1 Enoch, the dragon will be *bound* and *cast into darkness* by the angel *Raphael*.

1 Enoch 10:4-5⁴ And again אוה said to **Raphael**: "**Bind Azazel hand and foot**, **and cast him into the darkness [Revelation 20:1-3**]: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dudael, and cast him therein. ⁵ And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there in the **Age [of Life]**, and cover his face that he may not see light."

There is a *short time*, when earth transitions from the **Age of the Messiah** to the **Age of Life**, when the *wicked* will get a chance to meet the Dragon / Satan / Azazel / Shining One / Devil / Lucifer / hêlel ben shahar up close and personal.

Revelation 10:12B Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea [the wicked]! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. [on the 6000th anniversary of **Day One** of creation]

However, immediately before the devil comes to the inhabitants of the earth, Yeshua Messiah will *gather the wheat* into His barn.

Matthew 3:12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor [in the great tribulation in the First Judean-Roman War in 70 C.E.], and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." [when the Age of Life begins]

Luke 3:17 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor [in the great tribulation in the First Judean-Roman War in 70 C.E.], and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." [when the Age of Life begins]

After the *wheat is gathered* into the barn, Yeshua Messiah will allow Lucifer unrestricted access to the *wicked* who are *alive and remain* when the Age of Life comes, and the only things that Lucifer does is *steal*, *kill*, *and destroy*.



John 10:10 The thief [Lucifer] does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life [immortality in the Age of Life], and that they may have it more abundantly [in The World to Come].

Lucifer will *kill* all of his followers and they will experience the **First Death** and join the rest of the *wicked* who have died in the **6000 year** Present Age. After Lucifer has *killed the wicked*, the angel Raphael will *bind him* for **1000 years**. After these **1000 years** are fulfilled, the *wicked* will be resurrected and cast into the Lake of Fire which is the Second Death.

The *wicked* are *born once* but *die twice*. As the righteous are *born again*, they are *born twice* but *die once* and will *not* experience the Second Death. The only exception are the righteous who believe Yeshua and who are *alive and remain* when the Age of Life begins who will *never die* [John 11:26]. Yeshua Messiah didn't come to *condemn* the world but to *save* the world.

John 3:17-21 ¹⁷ "For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Elohim. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in Elohim."

The Creator has given every creature free choice. All those who *obey the Son* will inherit the **Age of Life**, but all those who *disobey the Son* will experience the *wrath of Elohim*.

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has the Age of Life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, for the wrath of Elohim abides on him."

Salvation comes to those who obey the Son who was wounded for our transgressions.

Isaiah 53:4-5 ⁴ "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by Elohim, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Zechariah prophesied that the house of **David** would look on *Him* [את] whom they pierced.

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of **David** and on the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Him** [את] **whom they pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."

Centuries later when a soldier *pierced* Yeshua Messiah's side, John *recalled* Zechariah's words.

John 19:33-37 ³³ But when they came to Yeshua and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers **pierced His side** with a spear, and immediately **blood** and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." [**Psalm 34:20**] ³⁷ And again



another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him [את] whom they pierced." [Zechariah 12:10]

Interestingly, during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., Aquila, the *pierced* and *wounded* eagle, will be potentially visible on the Western horizon.



Aquila – The Eagle

Stellarium

Aquila, the Eagle, is on the Western Horizon during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger § 2. **AQUILA** (**The Eagle**). *The Smitten One Falling*. Here we have an additional picture of the effect of this arrow, in the pierced, wounded, and falling Eagle, gasping in its dying struggle. And that pierced, wounded, and dying Saviour whom it represents, after saying, in **Psalm 38:2**, "Thine arrows stick fast in Me," added, in **Psalm 38:10**:

"My heart panteth, My strength faileth Me, As for the light of Mine eyes it is gone from Me."

And in Zechariah 13:6:

"And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.""



The names of the stars, all of them, bear out this representation. The constellation contains 74 stars. The brightest of them, α (in the Eagle's neck), is a notable star of the 1st magnitude, called *Al Tair* (Arabic), *the wounding*. The star β is called *Al Shain* (Arabic), the bright, from a Hebrew root meaning scarlet colored, as in Joshua 2:18. The star γ is called *Tarared (or Tarazed), wounded*, or *torn*. δ is named *Al Cair (or Al Mizān I)*, which means *the piercing*, and ε , *Al Okal (or Deneb Al Okab Borealis)*, has the significant meaning *wounded in the heel*.

How can the united testimony of these names be explained except by acknowledging a Divine origin? Even that of Him who afterwards foretold of the bruising of the Virgin's Son in the written Word: yea, of Him "who telleth the number of the stars and giveth them all their names."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 80-81 [slightly amended].

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Capricornus – The Goat

Stellarium

Capricornus, the Goat, is in the West during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger THE SIGN CAPRICORNUS (The Sea Goat). *The Goat of Atonement Slain for the Redeemed.* It is most noteworthy that this Second Book



opens with the **Goat**, and closes with the **Ram**: two animals of sacrifice; while the two middle chapters are both connected with fishes. There is a fish tail with **CAPRICORNUS**. The third decan of **CAPRICORNUS** is a fish (**Delphinus**). There is again a fish (**Pisces Australis**) in the next sign (**AQUARIUS**), and the following sign is **PISCES**, or the **Fishes**. So that the Redeemed Multitudes are presented throughout this Second Book. The reason for this we shall see as we proceed.

Both the **Goat** and the **Ram** are combined in the first chapter, or "Sign" of Capricornus.

In all the ancient Zodiacs, or Planishperes, we find a goat with a fish's tail. In the Zodiac's of Denderah and Esneh, in **Egypt**, it is half-goat and half-fish, and it is there called *Hu-penius*, which means *the place of the sacrifice*.

In the Indian Zodiac it is a goat *passant* traversed by a fish.

There can be no doubt as to the significance of this sign.

In the **Goat** we have the Atoning Sacrifice, in the **Fish** we have the people for whom the atonement is made. When we come to the sign "**PISCES**" we shall see more clearly that it points to the multitudes of the redeemed host.

The **Goat** is bowing its head as though falling down in death. The right leg is folded underneath the body, and he seems unable to rise with the left. The tail of the fish, on the other hand, seems to be full of vigor and life.

The Hebrew name of the sign is *Gedi*, *the kid* or *cut off*, the same as the Arabic *Al Gedi*. CAPRICORNUS is merely the modern (Latin) name of the sign, and means *goat*.

There are 51 stars in the sign, three of which are of the 3rd magnitude, three of the 4th, etc. Five are remarkable stars, α and β in the horn and head, and the remaining three, γ , δ , and ε , in the fishy tail. The star α is named *Al Gedi*, *the kid* or *goat*, while the star δ is called *Deneb Al Gedi*, *the sacrifice cometh*.

Other star-names in the sign, not identified, are **Dabih** (Syriac) the sacrifice slain; Al **Dabik** and Al **Dehabeh** (Arabic) have the same meaning; Ma'asad, the slaying; Sa'ad al Nashira, the record of the cutting off.

Is this not exactly in accord with the Scriptures of truth? Of "the *goat* of the sin offering" it is written, "Elohim hath given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before הקוה" (Leviticus 10:16-17). Here is the death and resurrection. The Messiah was "wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities." "For the transgression of MY PEOPLE was He stricken" (Isaiah 53:8). He laid down His life for the sheep.

In the first chapter of the *First* **Book** we had the same Blessed One presented as "a corn of wheat." Here we see Him come to "die," and hence not abiding alone, but bringing forth "much fruit" (John 12:24). The living fish proceeds from the dying goat, and yet they form only one body.



This picture, which has no parallel in nature, has a perfectly true counterpart in grace; and "a great multitude, which no man can number," have been redeemed and shall obtain the **Age of Life** through the death of their Redeemer.

It is, however, not merely the actual death which is set before us here. The *first* chapter *in each book* has for its great subject *the Person* of the Redeemer in *prophecy* and promise. The last chapter in each book has for its subject the fulfillment of that prophecy in victory and triumph, in the Person of the Redeemer: while the two *central* chapters *in each* book are occupied with *the work* which is the accomplishment of the promise, presented in two aspects – the former connected with *grace*, the latter with *conflict*.

Thus the structure of each of the three books is an *epanodos*, having for its first and last members the Person of the Redeemer (in "A" in *Prophecy*; in "A" in *Fulfillment*), while in the two central members we have the work and its accomplishment (in "B" in *grace*; and in "B" in *conflict*).

It may be thus presented to the eye: –

The First Book

- A | VIRGO. The Prophecy of the Bruised Seed.
 - **B** | **LIBRA.** The work accomplished (in *grace*).
 - **B** | SCORPIO. The work accomplished (in *conflict*).
- *A* | **SAGITTARIUS.** The fulfillment of the Promised Victory.

The Second Book

- C | CAPRICORNUS. The Prophecy of the Promised Deliverance.
 - **D** | **AQUARIUS.** Results of the work bestowed (in *grace*).
 - **D** | **PISCES.** Results of the work enjoyed (in *conflict*).
- **D** | **ARIES.** The fulfillment of the Promised Deliverance.

The Third Book

- **E** | **TAURUS.** The Prophecy of the coming Judge of all the earth.
 - **F** | **GEMINI.** The Redeemer's reign (Grace and Glory).
 - **F** | CANCER. The Redeemer's possession (safe from all conflict).
- *E* | LEO. The fulfillment of the Promised Triumph.

Hence in **CAPRICORNUS**, we must look for the prophecy of this Coming Sacrifice. As a matter of fact it did actually point to the time when the Sun of Righteousness should arise, and "the Light of the World" appear. For within days of when this Promised Seed was conceived the Sun *was actually in this sign of Capricornus!* "The fullness of time was come," and "Elohim sent forth His Son **TO REDEEM** them that were under the Law" (**Galatians 4:4**).

The Sun was really amongst those very stars – *Al Gedi*, the kid, and *Deneb Al Gedi*, *the sacrifice cometh* – when this willing Sacrifice said, "Lo I come to do Thy will, O Elohim." The nights were their darkest and their longest when Yeshua Messiah was conceived. The days began immediately to lengthen when He, "the true light," had come into the world.



Astronomers confess that the perverted legends of the Greeks give but "a lame account" of this sign, "and it offers no illustration of *its ancient origin*." Its ancient origin reveals a prophetic knowledge, which only He possessed who knew that in "the fullness of time" He would send forth His Son.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, The Witness of the Stars, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 74-79 [slightly amended].

Yeshua Messiah was likely conceived on the New Moon 10 on December 20, 4 B.C.E. on the New Moon of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Light. At this time, the Sun was leaving SAGITTARIUS, and it entered CAPRICORNUS around December 25, 4 B.C.E. As Yeshua Messiah is the Light of the World, it is fitting He was conceived during the Festival of Light.

From Luke 1:39, we learn that Miriam went to visit Elizabeth when she was 6 months pregnant. It is possible to know that Gabriel visited Miriam and that the Messiah was conceived on New Moon 10 from what Luke says about John the Immerser. John's father Zachariah of Course 8 -**Abijah** was serving in the temple shortly before John was conceived [Luke 1:5-23].

Course 8 – Abijah was the eighth course of 24 Priestly Courses and it began on Day 21 / Month 3 and ended on Day 28 / Month 3 in 4 B.C.E., or from Sabbath, June 16, 4 B.C.E. until Sabbath, June 23, 4 B.C.E.

Zachariah returned home on Day 29 / Month 3 on Sunday, June 24, 4 B.C.E. after Course 8 – Abijah was finished. John the Immerser was likely conceived on the day the sun stood still on the summer solstice on New Moon 4 on June 25, 4 B.C.E. [Luke 1:24].

Elizabeth was in the sixth month of her pregnancy on New Moon 10 during Hanukkah when Gabriel visited Miriam. Gabriel told Miriam that Elizabeth had hidden herself for 5 months and was now in the sixth month of her pregnancy [Luke 1:36].

Miriam likely conceived on the *night* of New Moon 10 on December 20, 4 B.C.E. [Luke 1:38]. Miriam went to visit Elizabeth the *next morning* on New Moon 10 during Hanukkah on December 20, 4 B.C.E. to verify that what Gabriel had told her was correct [Luke 1:39]. Yeshua said He is the Light of the World and the Door – themes consistent with Hanukkah.

John 8:12 Then Yeshua spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the World. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.

Yeshua Messiah also said that He was the **Door** of the sheep, by which if any man should enter, he will be saved.

John 10:7-9 ⁷ Then Yeshua said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the Door of the sheep.⁸ All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the Door: by Me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

It is fitting that Yeshua Messiah was conceived on Hanukkah which is the Festival of Light, for in Hebraic thought, the days of Hanukkah are symbolically the Door which will lead to the ultimate redemption.

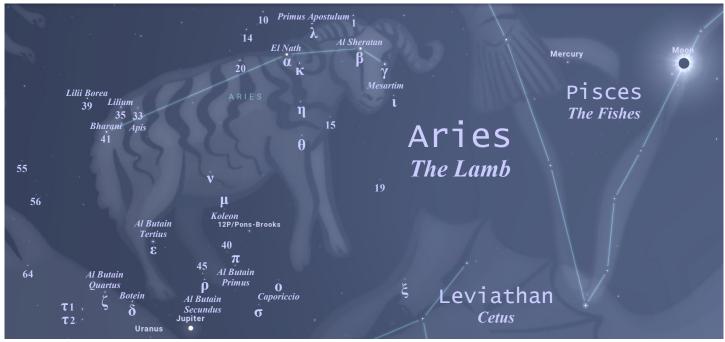


Sfas Emes Hanukkah signals the ultimate salvation and rededication of the entire world. Lighting the Menorah at the **doorway** demonstrates how the days of **Hanukkah** are symbolically **the** '**Door**,' the beginning of the ultimate redemption.

Rabbi Nosson Scherman & Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz (General Editors), <u>The Artscroll Mesorah</u> <u>Series: Chanukah</u>, Mesorah Publications, Ltd., Brooklyn, New York, 1999, p. 105.

John the Immerser was born on New Moon 1 on March 18, 3 B.C.E. 3 months after Yeshua was conceived, and Miriam returned home at this time after staying with Elizabeth for 3 months.

Exactly 6 months after Miriam left Elizabeth, Yeshua was born on New Moon 7 as the Day of Trumpets was *beginning* on September 11, 3 B.C.E. Yeshua was conceived on New Moon 10 exactly 266 days or 38 weeks before He was born on New Moon 7 in 3 B.C.E.



Aries – The Lamb

Stellarium

Aries, the Lamb, will stare directly at the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. while being supported by Jupiter / Tzedek – the planet of the Messiah – the King of righteousness.

E. W. Bullinger THE SIGN ARIES (The Ram or Lamb). The Blessings of the

Redeemed Consummated and Enjoyed. THIS Second Book began with the Goat dying in sacrifice, and it ends with the Lamb living again, "as it had been slain." The goat had the tail of a fish, indicating that his death was for a multitude of the redeemed. In the two middle signs we have had these fishes presented to us in grace, and in their conflict. We come now to the last chapter of this book: and, as we have seen like each of the other books, it ends up with victory and triumph.



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Here we are first shown the foundation on which that victory rests, namely, Atonement. Hence we are taken back and reminded of the "blood of the Lamb."

This is pictured by a ram, or lamb, full of vigor and life; not falling in death as Capricornus is.

In the Denderah Zodiac its name is *Tametouris Ammon*, which means *the reign*, *dominion*, or *government of Ammon*. The lamb's head is without horns and is crowned with a circle.

The Hebrew name is *Taleh*, *the lamb*. The Arabic name is *Al Hamal*, *the sheep*, *gentle*, *merciful*. This name has been mistakenly given by some to the principal star, *a*. The **Syriac** name is *Amroo*, as in the **Syriac** New Testament in **John 1:29**: "Behold the Lamb of Elohim which taketh away the sin of the world." The ancient **Akkadian** name was *Bara-ziggar*. *Bar* means *altar*, or *sacrifice*; and *ziggar* means *right making*; so that the full name would be *the sacrifice of the righteous*.

There are 66 stars in this sign, one being of the 2nd magnitude, two of the 4th, etc.

In the chief star, α (in the forehead), is named *El Nath*, or *El Natik*, which means wounded, slain. *El Nath* is used by **Chaucer** as the name of the *spring* star. The next, β (in the left horn), is called *Al Sheratan*, the bruised, the wounded. The next, γ (near to β), is called *Mesartim* (Hebrew), *the bound*.

How is it there is no conflicting voice? How is it that all the stars unite in one harmonious voice in testifying of the Lamb of Elohim, slain, and bruised, but yet living for evermore, singing together, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing" (**Revelation 5:12**)?

This rejoicing connected with the Lamb shines faintly through the heathen perversions and myths: for **HERODOTUS** tells us how the ancient **Egyptians**, once a year, when it opened by the entrance of the sun into **ARIES**, at a time when **TAURUS** marked the spring equinox, slew a Ram, at the festival of Jupiter Ammon; branches were placed over the doors, the Ram was garlanded with wreaths of flowers and carried in procession. Now the sun entered **ARIES** on the **14th** of the **Judean** month **Nisan** [**Day 14** / **Month 1**], and another lamb was then ordered to be slain, even "the **Passover** of "The type of that Lamb that should in the fullness of time be offered without blemish and without spot. Owing to the precession of the equinoxes, the sun, at the time of the Exodus, had receded into this sign of **ARIES**, which then marked the spring equinox.

But by the time that the antitype – Lamb of Elohim – was slain, the sun had still further receded, and on the 14th of Nisan [Day 14 / Month 1], on the afternoon of the crucifixion, the sun stood at the very spot marked by the stars α *El Nath*, *the pierced*, *the wounded* or *slain*, and β *Al Sheratan*, the *bruised* or *wounded*! Elohim so ordained "the times and seasons" that during that noon-day darkness and the sun was seen near those stars which had spoken for so many centuries of this bruising of the woman's Seed – the Lamb of Elohim.



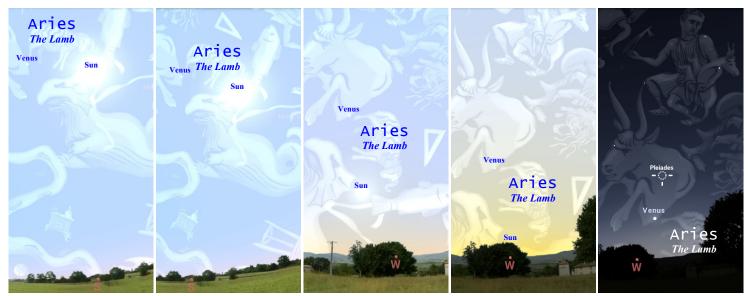
Was this design? Or was it chance. It is far easier to believe the former. It makes a smaller demand upon our faith; yes, we are compelled to believe that He who created the sun and the stars "for Signs and for cycles," ordained also the times and seasons, and it is He who tells us that "WHEN THE FULLNESS OF TIME WAS COME, Elohim sent forth His Son" (Galatians 4:4), and that "in due time Messiah died for the wicked" (Romans 5:6).

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 104-107 [slightly amended].

Bullinger mentioned that on the afternoon of the crucifixion, the sun stood at the spot marked by the stars α *El Nath* and β *Al Sheratan*. In fact in the midst of the crucifixion, β *Al Sheratan*, the *bruised* or *wounded*, stood about 10° directly above the sun, and then about 30 minutes later, α *El Nath*, *the pierced*, *the wounded* or *slain*, stood about 13° directly above the sun.

During the last **3 hours** as Yeshua Messiah was dying on the tree, **ARIES** the **Lamb** went from a standing position to a head down position. Several hours before sunset on **March 24**, **34 C.E.**, **ARIES** the **Lamb** began going head first into the earth with **Venus / Nogah** the **Morning Star** as the **Passover** Lamb, Yeshua Messiah the **Bright and Morning Star**, was being interred into the earth. All of this was done in plain sight before the **Pleiades**, the **congregation of the Judge**.

Aries on the day of the Crucifixion on Passover in 34 C.E.



Stellarium

During the last 3 hours of Yeshua Messiah's crucifixion on March 24, 34 C.E., the constellation of Aries went from a standing position to a head down position. Several hours before sunset on March 24, 34 C.E., Aries the Passover Lamb began going head first into the earth with Venus / Nogah the Morning Star, as Yeshua Messiah the Bright and Morning Star was being interred head first into the earth. All of this was done in plain sight before the Pleiades, the congregation of the Judge.



Auriga – The Shepherd



Stellarium

Auriga, the Shepherd, will be in the East during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger § 3. AURIGA (The Shepherd). Safety for the Redeemed in

the Day of Wrath. Here is presented to us the answer to the question, "Who may abide the day of His coming?"

"Behold, the Master ההה will come as a **Mighty One**, And His arm shall rule for Him: Behold, His reward is with Him, And His recompense before Him. He shall feed His flock like a **Shepherd**, He shall gather the lambs in His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And shall gently lead those that give suck."

(Isaiah 40:10-11 R.V.)

This is exactly what is presented before us in this last section of the chapter, which tells of the coming judgment. We have had the picture of a mighty **Bull** rushing forth; then the fiery river of **the Judge**; and now we see **a Great Shepherd**. He is seated upon "the milky way," holding up on his left shoulder a she goat. She clings to his neck, and is looking down affrighted at the terrible on-rushing Bull. In his left hand he supports two little kids, apparently just born, and bleating, and trembling with fear.



ARATUS says, -

"She is both large and bright, but they – the kids – Shine somewhat feebly on *Auriga's* wrist."

Is not this the **Great Shepherd** gathering the lambs in His arm? And carrying them in His bosom? Is He not saying:

"I will save My flock, And they shall no more be a prey."

(Ezekiel 34:22A)

"And David my Servant shall be king over them,	,
And they shall have One Shepherd ;	
They shall also walk in My judgments and	
observe My statutes, and do them.	(Ezekiel 37:24)
"And they shall fear no more,	
Nor be dismayed	

Neither shall they be lacking, saith יהוה." (Jeremiah 23:4)

AURIGA is from a Hebrew root which means *a shepherd*. It is a beautiful constellation of 66 stars; one of the 1st magnitude, two of the 2nd, nine of the 4th, etc.

The brightest star, α (in the body of the goat), points her out as the prominent feature of the constellation, for its name *Alioth* (Hebrew) means *a she goat*. It is known by the modern Latin name *Capella*, which has the same meaning.

The next star, β (in the Shepherd's right arm), is called *Menkilinon*, and means the *band*, or *chain of the goats*, and points out the truth that they are never more to be lost again, but to be bound, with the bands of love, to the Shepherd for evermore.

The name of another star is *Maaz*, which means *a flock of goats*.

Can there be any mistake as to who this Shepherd is? For the bright star in his right foot is called *El Nath* (like another in ARIES), which means *wounded* or *slain*. This is He, then, who was once bruised or wounded in the heel. He is "the GOOD Shepherd," who gave His life for the sheep (John 10:11), but He was "the GREAT Shepherd" brought again from the dead (Hebrews 13:20); and is now the CHIEF Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4) seen in the day of His coming glory. Another star emphasizes this truth, for it is named *Aiyuk*, which also means *wounded* in the foot.

The star marking the kids is called *Gedi* (Hebrew), *kids*.

In Latin, the word *Auriga* means a *coachman* or *charioteer*, the band in his right hand being taken in his *reins*. But the incongruity of a *charioteer* carrying a shegoat, and nursing two little kids, never struck them; nor did the fact that he has no chariot and no horses! When man blunders in the things of Elohim, he does it thoroughly!



In the Zodiac of Denderah the same truth was revealed more than 4,000 years ago; but the Man, instead of carrying the sheep, is carrying a scepter, and is called *Trun*, which means *scepter* or *power*. But this is a strange scepter, for at the top it has the head of a goat, and at the bottom, below the hand that holds it, it ends in a cross! With the **Egyptians** the cross was a sign of *life*. They knew nothing of "the death of the cross." Here, then, we see *life* and *salvation* for the sheep of His flock when He comes to reign and rule in judgment. The truth is precisely the same, though the presentation of it is somewhat varied.

The connected teaching of the two constellations, *Eridanus* and *Auriga*, is solemnly set forth in Malachi 4:1-3 (R.V.):

"Behold, the day cometh It **burneth** as a furnace; And all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: And the day that cometh shall **burn them up**, saith ההוה of hosts, That is shall leave them neither root nor branch. BUT UNTO YOU that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings; And ye shall go forth and gambol as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked; For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet In the day that I do this saith ההוה day that I do this saith

In **Psalm 37:38-40**, this day is repeatedly referred to, the day when "the wicked shall be cut off"; and it concludes by summarizing the same great truth:

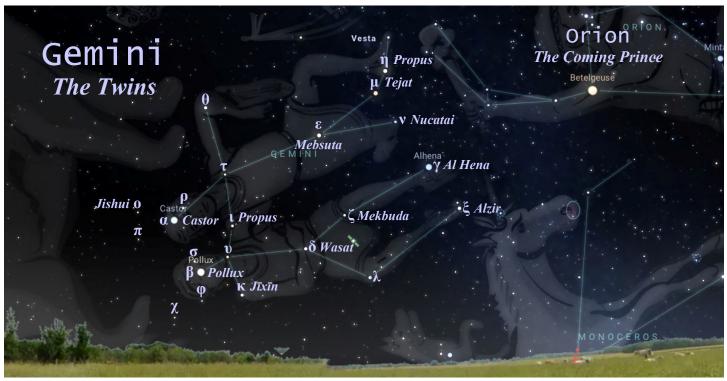
"As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together; The latter end of the wicked shall be cut off, But the salvation of the righteous is of יהוה": He is their stronghold in the time of trouble, And יהוה helpeth them, and rescueth them; He rescueth them from the wicked and saveth them, Because they have taken refuge in Him."

Oh, that all who read these pages may heed the solemn warning, and flee for refuge to Him who now, in this day of grace, is crying, Look unto me, and be ye saved, O all ye ends of the earth" (Isaiah 45:22).

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 133-137 [slightly amended].



Gemini – The Twins



Stellarium

Gemini, the Twins, are on the Eastern horizon during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger THE SIGN GEMINI (The Twins). *Messiah's Reign as Prince of Peace*. All the pictures of this sign are confused. The **Greeks** claimed to have invented them, and they called them **Apollo** and **Hercules**. They are so given in our illustration. The Latins called them **Castor** and **Pollux**; and the name of a vessel in which Paul sailed is so called in **Acts 28:11** Διοσκούροις.

The name in the ancient Denderah Zodiac is *Clusus*, or *Claustrum Hor*, which means *the place of Him who cometh*. It is represented by two figures walking or coming. The second appears to be a woman. The other figure appears to be a man. It is a tailed figure, the tail signifying *He cometh*.

The old Coptic name was *Pi-Mahi*, *the united*, as in brotherhood. Not necessarily united by being born at the same time, but united by being born at the same time, but united in one fellowship or brotherhood. The Hebrew name is *Thaumim*, which means *united*. The root is used in Exodus 26:24: "They (the two boards) shall be *coupled* [תאמים] together beneath." In the margin we read, "Heb. twinned" (R.V. double). The Arabic *Al Tauman* means the same.

We need not trouble ourselves with the **Grecian** myths, even though we can see through them the original and ancient truth. The two were both heroes of peculiar and extraordinary birth - sons of Jupiter. They were supposed to appear at the



head of armies; and as they had cleared the seas of pirates, they were looked upon as the patron saints of navigation. (Hence the name of the ship in Acts 28:11). They were held in high esteem both by Greeks and Romans; and the common practice of taking oaths and of swearing by their names has descended even to our own day in the still surviving vulgar habit of swearing "By Gemini!"

The more ancient star-names help us to see through all these and many other myths, and to discern Him of whom they testify; even Him in His twofold nature - Elohim and Man - and His twofold work of suffering and glory, and His twofold coming in humiliation and in triumph.

The name of α (in the head of the one at our right hand) is called *Castor* or *Apollo*, which means *ruler*, or *judge*; while β (in the head of the other) is called *Pollux* or *Hercules, who cometh to labor*, or *suffer*. Another star, γ (in his left foot), is called *Al Henah*, which means *hurt, wounded*, or *afflicted*. Can we have a doubt as to what is the meaning of this double presentation? In *Ophiuchus* we have the two in one person: the crushed enemy, and the wounded heel. But here the two great primeval truths are presented in two persons: for the two natures were one Person, "Elohim and Man in one Messiah." As man, suffering for our redemption; as Elohim, glorified for our complete salvation and final triumph. A star, δ (in the center of his body), is called *Waset*, which means *set*, and tells of Him who "set His face like a flint" to accomplish this mighty Herculean work; and, when the time was come, "steadfastly set His face to go" to complete it.

He bears in his right hand (in some pictures) a palm branch. In the one from which our illustration is taken, it is a club; but both the club of this one and the bow of the other are *in repose!* These united ones are neither in action, but they are *at rest* and *in peace* after victory won. The star ε (in the knee of the other, "Apollo") is called *Mebsuta*, which means *treading under feet*. The names of other stars have come down to us with the same testimony. One, ι , is *Propus* (Hebrew), meaning *the branch*, or *spreading*; whereas *Al Dirâ* (Arabic), which in the past was used to designate α and β , means *the seed*, or *branch*.

The day has here come to fulfill the prophecies concerning Him who is "My Servant the Branch" (Zechariah 3:8), "the Branch of הוה" (Isaiah 4:2), "the Man whose name is the Branch" (Zechariah 6:12).

"In that day shall **the Branch** of הוה be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel." (Isaiah 4:2)

"Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,

And princes shall rule in judgment;

And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind,

And a cover from the tempest,

As rivers of water in a dry place,

As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." (Isaiah 32:1-2)



"Behold, the days come, saith יהוה, That I will raise unto **David** a **righteous Branch**, And He shall reign as King and deal wisely, And shall execute judgment and justice in the land. In His days **Judah** shall be saved, And Israel shall dwell safely: And this is His name whereby He shall be called, יהוה our Righteousness." (Jeremiah 23:5-6, R.V.) "Behold, the days come, saith יהוה, That I will perform that good word which I have spoken Concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, Will I cause a Branch of Righteousness to grow up unto David; And He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth." (Jeremiah 33:14-15, R.V.)

This is what we see in this sign – Messiah's peaceful reign. All is rest and repose. We see "His days," in which "the righteous shall flourish; and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth" (**Psalm 72**). But, for this blessed time to come, there must be no enemy! All enemies must be subdued.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 137-140 [slightly amended].



Lepus – The Enemy



Lepus, the Enemy, is on the South-East horizon during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger § 1. LEPUS (The Hare) THE ENEMY. *The Enemy Trodden under Foot.* The names if the three constellations of the Sign of GEMINI: Lepus, Canis Major and Canis Minor, as well as the pictures, are all more or less modern, as is manifest from the names being in *Latin*, and having no relation to the ancient names of their stars. To learn their real meaning, therefore, we must have recourse to the ancient Zodiacs. In the Persian planisphere the first constellation was pictured by *a serpent*. In the Denderah (Egyptian) Zodiac it is an unclean bird standing on the serpent, which is under the feet of Orion. Its name there is given as *Bashti-beki. Bashti* means confounded, and *Beki* means *failing*.

ARATUS says, -

"Below Orion's feet, the Hare Is chased eternally."

It is a small constellation of 19 stars (all small), three of which are of the 3rd magnitude, seven of the 4th, etc.

The brightest, α (in the body), has a Hebrew name, *Arnebo*, which means *the enemy of Him that cometh*. The Arabic, *Arnebeth*, means the same. Other stars,



not identified, are *Nibal*, *the mad*; *Rakis*, *the bound* (Arabic, *with a chain*); *Sugia*, *the deceiver*.

There can be no mistaking the voice of this united testimony. For this enemy is under the down-coming foot of **Orion**, and it tells of the blessed fact that the true **Orion**, "the Sun of Righteousness, shall arise," and "the true light" shall shine over all the earth, He "shall tread down the wicked" (**Malachi 4**), and every enemy will be subdued under His feet. "It is He that shall tread down our enemies" (**Psalm 60:12**), as He said:

"I will tread them in Mine anger, And trample them in My fury ... For the day of vengeance is in Mine heart, And the year of My redeemed is come."

(Isaiah 63:3-4)

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 141-142 [slightly amended].

Pegasus The Winged Horse a Al Pheratz θό σ Andromeda Venus The Chained Woman Sadiradra Ad Hil PISCE Mirach isces 51 Nembus Titawi The Fishes Mercury Al Mach Leviathan RIANGULUM Perseus Aries Cetus - The The Breaker The Lamb **Crooked Serpent**

Andromeda – The Chained Woman

Stellarium

Andromeda, the Chained Woman, is close to the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger § 2. ANDROMEDA (The Chained Woman) *The Redeemed in their Bondage and Affliction.* This is a peculiar picture to set in the heavens. A



woman with chains fastened to her feet and arms, in misery and trouble; and bound, helpless, to the sky. Yet this is the ancient foreshowing of the truth.

In the Denderah Zodiac her name is *Set*, which means *set*, *set up as a queen*. In Hebrew it is Sirra, the chained, and Persea, the stretched out. There are 63 stars in this constellation, three of which are of the 2nd magnitude, two of the 3rd, twelve of the 4th, etc.

The brightest star, α (in the head), is called *Al Pheratz* (Arabic), *the broken down*. The star β (in the body) is called *Mizar* or *Mirach* (Hebrew), *the weak*. The star γ (in the left foot) is called *Al Mach*, or *Al Amak* (Arabic), *struck down*. The star ξ (in the right knee) is called *Adhil*, the afflicted. Al Mara (Arabic), not identified, means the afflicted.

Thus with one voice the stars of **Andromeda** speak to us of the captive daughter of Zion. And her coming Deliverer thus addresses her: -

"O you afflicted one, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, And lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, And all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by יהוה, And great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you."

(Isaiah 54:11-14)

"Therefore please hear this, you afflicted, and drunk but not with wine. Thus says your Master יהוה Elohim who pleads the cause of His people: 'See, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, the dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it. But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to you, "Lie down, that we may walk over you." And you have laid your body like the ground, and as the street, for those who walk over.' Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! For thus says יהוה: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money."

(Isaiah 51:21-52:3)

"The virgin daughter of My people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow" (Jeremiah 14:17B).



The picture which sets forth her deliverance is reserved for the next chapter (or Sign), where it comes in its proper place and order. We are first shown her glorious Deliverer; for we never, in the heavens or in the Word, have a reference to the sufferings without an immediate reference to the glory.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 101-102 [slightly amended].

Cassiopeia The Enthroned Woman Cepheus The King •እ • በ Garnet Sta Kurhah Cep π Al Aghnam II deramin a Al Deramin -24 Cep y Al Rai •11 Cep **B** Al Firk • p Al Kalb al Rai • η Al Kidr • θ Al Kidr

Cepheus – The King

Cepheus, the King, during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. The brightest star, α, in the right shoulder, is called *Al Deramin*, which means *coming quickly*.

Stellarium

E. W. Bullinger § 3. **CEPHEUS (The King)** *Their Redeemer Coming to Rule.* Here we have the presentation of a glorious king, crowned, and enthroned in the highest heaven, with a scepter in his hand, and his foot planted on the very **Polar Star** itself.

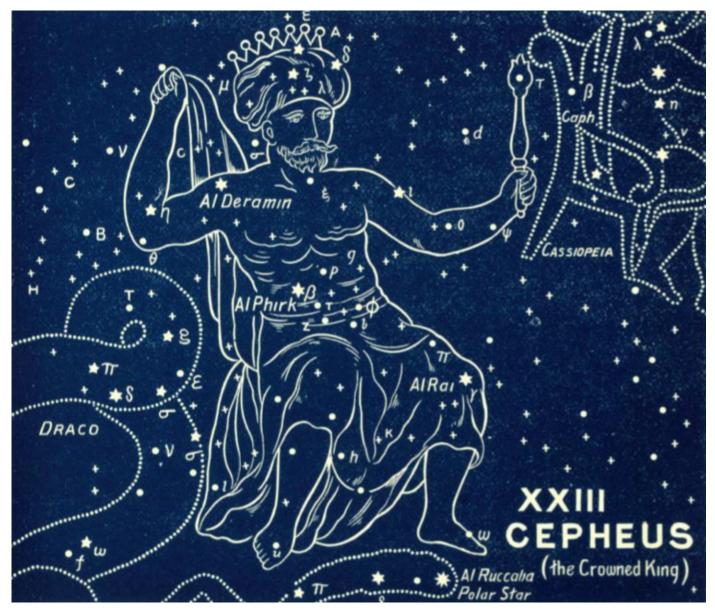
His name in the Denderah Zodiac is *Pe-ku-hor* meaning *this one cometh to rule*.

The **Greek** name by which he is now known, *Cepheus*, is from the Hebrew, and means *the branch*, and is called by **EURIPIDES** *the king*.

An old Ethiopian name was *Hyk*, a king.

There are 35 stars, viz., three of the 3rd magnitude, seven of the 4th etc.





A classic rendering of Cepheus in *The Witness of the Stars* from 1893 C.E. where Cepheus, the Crowned King, is enthroned in the highest heaven, holding a scepter in his hand, with his foot on the Polar Star.

The brightest star, α (in the right shoulder), is called *Al Deramin*, which means *coming quickly*. The next, β (in the girdle), is named *Alfirk* or *Al Phirk* (Arabic), *the Redeemer*. The next, γ (in the left knee), is called *Errai* or *Al Rai*, which means *who bruises or breaks*.

It is impossible to mistake the truth which these names teach. The **Greeks**, though they had lost it, yet preserved a trace of it, even in their perversion of it; for they haled that **Cepheus** was the father of **Andromeda**, and that **Perseus** was her husband.



Yes; this is the glorious King of Israel, the "King of kings, and Lord of lords." It is He who calls Israel His "son," and will yet manifest it to all the world. In Jeremiah 31, after speaking of Israel's restoration, הוה says (v. 1): –

"At the same time," says יהוה, "I will be the Elohim of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people ... For I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn." (v. 9)

As He said to Moses: "Thus saith יהוה, Israel is my son, even My firstborn" (Exodus 4:22).

Here is the foundation of **Israel's** blessing. True, it is now in abeyance, but "הוה" reigneth," and will in due time make good His Word, for

"The counsel of יהוה standeth for ever. The plans of His heart to all generations." (Psalm 33:11)

This leads us up to the last chapter of the Second Book, which shows us the fulfillment of all the prophecies concerning the Redeemed and the sure foundation on which their great hope of glory is based.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 103-104 [slightly amended].

Earlier, when describing Micah's prophecy of the **Breaker** and the **King**, the constellation **Perseus**, **the Breaker**, was linked with Elijah the Prophet while the constellation **Orion**, the **Coming Prince**, was linked with Yeshua Messiah. Both are victorious as Elijah is holding the devil's head while the Messiah is holding the head and skin of the roaring lion who is the devil.

However, one may view **Orion**, the **Coming Prince**, as Yeshua Messiah at His *first coming*, and **Cepheus**, the **Crowned King**, as Yeshua Messiah at His *second coming*.

The **Coming Prince** Yeshua Messiah came to *destroy the works of the devil* and He did this at His *first coming* by atoning for man's sin by sacrificially laying down His own life.

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Elohim was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

The Messiah's atoning sacrifice in **34 C.E.** completely destroyed the devil's plans and made a way for mankind to *lawfully regain authority* over the earth. This authority was lost when Adam and Hawah, the first parents, relinquished their authority and submitted to **Azazel**.

Then about **500 years** after creation, **Semjaza** led 200 angels in another incursion at **Mount Hermon** in an attempt to *corrupt the genetics* of mankind. This story, developed extensively in **1 Enoch**, is summarized by one verse in the Torah.

Genesis 6:4 There were **giants on the earth** in those days, and also afterward, when the **sons of Elohim came in to the daughters of men** and they bore children to them. Those were the **mighty men** who were of old, **men of renown**.

Jude, the half brother of Yeshua Messiah, mentions this incursion of **Semjaza** and the 200 angels who *left their own abode*, their spiritual dimension, to contaminate mankind's genetics.



Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain but left their own abode, He has kept in darkness, bound with chains in the ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah, Age of Life] for judgment on the great day [at the Great White Throne Judgment in The World to Come].

According to Genesis 6:4, these 200 angels produced giants on the earth, who were mighty men, men of renown, and they were enemies of mankind. According to 1 Enoch, הוה punished the 200 fallen angels by commanding Gabriel to cause the offspring of the fallen angels, the first generation of giants, to kill each other off within 500 years.

1 Enoch 10:9-10⁹ And יהוה said to Gabriel: "Proceed against the bastards and the reprobates [200 fallen angels led by Semiaza], and against the children of fornication [the giants HaNephilim הנפלים - Genesis 6:4]: and destroy [the children of fornication and] the children of the watchers [the first generation of giants HaNephilim הנפלים – Genesis 6:4] from amongst men [and cause them to go forth]: send them one against the other that they may destroy each other in battle: for length of days shall they not have. ¹⁰ And no request that they (i.e. their fathers the watchers) make of you shall be granted unto their fathers on their behalf; for they hope to live in the Age of Life, and each one of them will live five hundred years."

Elohim did not spare the 200 fallen angels either and after they had witnessed the death of their offspring, the first generation of giants, Elohim commanded Michael to bind Semjaza and his associates in the valleys of the earth until the Great White Throne Judgment in The World to **Come**. Peter makes a glancing reference to the 200 fallen angels who were cast into the abyss.

2 Peter 2:4-5 ⁴ For if Elohim did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to the abyss and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the wicked ...

Semjaza's incursion was just one battle in the war that Azazel initiated when he wanted to be *like* the Most High.

Isaiah 14:12-15¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning [הילל בן שחר] hêlel ben shahar]! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of El: I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."

Although Azazel and a third of the angels were cast out of *heaven* on Day One of creation, the war has been raging on *earth* ever since. This is why we pray for Elohim's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. If Azazel could win his war against , and if evil could win over good, *then* Semjaza and his associates might be freed from the abyss.

It is for this reason that Yeshua Messiah after His *resurrection* went and proclaimed His victory to Semjaza and his associates, the 200 spirits in prison who were formerly disobedient.



1 Peter 3:18-22 ¹⁸ For Messiah also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to Elohim, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who were formerly disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us – immersion (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Elohim), through the resurrection of Yeshua Messiah, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of Elohim, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Yeshua Messiah at His *first coming* as **Orion** the **Coming Prince** proclaimed a victory to **Semjaza** and his associates who had been bound by **Gabriel** in the first millennium. **Semjaza** and his associates will remain bound until the Great White Throne Judgment in **The World to Come** after which they will be cast into the **Lake of Fire [2 Peter 2:4 / Revelation 20:1-3]**.

Yeshua Messiah at His *second coming* as **Cepheus** the **Crowned King** will proclaim a victory over **Azazel** after He commands **Raphael** to bind **Azazel** until the time of the Great White Throne Judgment in **The World to Come** after which **Azazel** will be cast into the **Lake of Fire** [1 Enoch 10:4-5 / Revelation 20:1-3].

Revelation 20:1-3 ¹ Then I saw an angel [Raphael – 1 Enoch 10:4] coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years [Age of Life]; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years [Age of Life] were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

1 Enoch 10:4-5⁴ And again יהוה said to **Raphael**: "**Bind Azazel hand and foot**, **and cast him into the darkness [Revelation 20:1-3**]: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dudael, and cast him therein. ⁵ And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there in the Age [of Life], and cover his face that he may not see light.

It is interesting that **Cepheus** the **Crowned King** has traditionally had His foot on **Polaris**, the **North Star**, the central star of the heavens around which everything revolves. This cosmically signifies that everything revolves around *truth*, or *true cosmic north* on a *moral compass*, and that our **Crowned King** has *never* lost His bearing, and that He has successfully been fighting and winning the battle of good against evil since **Day One** of creation.

For **6000 years** we have prayed for הוה Elohim's will to be done on *earth* as it is in *heaven*, and as His foot has been on **Polaris**, we can rest assured that our **Crowned King** and His **Kingdom** *will come*, with absolute cosmic precision, on the **6000th** anniversary of **Day One** of creation.



Pisces – The Fishes & The Band



Stellarium

The eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is on the Band binding Pisces, the Fishes, to Leviathan.

E. W. Bullinger THE SIGN PISCES (The Fishes) *The Blessings of the Redeemed in Abeyance.* In this third chapter of the Second Book we come to the results of the Redeemer's work enjoyed, but in connection with conflict, as is seen in the last of the three sections (the constellation of *Andromeda, the chained woman*), which leads up to the last chapter of the book, and ends it in triumph over every enemy.

The Sign is pictured as two large fishes bound together by a *Band*, the ends of which are fastened separately to their tails. One fish is represented with its head pointing upwards towards the **North Polar Star**, the other is shown at right angles, swimming along the line of the ecliptic, or path of the sun.

The ancient **Egyptian** name, as shown on the Denderah Zodiac, is *Pi-cot Orion*, or *Pisces Hori*, which means *the fishes of Him that cometh*.

The Hebrew name is **Dagim**, **the Fishes**, which is closely connected with multitudes, as in **Genesis 48:16** where Jacob blesses Joseph's sons, and says, "Let them grow [177] *wadagah*] into a multitude in the midst of the earth." The margin says "Let them grow *as fishes do increase*." It refers to the fulfillment of



Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful and multiply." The multitude of Abraham's seed is prominent in the pronouncement of the blessings, where Elohim compared His future posterity to the stars of the sky, and the sand upon the sea shore. "A very great multitude of **fish** [הדגה] *hadagah*]," as in **Ezekiel 47:9**.

The Syriac name is Nuno, the fish, lengthened out (as in posterity).

The sign, then, speaks of the multitudes who should enjoy the blessings of the Redeemer's work.

And here we must maintain that "the called out assembly" being understood as "the body of Messiah" was a *concept* that was never revealed to man until it was made known to the Apostle Paul by special revelation.

The Spirit of Truth declares through Paul in **Romans 16:25** that the revelation of the mystery that "was kept secret since the chronology of the ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah] began."

In Ephesians 3:9 he declares that "from the beginning of the ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah] it has been hid in Elohim"; in Colossians 1:26, that it "hath been from ages [Present Age, Age of Desolation, Age of Instruction, Age of the Messiah] and generations, but now is made manifest to His saints." In each scripture which speaks of it as "now made manifest," or "now made known," it is distinctly stated that it was "a mystery," i.e., a *secret*, and had, up to that moment, been hidden from mankind, hidden "in Elohim." ...

If these Signs and these star-pictures be the results of inspired patriarchs, then this Sign of **PISCES** can refer to "His seed" where יהוה prophesied of Yeshua Messiah in **Isaiah 53:10** that "He shall see His seed." It must refer to:

"The nation whose Elohey is יהוה, And the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance."

(Psalm 33:12)

"Such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the earth." (Psalm 37:22)

"הוה shall increase you more and more, You and your children, Ye are blessed of יהוה who made heaven and earth."

(Psalm 115:14-15)

"Their seed shall be known among the Gentiles. And their offspring among the people; All that see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the seed which הוה hath blessed."

(Isaiah 61:9)

"They shall not labor in vain nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of יהוה, And their offspring with them."

(Isaiah 65:23)



The prophecy of this Sign was afterwards written in the words of Isaiah 26:15 – the song which shall yet be sung in the land of Judah:

"Thou hast increased the nation, O יהוה, Thou hast increased the nation."

Of that longed-for day Jeremiah sings (Jeremiah 30:19)

"I will multiply them and they shall not be few; I will glorify them, and they shall not be small."

Ezekiel also is inspired to say:

"I will multiply men upon you, All the house of Israel, even all of it: And the cities shall be inhabited, And the wastes shall be builded; And I will multiply upon you man and beast, And they shall increase and bring fruit." (Ezekiel 36:10-11)

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; And it shall be a covenant with them in the Age [of Life]. And I will establish them, and multiply them, And will set My sanctuary in the midst in the Age [of Life].

(Ezekiel 37:26)

Indeed, this Sign of **PISCES** has always been interpreted of **Israel**. Both **Judeans** and Gentiles have agreed in this. **ABARBANEL**, A **Judean** commentator, writing on Daniel, affirms that the Sign **PISCES** always refers to the people of **Israel**...

Certain it is, that when the sun is in **PISCES** all the constellations which are considered *noxious*, are seen above the horizon. What is true in astronomical observation is true also in historical fact. When Elohim' favor is shown to **Israel**, "the **Judean's** enemy" puts forth its malignant powers. When they increased and multiplied in **Egypt**, he endeavored to compass the destruction of the nation by destroying the male children; but their great Deliverer remembered His covenant, defeated the designs of the enemy, and brought the counsel of the heathen to nought. So it was in **Persia**; and so it will yet be again when the hour of **Israel's final deliverance has come**.

There can be no doubt that we have in this Sign the foreshowing of the multiplication and blessing of the children of promise, and a token of their coming deliverance from all the power of the enemy.

But why *two* fishes? And why is one horizontal and the other perpendicular? The answer is, that not only in Israel, but in the seed of Seth and Shem there were always those who looked for a heavenly portion, and were "partakers of a heavenly calling." In Hebrews 11, we are distinctly told that Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim" (v. 10) They were "strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (v. 13). *Strangers* are those without a home, and *pilgrims* are those who are journeying home: "they seek a



country" (v. 14). They desired "a better country, that is, an HEAVENLY: wherefore Elohim is not ashamed to be called their Elohim; for He hath prepared for them a city" (v. 16). It is clear, therefore, that what are called the "Old Testament Saints" were "partakers of THE HEAVENLY CALLING" (Hebrews 3:1), which included a heavenly portion and a heavenly home; and all through the ages there have been "partakers of the heavenly calling." ... They will have a heavenly blessing, and a heavenly portion, for Elohim has "prepared for them a city," and we see that prepared city, even "the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of HEAVEN, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). This is the "heavenly" portion of the ... the Bride of Messiah.

The fish, shooting upwards to the **Polar Star**, exquisitely pictures this "**heavenly calling**"; while the other fish, keeping on the horizontal line, answers to those who were content with an **earthly portion**. But both alike were divinely called, and chosen, and *upheld*.

The star α used to be named *Okda* (Arabic), meaning *knot*, but at this time is named *Alrescha* meaning *the well rope*. This is the *knot* that binds the fishes to **Leviathan**. The star β *Fum Al Samaka* (Arabic), means *the mouth of the fish*, however *Al Samaca* (Hebrew) means *the upheld*. These speak of the redeemed seed who are *bound*, but who are *upheld* by ...

"But thou, Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, The seed of Abraham My friend; Thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, And called thee from the corners thereof, And said unto thee, Thou art My servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away; Fear thou not, for I am with thee; Be not dismayed, for I am thy Elohim! I will strengthen thee; Yea, I will help thee; Yea, I will **UPHOLD** [*tāmak* תמכתיך] thee with the right hand of My righteousness." (Isaiah 4)

(Isaiah 41:8-10)

This is the teaching of the Sign; and the first constellation takes up this thought and emphasizes it. **THE BAND** that *unites* these two fishes is considered a part of **PISCES**, although the Arabian poems of **ANTARAH** frequently mention it as distinct from the Sign with which it is so closely connected. **ANTARAH** was an Arabian poet of the sixth century.

Its ancient **Egyptian** name was *U-or*, which means *He cometh*. Its Arabic name is *Al Risha, the band*, or *bridle*. It speaks of the Coming One, not in His relation to Himself, or to His enemies, but in His relation to *the Redeemed*. It speaks of Him who says:

"I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; And I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws."

(Hosea 11:4)



But it speaks also of His unloosing the bands with which they have been so long bound. In the picture these fishes are bound. One end of the *Band* is fastened securely round the tail of one fish, and it is the same with the other. Moreover, this band is fastened to the neck of *Cetus*, the sea monster, while immediately above is seen a woman chained as a captive. These both tell the same story, and, indeed, all are required to set forth the whole truth.

The fishes are bound to *Cetus*; the woman (*Andromeda*) is chained; but the Deliverer of both is near. *Cepheus*, the **Crowned King**, the **Redeemer**, preceded by **Perseus**, "**the Breaker**", is seen coming quickly for the deliverance of His redeemed. The *Band*, *Andromeda*, and *Cepheus* are the three constellations of this Sign **PISCES**, and all three are required to set forth the story.

Israel is now bound. The great enemy still oppresses, but deliverance is sure. **ARIES**, *the Ram*, is seen with his paws on this band, as though about to loosen the bands and set the captives free, and to fast find their great oppressor.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 92-101 [significantly edited].

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. in PISCES along with the five ancient planets clustered nearby is *revelatory*. This solar eclipse occurs at Zeta ζ Piscium on the Band binding the fishes and signals that "This will soon *loose the bands* of the oppressor. Yeshua Messiah taught His disciples to be fishers of men as the Scriptures depict *people* as *fishes*.

Matthew 4:18-19 ¹⁸ And Yeshua, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1:16-17 ¹⁶ And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Then Yeshua said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Bullinger saw the fish shooting upwards to the **Polar Star** as saints involved with a **heavenly calling** while the fish on the horizontal line depicts the saints involved with an **earthly calling**. However, the *two fish* in **PISCES** also symbolize the House of **Israel** and the House of **Judah** and those who join themselves to יהוה, collectively known as the Commonwealth of **Israel**.

Jeremiah 31:31-36³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, says יהוה, when I will renew the covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah –³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says יהוה.³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says יהוה: I will put My Torah in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know יהוה, 'for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says יהוה. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." ³⁵ Thus says ', Who gives the sun for a



light by day, the fixed order of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – π of hosts is His name – ³⁶ "If this fixed order departs from before Me," says π , "then the offspring of Israel will also cease from being a nation before Me for many days."

Hebrews 8:8-10 ⁸ Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says are, when I will renew the covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah – ⁹ not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says are: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. ¹¹ None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know are, 'for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Paul taught that *anyone* from *any* nation who *embraces the covenants of promise* and who is *obedient to the faith*, being brought near by the blood of Yeshua Messiah, becomes a fellow citizen with the members of the household of Elohim and a part of the Commonwealth of Israel.

Ephesians 2:11-22¹¹ Therefore, remember that you were once carnal Gentiles – who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision – the work of the hands in the flesh. ¹² And you were at that time apart from the Messiah, having been alienated from the Commonwealth of Israel, and estranged from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without Elohim in the world.¹³ But now, by Yeshua Messiah, you who before were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.¹⁴ For He is our peace, who has made the two become one, demolishing the middle wall of partition, ¹⁵ by His flesh having made ineffective the enmity, the lawful decrees of the Torah, that from the two, He might create in Himself one new man, thus making peace. ¹⁶ He has reconciled both with Elohim in one body through the execution stake, thereby slaying the enmity.¹⁷ And He came and declared peace to you who were afar off and to you who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the set apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a set apart temple in יהוה,²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of Elohim in the Spirit.

Those who join themselves to יהוה are those who *keep the commandments of Elohim* and who *have the faith of Yeshua Messiah*.

Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Elohim and the faith of Yeshua.*



The apostle John confirms Paul's teaching that the *redeemed* in the Commonwealth of **Israel** will come from *every tribe and tongue and people and nation*.

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

Yeshua Messiah said that those practicing lawlessness will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23 ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, ' shall enter the *Kingdom of Heaven*, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice *lawlessness!*'"



Cassiopeia – The Enthroned Woman

Stellarium

Historically inaccurate constellation art depicting Cassiopeia, the Enthroned Woman.

E. W. Bullinger § 1. CASSIOPEIA (The Enthroned Woman) *The Captive Delivered, and Preparing for her Husband, the Redeemer.* In the last chapter we saw the *woman bound* in Andromeda, the *chained woman*. Here we see the same woman freed, delivered, and enthroned.





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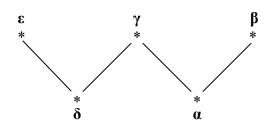
Cassiopeia as depicted in 1687 C.E. by Johannes Hevelius in Firmamentum Sobiescianum sive Uranographia enthroned and holding a branch.

Cassiopeia as depicted in 1893 C.E. by Ethelbert W. Bullinger in *The Witness* of the Stars enthroned and holding a branch.

Cassiopeia as depicted in 1825 C.E. by Sidney Hall in Plate 3 of Urania's Mirror enthroned and holding a branch.

ULUGH BEY says its Arabic name is *El Seder*, which means *the freed*. In the Denderah Zodiac her name is Set, which means set, set up as Queen. ALBUMAZER says this constellation was anciently called "the daughter of splendor." This appears to be the meaning of the word Cassiopeia, the enthroned, the beautiful. The Arabic name is **Ruchba**, the enthroned. This is also the meaning of its Chaldee name, Dat al cursa.

There are 55 stars in this constellation, of which five are of the 3rd magnitude, five of the 4th, etc. This beautiful constellation passes vertically over Great Britain every day, and is easily distinguished by its five brightest stars, forming an irregular W.



This brilliant constellation contains one binary star, a triple star, a double star, a quadruple star, and a large number of nebulæ.

In the year 1572 C.E., Tycho Brahe discovered in this constellation, and very near the star κ (under the arm of the chair), a new star, which shone more brightly than Venus. It was observed for nearly two years, and disappeared entirely in 1574 C.E.



The brightest star, α (in the left breast), is named *Schedir* or *Schedar* (Hebrew), which means *the freed*. The next, β (in the top of the chair), likewise bears a Hebrew name – *Caph*, which means *the branch*; it is evidently given on account of the branch of victory which she bears in her hand.

She is indeed highly exalted, and making herself ready. Her hands, no longer bound, are engaged in this happy work. With her right hand she is arranging her robes, while with her left she is adorning her hair. She is seated upon the Arctic circle, and close by the side of *Cepheus*, the King.

This is "the Bride, the Lamb's wife" (Revelation 21:9). He who has redeemed her is "the Lamb that was slain," and He addresses her thus:

"Thy maker is thine husband; יהוה of Hosts is His name; And the Set Apart One of Israel is thy Redeemer; The Elohim of the whole earth shall He be called. For יהוה hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even a wife of youth when she is cast off, saith thy Elohim. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; But with great mercies will I gather thee. In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; But with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, Saith יהוה thy Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:5-8) Thou shalt be a crown of beauty in the hand of יהוה, And a royal diadem in the hand of thy Elohim, Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; Neither shall thy land any more he termed Desolate; But thou shalt be called **Hephzibah** (i.e., *my delight is in her*), And thy land Beulah (i.e., married); For יהוה delighteth in thee, And thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, So shall thy sons (Heb. thy Restorer) marry thee: And as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, So shall thy Elohim rejoice over thee." (Isaiah 62:3-5) יהוה hath appeared of old (or from afar) unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee, Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built O Virgin of Israel ... He that scattered **Israel** will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd doth his flock, For יהוה hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him From the hand of him that was stronger than he."

(Jeremiah 31:3-4A, 10B-11)

Can we close our eyes to the testimony of these scriptures – that Israel is the Bride of the Lamb ... Having spoken of the divinity and glory of this King



(faintly and in part foreshown by *Cepheus*), the Holy Spirit goes on in the latter part of **Psalm 45** to speak of the Bride – the **Queen**:

"At Thy right hand doth stand the **Queen** in gold of Ophir. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear; Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the King desire thy beauty; For He is your Master; and worship thou Him ... The King's daughter within the palace is all glorious; Her clothing is inwrought with gold, She shall be led unto the King in broidered work; The virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee," etc.

(Psalm 45:9B-14)

Then shall she sing her Magnificat:

"I will greatly rejoice in ההה, my soul shall be joyful in my Elohey; For He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Master ההה will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

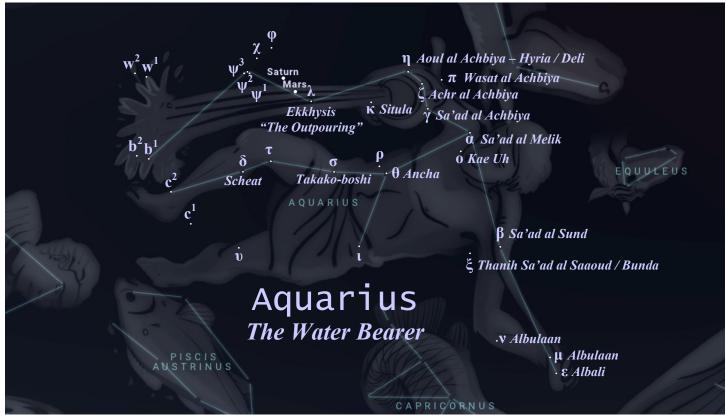
(Isaiah 61:10-11)

This then, is the truth set forth by this enthroned woman. The blessing founded on Atonement, and the Redemption wrought by the Lamb that was slain, result in a glorious answer to Israel's prayer, "Turn our captivity, O ההוה" (Psalm 126:4): when that have "sown in tears shall reap in joy," and ההוה shall loosen the bonds, and place her enthroned by His side.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 107-112 [significantly edited].



Aquarius – The Water Bearer



Stellarium

Aquarius, the Water Bearer, pours out Living Water on the Israel of Elohim. Saturn in Aquarius signifies that the Millennial Sabbath rest will begin after forgiveness and cleansing occurs through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel. Mars in Aquarius signifies that atonement involving bloodshed by Elohim's strength will result in forgiveness and cleansing through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel.

E. W. Bullinger THE SIGN AQUARIUS (The Water Bearer) *Their Blessings Ensured, or the Living Waters of Blessing Poured Forth for the Redeemed.* THE Atonement being made, the blessings have been procured, and now they can be bestowed and poured forth upon the Redeemed. This is the truth, whether we think of Abel's lamb, of patriarchal sacrifices spoken of in the Torah, or of that great Sacrifice of which they all testified. They all with one voice tell us that atonement made is the only foundation of blessing.

This was pictured and foreshown in the heavens from the beginning, by a man pouring forth water from an urn which seems to have an inexhaustible supply, and which flows forth downwards into the mouth of a fish, which receives it and drinks it all up.



In the ancient Zodiac of Denderah it is the same idea, though the man holds two urns, and the fish below seems to have come out of the urn. The man is called *Hupei Tirion*, which means *the place of him coming down* or *poured forth*.

In some eastern Zodiacs the Urn alone appears. The star η (in the highest part of the urn) is called *Deli* (Hebrew) meaning *the water-urn*, or *bucket* (as *midāalyāv* in Numbers 24:7 where the root is *Deli* (דלי ; the Arabic *Delus* as well as the Greek *Hydria* have the same meaning.

There are 108 stars in this Sign, four of which are of the 3rd magnitude. Their names, as far as they have come down to us, are significant.

The star α (in the right shoulder) is called *Sa'ad al Melik*, which means *the record of the pouring forth*.

The star β (in the other shoulder) is called *Sa'ad al Sund*, who goeth and *returneth*, or the *pourer out*.

The bright star δ (in the lower part of the right leg) is well-known today by its Hebrew name *Scheat*, which means *who goeth and returneth*.

The bright star in the urn has an **Egyptian** name -Mon or Meon, which means simply *an urn*.

Aquarius is the modern Latin name by which the sign is known. It has the same meaning, *the pourer fourth of water*.

Can we doubt what is the interpretation of this sign? The **Greeks**, not knowing Him of whom it testified, were, like the woman of Samaria, destitute of that living water which He alone can give. They therefore invented some story about **Deucalion**, the son of Prometheus; and another, saying he is **Ganymede**, Jove's cup bearer! But, as an astronomer says, "We must account otherwise for the origin of this name; for it is not possible to reconcile the symbols of the eleventh sign with **Grecian** mythology" [the eleventh for those who reckon from Aries and not from Virgo, as shown in the riddle of the Sphinx]. No! we must go further back than that, and not cramp our vision, and distort the Scriptures, by confining our thoughts ...

Messiah is first. Yea, He is all in all. The Scriptures testify of Him; and the very stars in this Sign tell of His going away and coming again. These prophetic signs have to do with Him, with the Atonement He wrought, with the conflict He endured, with the blessings He secured, with the victory He shall win, and the triumph He shall have. For it is written:

"He shall pour the water out of His **buckets** [*Deli* 'דל'], And His seed shall be in many waters, And His king shall be higher than Agag, And His kingdom shall be exalted." (Num

(Numbers 24:7)

It tells of that glorious day when



"A King shall reign in righteousness;		
And princes shall rule in judgment;		
And a MAN shall be as an hiding place from the wind,		
And a covert from the tempest;		
As RIVERS of WATER in a dry place."	(Isaiah 32:1-2)	

It speaks of that glorious time when **Israel** shall be restored, and their "eyes shall see the King in His beauty; when the peace of Zion shall be no more disturbed, but there the glorious יהוה will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams" (Isaiah 33:17, 20, 21), Then

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose ... For in the wilderness shall waters break out, And streams in the desert." (Isaiah 35:1, 6) "I will open rivers in high places, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water." (Isaiah 41:18) "Fear not, O Jacob, My servant; And thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen, For I will **POUR WATER** upon him that is thirsty, And floods upon the dry ground; I will **pour My Spirit** upon thy seed, And My blessing upon thy offspring. Thus saith יהוה the King of Israel, And his Redeemer יהוה of hosts." (Isaiah 44:2, 3, 6)

This is the meaning of the Sign. The MAN Messiah Yeshua, who has humbled in death will yet be seen to be the **pourer fourth of every blessing**. Physically **pouring forth literal waters**, removing the curse, and turning this world into a **Paradise**:

"Making her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of יהוה." (Isaiah 51:3)

And *morally* pouring forth His Spirit in such abundance as to fill the whole earth with peace, and blessing, and glory, "as the waters cover the sea."

Upon **Israel** restored **He will pour out His blessing**. They will be sprinkled with clean water, and possess a new heart and a new spirit (**Ezekiel 36:24-28**; **Joel 2:28-32**).

Such are some of the Scriptures which tell of this glorious **Water-pourer** ... the interpretation of them belongs to the **Person of Messiah**, and the nation of Israel. That interpretation is pictured for us in the Sign, and in its three constellations.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 84-88 [significantly edited].



In the **5th century B.C.E.**, Zechariah prophesied that when יהוה comes with all of His angels to rule over the earth, *living waters* will flow from **Jerusalem** in the **Seventh Millennial Day**.

Zechariah said *living waters would flow* from Jerusalem when יהוה Elohim *comes with all of His set apart angels*, connecting the Sign of Aquarius with the Seventh Millennial Day.

Saturn in Aquarius signifies that the Millennial Sabbath rest will begin after forgiveness and cleansing occurs through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel. Mars in Aquarius signifies that atonement involving bloodshed by Elohim's strength will result in forgiveness and cleansing through immersion in the *mikveh* of Israel. The woman at the well, who needed forgiveness and cleansing, asked Yeshua Messiah where she could get the *living waters* He was offering.

John 4:9-14 ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Judean, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Judeans have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰ Yeshua answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of Elohim, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and **He would have given you living water**." ¹¹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Yeshua answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into the Age of Life."

Over 500 years after Zechariah prophesied that *living waters would flow* from Jerusalem, on the *last day* of the Feast of Sukkot, on Hoshanna Rabbah on Day 21 / Month 7 in 32 C.E., Yeshua Messiah said that *rivers of living water* would flow from those who *believe in Him*.

John 7:37-39 ³⁷ On the last day, the great day of the Feast [of Sukkot on Day 21 / Month 7 in 32 C.E.], Yeshua stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Set Apart Spirit was not yet given, because Yeshua was not yet esteemed.

By quoting Zechariah, Yeshua linked the *living waters* depicted in the Sign of Aquarius with the Age of Life and the Seventh Millennial Day. Yeshua did this on Hoshanna Rabbah on Day 21 / Month 7 in 32 C.E. as Haggai had prophesied on Hoshanna Rabbah on Day 21 / Month 7 in 519 B.C.E., in Year 2 of Darius I (521-485), that that the Desire of Nations would come.



Haggai 2:1-9⁻¹ In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month [on the last day of the Feast of Sukkot in 519 B.C.E.], the word of יהוה came by Haggai the prophet, saying: ² "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Yeshua I (520-465) the son of Jehozadak (593-589), the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saving: ³ Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eves as nothing?⁴ Yet now be strong, **Zerubbabel**, ' says יהוה; 'and be strong, Yeshua I (520-465), son of Jehozadak (593-589), the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, ' says יהוה, 'and work; for I am with you, ' says יהוה of hosts. ⁵ 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!' ⁶ For thus says יהוה of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of All Nations shall come, and I will fill this temple with glory, ' says יהוה of hosts [on the last day of the **Feast of Sukkot** on **Day 21 / Month 7** in **32 C.E.**].⁸ 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says inf hosts. ⁹ 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says 'nof hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace [in the Seventh Millennial Day in the Age of Life], ' says יהוה of hosts."

Haggai's dated prophecy from Year 2 of Darius I (521-485) in 519 B.C.E. [Haggai 1:15] came to pass 551 years later *to the day* when the Desire of Nations, Yeshua Messiah, the express image of the invisible Elohim [Colossians 1:15], appeared *in person* and gave the promise of His Spirit in the Second Temple in 32 C.E., making the Second Temple *greater* than the First.

Haggai's prophecy is interesting chronologically and onomastically as Yeshua Messiah has the same name as the High Priest **Yeshua I (520-465)** – Yehoshua [יהושע] which is the long form of Yeshua [יהושע]. The first three letters of Yehoshua [יהושע] are the same as Yahweh [יהושע] as the Father and the Son are *One* [Deuteronomy 6:4 / Mark 12:29].

In Haggai 2:9, יהוה promised that He would give peace, and based on the whole counsel of Scripture, this comes in the Seventh Millennial Day in the Sabbath of Millennia in the Age of Life. Rivers of living water are depicted by Aquarius, and Yeshua Messiah said that rivers of living water would flow out of the heart of whoever believes in Him. At the end of the Second Temple Era there was an elaborate water libation ceremony at the Feast of Sukkot where they drew the waters of Yeshua ['wirg'] from the Pool of Siloam based on Isaiah 12:3.

Isaiah 12:3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation [הישועה].

In fact, some scholars believe that Yeshua [ישוע] Messiah spoke the words in John 7:37-38 at the exact time that the waters of Yeshua [ישוע] were being offered at the altar in the Second Temple. In Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah specifically links *living waters* with the *Spirit of Elohim*.

Isaiah 44:3A For *I* will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; *I* will pour My Spirit on your descendants.

Isaiah also said הוה would cause *waters to gush forth* in the wilderness [Isaiah 35:6], and that He would *open rivers* in desolate heights and *fountains* in the midst of the valleys, making the wilderness a *pool of water*, and the dry land *springs of water* [Isaiah 41:18] as Bullinger noted.



Pisces Australis – The Southern Fish

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Stellarium

Pisces Australis, the Southern Fish, depicts the blessings being bestowed and received by those for whom they are intended. What has been purchased shall be secured and possessed.

E. W. Bullinger PISCIS AUSTRALIS (The Southern Fish) *The Blessings Bestowed.* This first constellation is one of high antiquity, and its brilliant star of the first magnitude was a subject of great study by the Egyptians and Ethiopians. In Arabic, it is *Fom al Haut, the mouth of the fish.* There are 22 other stars. The constellation is inseparable from Aquarius, in connection with which we have shown it. In the Denderah Zodiac it is called *Aar, a stream.*

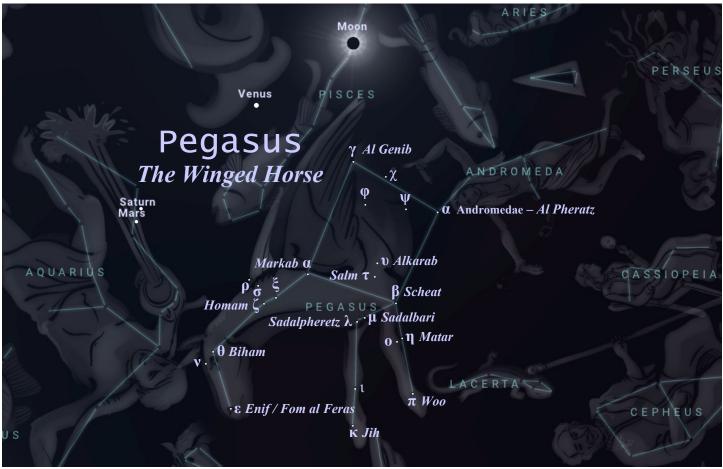
It sets forth the simple truth that the blessings procured by the MAN – the coming Seed of the woman, will be surely bestowed and received by those for whom they are intended. There will be no failure in their communication, or in their reception. What has been purchased shall be secured and possessed.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 88-89 [slightly amended].

In Chinese *Tiān Qiān* means *Celestial Money* and Pisces Austrini θ is *Tiān Qiān èr* – the *Third Star of Celestial Money*; Pisces Austrini ι is *Tiān Qiān sān* – the *Fourth Star of Celestial Money*; Pisces Austrini μ is *Tiān Qiān sì* the *Fifth Star of Celestial Money*; τ Pisces Austrini is *Tiān Qiān wǔ* – the *Sixth Star of Celestial Money*.



Pegasus – The Winged Horse



Stellarium

Pegasus, the Winged Horse, at the time of the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. symbolizes the blessings coming quickly.

E. W. Bullinger § 2. PEGASUS (The Winged Horse) *The Blessings Coming Quickly.* Not only shall they be received, but they shall be brought near. They will not have to be fetched, but they will be caused to come to those for whom they are procured, and will yet be *brought* by Him who has procured them.

In the Denderah Zodiac there are two characters immediately below the horse, *Pe* and *ka*. *Peka* or *Pega*, is in Hebrew *the chief*, and *Sus* is *horse*. So that the very word (*Pegasus*) has come down to us and has been preserved through all the languages.

The names of the stars in this constellation declare to us its meaning. There are 89 altogether; one of the 1st magnitude, two of the 2nd, three of the 3rd, nine of the 4th, etc. As astronomers testify, "they render **Pegasus** peculiarly remarkable."



The brightest, α (on the neck of the horse at the junction of the wing), comes down to us with the ancient Hebrew name of *Markab*, which means *returning from afar*. The star β (by the left foreleg) is called *Scheat*, i.e., *who goeth and returneth*. The star γ (at the tip of the wing) bears an Arabic name – *Al Genib*, *who carries*. The star ε (in the nostril above the mouth) is called *Enif*, but has also been called *Fom al Feras* (Arabic) or *Os Equi* (Latin), *the horses mouth*. The star η (in the left foreleg) is called *Matar* (Arabic), *who causes to overflow*.

These names show us that we have to do with no mere horse. A winged horse is unknown to nature. It must therefore be used as a figure; and it can be a figure only of a person, even of Him who is "*the Word*" as *Fom al Feras* shows, who said with His mouth, "If I go away I will come again," as the star *Scheat* testifies.

He who procured these blessings for the redeemed by His Atonement, is quickly coming to bring them; and is soon returning to pour them forth upon a groaning creation. This is the lesson of **Pegasus**.

"Come, blessed Lord, bid every shore And answering island sing The praises of They royal Name, And own Thee as their King.

Lord, Lord! Thy fair creation groans – The earth, the air, the sea – In unison with all our hearts, And calls aloud for Thee.

Thine was the Cross with all its fruits Of grace and peace divine: Be Thine the Crown of glory now, The palm of victory Thine."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 88-89 [significantly edited].



Cygnus – The Swan



Stellarium

Cygnus, the Swan, at the time of the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. symbolizes the Blesser surely returning.

E. W. Bullinger § 3. **CYGNUS (The Swan)** *The Blesser Surely Returning.* This constellation repeats, emphasizes, and affirms this glorious truth. It has to do with the Great Blesser and His speedy return, and is testified by all the ancient names connected with it.

In the Denderah Zodiac it is named *Tes-ark*, which means *this from afar*.

It is a most brilliant and gorgeous asterism of 81 stars; one of the 1st or 2nd, six of the 3rd, twelve of the 4th magnitude, etc. It contains variable stars, five double stars, and one quadruple. The star marked "**61 Cygni**" is known as one of the most wonderful in the whole heavens. It consists of two stars which revolve about each other, and yet have a progressive motion common to each!

This mighty bird is not falling dead, like **Aquila**, but it is flying swiftly in midheaven. It is coming to the earth, for it is not so much a bird of the air, but a bird peculiarly belonging to both the earth and the waters.



Its brightest star, α (between the body and the tail), is called **Deneb** (like another in **Capricornus**), and means *the judge*. It is also called **Adige**, flying swiftly, and thus at once it is connected with Him who cometh to judge the earth in righteousness.

The star β (in the beak) is named *Al Bireo* (Arabic), *flying quickly*.

The star γ (in the body) is called *Sadr* (Hebrew), who returns as in a circle.

The two stars in the tail, now marked in the maps as $\pi 1$ and $\pi 2$, are named *Azel*, *who goes and returns quickly*; and *Fafage*, *gloriously shining forth*.



A classic rendering of Cygnus in The Witness of the Stars from 1893 C.E.

The teaching, then, of the whole sign of **AQUARIUS** is clear and complete. The names of the stars explain the constellations, and the names of the constellations explain the sign, so that we are left in no doubt.

By His atoning death (as set forth in **CAPRICORNUS**) He has purchased and procured unspeakable blessings for the redeemed. This sign (**AQUARIUS**) tells of those blessings being poured forth, and of the speedy return of Him who is to bring "rivers of blessing," and to fill this earth with blessing and glory "as the waters cover the sea."

"Then take, יהוה, thy kingdom, and come in Thy glory; Make the scene of Thy sorrows the place of Thy throne, Complete all the blessing which ages in story Have told of the triumphs so justly Thine own."

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 91-92.



Lyra – The Harp



Stellarium

Lyra, the Harp, will be just above the western horizon at the time of the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E., and symbolizes praise prepared for the Conqueror. On the right is a classic rendering of Lyra in *The Witness of the Stars* from 1893 C.E.

E. W. Bullinger § 1. LYRA (The Harp) Praise prepared for the Conqueror.

"Praise waiteth for thee, O Elohim in Zion" (Psalm 65:1). And when the waiting time is over, and the Redeemer comes forth, then the praise shall be given. "We give Thee thanks, O ההוה Elohim Almighty, which art, and which wast, because thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and dist reign" (Revelation 11:17). "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor unto Him" (Revelation 19:7). The Twenty-first Psalm should be read here, as it tells of the bursting forth of praise on the going forth of this all-gracious Conqueror.

"The King shall have joy in Your strength, O יהוה; **And in Your salvation** [ובישועתן] how greatly shall He rejoice! ... Your hand will find all your enemies; Your right hand will find all those who hate you ... **Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth**; **And their descendents from among the sons of men**. For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform,



Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows upon Your strings [And shoot them] against their faces. Be exalted O יהוה, in Your own strength! WE WILL SING AND PRAISE YOUR POWER."

(Psalm 21:1, 8, 10-13)

Beautifully, then, does *the harp* come in here, following upon the going forth of this victorious Horseman. The Song of the Lamb follows as naturally as does the Song of Moses in **Exodus 15:1**: "I will sing unto יהוה, for He hath triumphed gloriously."

Its brightest star, a, is one of the most glorious in the heavens, and by it this constellation may be easily known. It shines with a splendid white lustre. It is called *Vega*, which means *He shall be exalted*. Its root occurs in the opening of the Song of Moses, quoted above. Is not this wonderfully expressive?

Its other stars, β and γ , are also conspicuous stars, of the 2nd and 4th magnitude. β is called *Shelyuk* or *Sheliak*, which means *an eagle* (as does the Arabic, *Al Nesr*); γ is called *Sulaphant* or *Sulufat*, *springing up*, or *ascending*, as praise.

In the Zodiac of Denderah, this constellation is figured as a hawk or an eagle (the enemy of the serpent) in triumph. Its name is *Fent-kar*, which means *the serpent ruled*.

There may be some confusion between the Hebrew . Nesher, an eagle, and *Gnasor, a harp*. In our picture we have combined the two great thoughts, taking the harp from a picture dug up at Herculaneum, and adding an eagle soaring up with it. There can be no doubt about the grand central truth, that praise shall ascend up "as an eagle toward heaven," when "every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that is in them," shall send up their universal song of praise: "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen" (Revelation 5:13-14).

And for what is all this wondrous anthem of praise? Listen once again. "Alleluia: Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power unto ההוה our Elohim; for TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ARE HIS JUDGMENTS And again they said Alleluia" (Revelation 19:1-3).

With "that blessed hope" before us, Let no HARP remain unstrung; Let the coming advent chorus Onward roll from the tongue to tongue, Hallelujah, "Come, Master Yeshua," quickly come.

Ethelbert W. Bullinger, <u>The Witness of the Stars</u>, London: 7, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., 1893, Eyre and Spottiswoode, Downs Park Road, Hackney, N.E., pp. 65-68 [slightly amended].



In the preface to his book, **Ethelbert W. Bullinger** mentions his correspondence with **Frances Rolleston** of Keswick, as well as the work of **Joseph A. Seiss** of Philadelphia.

However in **1893 B.C.E.**, **Bullinger** felt "that it was desirable to make another effort to set forth, in a more complete form, *the witness of the stars to prophetic truth*, so necessary in these last days." **Bullinger's** ended his preface in this way:

May the Elohim of all grace accept and bless this effort to show forth His glory, and use it to **strengthen His people in waiting for His Son from Heaven**, even ... [Yeshua] which delivered us from the wrath to come.

ETHELBERT W. BULLINGER

August 31st, 1893

Bullinger's work should be intensely interesting to the redeemed at this time.

The Eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is Outstanding

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. will be outstanding among eclipses which have occurred in the United States since the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 B.C.E.

Joe Rao – April 8, 2021 C.E. – space.com – A standout among total eclipses – Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the dark shadow cone of the moon – called the umbra – from where the spectacle of a total eclipse can be viewed, has swept across parts of the lower 48 states only 21 times. The duration of totality for these eclipses has ranged from just one second (April 28, 1930) to an incredibly long 5 minutes and 20 seconds (June 24, 1778). The average duration of totality for all 21 cases comes out to be 2 minutes 12 seconds.

For the eclipse of August 21, 2017, the maximum duration of totality lasted 2 minutes 40 seconds, which was nearly a half minute longer than the US average.

But on April 8, 2024, the maximum duration of totality will last as long as 4 minutes and 26 seconds (over southwest Texas). That's 135 seconds longer than the US average and 40 percent longer than the maximum duration of the 2017 eclipse.

In fact, of the 21 previous totalities that have swept across the current contiguous US boundaries, only two surpass the **2024** eclipse in terms of duration of totality: the aforementioned eclipse of **1778** and the eclipse of **June 16**, **1806** (**4 minutes 52 seconds**). This latter eclipse is famous for the observations made by **José Joaquin de Ferrer**, a Spanish astronomer who was the first to coin the term "corona" for the halo of light that surrounds the darkened sun during totality, and by **James Fenimore Cooper**, who recounted his own experience witnessing this eclipse form Cooperstown, New York in an autobiographical vignette.



The width of totality path of the **2024** eclipse will also be exceptional: The shadow path for the previous 21 U.S. eclipses averaged about 93 miles (150 kilometers) wide. In **2017**, it was about 71 miles (115 km) wide, but in **2024** the path of totality will be considerably larger, measuring 124 miles (200 km) across.

Usually, the path of most total solar eclipses tends to have a perverse habit in sweeping over remote parts of the Earth or over wide stretches of ocean, and avoiding large population centers. Not so in **2024**.

In Mexico, the cities of Mazatlan (population 503,000), Durango (pop. 655,000) and Torreon (pop. 735,000) are within the totality path. In the United States, the largest population center will be Dallas, Texas (pop. 1.3 million), followed by Austin (pop. 951,000), Indianapolis, Indiana (pop. 864,000), Cleveland, Ohio (pop. 385,000), Buffalo, New York (pop. 256,000) and Rochester (pop. 207,000).

And there are many other big cities such as San Antonio, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, Louisville, Kentucky, Cincinnati and Columbus in Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania that are less than a few hours' drive from the zone of totality. The largest city that will witness the total eclipse will be in Canada: Montreal, Quebec, (pop. 1.8 million).

Interestingly, over the lower Ohio Valley, the totality paths of the **2017** and **2024** intersect. On average, a specific geographic location is treated to a total solar eclipse approximately once every **375 years**. But Carbondale, Illinois – which has christened itself as the "Eclipse Crossroads" city – will again experience totality in **2024**, less than **7 years** after having experienced the total eclipse of **2017**!

Look to the Heavens and Keep Watching

Earlier, a distinction was made between the **Greek** words **oida** [$0\iota\delta\alpha$] and **ginōskō** [$\gamma\iota\nu\dot{\omega}\sigma\kappa\omega$] to make the point that no man *intuitively* knows the day and the hour.

Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one intuitively knows [oldev], not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

In fact, when you get to the *end of the parable* it is evident that Yeshua Messiah prophesied that it is the *evil servant* who will *not know* the day and the hour.

Matthew 24:48-51 ⁴⁸ "But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' ⁴⁹ and begins to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Messiah also prophesied that the *evil servant* would begin to *smite* his fellow servants at the end of the Age of the Messiah. Has this happened? Did Yeshua Messiah call it correctly? Have the *evil servants* in the world begun to *smite* their fellow servants in full spectrum warfare?



Are the *evil servants* waging warfare against their fellow servants? Are they waging information warfare, psychological warfare, microwave radiation warfare, food warfare, water warfare, medical warfare, economic warfare, supply chain warfare, chemical warfare, nuclear warfare (depleted uranium rounds), and biological warfare (employing nano-technology which seems to come from another realm)? Yes they are! So this prophecy is coming to pass before our eyes. This war *began* when the *evil servant* Cain murdered the *righteous servant* Abel.

Genesis 4:8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and murdered him.

As the prophecy of the *evil servant* beginning to *smite* his *fellow servants* is unfolding, it is important to hear the warning given by Yeshua Messiah – He warned us to *watch!*

Matthew 24:42-44⁴² "Watch therefore, for you do not intuitively know [οιδατε] what hour your Master is coming. ⁴³ But acquire knowledge [γινώσκετε] of this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The *heavens* declare the esteem of the Creator as they prophesy every day and reveal knowledge every night [**Psalm 19:1-2**]. One aspect of *watching* involves *watching the heavens* as the heavens reveal *true knowledge* – they are not "hopium", artificial intelligence, propaganda, or part of a continuity of government operation – neither man nor the devil has control over them!

Any *reasonably intelligent* person will *correctly* believe that on April 8, 2024 C.E., when the sun is eclipsed over Fredericksburg, Texas, the stars and planets will be situated as depicted in this paper, whether it is a clear day or a cloudy day.

In fact, people's *faith in the universe* is causing them to buy protective eyewear *in advance* in order that they might safely observe the eclipse at *heaven's appointed time*. Other talented people with like *faith* have already animated the exact path of the eclipse *in advance*.

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The point is this. At this time in history, the Creator has allowed mankind to know the day and hour of heavenly events with *exacting precision – in advance*. Why? In the ancient world, this was prized knowledge possessed by a privileged few, and the few who possessed this knowledge in ancient **Babylon** had the power to *take down kings*, which they sometimes did.

Why would the Creator allow virtually *all of mankind* to be *familiar* with this knowledge today? Apparently because *history* is *tethered* to the *signs in the heavens*, and although people might not believe in the Creator or His *covenant* with mankind, people do have *faith in the heavens*.

It is because the Creator loves *all people* that He will use people's *faith in the heavens* to inform them *in advance* of the *day* and *hour* when the **Present Age ends** and the **Age of Life** *begins*. The wise have always believed the *firmament of heaven* is there to *rule the hopes of man* and to aid him in the *computation of earthly time* in order to *foreshow* to man the *glories of eternity*.



Frances Rolleston In the beginning of Genesis it is declared that "Elohim made lights in the firmament of heaven, to divide between the day and the night, and to be for signs, and for Appointed Times, and for days, and for years." It is not said that on the fourth day Elohim *created* them, but that He made them *appear* as lights in the firmament, where previously vapours might have obscured their orbs. The word "signs" should lead us to ask, what do they signify? The primitive word *ôwth* אות [Strong's H226], rendered *signs* in Genesis 1:14, and *mark* in Genesis 4:15, is something that testifies, foreshows. Their prophetic import may thus be seen, as implied in their name from the beginning. These signs in the firmament of heaven may then be expected to teach, to instruct, to foreshow. If these emblems, the signs of the zodiac and other constellations, are calculated to set forth important truths fitted to rule the hopes of man as well as the computation of his earthly time, this declaration seems to authorize the conclusion, that the patriarchs, desiring to act according to the mind and will of Elohim, so devoted them to show forth His glory. If the inventors of astronomy were indeed acquainted with truths of the utmost importance to the whole of mankind, might they not wisely desire to connect the remembrance of them with those memorials, those signs, by which they measured the path of the sun in the heavens, thus with the observations of earthly time associating the revealed glories of eternity beyond? They, whose accurate knowledge of the movements of the celestial orbs still astonishes posterity, might well desire to annex the message of everlasting mercy with which they had been entrusted, to the only visible works of creation that at all times and in all places present the same aspect of unalterable splendor. Adam, to whom the first revelation was made; Seth, in whose time it was begun to proclaim the name of יהוה; and Enoch, walking with Elohim, who prophesied of His final victory, might well be led to express the promises and predictions they had received in the very figures, and even words, constantly recurring in the written records of the subsequent revelations to patriarch and prophet, from the dying Jacob, who spoke of the Lion of Judah, to him who saw the Lamb, the light thereof, in the holy city of the Apocalypse.

From the beginning of **Genesis** to the end of the **Revelation**, as through the whole sphere of the starry heavens, the enemy is represented in the serpent, the Messiah in the seed, the lion, and the lamb. Every where He goes forth triumphant; yet every where He is seen, the Bruised, the Pierced, the Lamb as it had been slain. Frances Rolleston, <u>Mazzaroth: or the Constellations</u>, Gilbert and Rivington, Printers, St. John's Square, London, 1862, pp. 22-23 [slightly amended].

Paul prophesied that the day of יהוה would not come on the children of light like a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Isaiah prophesied of the *magnificent rest* which will come when the *Root of Jesse* stands as a banner for the *peoples*.

Isaiah 11:1-10 ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a **Branch** will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of will rest on Him – the Spirit of wisdom



and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of ההוה – ³ and He will delight in the fear of ההוה. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears; ⁴ but with righteousness He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist. ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my set apart mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of ההוה as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be magnificent.

This *magnificent rest* refers to the **1000** year *rest* of world peace in the Age of Life. Isaiah said the nations will *soon rally to* the *Root of Jesse* who is about to *strike the earth with the rod of His mouth* and *slay the wicked with the breath of His lips*. Yeshua Messiah, who is the *Root of Jesse*, said that He would *cut the evil servant in two*.

Matthew 24:48-51 ⁴⁸ "But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My Master is delaying his coming,' ⁴⁹ and begins to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ the Master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Luke 12:45-46 ⁴⁵ "But if that servant says in his heart, 'My Master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, ⁴⁶ the Master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers."

Perspectives

From a *technical perspective*, the maximum duration of totality for the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is *exceptional* lasting as long as 4 minutes and 26 seconds over southwest Texas, about 135 seconds longer than the U.S.A. average.

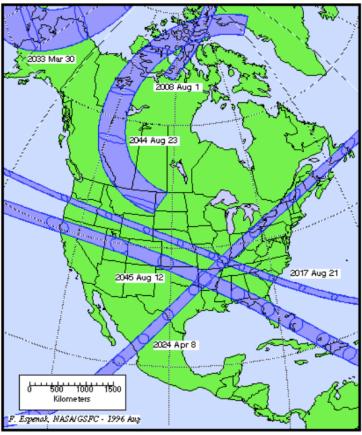
The width of the totality path for this eclipse will also be *exceptional* measuring 124 miles (200 km) across, and it will occur over many large population centers.

It is the third of three solar eclipses to cross over the U.S.A. in seven years.

The next total solar eclipse that will cross over the U.S.A. will occur on August 12, 2045 C.E.



Total Solar Eclipses Over the U.S. – 2001-2050 C.E.



Fred Espenak - NASA

From a *spiritual perspective*, it is noteworthy that during the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 **C.E.**, all five planets visible to the naked eye will cluster around the eclipsed sun, and they will be potentially visible at *midday* over Eridanus, the River of the Judge, and Leviathan, the piercing serpent, the crooked serpent.

Venus / Nogah and Jupiter / Tzedek will be to the West and East of the eclipse and both planets refer to Messiah. Jupiter / Tzedek refers to Melchizedek the Righteous King, while **Venus / Nogah** the **Daystar phosphoros** [$\phi \omega \sigma \phi \phi \rho o c$] will rise in our hearts at *midday*.

Jupiter / Tzedek will preside over Eridanus – the River of the Judge, while Venus / Nogah will preside over Leviathan - the piercing serpent, the crooked serpent.

Horologium, an instrument for telling the hour, will be on the horizon at the end of the river of the Judge, as Horologium is next to Achernar in Eridanus.

From an observer's perspective on earth, all **eight planets** will be aligned above the horizon. Uranus / Ouranós [oupavous], Greek for *heaven*, will be the highest planet in the sky, while **Pluto / Hades [\alpha \delta n_c] Greek** for *hell*, will be the lowest planet in the sky just above the horizon.

The two horns of Taurus / Joseph, representing Ephraim and Manasseh, are visibly charging with the planets in tow, while **Pluto**, the **Roman** god of the underworld, is in the lowest region.



Perseus and **Orion**, the Breaker and the King, Elijah and the Messiah, will bear witness to the spectacle, along with **Pleiades**, the **congregation of the Judge**. **Polaris**, the **North Star**, will bear witness in the Northern sky. During the eclipse, 12P / Pons-Brooks, a periodic comet with an orbital period of **71 years**, will be passing by.

Ursa Minor / the **Lesser Sheepfold** and **Ursa Major** / the **Greater Sheepfold** will bear witness to the eclipse in the Northern sky. **Draco** / the **Dragon** will also be seen "cast to the earth" in the Northern sky, causing one to think of the day the dragon *was cast down* on **Day One** of creation, and of the day when the **Kingdom** *will come* on the **6000**th anniversary of **Day One** of creation.

Aquila / the Eagle, representing Messiah as the *pierced one*, will bear witness to the eclipse on the Western Horizon. Issachar is no doubt laboring as a *bond servant* right now between two sheepfolds, the commonwealth of Israel composed of all the nations on earth, so that the nations might enter *the rest* – the Age of Life – the Seventh Millennial Day in the *cosmic week*.

Capricornus / the **Goat**, representing Messiah as the *atoning sacrifice*, will be just above the western horizon, while **Aries** / the **Lamb** will stare directly at the eclipse while being supported by **Jupiter** / **Tzedek**, the planet of the Messiah the King of Righteousness.

Auriga / The Shepherd signifies *safety for the redeemed* in the day of wrath, while Gemini / The Twins on the eastern horizon pictures the two-fold nature of Messiah as Elohim and Man, Lepus / The Enemy, the enemy being trodden under foot, will be on the south-east horizon.

Andromeda / The Chained Woman, representing the redeemed in their bondage and affliction, will be close in proximity to the eclipse. However we can rest assured that Cepheus / The King will come with absolute cosmic precision on the 6000th anniversary of Day One of creation.

Pisces / The Fishes, are tied to Leviathan by The Band, but as the eclipse takes place directly over Zeta ζ Piscium on The Band binding The Fishes, it signals that will soon *loose the bands* of the oppressor.

Cassiopeia / **The Enthroned Woman**, visibly represents the **Bride**, preparing for her Husband the Redeemer, while **Aquarius** / the **Water Bearer** signifies that Yeshua Messiah will pour out His *living waters* to **Pisces Australis** / **The Southern Fish**, the Redeemed.

Pegasus / The Winged Horse almost touches the eclipse, and this constellation signifies that the blessings are coming quickly. **Cygnus / The Swan** in the western horizon symbolizes that the Blesser is surely returning, while **Lyra / The Harp** signifies praise prepared for the Conqueror.

This summarizes the constellations visible during the eclipse from the perspective of Messianic redemption. **Bullinger** wanted his book to strengthen the people of Elohim who were waiting for the Son to come from heaven. The constellations are always there telling their story, but their *proximity* to the eclipse and to the horizon on **April 8**, **2024 C.E.** adds detail to their message.

Also interesting is the fact that the eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is the third of three solar eclipses which cross over the U.S.A. in 7 years between 2017-2024 C.E., and that the *eclipse paths* formed by these three eclipses form an Aleph \neq over the U.S.A.

The Aleph ≄ is the first letter of the Paleo Hebrew Alphabet corresponding with A in the English Alphabet, and the *lines formed* by the *eclipse paths* of the three U.S.A. solar eclipses in 2017-2024 C.E. over the U.S.A. may be seen as the *cursive script* of the Creator Himself.



In Judean culture, Hebrew Years are designated by Hebrew letters, and an Aleph \neq used at the beginning of a Hebrew Year signifies 1000 years. So the Aleph \neq spiritually signifies that a new age, the Age of Life lasting 1000 years, is approaching.

The paths of the two U.S.A. Total Solar Eclipses in 2017-2024 C.E. form a Taw \checkmark which is the last letter of the Paleo Hebrew Alphabet. Therefore, the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. is the *final stroke* of the Master that completes both the Aleph \measuredangle and the Taw \checkmark .

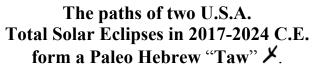


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The paths of three U.S.A. Solar Eclipses from 2017-2024 C.E. form a Paleo Hebrew "Aleph" ≮.



A foundational teaching of the Torah is that Yeshua Messiah *is* the Aleph \neq and the Taw \checkmark the "Word" $\checkmark \neq$ at the beginning of creation. John understood that the Word "Aleph Taw" $\checkmark \neq$ was beside or *with* the word Elohim, and that the word "Aleph Taw" $\checkmark \neq$ was Elohim. This is *the* supreme revelation of the Scriptures. Yeshua Messiah *is* the Aleph \neq and a Taw \checkmark – the invisible Elohim – the Creator of the universe.

The **7000 Year Plan of Elohim** with its four ages and seven millennia can be seen within the first eight words of the Torah.



Prayerfully, the Creator will use the U.S.A. to deliver the good news of the kingdom to all the nations before the **Age of Life** begins.



As *deliverance* in the Age of Life commences with the *great and awesome day of* יהוה, the real question is: How close is the *remnant* to the *great and awesome day of* יהוה before which the *sun shall be turned into darkness* as prophesied by Joel in the late 7th century B.C.E.?

Joel 2:30-32³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of יהוה.³² And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of יהוה shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as in has said, among the remnant whom יהוה calls."

More than 600 years after Joel lived, during the Feast of Pentecost / Shavuot in 34 C.E., the apostles were quite cognizant of Joel's prophecy of the great and awesome day of יהוה before which the sun would be turned into darkness.

Acts 2:14-21¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days [fourth, fifth, and sixth millennial days], ' says Elohim, 'That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of .²¹ And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of area.²¹ For the sun shall be saved." [Joel 2:28-30]

The prophets and apostles were looking for the *great and awesome day of* יהוה because they believed it would lead to the **1000 year Millennial Sabbath** – the *last day* in the *cosmic week*.

Revelation 20:1-3 ¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years [Age of Life]; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years [Age of Life] were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Those who believe **Revelation 20:1-3** know that הוה has already determined that Satan *will rest* on the **Seventh Day Sabbath** in the *cosmic week* as *he will be bound*. When the **1000 year Seventh Day Sabbath** has been completed, Satan will be released on the *first day* of a new *cosmic week*, his rest day, and he and all of those with the mark of the beast [Rome] in their minds will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 20:7-10 ⁷ Now when the thousand years [in the Age of Life] have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather



them [the resurrected wicked] *together to battle*, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the set apart ones and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of heaven and devoured them [in The World to Come]. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone [in The World to Come] where the beast and the false prophet were cast. And they will be tormented day and night in the Age of the Ages [The World to Come].

As *deliverance* comes in the **Millennial Sabbath** which is initiated by the *great and awesome day of* יהוה, many who love the Creator keep looking for the *one particular* total solar eclipse *preceding the day of* יהוה when the *sun is turned to darkness*.

The solar eclipse on **October 13**, **2023 C.E.** is an *annular eclipse* and annular eclipses can look like a *ring*. Similarly, a *diamond ring effect* often occurs during second or third contact of a *total solar eclipse* like the one on **April 8**, **2024 C.E.**

Cosmically, in the **7000 Year Plan of Elohim**, this could be construed as the Creator offering a diamond ring to His Bride. The *Bride of Messiah* is a Scriptural motif where the *Bridegroom* refers to the *Messiah*, and the *bride* refers to *redeemed mankind*. John the Immerser perceived that Yeshua Messiah was the Bridegroom while he saw himself as a friend of the Bridegroom.

John 3:27-29 ²⁷ John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Messiah,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' ²⁹ He who has the bride is the Bridegroom; but the friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled."

In Hebraic thought, the *Marriage of the Lamb* between the bride and the Bridegroom occurs when the Creator, who is immortal, *marries* Himself to redeemed mankind, and at this time, *mortals* become *immortal*. Paul refers to the mortal body as an *earthly house* or *tent* which is *naked* and needs to be *further clothed* with *immortality*.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 ¹² For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from Elohim, a house not made with hands, lasting for the ages [Age of Life, World to Come] in the heavens [the second heaven in the Age of Life and the third heaven in Paradise]. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴ For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is Elohim, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Paul prophesied that *death will be swallowed up in victory* at the Last Trump.

1 Corinthians 15:51-55 ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last *Trump*. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and



this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?"

The Whole Duty of Man

The Scriptures have already prophesied who will win the battle between good and evil – it is *redeemed mankind* – those who *obey* the Creator and *keep His commandments* – the *faith of* Yeshua Messiah – this is the *whole duty of man*.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

In fact, this is how the saints truly wage *spiritual warfare* – by *keeping the covenant* with the Creator and *obeying His commandments*.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and **keep those things** which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of Elohim and the faith of Yeshua.*

The very last words of the prophetic Scriptures that we have to navigate our sojourn are these:

Revelation 22:14-21 ¹⁴ Blessed are those who **do His commandments**, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. ¹⁶ "I, Yeshua, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the assemblies. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." ¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. ¹⁸ For I testify to these things, Elohim will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the set apart city, and from the things which are written in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." So be it. Even so, come, Master Yeshua! ²¹ The grace of our Master Yeshua Messiah be with you all. So be it.

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 C.E. at the end of the Age of the Messiah is a richly significant and monumental *sign* to those who love and obey the Creator of the universe. From our perspective, it is a *sign for the ages*. After 6000 Hebrew Years, the meek will inherit the earth and the Age of Life will begin. Time is on our side. Keep the faith and keep watching!



Addendum Concerning the U.S.A. Patriot Community



Robert Agee

We acknowledge that **Sheila Holm** and **Robert Agee** have already apprised American patriots of the three solar eclipses over the U.S.A. between **2017-2024** C.E.

Sheila Holm has noted that the total solar eclipse on August 17, 2017 C.E. moved along the *eclipse path* from the west to the east, *opposite* to the direction the sun travels across the sky from an observers perspective on earth, and she interpreted this as signifying that the Creator is *reversing the curse* on the nation.



A Prayer of Repentance

of my own free will, Ι. promise to make Yeshua Messiah the Lord and Master of my life. I promise to keep the faith of Yeshua Messiah, with His Spirit helping me, exactly as He did. I promise to love Yahweh Elohim with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. I promise to obev the 10 Commandments, and all of the commandments of Scripture that pertain to me as an individual. I promise to observe the dietary laws and to eat the way Yeshua ate. I promise to observe the Seventh Day Sabbath, the High Sabbaths, New Moons, Appointed Times, and Festivals, and to count the Seven Year Sabbath Cycle, and the 50 year Jubilee Cycle exactly as Yeshua, the prophets, and apostles did. I renounce any and all pagan idolatrous practices I may have knowingly or unknowingly engaged in. I promise to turn away from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life. From now on, I promise only to worship the Creator so that I may become a beneficiary of the blessings of His eternal covenant with mankind, both now in the Present Age, and in the Age of Life and The World to Come. I believe with perfect faith that by keeping the faith of Yeshua Messiah, He will impute His righteousness to me on judgment day, that I might live in a *Covenant of Peace with Him in His universe, in happiness,* forever.

So be it.

