

[C-7] The Heavens Declare The Glory of God -- God's Plan of Redemption in the Stars

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(1) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament {crystal dome, universe} shows His handy work^a. {19} Psalms 19:1 KJP

Most of the following is from E.W. Bullinger's book: **The Witness of the Stars**, (1893) pub. by Kregel Publications and **Many Infallible Proofs** by Henry Morris

King James 1769 Version	King James Paraphrase
<p>(14) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:</p> <p>(15) And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.</p> <p>(16) And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: <i>he made</i> the stars also.</p> <p>(17) And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,</p> <p>(18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that <i>it was</i> good.</p> <p>(19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.</p>	<p>(14) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament {crystal dome} of heavens' universe to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signsⁱ, and for seasons, and for days, and years:</p> <p>(15) And let them be for lights in the firmament {crystal dome} of heavens' universe to give light upon the earth: and it was so.</p> <p>(16) And God made two great lights; the sun to rule the day, and the moon to rule the night: <i>He made</i> the stars also.</p> <p>(17) And God set them in the firmament {crystal dome} of heavens' universe to give light upon the earth,</p> <p>(18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that <i>it was</i> good.</p> <p>(19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. {1} Genesis 1:14-19</p>

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<p>(31) Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? (32) Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? (33) Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?</p>	<p>(31) Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades {seven stars}^a, or loose the bands of Orion^b? (32) Can you bring forth Mazzaroth {Zodiac constellations}^c in his season? or can you guide Arcturus {the Big Bear [Big Dipper]}^d with his sons? (33) Do you know the ordinances of heaven? can you set its rule in the earth? {18} Job 38:31-33</p>

38:31a - Pleiades – Cimah {כימה} [Heb. - the congregation of the Ruler]- the seven stars – Amos 5:8
38:31b – Orion – Cesil - {כסיל} [Heb. - coming forth as light]
38:32c - Mazzaroth {מזרות} -Zodiac constellations
38:32d - Arcturus – Ash - {עש} [Heb. -He comes} - the Big Bear – the Big Dipper
– see note on Job 9:9

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<p>(9) And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. (10) And he told <i>it</i> to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?</p>	<p>(9) And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brothers, and said, indeed, I have dreamed another dream; and, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down before me. (10) And he told <i>it</i> to his father, and to his brothers: and his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to you to the earth? {1} Genesis 37:9-10</p>

In scripture we are told that the heavens declare the glory of God {Ps. 19:1}. In Genesis 1 we are told that God gave the sun, moon, stars, (and planets) for days, nights, signs, and seasons.

In any study such as this we need to be sure that the differences are clearly distinguished between astronomy which is the study of the universe, and astrology/horoscopes which are attempts to use stars and planets to foretell the future. For Jews and Christians astrology/horoscopes are clearly forbidden by God and anyone seeking to be obedient to the Lord and making any attempt to live a holy lifestyle in accordance with His Word will reject any dealings with them. Their origins are grouped along with other attempts by Satan to counter God's Word. You can't play around with the devices of Satan without being burned. Astronomy on the other hand is a study of God's creation. Although much of astronomy has been secularized over the years and attempts have been made to omit any references to the Creator of all things, and used by those espousing evolution in an attempt to "prove" an old age for the universe, His handiwork is clearly visible to any who are sincerely searching for truth. Most of the information contained in this article is merely a very brief summary of a very excellent work by E.W. Bullinger in his book: **The Witness of the Stars**, (1893) pub. by Kregel Publications; and also found as an appendix – **Book of God in The Heavens** in the book: by Dr. Henry M Morris, **Many Infallible Proofs.**, (1974) , pub. by Creation-Life Publishers

From the very beginning of recorded history mankind has visualized shapes and patterns in the stars. The Zodiac [**Mazzaroth** {מזרות} in Job] which contains 12 primary constellations, each of which contains 3 "sub" constellations dates back to the earliest of all records which are found literally all over the world. In looking at the stars the shapes of the constellations are not readily apparent even to a trained eye; yet all of the Zodiacs from all over the world are consistent in the general shapes of the constellations. This alone tends to imply that not only do all of the Zodiacs from all over the world have a common origin, but that at one time they also had a common "story" or meaning that was passed down from generation to generation. For the Christian, even a quick glance at the names of the constellations suggests that each constellation tells a different aspect of God's great Plan of Salvation.

This becomes even more apparent when the ancient names of the constellations are examined in more detail. In the Jewish tradition Adam is original source of the Zodiac and its meaning.

The sphinx of ancient Egypt has always been a curiosity. On the ceiling of the portico of the Temple of Esneh in Egypt the sphinx is displayed between the constellations Virgo and Leo. The sphinx itself has the head of a woman and a body of a lion. The implication is that the "head" or starting place of the Zodiac story begins with Virgo the virgin and ends with Leo the lion.

In Genesis we find out about the 12 sons of Israel, about prophecies about them given before Jacob's death {Gen. 49}, and how in one of Joseph's dreams Jacob immediately recognized that the sun and the moon referred to himself and his wife Sarah and that the stars referred to his sons {Gen. 37:10}. In Numbers 2 we see that the layout of how God had Moses organize the twelve tribes of Israel when they made camp in the wilderness clearly follows the layout of the Zodiac based upon the prophecies of Jacob and how each tribe had its own "ensign" (banner; flag) that was to be posted where its tribe was to camp. It is highly probable that these banners each contained one of the constellations of the Zodiac which represented each of the twelve tribes.

From **Numbers** chapter 2

		EAST		
	Issachar (Cancer) The Crab	Judah (Leo) The Lion	Zebulon (Virgo) The Virgin	
	Naphtalie (Capricorn)		Simeon (Pisces)	
NORTH	Dan (Scorpio) The Scorpion	Levi (Libra) The Scales	Reuben (Aquarius) The Man	SOUTH
	Asher (Sagittarius)		Gad (Aries)	
	Benjamin (Gemini) The Twins		Ephraim and Manasseh (the two horns of Taurus) The Bull	
		WEST		

The following taken from The Witness of the Stars p. 23-27 , by E.W. Bullinger

Book 1 – The Redeemer (His First Coming) The Sufferings of Christ

Chapter 1 – The Prophecy of the Promised Seed of the Woman

Virgo (The virgin. A woman bearing a branch in her right hand and an ear of corn in her left)

[The Promised Seed of the woman Gen. 3:15]

The brightest star in Virgo is the Hebrew name Tsemech (תִּמְעַח) . in Arabic it is Al Zimach which means the Branch – it has come down to us with the Latin name Spica which also means an ear of corn. It appears in Virgo’s left hand in the ear of corn. There 20 Hebrew words translated as Branch, but the Hebrew word Tsemech occurs in scripture only 4 times and always refers to the Messiah. (p. 32)

1. Coma (The Desired. The woman and child) [The Desired of all nations] Hag. 2:7
2. Centaurus (The Centaur with two natures, holding a spear piercing the victim [The despised sin offering])
3. Bootes (A man walking bearing a branch called Arcturus meaning the Branch) [He Cometh]

Chapter 2 -- The Redeemer's Atoning Work

Libra (The Scales) [The price deficient balanced by the price which covers]

1. Crux, (The Cross endured)
2. Lupus, or Victim, (The Victim slain)
3. Corona, (The Crown bestowed)

Chapter 3 -- The Redeemer's conflict

Scorpio (The Scorpion) [seeking to wound, but itself trodden under foot]

1. Serpens (The Serpent struggling with the man)
2. Ophiuchus (The man gasping the serpent). [The struggle with the enemy]
3. Hercules (The Mighty Man. A man kneeling on one knee humbled in the conflict, but holding aloft the tokens of victory with his foot on the head of the Dragon) The mighty Vanquisher seeming to sink in the conflict.

Chapter 4 -- The Redeemer's Triumph

Sagittarius (The Archer) The two-natured Conqueror going forth "conquering and to conquer."

1. Lyra (The Harp) Praise prepared for the Conqueror
2. Ara (The Altar) Consuming fire prepared for His enemies
3. Draco (The Dragon) The Old Serpent – the Devil, cast down from heaven

Book 2 - The Redeemed

Chapter 1 -- Their Blessings Procured

Capricorn (The fish-goat) The Goat of Atonement slain for the Redeemed

1. Sagitta (The Arrow) The arrow of God sent forth
2. Aquila (The Eagle) The smitten One falling
3. Delphinus (The Dolphin) The Dead One rising again

Chapter 2 -- Their Blessings Ensured

Aquarius (The Water-Bearer) The living waters of blessing poured forth for the Redeemed

1. Piscis Australis (The Southern Fish) The blessings bestowed
2. Pegasus (The Winged Horse) The blessings quickly coming
3. Cygnus (The Swan) The Blesser surely returning

Chapter 3 -- Their Blessings in Abeyance

Pisces (The Fishes) the Redeemed blessed though bound

1. The Band – bound but binding their great enemy Cetus, the Sea Monster
2. Andromeda (The Chained Woman) The Redeemed in their bondage and affliction.
3. Cepheus (The King) Their Redeemer coming to rule.

Chapter 4 -- Their Blessings Consummated and Enjoyed

Aries (The Ram or Lamb) The Lamb that was slain, prepared for victory

1. Cassiopea (The Enthroned Woman) The captive delivered, and preparing for her husband, the Redeemer
2. Cetus (The Sea Monster) The great enemy bound
3. Perxeus (The Breaker) Delivering His redeemed

Book 3 – The Redeemer (His Second Coming) The Glory that should follow

Chapter 1 -- Messiah, The Coming Judge of All the Earth

Taurus (The Bull) Messiah coming to rule

1. Orion, Light breaking forth in the person of the Redeemer
2. Eridanus (The River of the Judge) Wrath breaking forth for His enemies
3. Auriga (The Shepherd) Safety for the Redeemed in the day of the wrath

Chapter 2 -- Messiah's Reign as Prince of Peace

Gemini (The Twins) The twofold nature of the King {God and Man}

1. Lepus (The Hare) or the Enemy trodden under foot
2. Canis Major (The Dog), or Sirius, the coming glory of the Prince of Princes
3. Canis Minor (The Second Dog) , or Procyon, the exalted Redeemer

Chapter 3 -- Messiah's Redeemed Possessions

Cancer (The Crab) The possessions held fast

1. Ursa Minor (The Little Bear) The lesser sheepfold
2. Ursa Major (The Great Bear) The fold and the flock
3. Argo (The Ship) The redeemed pilgrims safe at home

Chapter 4 – Messiah's Consummated Triumph

Leo (The Lion) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah aroused for the rending of the Enemy

1. Hydra (The Serpent) That old Serpent – the Devil, destroyed
2. Crater (The Cup) The cup of Divine wrath poured out upon him
3. Corvus (The Crow or Raven) Birds of prey devouring him

The following is a slightly modified version from **Many Infallible Proofs** by Henry Morris:
General outline:

1. Virgo – a deliverer will come forth from a Virgin – the Seed of a woman
2. Libra – Man is under a curse and a price must be paid for redemption
3. Scorpio – the price must be paid by the death of the Redeemer, but by dying He must destroy the Serpent the devil
4. Sagittarius – The great Dragon will seek to corrupt mankind
5. Capricornius – Man will become so sinful as to leave no remedy but a Great Flood to destroy the earth
6. Aquarius – the floodgates of heaven will fill the earth, but God will provide a remnant of people and animals to replenish the earth
7. Pisces – from the waters will come the true people of God, God reigns upon the throne despite the attacks of Satan

8. Aries – The Ram or Lamb of God will pay the price for mankind’s sins, Redeem His Bride, and destroy the works of the Dragon
9. Taurus – The slain Ram or Lamb of God though He will die will rise as a mighty Bull to execute judgment on all ungodliness and rule supreme
10. Gemini – as both God and Man the second Adam will claim His Bride taking her to Himself forever
11. Cancer – All the redeemed of all ages will come to Him and remain securely in His presence for all eternity (the “cancer” of sin will be gone forever)
12. Leo – The eternal King of Kings and Lord of Lords – the Lion of the tribe of Judah, will utterly vanquish and destroy the Serpent and his followers forever.