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CHAPTER 1

"THE HEAVENS AND THE VIRGIN BIRTH".

- REVIEW:- (1). God made the stars, NAMED them, and appointed them for SIGNS. Gen. 1:16, Psalm 33:6, Psalm 147:4. Their names mean the same in every language, and thus their message is universal. See Rom. 10:14-18, quoted from Psalm 19:4.
- (2). God uses the Sun and Moon as symbols of spiritual things. Psalm 19:1-6. Sun symbolizes Christ. Moon stands for the Church.
- (3). The oldest books of the Bible recognize and use the 12 signs of the Zodiac to teach spiritual truths, and name many of them. Job 9:9, Job 26:7-13, 38:31-32, Amos 5:8, Gen. 37:9. It is therefore evident that God revealed these names to the earliest generations of mankind, and thus taught them as yet unwritten truths.
- (4). The mystery of the Sphinx is solved. This Lion with the Woman's head tells us where to begin to read the circle of the Signs of the Zodiac. We must begin at Virgo, and end with Leo, the Lion.

THE FIRST SIGN, VIRGO THE VIRGIN.

The Virgin is spoken of as a Sign...Isa. 7:14.

Other correlative Scriptures are:-

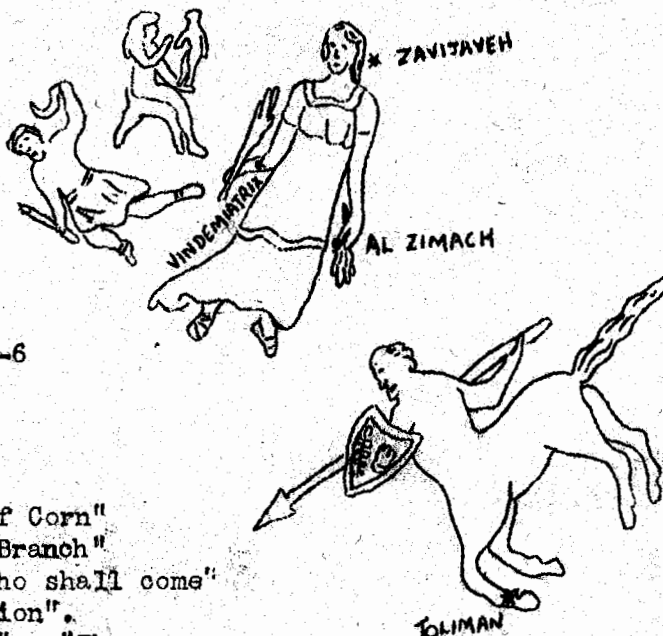
Gen. 3:15, Jer. 31:22,
See also John 8:44, Rom. 8:7,
Rom. 16:20, Rev. 20:1-3, 10
Psalm 72:8, John 12:24.

Four reference passages:- Jer. 23:5-6
Zech. 3:8, Zech. 6:12, Isa. 4:2

Three Important Star Names

- (a). Al Zimach - "The Branch".
Latin name is "Spica" - "Ear of Corn"
Hebrew name is Tsamech - "The Branch"
- (b). Al Mureddin (Hebrew name) - "Who shall come down" or "Who shall have dominion".
Chaldean name is "Vindemiatrix" - "The son or branch who cometh."
- (c). Zavijaveh (near the head) - "The gloriously beautiful".

CONCLUSION. This first Sign thus tells forth the message of "The Promised Seed of the Woman". The Virgin Birth of Christ is clearly set forth in the Heavens. As we study the three constellations associated with this Sign, the three paragraphs of this first chapter, we shall see how fully this truth is portrayed.



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"THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS".

CHAPTER 1...Paragraph 1. "The Virgin's desired Child".

- REVIEW:- (1)! The Twelve Signs of the Zodiac declare, in pictorial and Symbolic form, the complete story of God's plan of Redemption.
- (2). The Signs fall into three groups of four each. The first four tell of The Redeemer in His First Advent. The second four tell us about the Redeemed Ones, purchased through the work of the First Advent. The last four tell the story of The Redeemer in His Second Advent.
- (3). With each Sign there are three associated Constellations, teaching us further details of the message. Thus we find three great Books in the Heavens, each with four chapters, or Signs, and each chapter with three paragraphs, or constellations.
- (4). Last day we looked at chapter one of the first Book, namely the Sign Virgo, the Virgin. This Sign portrays a woman, bearing a branch in her right hand, and an ear of corn in her left hand. The title of this message is "The Promised Seed of the Woman", as foretold in Gen. 3:15.

CHAPTER 1, Paragraph 1..."COMA", "The Woman and the Child".

COMA means "The Desired One"..

Egyptian name is "Shes-nu, meaning "The Desired Son".

Compare this with Haggai 2:7

Who can fulfill this title, "The Desire of all Nations"?

The Constellation, while having no bright stars, reveals by its form that the promised Seed of the Woman, the Branch, was to be a Child. The Jews stumbled at this truth.

The fact of there being no bright stars in this Constellation is significant, for it was in all probability in this constellation that the Star of Bethlehem appeared. Thus the Star would stand out brilliantly and attractively against this sober background.

The prophecy of Numbers 24:17 was well known in the East, especially to the Persians. The coming of the new star meant to them the birth of a King. c/f Matt. 2:1-2.

Thus the Constellation teaches us that the Virgin was to bring forth a Child who was to become "The Desire of all Nations".



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CHAPTER 1 Paragraph 2. "CENTAURUS"... "The Despised Sin Offering".

(1). This First Chapter of the Heavens, the Sign Virgo and the three Constellations, gives us a summary of the whole story of the Redeemer.

Like Genesis, the first Book of the Bible, it contains the seed-plot of all the truth to follow.

(2). We have already seen that a Virgin was to bring forth a Branch, and that the Branch was to be a Son, the Desire of all nations.

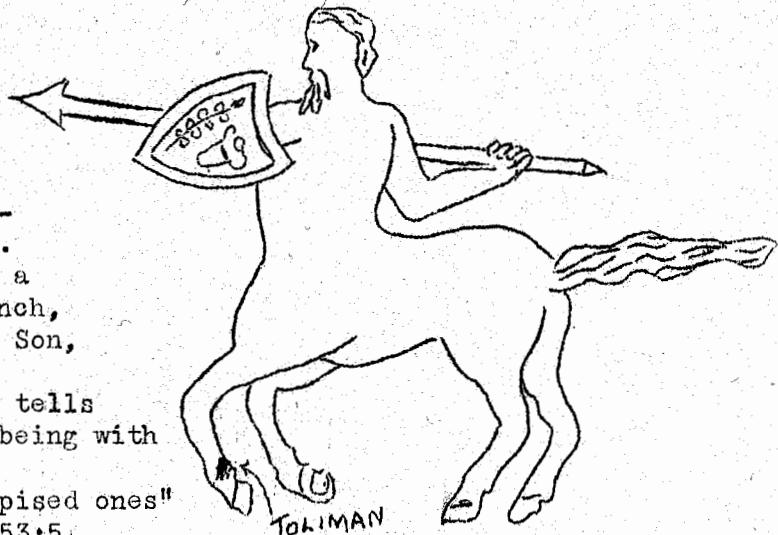
(3). This second Constellation tells us further details. Here is a being with two natures. c/f 1 Tim. 3:16.

Hebrew name is Bezeah - "The despised ones" Thus we read of Christ -- Isa. 53:5.

Another name for this constellation is "Asmeath", which means, "A Sin Offering". This term is also found in Isa. 53:10.

The brightest of the 35 stars is "Toliman", in the horse's left front foot. Its name means "The heretofore and the hereafter". c/f Rev. 1:8.

Situated immediately above the Cross, which speaks of His own death, He is pictured in the act of destroying the enemy. Thus the Constellation tells us that the Promised Seed was to grow strong (Luke 2:40), to come as One with two natures, and to suffer and die that His enemy might be destroyed.



CHAPTER 1... Paragraph 3. "BOOTES"... "The Coming One".

(1). Here are 54 stars, picturing a man with spear and sickle. His name is "Bootes" which means, "The Coming One". In Psalm 96:13 the same word root "Bo" is used to mean "For He cometh". The name "Arcturus", as in Job 9:9, and the Egyptian name "Bau" also mean "The Coming One".

(2). Four important stars to note.

(a) "Al Katurops", in the spear-head, means "The branch, treading under foot" Rom. 16:20.

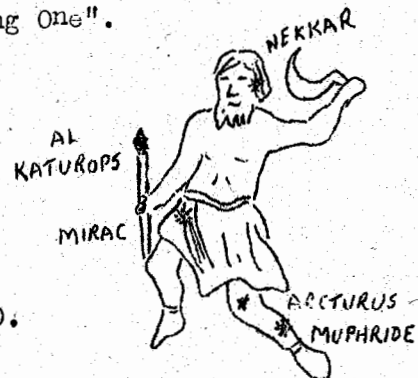
(b) "Mirac", just below the waist, means "Coming forth as an arrow" Rev. 22:12.

(c) "Nekkar", in the head means "The Pierced One" c/f Zech. 12:10. Another name for this star is "Merga", which means "Who Bruises" c/f Gen. 3:15.

(d) "Muphride", in the left leg, means "The One Who Separates" c/f Matt. 25:31-32.

(3). Thus the Constellation, by pictures and by names, tells of the one Who is coming to reap the great harvest. c/f Rev. 14:14-16.

The Promised Son came to suffer as the God-Man, that He might some day come in glory to reap the earth. This is the complete message of the first chapter.



CHAPTER 2... "WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING" or "THE HEAVENS AND THE ATONEMENT".

REVIEW:-

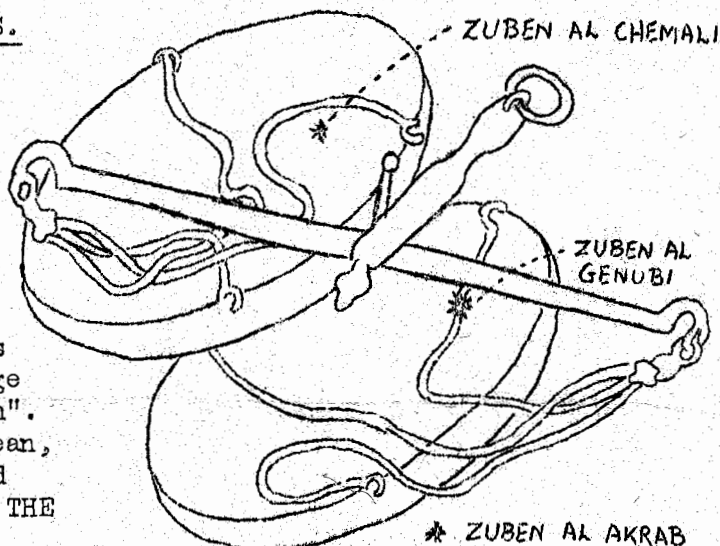
We have completed the study of the first Sign of the Zodiac and its three associated constellations. The Sign was VIRGO and the three constellations were Coma, Centaurus and Bootes.

The message of this group is "The Prophecy of the Promised Seed of the Woman". It gives us a complete outline of the whole story of the glorious return as the Ruler of all.

THE SECOND SIGN, LIBRA, THE SCALES.

(1). The name Libra is of Latin origin, meaning "Weighing". Thus used in Isaiah 40:12.

(2). Now read the Bible story in Daniel 5. Belshazzar made a feast to 1,000 of his lords. Took the sacred Temple Vessels and drank wine from them. A man's hand appeared and wrote the strange words "Mene, Mene, Tekel Upharsin". Daniel interpreted the words to mean, "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it. THOU ART WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES AND FOUND WANTING".



(3). Here in this second heavenly sign we see the BALANCES, the SCALES of God's Justice. This is God's message to the whole human race. Hebrew name is "Mozanaim", which means "The scales, weighing". Arabic name is "Al Zubena", meaning "Purchase, Redemption". Coptic name is "Lambadia", meaning "Station of Propitiation". Ancient Egyptian name is "Tulka", meaning "Holy Altar" or "Place of Atonement".

(4). Three important stars.

- (a). In lower scale is "Zuben al Genubi" which means "The price which is deficient". Its message is "Weighed and found wanting". c/f Psalm 49:7, 62:9, Isa. 64:6.
- (b). In the other scale is "Zuben al Chemali", meaning "The Price which Covers". C/f Rev. 5:9, 1 Pet. 1:18-19. Another name for it is "Al Gubi", meaning "Heaped up high".
- (c). Below scales, near constellation "Victima" is "Zuben al Akrab", meaning "The Price of Conflict". c/f Rom. 5:9, Ephes. 1:7, Col. 1:14.

It cost Christ all He had to pay the Price of Redemption, the price of sin, the atonement called for by the justice of God.

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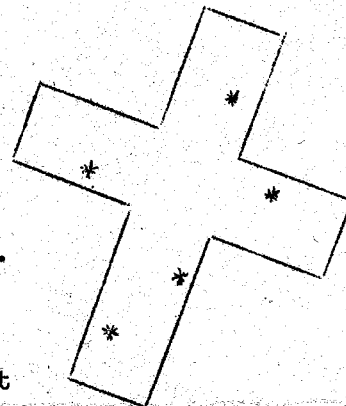
CHAPTER 2. Paragraph 1. "CRUX"... "The Cross Endured".

Review:- The Second Sign, Libra, tells the message of the atonement. The Just and Holy God must see that the price of sin is paid. All that man can offer is summed up as insufficient to atone for sin. The only "Price which Covers" is the "Price of Conflict", the shed blood of Christ.

Paragraph 1 "Crux"... "The Cross".

(1). Now called Southern Cross, reckoned as five stars, sometimes only as four. Hebrew name is "Adom", meaning "Cutting off".

c/f Daniel 9:26. Surely here is the picture of Calvary's Cross, the Price of Conflict that Covers. Last letter of Hebrew Alphabet is Tau, and its form is derived from a cross. As this letter finishes the alphabet, so the Cross finishes the work of atonement. This constellation tells us that the work of atonement is completely finished.



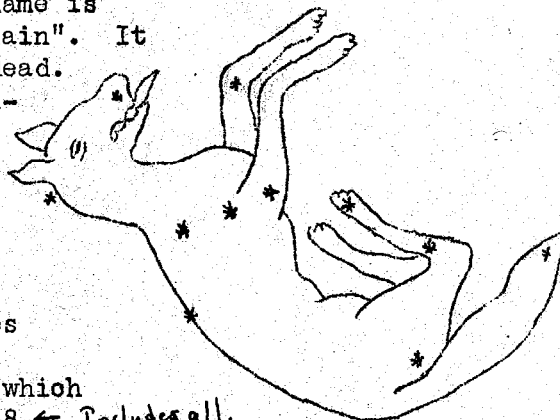
(2). This truth is brought out in another strange manner. This Constellation was just visible at Jerusalem at the time of Christ's crucifixion. Through the recession of the Polar Star, it became invisible from Jerusalem about that time. Dante sang of "the four stars never beheld but by the early race of men." When explorers doubled the Cape of Good Hope in the 16th century they brought back the news of "a wonderful cross in the heavens, more glorious than all the constellations. Its disappearance when Christ died on the real Cross told the story again, "It is finished" (John 19:30).

(3). Today the Union Jack bears the three-fold sign of the Cross. And the flag of Australia also bears the five stars of this constellation, the Cross. No member of the British Empire should ever be able to forget that our salvation was purchased on Calvary's Cross, nor fail to recognize that IT IS FINISHED!

CHAPTER 2. Paragraph 2. "VICTIMA"... "The Victim Slain".

(1). Hebrew name is "Asedah". The Arabic name is Asedaton, both these names meaning "To be slain". It pictures an animal, slain, and falling down dead.

(2). It is important to note that he is falling before the point of Centaur's spear. If this then represents Christ as the Victim, slain for the sin of man, He is thus pictured as being killed by Centaur, another representation of Himself. He is putting Himself to death! c/f John 10:15-18. Heb. 9:11, 26. Thus the constellation teaches us how willingly He paid the price of sin.



(3). In ancient Egyptian name is "Sura", which means, "a lamb". c/f Isaiah 53:7, Phil. 2:5-8. Includes all. This is God's appeal of love to our hearts. Surely we ought to be able to respond, "We love Him because He first loved us, and gave Himself for us".

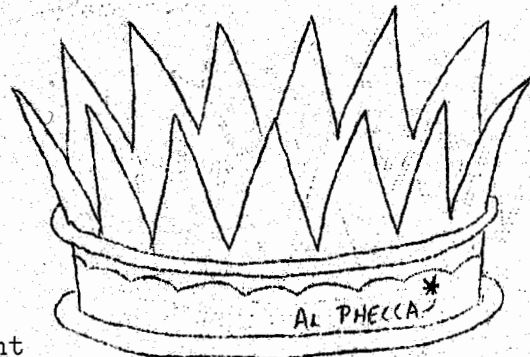
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CHAPTER 2, Paragraph 3..."Corona"..."The Crown Bestowed".

(1). Wherever the Scriptures prophesy the first advent of Christ in humiliation and suffering, there is always an immediate reference to the glory of His second advent. Thus in the heavens, the constellation Crux, the Cross, is followed by Corona, the Crown! The work of atonement, set forth by this sign Libra, will not be complete until Christ is crowned Lord of all His Redemmed.

(2). Hebrew name is Atarah, meaning "A royal Crown". Arabic is Al Iclil, meaning "An ornament or Jewel". The brightest of the 21 stars is Al Phecca, which means "The shining". So the message of the Atonement ends with this glorious prophecy of the reign of Christ. Phil. 2:8-10, Rev. 5:9.



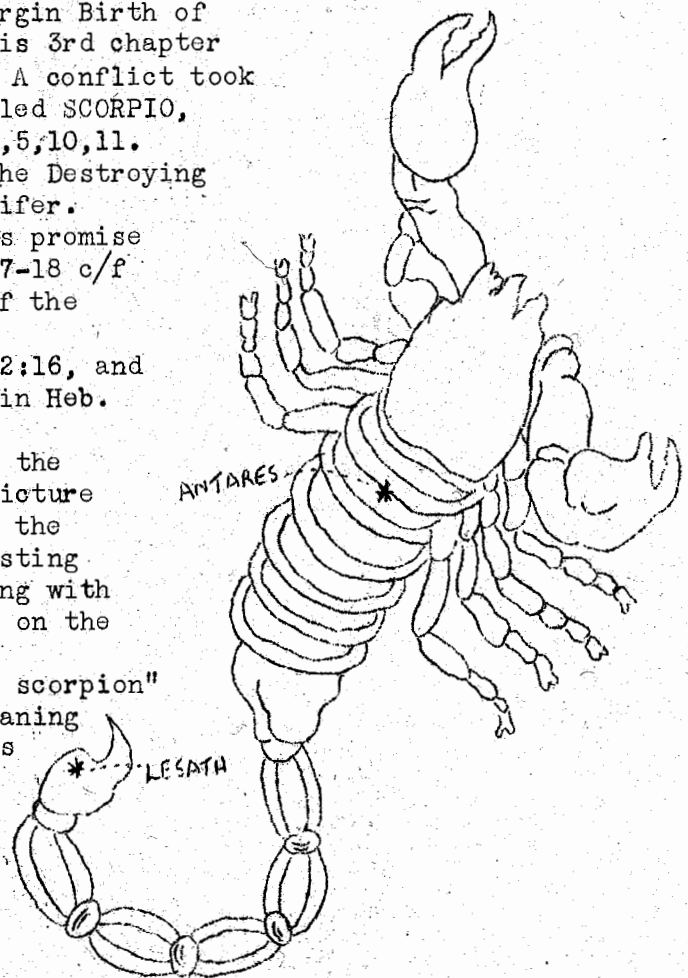
CHAPTER 3. "THE BATTLE OF THE AGES" or "THE REDEEMERS CONFLICT"

(1). Chapters 1 and 2 told us story of Virgin Birth of Christ, and of His work of Atonement. This 3rd chapter tells still more about His first advent. A conflict took place. A new character is introduced called SCORPIO, the Scorpion, the enemy of man. Rev. 9:3,5,10,11. Note name Abaddon or Apollyon, meaning "the Destroying Angel". This is the fallen Archangel Lucifer.

(2). Satan is always the Destroyer. God's promise to Abraham concerned His SEED. Gen. 22:17-18 c/f Gal. 3:16. Now follow out the attempts of the Destroyer to nullify that promise. Exod. 1:16, 2 Kings 3:2, Esther 3:6, 13, Matt. 2:16, and finally Luke 22:53. Sequel to the story in Heb. 2:14-15.

(3). This is the full message of SCORPIO, the third Sign of the Zodiac. Its 44 stars picture a gigantic scorpion reaching out to grasp the scales of atonement, and endeavouring to sting in the heel a mighty man, who is struggling with a serpent, and whose foot is placed right on the scorpion's heart.

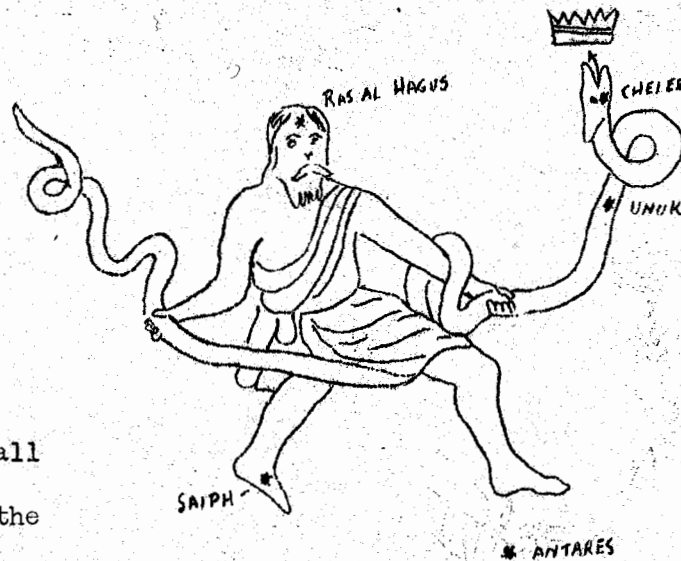
(4). Hebrew name is Akrab, meaning "the scorpion" or "conflict". Coptic name is Isidio, meaning "the attack of the enemy". Arabic name is Al Akrab, meaning "wounding him that cometh". Largest star, in scorpion's heart is Antares, meaning "the wounding". In the tail, where the sting is, the star Lesath is found. This means "The perverse". c/f Gen. 3:15. The enemy is about to sting the heel of the strong man who is crushing the serpent.



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CHAPTER 3, Paragraphs 1 and 2. "Serpens and Ophiuchus".

REVIEW:- In our last study, we were introduced to a new character in the story. The Third Sign of the Zodiac is Scorpio, the perverse enemy of mankind. In Scripture, the symbol of the Scorpion is applied to man's enemy, Satan. In the heavenly picture he is shown reaching out to seize the Scales of Atonement, and at the same time stinging the Strong Man in the Heel. How clearly this tells of the Devil, unleashing all his power and cunning to prevent the paying of the Atoning Price, and at the same time bruising the heel of the Virgin-born Seed, Christ Jesus.



PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3.

(1). The first two constellations associated with the third sign are so closely allied in form and meaning that we present them together as one lesson. Scorpio taught us about the Enemy. These constellations tell us of the struggle with the Enemy. The Serpent, speaking of the enemy, Rev. 12:9, is here being held by the Serpent-Holder, and thus prevented from seizing the Crown. It is a contest for supreme dominion! The Devil tried to seize God's Crown. (Isa. 14:12-13) He robbed Adam of his crown, (Rom. 5:17) but struggled in vain to wrest it from the possession of the Second Adam. (Heb. 2:14, 9)

(2). Now look at SERPENS, the serpent. Brightest star, in the neck, is called Unuk, which means "encompassing". The Hebrew name is Alyah, meaning "the accursed reptile". The star in the jaw is called Cheleb, which means "The Serpent Unfolding". This is surely that one described in Gen. 3:14,

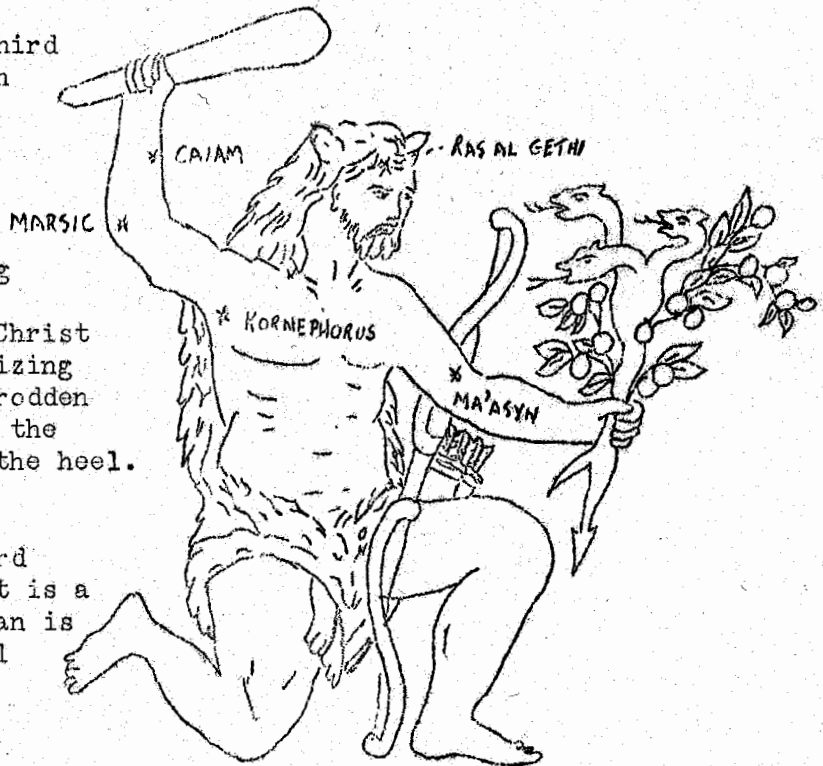
(3). OPHIUCHUS means "The Serpent Held". Brightest star, in the head, is Ras al Hagus, which means "The head of Him who holds". Other stars speak of his conflict. Triophas, meaning "Treading under foot"; Carnebus, meaning "The wounding"; Megeros, meaning "Contending". His foot is upon Antares, the heart of the Scorpion, "treading it under foot". c/f Rom. 16:20. Finally, down in the foot of Ophiuchus, to which the Scorpion's sting is raised, is the star Saiph, which means "Bruised". c/f Gen. 3:15, Isa. 53:5-6.

Thus the whole story lies clear before us. The Serpent has been held back from seizing the Crown of the Universe, but the Seed of the woman was bruised by the enemy, as He trod him under foot.

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THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS.CHAPTER 3, Paragraph 3. "Hercules"... "The Mighty Man".

REVIEW: Our studies of the third Sign of the Zodiac have shown it to represent the Enemy of mankind. Scorpio is Satan. The first two associated constellations, Serpens and Ophiuchus (the Serpent-Holder), tell of the age-long struggle for the dominion of the Universe. They picture Christ preventing the devil from seizing the Crown. The Enemy is trodden under foot, but the Seed of the woman is Himself bruised in the heel.

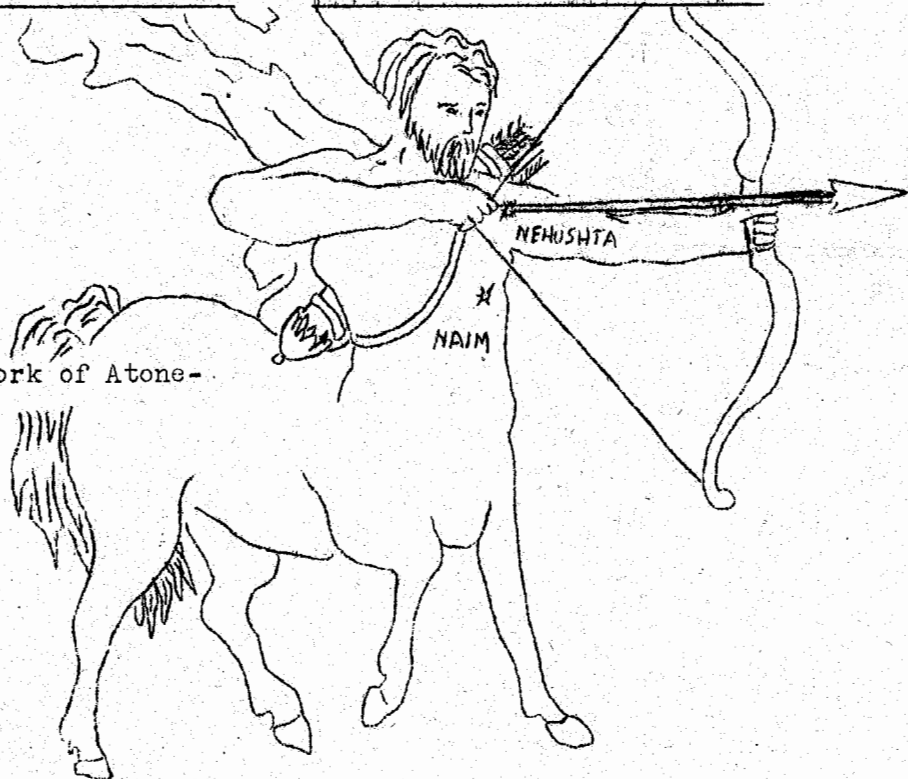
"HERCULES...THE MIGHTY MAN".

- (1) Here is pictured the third Constellation of Scorpio. It is a complex picture. A Mighty Man is seen, kneeling, with his heel upraised, as if wounded. His foot is set directly over the head of the Dragon.
- (2) Aratus, a Grecian poet and astronomer of the 3rd century B.C., (quoted by Paul in Acts 17:28) wrote this description of Hercules:- "Near this, and like a toiling man revolves a form. Of it can no one clearly speak, nor what he labours at. They call him simply 'The man upon his knees': In desperate struggle, like one who sinks, he seems. From both his shoulders, his arms are high-lifted and out-stretched as far as he can reach; and his right foot is planted on the coiled Dragon's head."
- (3) Of the 113 stars, the brightest is Ras al Gethi, in the head, and this means "The head of him who bruises". Kornephorus, in the right arm-pit, means "The branch kneeling". Marsic, in the right elbow, means "The wounding". Ma'asyn, in the left arm, means "The sin-offering". Caiam, or Guiam, in the lower part of the right arm, means "Punishing", or in the Arabic, "Treading under foot". All these names combine to identify Hercules (called in Arabic "Al Giscale", "The Strong One") as the Son of God, vanquishing and destroying the devil.
- (4) Two details are especially significant. First, the Strong Man is seen clothed with the skin of a lion which he has slain. This is evidently a symbol of his victory over the Devourer, the Adversary, (1 Pet. 5:8), the one who seeks ever to destroy man through sin. The second important detail is seen in the three-headed serpent hidden in the fruitful foliage, grasped in the left hand of Hercules, and menaced by his club. This is the symbol of temptation. c/f Gen. 3:1-6. Is the devil a trinity (three-headed)? See Rev. 20:10.
- (5) The whole story then is one of MORAL victory for Christ. It was not enough merely to prevent the devil from gaining the Crown. His claims and grip on the human race had to be met and broken. Thus the Seed of the woman paid the price of sin in His own blood, and is thus able to take away the devil's power of temptation, and his moral right to destroy sinning humanity. How exactly this is prophesied in Psalm 91:13-14.

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CHAPTER 4. ... "Sagittarius, The Archer", "The Man with the Bended Bow".

REVIEW: This 4th chapter concludes the first Section or Book of the Heavens. The theme of this first Section is "The Redeemer in His First Advent". Chapter 1 told of His Virgin Birth. Chapter 2 showed His work of Atonement. Chapter 3 pictured the Enemy that He met. This 4th chapter tells of the final outcome of His first Advent.



THE 4TH SIGN.
"SAGITTARIUS".

(1). Of this Sign Aratus wrote:

"Midst golden stars he stands refulgent now
And thrusts the Scorpion with his bended bow".

He is shown as a two-natured being, holding a fully bended bow in his hands, the arrow being aimed directly at the heart of the Scorpion (Cor Scorpii).

(2). The various names of this Sign reveal the truth it teaches.

The Hebrew and Syriac name is Kesith, meaning "The Archer". The Arabic name is Al Kaus, meaning "The Arrow". The Coptic name is Pimaere, meaning "The Graciousness or Beauty of the Coming Forth". An ancient Akkadian name in the Sign is Nun-ki, which means "The Prince of the Earth". We thus have represented here the Lord Jesus Christ as the Triumphant Redeemer, ready to destroy His enemy.

(3). We may well ask, then, "Why is this Sign included in the story of His FIRST Advent?". It is surely to show us how much He gained through the sacrifice of Calvary. True, He has not yet come in triumph. He is still the "Prince of the Earth", not yet crowned King. The Arrow is not yet loosed into the heart of the Enemy, but the victory is won, the triumph purchased on the Cross.

(4). There are five important star-names.

In the heart we find Naim, which means "The Gracious One". Near the fingers of the left hand, at the base of the arrow we find Nehushta, which means "The Going or Sending Forth". Other stars are Al Shaula, "The Dart"; Al Warida, "Who Comes Forth"; and Ruchba er rami, "The Riding of the Bowman".

How clearly these tell of the Redeemer who has already won His triumph!

Turn to your Bible and read David's prophecies.. Psalm 45:1-7, 64:7-10.

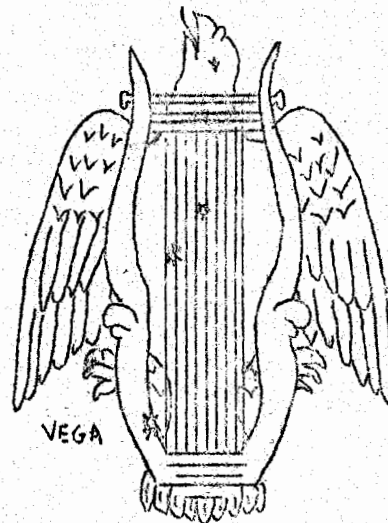
The Redeemer's Triumph is already prepared. What will be your part in it?

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CHAPTER 4. Paragraphs 1 and 2... "Lyra" and "Ara".

REVIEW: The 4th chapter completes the First Book of the Heavens, dealing with the first Advent of the Redeemer. Its four messages are "The Virgin Birth", "Redemption", "The Conflict with the Enemy" and "The Coming Triumph". It must be remembered that the Redeemer's Triumph is purchased, but not yet consummated. It is still future. God still waits in this age, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to a knowledge of the truth".

The three associated constellations tell us three things about that prepared Triumph.



PARAGRAPH 1.. "Lyra", "The Harp".

(1). Sometimes called "The Eagle", it portrays the Praise prepared for the Conqueror. Read it in Psalm 65:1. Today the world does not praise Christ. Many revile and blaspheme Him. But the day is coming, as described in Rev. 11:17, 19:7, Psalm 21:8-13, Phil. 2:9-11.

(2). Brightest star, one of most glorious in all heavens, is Vega, which means, "He shall be exalted". Other stars are Shelyuk, meaning "an Eagle", and Sulaphat, meaning "springing up" or "ascending", as praise. (Rev. 5:13-14) (Rev. 19:1-3). There is a great day coming, when all creatures have praise of our Saviour upon their lips. Will not that be glory for all of us?

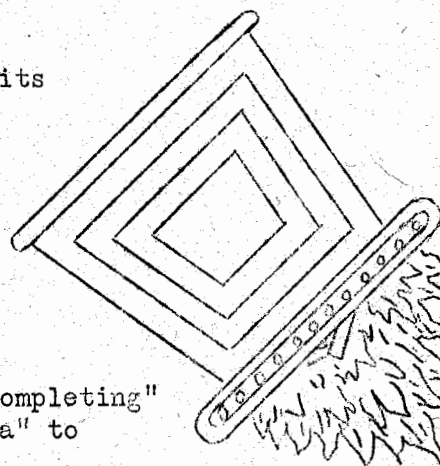
PARAGRAPH 2... "Ara", "The Altar".

(1). Here is an altar, placed upside down, with its fires burning downwards towards the lower regions called "Tartarus", or "The Abyss", or "Outer Darkness". It tells us of the Consuming Fire Prepared for His Enemies.

(2). There are nine stars in this picture. The fact of coming judgment is often denied in modern days, but it is shown in the heavens as already prepared. It has not fallen yet, and so men scoff. Read II Peter 3:3-7.

(3). Arabic name is Al Mugamra, meaning "The completing" or "the finishing". The Greeks use this word "Ara" to mean "Cursing". Psalm 21:9.

The Egyptian picture is that of a man with a flail. He is called Bau, meaning "He cometh". c/f Isaiah 63:1-6.



Conclusion:- These two pictures tell a significant story. The present order, where Christ is reviled and His followers often persecuted, is going to be reversed. Praise is prepared for Christ, and Fire for His enemies! The future is sure. The Prophecies must be fulfilled. Where will we be found? Giving our willing praise to the Son of God, or feeling the fires of His wrath? It depends on where we stand today.

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CHAPTER 4. Paragraph 3...."Draco", the Dragon.

REVIEW:- This Constellation will mark the close of our study of the first Book of the Heavens, covering the subject of the Redeemer's First Advent. This fourth chapter, or Sign, has unfolded the truth of the Coming Triumph of the Redeemer. This is the result of His first advent. His Triumph is purchased, but not consummated.

The two Constellations "Lyra" and "Ara" tell of the Praise prepared for the Redeemer, and of the Fire prepared for His enemies. This third Constellation tells of the Fate prepared for His Malignant Enemy, Satan.

PARAGRAPH 3. "Draco".

(1). We have already seen the starry picture of the devil as a Serpent, exhibiting his character as the Deceiver. Here is a Constellation of 80 stars showing him as the Dragon, or the Destroyer. No one ever saw a Dragon, yet in every nation this creature is pictured as

an evil destroyer of men. The old legends often show him as the particular enemy of woman.

(2). Both Old and New Testaments speak of the Dragon, the enemy of God and man. Here he is shown as writhing in agony, and falling headlong from the skies. He is some day going to be utterly deposed.

(3). A number of questions arise. Where is the devil today? Job. 1:6, 2:1.

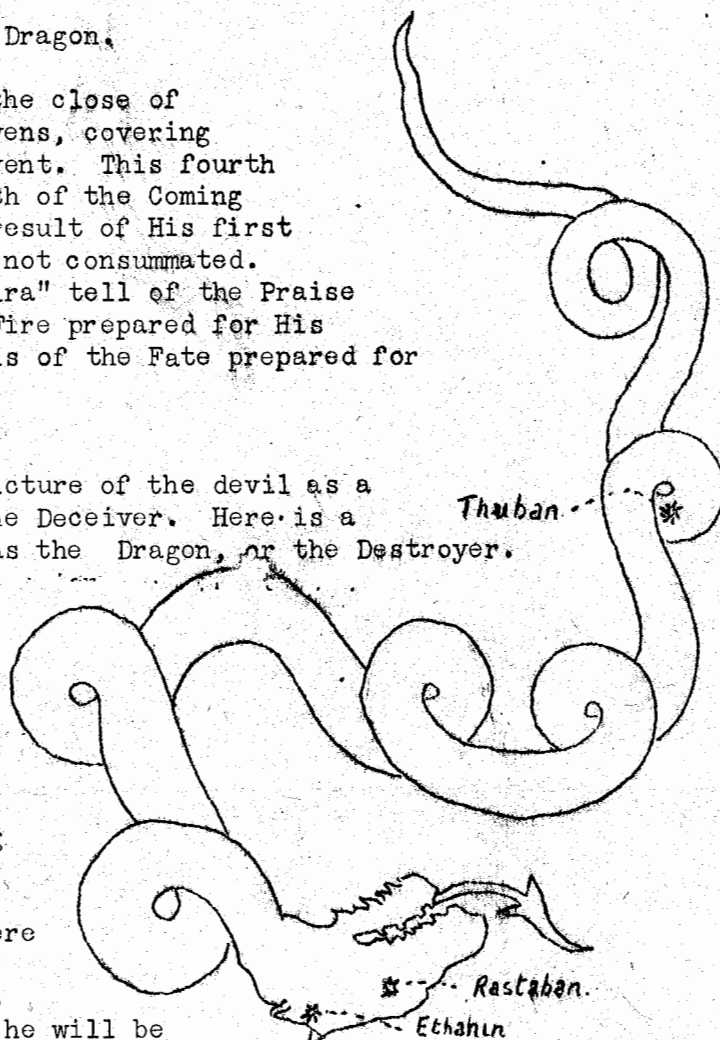
Eph. 6:12 c/f Dan. 10:13, Rev. 12:9-10.

What fate is in store for him? First, he will be cast down to earth, during the Tribulation Time, and will bitterly persecute the Hebrew people. Rev. 12:13,16,17. Then he will be chained in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. Rev. 20:1-3. Finally he will be committed forever to the Lake of Fire. Rev. 20:10 c/f Isa. 27:1.

(4). Now see the teaching of the stars in this constellation. Its Greek name means "Trodden on". The Egyptian name is Her-fent, meaning "The serpent accursed". Brightest star is Thuban, meaning "The Subtle". Rastaban, in the head, means "The head of the subtle serpent". (This is directly under the foot of Hercules. c/f Gen. 3:1, 15) In Arabic this star is Al Waid, meaning "Who is to be destroyed". Ethanin, also in the head, means "The long serpent or dragon". Other stars are Grumian, the subtle; Giansar, the punished enemy; al Dib, the reptile; El Athik, the fraudulent; and El Asieh, the bowed down. Thus the whole constellation tells of the fall of the devil, and the completeness of the Redeemer's coming Triumph!

(5). One other remarkable fact. About 4,600 years ago, Thuban was the Polar star. The axis of the earth then pointed to "The Subtle One". Now the Polar star is in the Little Bear, or as it should be called, the Lesser Sheepfold. In the future, the Polar star will be found in Cepheus, the Heavenly King. Here is the whole story of the Ages. The world once belonged to the devil. Today God is gathering men into the Sheepfold. Some day He will reign over all the earth, with His enemy destroyed.

Do our lives point true today? Are we to be found in His Sheepfold?



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THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS

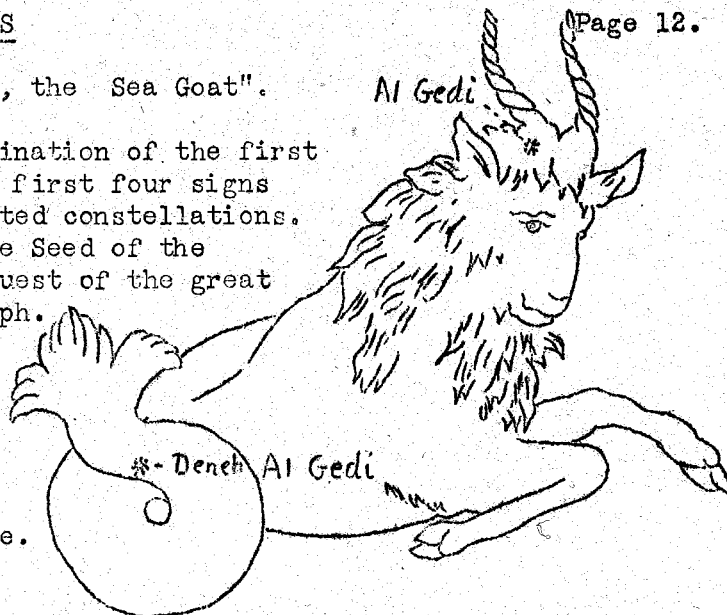
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BOOK 2 ... Chapter 1. "Capricornus, the Sea Goat".

REVIEW:- We have finished our examination of the first Book of the Heavens, containing the first four signs of the Zodiac, and their 12 associated constellations. They told of the First Advent of the Seed of the Woman, His redeeming work, His conquest of the great enemy, and His assured future Triumph.

BOOK 2. THE REDEEMED ONES.

(The Result of the Redeemer's Sufferings). Chapter 1 tells of the Blessings Procured. Chapter 2..The Blessings Ensured. Chapter 3..The Blessings in Abeyance. Chapter 4..The Blessings Enjoyed.



CHAPTER 1. "CAPRICORNUS".. "The Goat of the Sin-Offering".

- (1). Name of this Sign means "The horned goat". In all ancient Zodiacs, however, it is always shown with the tail of a fish. In the Indian Zodiac it is a goat transversed by a fish. We must therefore note both these significant features.
- (2). First look at the goat. He is bowing in death, unable to raise himself. c/f Leviticus 16:15. The Goat was the sin-offering. Modern expression, "Who is to be the goat?" still carries the same thought. The Goat dies for sins of others. He is the Atoning Sacrifice, killed as the Substitute. He thus pictures Christ.
- (3). Secondly, here is a Fish. Later we shall see the Sign "Pisces", the Fishes. This symbolizes the multitudes of the redeemed host, the people for whom the atonement is made. The fish's tail is here seen full of vigorous life. c/f Matt. 4:19 Luke 5:4-6, 9, 10. The early Christians adopted the sign of a fish as a means of identifying each other.
- (4). The Sign has 51 stars. It is named after a bright star in the head, Al Gedi, which means "the kid" or "the goat". Another star in the tail is Deneb Al Gedi, meaning "the sacrifice cometh". Other stars are Dabih, meaning "the sacrifice slain", Ma'asad, meaning "the slaying", and Sa'ad al Naschira, meaning "the record of the cutting off". c/f Isa. 53:8. Thus the meaning is clear. The Goat is dying as the Atoning Sacrifice, that the Fish might live. What a wonderful picture of the Christ who died that His redeemed ones might live. The blessings are Procured by His death!

CONCLUSION:- It is significant to note that the sun is in this Sign in the latter part of December, the traditional birth-time of Christ. c/f Gal. 4:4.

And when Sun reaches farthest point south, it lies over the Tropic of CAPRICORN! It is named after this Sign, and marks our darkest night. Earth's darkest night was when the Saviour died, but it marked, too, the beginning of brighter days.

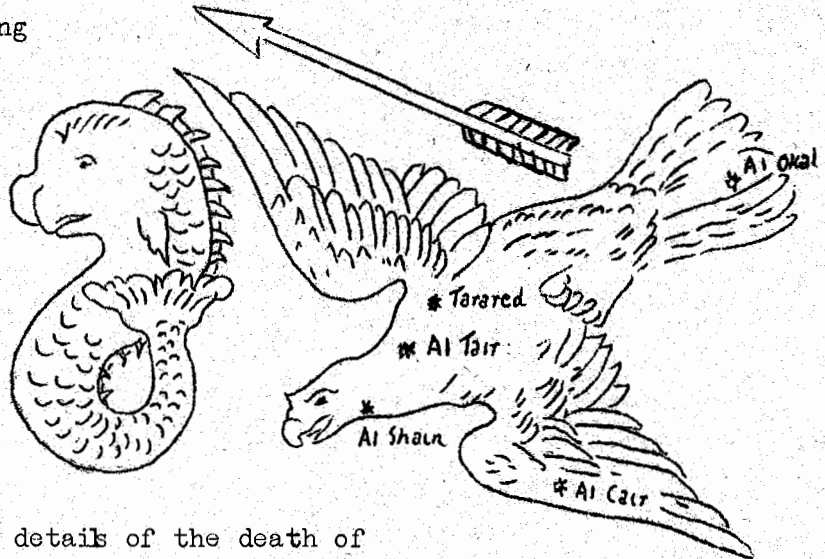
Man's darkest day is when he lives in sin. Brighter and better days come when the Saviour is received and trusted. The Blessings of sins forgiven are procured through Him.

BOOK 2 . CHAPTER 1. The Three Constellations.

REVIEW :- Our last lesson, dealing with Capricornus, the Sea Goat, taught us the lesson of the One who died that we might live. It is the truth of Galatians 3:13-14. Why does God want us to recognize the true source of all blessing? c/f Romans 12:1, 1 John 4:19.

A TRIAD OF CONSTELLATIONS.

The three associated constellations are so closely allied to the Sign in meaning, and so near together in the sky, that we must treat them as one three-fold story, telling us the details of the death of the Life-giver.



(1). SAGITTA, the Arrow. Not the arrow of Sagittarius, for God's enemy. This is the Arrow of God's Righteous Judgment upon sin. It is seen in the sky as sent forth from an invisible hand. It is all the work of God. Its Hebrew name is Sham, "the destroying" or "desolate". c/f Romans 6:23. It smote the Sin-Bearer, the Goat of the Atonement. Psalm 38:2, Isaiah 53:4-5, Job 6:4. The Arrow of Death!

(2). AQUILA, the Eagle. This is the one through whom the arrow has passed. It is a pierced, wounded, falling Eagle, gasping in its dying struggle. This is what our blessings cost. We read Psalm 38:2. Now see verse 10.

There are 74 stars here. Brightest is Al Tair, in the head, meaning "the wounding". Al Shain, in the throat, means "bright", and comes from the Hebrew root meaning "scarlet coloured", as in Joshua 2:18. Tarared, in the back, means "wounded" or "torn". Alcair, in the lower wing, means "the piercing". Al Okal, in the tail, means "wounded in the heel".

The King of birds, Lord of the highest crags, is shown falling into the dust of death. Just so Christ was humbled to the death of the Cross. Philipians 2:5-8.

(3). DELPHINUS, the Dolphin. 18 stars picture a fish, full of life, rising up. The dolphin is characterized by its rising up, springing out of the sea in great leaps. Here is a new thing in the story of the Heavens. It is life from the dead! The dying One rose again from the depths!

Ancient names associated with the constellation are significant. Dalaph means "pouring out of water". In the Arabic, this name means "coming quickly". Rotaneb means "swiftly running". They signify the swift return of Christ from His brief sojourn in the realms of the dead, that He might "pour out" the living waters to His redeemed ones.

Conclusion:- The Resurrection of Christ was essential. He died as the Sacrifice, but He had to rise as the High Priest, to perform the work of atonement. c/f Rom. 4:25. It is a FINISHED work, and we are SAFE for evermore! Should not this Christ be praised with all our hearts and lives?

BOOK 2. Chapter 2. "AQUARIUS", The Water Bearer".

REVIEW:- Chapter 1 of this Book, the Sign Capricornus and its constellations, impressed upon our minds the vital fact that all our blessings, physical and spiritual were purchased for us by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He died as the Goat of Atonement, and rose again to give us eternal life.

CHAPTER 2. "AQUARIUS".
"The Blessings Ensured" or
"The Man with the Water-pot".

(1). Message of this Sign best understood in light of Bible story in John 4.

Read verses 1-14. This is story of a woman with a water-pot. She sought only that which would satisfy earthly need. As all things of earth, it failed to satisfy. Then

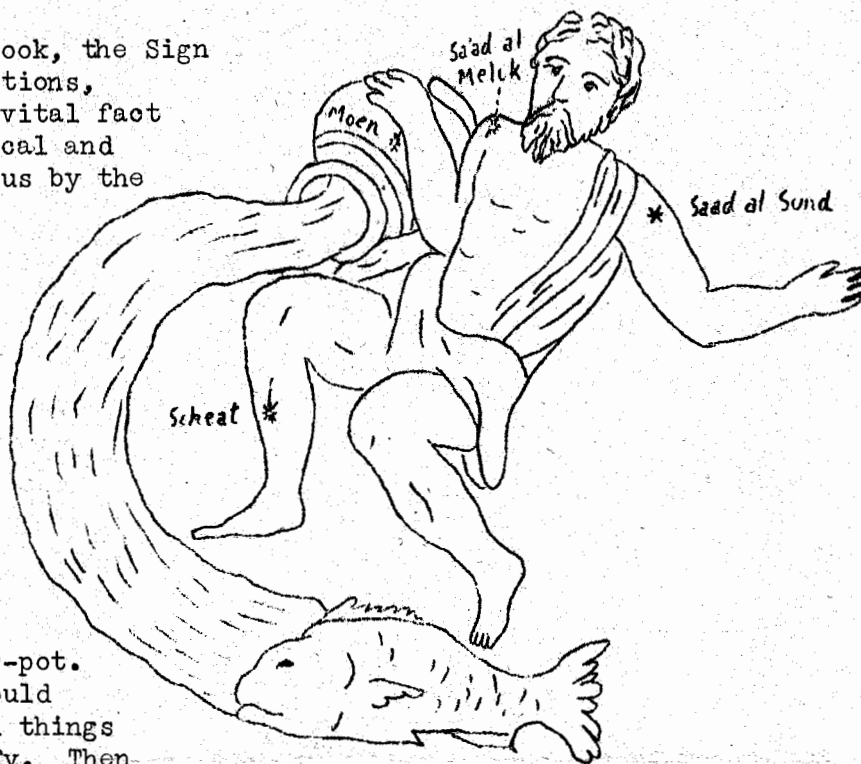
Jesus offered her a new water, living water that had the power to bring lasting satisfaction. Now see verse 28. The woman left her waterpot, because she had met the Man with the Heavenly Waterpot of blessings. Note John 7:37-39. The living water symbolizes the Holy Spirit.

(2). Now look at this Sign in the Heavens. It is the Man with the Waterpot, pouring out a flood, which is being drunk up by a waiting fish. What a glorious picture! The Hebrew name is "Deli", meaning "the water-urn". Another name is Hupei Tirion, meaning "poured forth". There are 108 stars in this Sign. Sa'ad al Melik, in the right shoulder, means "the record of the pouring out". Saad al Sund, in the left shoulder, means "the pourer out". Scheat, in the right leg, means "Who goeth and returneth". The bright star in the urn is called Meon, meaning "an urn".

Surely all this is the message of John 14:3, 16:7.

(3). Note that these promises of blessing are primarily to Israel, for the Church was hidden from the prophets. They are of two kinds. (a) Physical. Literal waters are to some day heal the land of Palestine, and turn its deserts into gardens. See Isaiah 51:3, 35:1,6, 41:18. Ezekiel 47:1-12. (b) Spiritual. The Holy Spirit is to be poured forth to bless the souls of the men of Israel. Isaiah 32:1-2, 44:2,3,6, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Joel 2:28-32.

(4). And these things have an indirect and hidden application to the Church. At Pentecost, the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the first believers as He came into the world for His work with the Church. He was later given to Gentiles, Acts 10:44-45. This was continued on into the Age of Grace, under Paul's ministry, Acts 19:1-6. God has this blessing of a Comforter, and of power, for us, if we will but take it from His hand, and in His way. Here is our question, Acts 19:2.



BOOK 2. Chapter 2. The Three Constellations.

REVIEW:- Our last study set before us the Sign AQUARIUS. It carried the great message of a God who is ready to pour out a flood of blessings upon His children. The stream is inexhaustible. There are material and spiritual blessings for all.

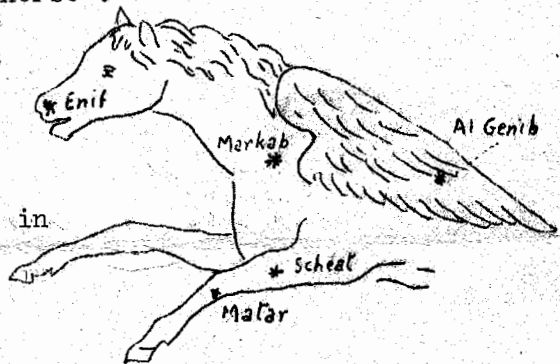
FIRST CONSTELLATION. "Piscis Australis", the Southern Fish.

The Fish is drinking in the flood of water. It tells us of the blessings bestowed upon the believer. Of 23 stars, the brilliant star in the head is the most significant. It is called Fom al Haut, which means "the mouth of the fish". Surely it tells the believer the necessity of RECEIVING that which God has for us. c/f Isa. 55:1, Luke 11:13. May we have the thirsty heart, and the open mouth! Matt. 5:6.



SECOND CONSTELLATION, "Pegasus", the Winged Horse".

Here is a Horse, travelling swiftly, both by wing and by hoof. Its message to us is that the blessings are coming quickly. It has 89 stars. The brightest is Markab, in the shoulder, and means "Returning from afar". Scheat, in the thigh means "Who goeth and returneth" (as in Aquarius). Al Genib, in the wing, means "Who carries". Enif, in the nostril, means "the water". Matar, in the leg, means "Who causes to overflow".

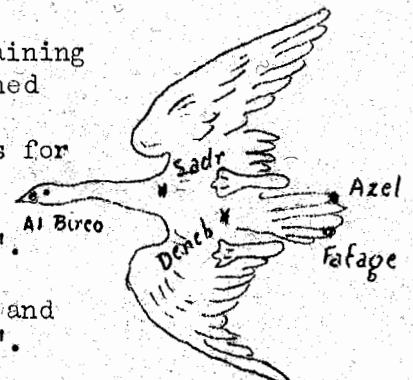


All these combine to tell us of the blessings being brought to men by the One who went away, and Who will soon return. Note that only part of the Horse is to be seen. We have the promise of His coming, although we do not yet see Him. Note too that the horse speaks of the earthly blessings, and the wings tell of the heavenly blessings, both coming swiftly to Israel. These are the symbols of earthly strength and of the lofty spiritual development enjoyed through the Holy Spirit.

THIRD CONSTELLATION, "Cygnus", the Swan.

This is a brilliant and gorgeous group of 81 stars, containing almost every known kind of star, one of them being reckoned among the most wonderful in the heavens. The picture is that of a Swan flying swiftly in mid-heaven. It pictures for us the truth that the Blesser is surely returning!

The brightest star is Deneb (in the body), meaning "A Judge". Al Bireo, in the beak, means "Flying quickly". Sadr, in the breast, means "Who returns as in a circle". Two stars in the tail are of note. Azel means "Who goes and returns quickly". Fafage means "Gloriously shining forth".



These then, are the lessons of Aquarius. All blessings come from Christ. All we do is to receive them by faith. Greater blessings are yet ahead. They will be consummated when Christ returns. Israel will yet have her land, and will yet shine forth, with the Church, in glorious spiritual power.

"THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS".

BOOK 2. Chapter 3. "PISCES" The Fishes.

THE SIGN "PISCES". the Fishes.

(1). The picture is one of two fishes bound by a Band which limits their free enjoyment of their element. It declares that something is still preventing the full enjoyment of the Blessings. We shall see this portrayed in the associated Constellations.

(2). Today we look at the Fishes themselves. We have already seen that the fish is used to represent God's people. Read again Matt. 4:19. The Egyptian name of this Sign also brings out this truth. It is Pi-cot, meaning "The Fishes of Him that cometh". The names of two stars also confirm this. Okda, a Hebrew name, means "the united", and Al Samaca, an Arabian name, means "the upheld". The Fishes then speak of all God's children, united and upheld by His power. God cares for His redeemed ones.

(3). Now we face a common question. Many ask "Are there only a few people saved?" It is well to know what this Sign teaches. Its Hebrew name is significant. It is called "Dagim", and this means "the Fishes" or "the MULTITUDES"! The Syriac name is Nuno, which means "the fish, lengthened out (as in posterity)". It indicates that God will have His chosen MULTITUDE in every generation! The 113 stars of this Sign indicate a great multitude of saved people.

Is this the testimony of Scripture? Ezekiel 47:1 and 9 is important and significant. There is the poured out stream, as shown in AQUARIUS, and there is the GREAT MULTITUDE of Fish! Note Luke 13:23. The disciples asked this same question. Christ answered it in verses 24-30. The substance of His reply is that this matter cannot be judged by appearances. Many who are thought to be saved are not at all. But Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the prophets are saved, and from the four quarters of the earth will come a multitude that were not known to be saved. Elijah made a mistake when he said he alone remained faithful to God. Revelation 7:9 pictures a multitude of saved that no man could number.

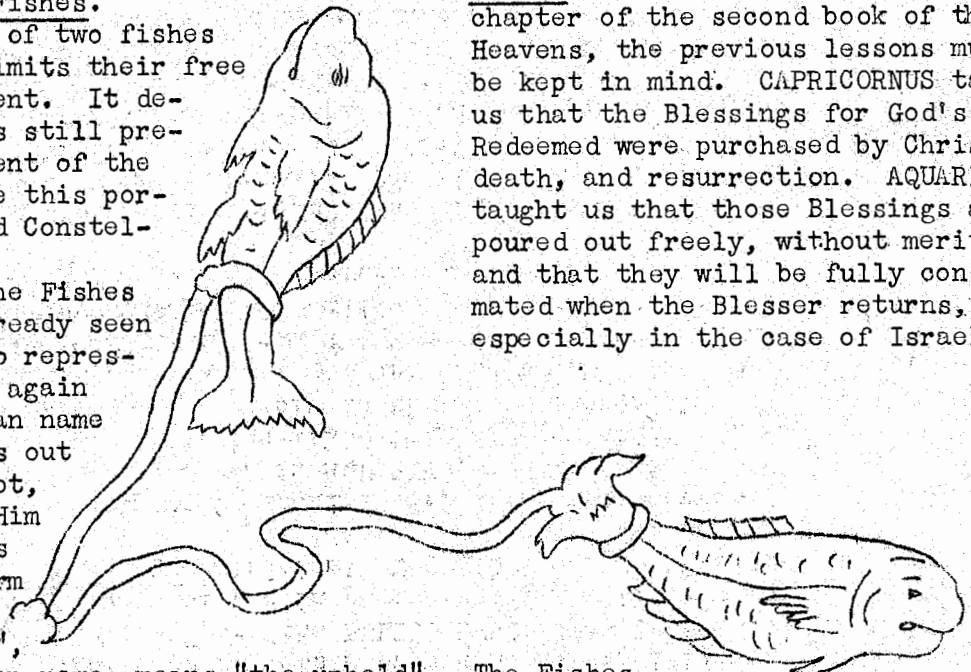
Now look at the Sign again. There are TWO fishes, one pointing up to the North Star, the other pointing along the world's horizon. The Sign has always been considered as applicable to the Seed of Abraham. Now see Gen. 22:16-17. TWO seeds were promised to Abraham, an earthly seed, Israel, and a Heavenly seed, the children of faith (c/f Gal. 3:7). Thus the Sign pictures the heavenly fish and the earthly fish! Now note:- these seeds are to be very numerous, as the sand, and as the STARS! Are there many to be saved? The book and the Stars answer "A great multitude".

(4). One other point is worth noting. God created fish that they might be His servants, used in His hands to bless others. c/f Matt. 17:27.

And see especially John 6:9. "TWO small fishes". Yet with the Bread, in the Master's hands, they were used to feed the MULTITUDE!

Both Israelite and Christian are saved to serve. May God make us all part of a willing multitude, that we might carry His blessing to others!

REVIEW:- In reading this third chapter of the second book of the Heavens, the previous lessons must be kept in mind. CAPRICORNUS taught us that the Blessings for God's Redeemed were purchased by Christ's death, and resurrection. AQUARIUS taught us that those Blessings are poured out freely, without merit, and that they will be fully consummated when the Blesser returns, especially in the case of Israel.



BOOK 2. CHAPTER 3. The Three Paragraphs.

REVIEW:- Our last study showed us that the Sign Pisces, the Fishes, indicates that a great MULTITUDE of people will be reckoned as God's elect, both among the Hebrews and among the Gentiles of this Age. Abraham is to have a numerous earthly seed, and a numerous heavenly seed. The full import of the Sign is not recognized, however, until we examine the associated constellations.

FIRST CONSTELLATION, the Band.

This was shown on our last Chart, joining the two fishes in bondage, and binding them to their enemy, Cetus, the sea monster. Its Arabian name is Al Risha, meaning "the band, or bridle". Apparently the Redeemed Children of God are under some bondage that prevents their full enjoyment of the blessings poured forth.



SECOND CONSTELLATION, Andromeda, the Chained Woman.

The 63 stars show a woman, chained by both hands and feet, evidently in trouble. She is bound and helpless. Her Egyptian name is Set, which means "Set up, as a queen". The Hebrew is Sirra, meaning "the chained", and the Persian name is Persea, meaning "the stretched out". The brightest star, in the head, is Al Phiratz, meaning "the broken down". Mirach, in the body, means "The weak". Al Maach, in the left foot, means "struck down". Other stars are Adhil, "the afflicted", Mizar, "the weak", and Al Mara, "the afflicted". Aratus calls this constellation "Desma", which means "the bound".

There is no dissenting voice to the truth shown here. The Redeemed of God are to experience a time of bondage, affliction, weakness. What is this time? Look first at Romans 8:18-26. Our bodies are not yet redeemed. They still suffer, and fail. Again in Hebrews 2:14-15 we read that we are still subject to death, that power wielded by the devil. Moreover, we are beset by the evil tendencies of the old sinful nature. Paul describes this struggle in Romans 7:18-23. And in I Tim. 1:15 he declares that he never was able to rid himself of that old nature. I John 1:8 declares that sin still persists in the Christian's life.

The child of God is still an earth-bound creature, beset by many weaknesses, not yet enjoying a state of perfection, still waiting for the redemption of the body. For how long must we wait? The answer is in the last constellation.

THIRD CONSTELLATION, Cepheus, the King.

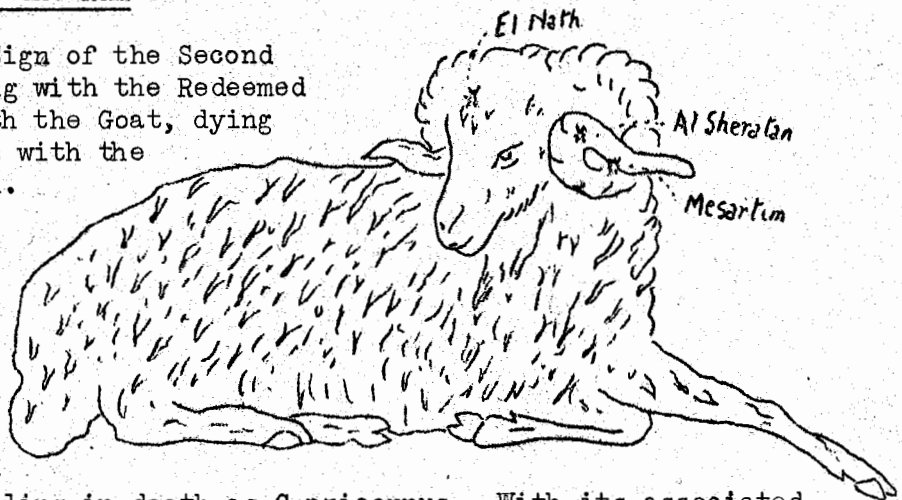
Here 35 stars picture a glorious crowned king, in the highest northern heavens. His Egyptian name is Pe-ku-hor, meaning, "this one cometh to rule". Cepheus means "the branch, the king". The Ethiopian name is Hyk, meaning "a king".

The brightest star, Al Deramin, means "coming quickly". Al Phirk means "the Redeemer". Al Rai means "who bruises or breaks". What a glorious conclusion! What a word of cheer! Read it in God's Word. 1 John 3:2-3. 1 Cor. 15:51-52. He is coming soon to break all our bondage. We shall be earth-bound no more, but FREED to enjoy the glorious joys of eternity.



BOOK 2, CHAPTER 4. "ARIES, the Ram".

REVIEW:- This is the last Sign of the Second Book of the Heavens, dealing with the Redeemed Ones. The story begins with the Goat, dying for the multitude, and ends with the Ram, slain but living again. In between are the Signs Aquarius and Pisces, telling of the present Blessings and Bondage of the Redeemed ones.



ARIES, the Ram.

1. This Sign pictures a Ram lying at rest, full of vigour and life, not falling in death as Capricornus. With its associated Constellations, its message is of the coming time when the Redeemed will enjoy to the full all the blessings that God has prepared for them. The Sign itself reminds us again of the ground and foundation of the salvation that makes all this possible.

2. This might well be called the greatest symbol in the heavens. Its Hebrew name is Taleh, meaning "the Lamb". The Arabic name is Al Hamal, meaning "the sheep, gentle, merciful". The Syriac name is Amroo, meaning "the Lamb", exactly as used in John 1:29. Well might we cry again today, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world"! God wants us to see this above all else! The Akkadian name of the Sign is Baraziggar, which means "the sacrifice of righteousness"!.

3. It is interesting to note that there are 66 stars in this sign. There are 66 books in the Bible, and 66 chapters in the great evangelical prophecy of Isaiah! Surely the Lamb, once slain, but risen in new life, is the theme of the whole Bible! The star names confirm this truth. El Nath, in the forehead, means "wounded, slain". Al Sheratan, in the left horn, means "the bruised or wounded". Near it is Mesartim, which means "the bound". All combine to tell the story of Revelation 5:12. The Ram (a male lamb) clearly symbolizes the death and resurrection of Christ.

4. Another significant scientific fact lays special stress upon the importance of this Sign. The sun entered this Sign on the 14th day of the Jewish month Nisan, corresponding very nearly to our March or early April. At the time of the Exodus, it had entered Aries on this day, when the lamb of the Passover was to be slain. Now, in the year of the crucifixion of Christ, the sun was exactly in the HEAD OF ARIES! It stood at the very spot marked by the star El Nath, "the pierced, the wounded, the slain", and by the star Al Sheratan, "the bruised or wounded"! God so ordained the times and seasons, that the stars marked the death of His Son as the offering of the Passover Lamb of God, for the sins of the world! c/f Gal. 4:4 and Romans 5:6. Finally, note this significant fact, as recorded in Luke 23:44-45. The SUN was darkened, but not the stars. At high noon, as Christ hung on the cross, the stars shone out. What stars? The stars of Aries, THE RAM hung high over Golgotha! Surely they too cried out "Behold the Lamb of God"!

Conclusion:- The Sign teaches us then very clearly that all the blessings are to be found in the Risen Redeemer. And just as He came the first time at exactly the marked hour, so surely He will come again at the time appointed of the Father! Today? Perhaps! Let us be watching for Him, ready for Him, living for Him!

BOOK 2, CHAPTER 4. The Three Constellations.

REVIEW:- The last Sign of this second Book, Aries the Ram, which hung over Calvary at high noon, teaches us that all the blessings of the Redeemed come through the Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. The associated Constellations carry out this truth by detailing the three characteristics of those coming blessings. There is great talk today of a new World-Order. What will be required to produce such a state? Who can build it? Jesus Christ came, and died, and went away. Will the consequences of that first coming still be felt on earth?

PARAGRAPH 1. "Cassiopeia", "The Enthroned Woman".

Here is a woman, freed and exalted, in contrast to the picture in Andromeda, the Chained Woman. Her Arabic name is El Seder, meaning "the Freed", or Ruchba, "the Enthroned". The Chaldean name Dat al cursa also carries this same meaning. The 55 stars form an irregular W, in the northern sky, and include almost every known variety of star. Brightest star, in left breast, is Schedir, which means "the Freed". Caph, in the chair, means "the branch of victory".

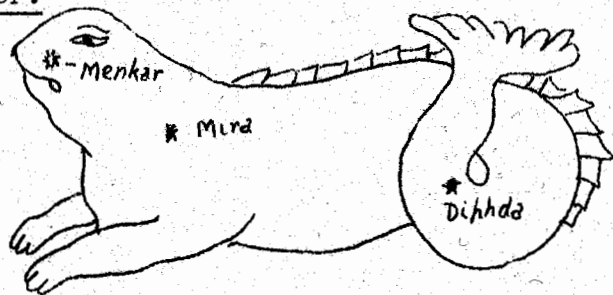
The message is clear and significant. Israel, the wife of Jehovah, and the Church, the Bride of Christ, suffer in Humiliation and derision today. The first result of Calvary will be manifested in the freeing of the Redeemed, and in their exaltation to the place of authority. That must be part of the coming glorious World-Order!



PARAGRAPH 2. "Cetus", the Sea Monster.

Here is the Great Enemy in bondage! It is the picture of Rev. 20:1-3. The 97 stars form the largest of all the constellations. An Egyptian name for this is Knem, meaning "subdued". Brightest star is Menkar, meaning "the bound or chained enemy". Diphda means "overthrown or thrust down". Mira, in the neck, means "THE

REBEL", and is a strange variable star. This then is the picture of the Great Rebel, the Devil, bound and defeated. No world order can stand while the devil is still at large! This is the second consequence of Calvary. See Isa. 27:1.



PARAGRAPH 3. "Perseus", The Breaker.

The final scene is that of a mighty warrior with sword aloft, and with the head of His enemy in the other hand. c/f Micah 2:12-13. Egyptian name is Kar Knem, meaning "He who fights and subdues". The star Mirfak means "who helps". Al Genib means "who carries Al Genib away". Athik means "who breaks". The Hebrew name of the enemy's head is Resh Satan, meaning "the head of the adversary". The Arabic name is Al Oneh, "the subdued" or Al Ghou, "the evil spirit". The star Al Gol, in this head, means "rolling around", and is another strange variable star. c/f 2 Cor. 11:14.

This is the third consequence of Calvary. Christ is coming to reign over a freed people, with the devil bound, and the evil systems of men utterly broken. Read again Daniel 2:34, 35, 45. Then, and not until then, shall we have the true New World-Order.



BOOK 3, CHAPTER 1, "TAURUS", The Bull.

REVIEW:- In our last lesson we finished the Second Book of the Heavens. We have seen the story of the Redeemer's first Advent, and the story of the Redeemed Ones. The Third Book, the last four Signs in the Heavens, tell the story of the Redeemer's Second Advent. This event, so often denied and ridiculed by modern teachers, is very clearly revealed in the Heavens.

TAURUS, THE BULL.

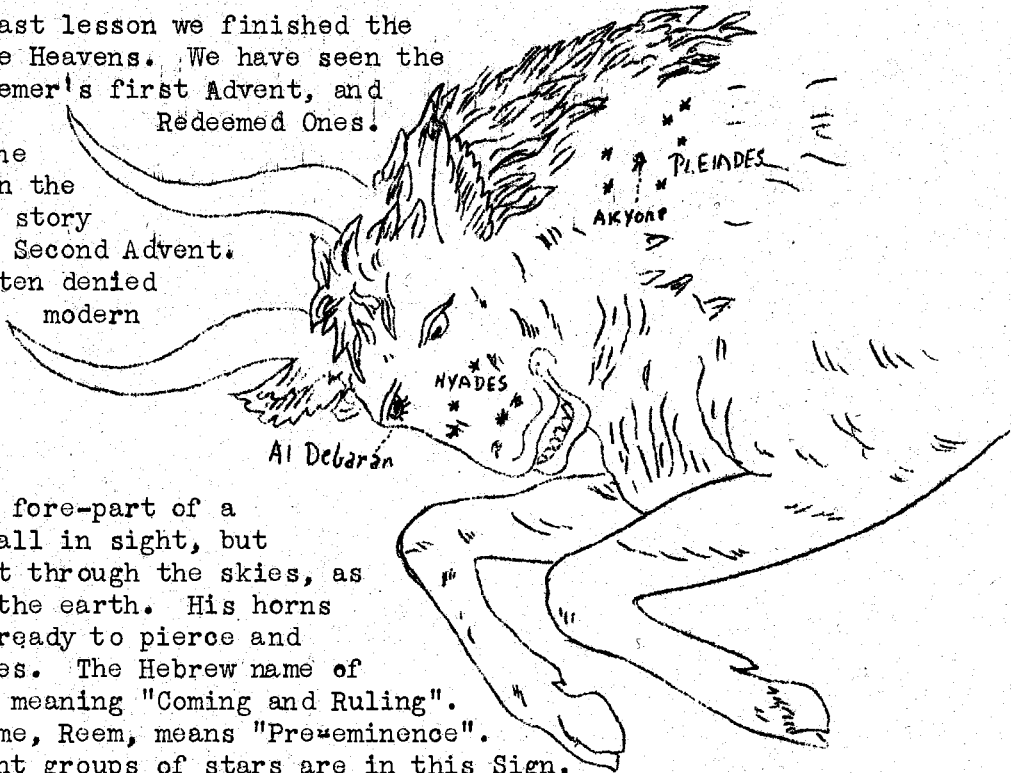
(1). Here is the fore-part of a mighty Bull, not all in sight, but appearing to burst through the skies, as he rushes toward the earth. His horns are set forward, ready to pierce and destroy his enemies. The Hebrew name of the Sign is Shur, meaning "Coming and Ruling". Another Hebrew name, Reem, means "Pre-eminence".

(2). Two important groups of stars are in this Sign. In the head we find the Hyades. In the shoulder, next to the heart, we see the Pleiades. Both these groups are known as "daughters of the king". The Hyades means "the Congregated" (a group gathered together). It is a clear picture of Israel. They are to be the head, Deut. 28:13. See also Rev. 12:1. The saved of Israel are to be in the place of authority when Christ returns. The star Al Debaran, the eye of the Bull, means "the leader, the Governor". Compare this with Micah. 5:2, Matt. 2:6 and Isa. 9:6. See also the eye mentioned in Zech. 2:8, and its relation to Israel. Legend tells of the Hyades mourning over the death of their brother. c/f Zech. 12:10.

(3). The Pleiades means "the Congregation of the judge or ruler" (a unity). This group is near the heart, and surely speaks of the Church, the Bride of the Ruler, so dear to His heart. The Church has a heart relationship to Christ. See I Cor. 2:9, II Cor. 3:3 and Romans 10:9-10. Pleiades is mentioned at least three times in the Bible. Read Job. 9:9, Job 38:31 and Amos 5:8. Seven is the number of Covenant. These are the Covenant People. The root of this name means "A Jewel, stored away". The Church is the Pearl of great price, hidden throughout the Ages. The Pleiades are always closely associated in Scripture with Arcturus, in Bootes, which means "He cometh", and tells of the first Advent of Christ, and with Orion, which means "The Coming Prince, the Glorious One". The Church is formed BETWEEN THE TWO ADVENTS! We look at both. I Cor. 11:26. The star Al Cyone, in the Pleiades, means "the centre". c/f Rev. 1:13, Rev. 5:6.

(4). The story is thus summed up in Enoch's great prophecy. He undoubtedly knew and read the message of the stars, and so he declared this truth in Jude 14, 15. "The Lord cometh WITH ten thousand of his saints".

Note:- Only six of the Pleiades are visible to the naked eye. They are pictured as young virgins turning into doves. One has her arms just changing to wings. Another is still in human form. c/f II Cor. 3:18, I Cor. 15:51, 52. The legendary story of the lost seventh Pleiad is that she hid herself in shame because she had loved a man of the earth. Read again I John 2:28.



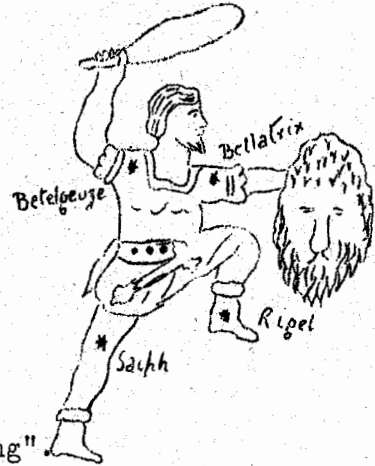
BOOK 3. CHAPTER 1. The Three Constellations.

REVIEW: Taurus, the ninth Sign, has taught men through the centuries the truth of the Second Advent of Christ. He is coming back to reign, with His saints. What a tremendous difference that will make to this old world! The three Constellations associated with Taurus describe pictorially what that time will be like.

ORION, "The Coming Prince".

(1). The most brilliant, and one of best known of all constellations. It is accompanied by many other constellations of great splendour. When Orion is high in the sky, we see the most glorious view of celestial bodies that the heavens afford. This view is visible in all the habitable world. Orion is named in Job 9:9, 38:31, and Amos 5:8. The Hebrew name is Chesil, meaning "a strong one, a hero".

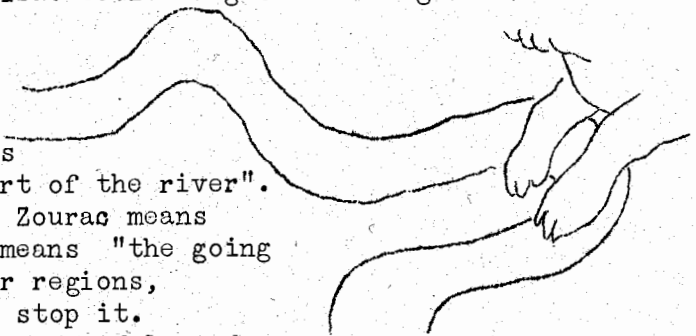
(2). We shall name just five of the 78 stars. Saiph in the right leg, means "bruised", and identifies this Glorious Prince as the Man of Calvary. Al Nitak, in the belt, means "the wounded One". Bellatrix, in the left shoulder, means "quickly coming, swiftly destroying". Betelgeuze, in the right shoulder, means "the coming of the Branch". This star is 250 times the size of our sun, and is 3,000 times more luminous. Finally, Rigel, in the left foot, means "the foot that crusheth", and this is 12,000 times as bright as our sun! What a blaze of glorious light! Now look at Bible..Luke 2:32, John 1:12, Isa. 60:1. Light is coming to this world!



ERIDANUS, "The River of the Judge".

(1). Consisting of 84 stars, it flows far along the horizon from the foot of Orion, from Rigel! The star at the mouth of this river is Achernar, meaning "the after part of the river". Cursa, at the source, means "bent down". Zouras means "flowing". Pheat means "mouth" and Ozha means "the going forth". The river flows down to the lower regions, out of sight, and Cetus tries in vain to stop it.

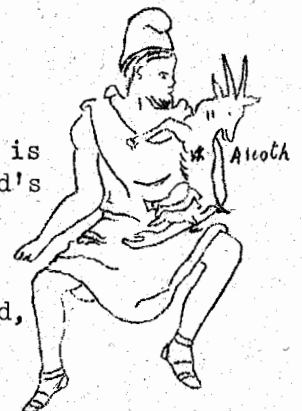
(2). This river is always associated in story and legend with fire. It is a stream of fire! The River of the Judge! c/f Dan. 7:9-11, Psalm 97:3, Psalm 50:3, Isa. 30:27-33, Isa. 66:15-16. Fire is coming for the wicked!



AURIGA, "The Shepherd".

(1). Here is the Shepherd, holding a she-goat and her frightened kids in His strong arm. The brightest star, Alioth or Capella, is in the goat, and means "a she-goat". Menkilinon, in the Shepherd's right arm, means "the chain of goats". Maaz means "a flock of goats". El Nath in the right foot, means "Wounded, slain".

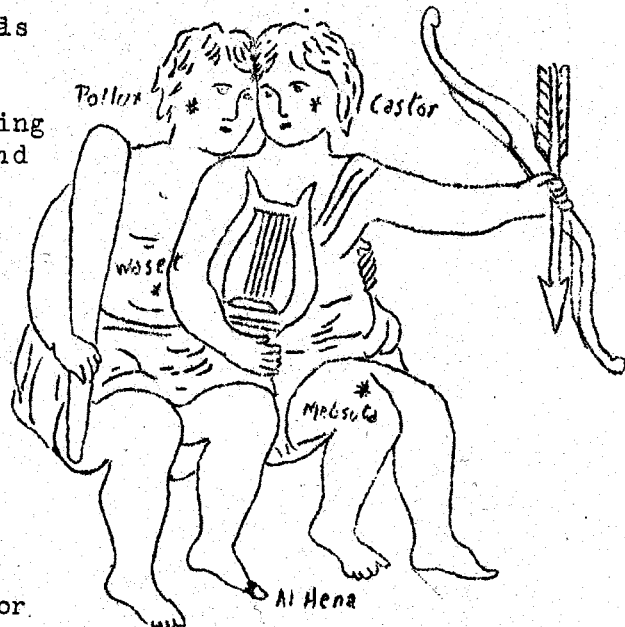
(2). This Shepherd is Christ. He is the Good Shepherd, John 10:11, the Great Shepherd, Heb. 13:20 and the Chief Shepherd, 1 Pet. 5:4. He is holding his flock SAFE in the day of wrath. A safe place is prepared for the righteous! c/f Mal. 4:1-3. Ezek. 34:22.



What a strange day that will be when Christ returns! Will you be overwhelmed by the River of the Judge, or be found safe in the arms of the Shepherd? Will you flee in terror from that glorious Light, or welcome Him as your Friend?

BOOK 3, CHAPTER 2. "GEMINI", the Twins.

REVIEW:- The third Book of the Heavens deals with the Second Advent of Christ. The first Sign, Taurus, shows the power and glory of the coming mighty Judge, punishing all His enemies. The prophets all saw and foretold these things. Chapter 2, however, sets forth an entirely different story, and reveals the answer to that enigma that baffled all the investigations of the prophets of the Old Testament days. It is that mystery spoken of in I Peter 1:10-11.



GEMINI, "The Twins".

- (1). The 85 stars of this Sign form the outline known as "The Twins". The Sign teaches us that the Messiah is one with TWO NATURES and TWO PURPOSES to fulfil. He is the Son of God, coming to suffer for the sins of men, and He is the Son of Man, coming some day to reign in glory and righteousness. This was the prophets' Puzzle. This was Israel's stumbling block. They recognized that Messiah must reign in glory, but they forgot that He must suffer as the Lamb of God.
- (2). The Egyptian name of the Sign is Claustrom Hori, meaning "the place of Him who cometh". The Coptic name is Pi-Mahi, meaning "the united". The Hebrew name Thauamin means "united". The Twin to the left has the star Hercules or Pollux in his head. This name means "who cometh to labour or suffer". In his left foot is Al Hena, meaning "hurt, wounded, afflicted". Waset, in the body, means "set", and tells of the One who set His face to Calvary. This is Christ as the "Son of God", dying for all mankind. Only as the Divine One could the sin price be paid.
- (3). The other Twin has the six-fold star Castor, or Apollo, in his head. This name means "ruler, judge". Mebuta, in the knee, means "treading under feet". Other names are Propus, meaning "the branch, spreading"; Al Giauza, meaning "the palm branch" and Dira, meaning "the seed, the branch". c/f Jer. 23:5-6. Note that he is to be the seed of David. This is Christ as the Son of Man, come to reign. c/f Matt. 26:63-64. He will reign as The Man, the Second Adam, who, as a man, turned back the allegiance of the world to God. He alone has the right to reign.
- (4). So Gemini solves the Prophets' puzzle. Messiah was to be both God and Man, and He was to come twice, first as Saviour, then as King. c/f I Tim. 3:16. Even in the Old Testament He is given both these names, Daniel 3:25 and 7:13. As the Son of God He delivers His own. As the Son of Man He comes to reign.
- (5). This Sign shows perfect tranquility. The club is at rest; the bow is not stretched. It tells of that glorious reign of peace, when Christ will be manifested both as the Redeemer, the Son of God, in the midst of His Redeemed, and also as the King, the Son of Man. His two natures will be truly "united".

Conclusion:- There is a lesson for us in this day. In Acts 28:11 the Holy Spirit has recorded the fact that Paul's ship sailed under THIS SIGN of Castor and Pollux. It is the ship that was not wrecked! For the voyage of life we need to know Christ as Son of God, our Saviour, and as Son of Man, our King and Lord. We need both His cleansing blood and His Divine power.

Book 3. Chapter 2. The Three Constellations.

REVIEW:-



The 10th Sign of the Zodiac is clearly prophetic of the Coming reign of our Lord in peace, when He will be known both as the Son of God, the Redeemer of mankind, and as the Son of Man, the King of Kings. The world feverishly plans for peace. An International Police force is proposed as the means of establishing a man-made peace. Both the Bible and the heavens declare that the task is beyond their powers.

THE THREE CONSTELLATIONS..."Lepus", "Canis Minor", "Canis Major".

The modern figures present a distorted picture of these star groups, but the original message is still retained. Two Dogs are shown in pursuit of a Hare, driving him completely from the skies. Aratus says:- "Below Orion's feet, the Hare is chased eternally". What is the message of its 19 stars?

LEPUS is the Enemy of mankind. The brightest star, Arnebo, means "the enemy of Him that cometh". The Egyptian name of this Constellation is Bashti-beki, meaning "confounded, Failing".

Other stars are Nibal, "the mad", Sugia, "the Deceiver", and Rakis, "bound with a chain". Lepus represents Satan, the author of evil. While he is at large, there can be no peace on earth. How will the Police deal with him?

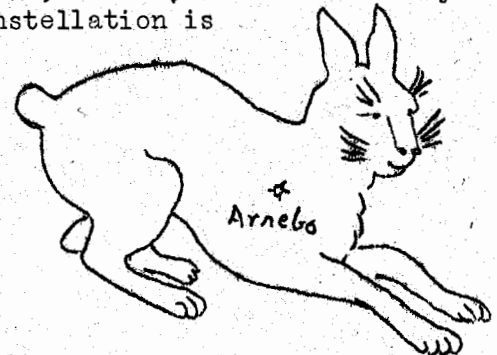
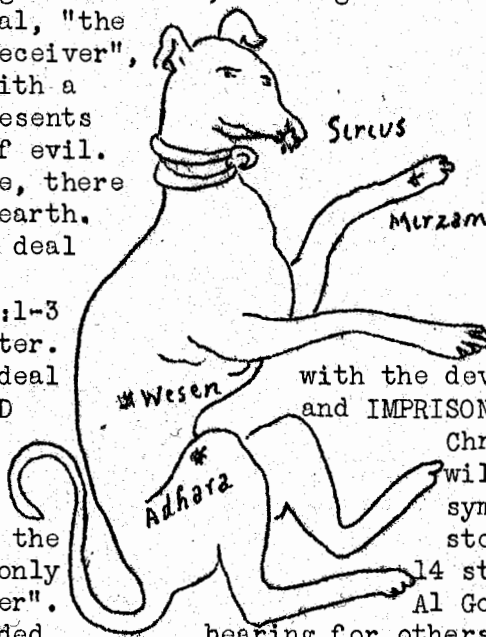
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CANIS MAJOR. has 64 stars, most prominent of all being Sirius, "The Prince". This is the brightest star in the heavens, and one of the closest to earth. Our English title "Sir" comes from this word. The Arabic name means "Coming quickly". The Persian name means "The Chieftain of the East". Mirzam, in the foot, means "the prince or ruler". Wesen, in the body, means "Bright, shining". Adhara, in the hind leg means "the glorious". Another star-name is Al Shira Al Jemeniya, which means "the Prince or chief of the right hand"! This constellation is thus associated with Castor, the right-hand Twin, the Son of Man!

As such, Christ holds the Key of David, (Rev. 3:7) and will some day take away the authority and dominion of the devil. He will put him under lock and key! Thus, as Redeemer and Coming Prince, Christ alone is able to bind and imprison the devil. May that glorious day come soon!



we read God's declaration God has a Police Force that is with the devil and all his hosts. A mighty and IMPRISON the devil for 1,000 years, Christ will reign on earth in will be under CHAIN AND KEY! symbols mean? Canis Minor and story.

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"THE GOSPEL IN THE STARS".

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BOOK 3, CHAPTER 3. "Cancer, the Crab".

REVIEW:- In this Chapter, we find the third great characteristic descriptive of our Lord's glorious return. Taurus showed Him as the coming Judge, bringing condemnation to His enemies. Gemini told us that His reign will be the great and only Reign of Peace on earth, the final fulfillment of the angelic promise given at His birth. Now Cancer answers a most important question. Who will inherit the Kingdom with Christ? Must we endure to the end to be saved? Who is able to hold on?

CANCER, The Crab.

(1). A Sign of 83 stars, none very bright, this group has a wonderful story to tell.

(This is not an original picture, but a distorted modern form, yet strangely retaining the original meaning.) In the ~~Denderah~~ Zodiac of Egypt its name was Klaria, meaning "the cattle-folds".

The Arabian name is Al Sartan, which means "who holds". The Syriac name "Sartano" means the same. The Greek name Karkinos means

"holding" or "encircling". The word Khan means "an inn", and the Arabic word Ker or Cer means "encircling". Thus we have here pictured for us a place of rest and safety, encircling and holding in security.

(2). The star-names bear this out. Tegmine means "holding". Acubene, in the lower claw, is a triple star, and its name means "The sheltering or hiding place". Thus the Heavenly Khan is here shown, a resting place for God's people. And they are HELD FAST there! How like the story of the Good Samaritan, who took the helpless victim to the Inn or Khan, and commanded that he be kept until He returned.

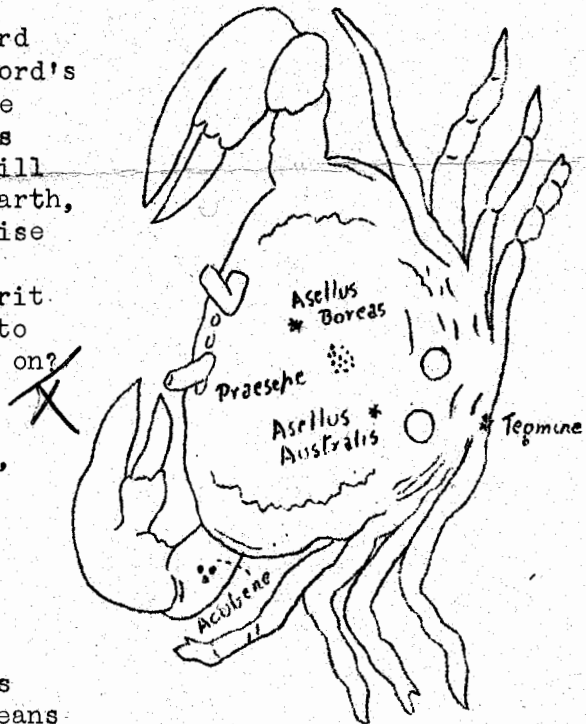
Read again Luke 10:30-35. And compare this with John 10:28-29. As Acubene is a triple star, so the Holy Trinity unite to ensure the believer's security.

(3). But who is in this shelter? The star Ma'alaph means "assembled thousands". In the centre is that cluster of stars with the modern name The Beehive. Its original name is Praesepe, which means "a multitude of offspring". Surely these are the born-again ones, the spiritual offspring of this day, the Christians!

Two other stars are significant. Asellus Boreas is "the northern ass", and Asellus Australis is "the southern ass". Hosea 8:9 describes northern Israel as an ass alone. Going into captivity, he lost his companion. Surely the southern ass then represents Judah! Thus we see Israel and Judah and the Church all in this place of final security, held safe in His Kingdom.

(4). It is interesting to see that Christ entered Jerusalem in triumph and glory with TWO ASSES! See Zech. 9:9-10 c/f Matt. 21:1-11. When He comes in His complete triumph, He will have His two servants, Israel and Judah to carry Him to the Throne.

(5). When the sun is in Cancer, it is at its highest in the heavens. It hangs over the Tropic of Cancer, its farthest northern limit. It is the longest, brightest day of the year for us. Is not the truth of the believer's security the brightest truth of all, bringing peace and joy, and teaching us how much Christ loves us? May we each one have this confidence today!



BOOK 3, CHAPTER 3, "The Three Constellations".

REVIEW:- It is most significant that God has set this 11th Sign in the Zodiac, teaching so clearly and fully the truth of His care of all the saints. Surely it is the sum of God's dealing with men. How much He has loved us! How carefully He guards us! How surely He keeps His own! The hireling loses the sheep; the Good Shepherd will never let the Enemy steal a single one. CANCER brings us this glorious message of all the Redeemed kept safe, to some day reign with Him in His shining Kingdom. The Constellations fill out the detail for us.

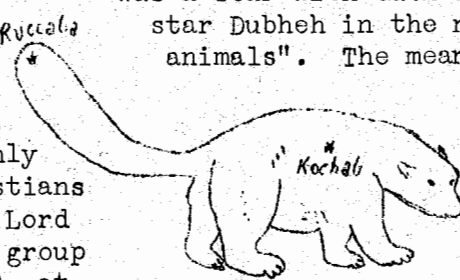
URSA MINOR (the Little Bear) "The Lesser Sheepfold".

(1). Name is peculiar perversion. There never was a bear with such a tail! Hebrew name is Dohver, meaning "A Fold". The star Dubheh in the next constellation, Ursa Major, means "A herd of animals". The meaning is thus quite clear. Here are Two Sheep-Folds.

The Scriptures are specifically agreed with this. Gen. 22:17 tells of Abraham's TWO seeds, an earthly and a heavenly. Gal. 3:7 tells us that the Christians belong to that heavenly seed. In John 10:16 our Lord spoke specifically of the TWO SHEEPFOLDS! This group of 24 stars (the number of the Church! Rev. 4:4), at the highest point of the heavens, tells of the heavenly Seed, safely folded and kept by the Good Shepherd.

(2). Brightest star, in tip of tail, is Polaris, the Pole star. This is the centre of the Heavens, as seen from this earth. It is the Mariner's guide, the true north. Ancient name is Al Ruccaba, meaning "the turned or ridden on". About 5,000 to 6,000 years ago, Thuban, in the Dragon, was the Pole Star. Now it is in the Door to the Sheepfold, the One who has vanquished the power of the Dragon.

(3). Interesting star names are Al Pherkadain, meaning "the redeemed assembly", Al Gedi, "the kid", Al Kaid, "the assembled", Arctos, "a travelling company" or "the stronghold of the saved". Kochab, in the heart, means "Waiting Him who cometh".



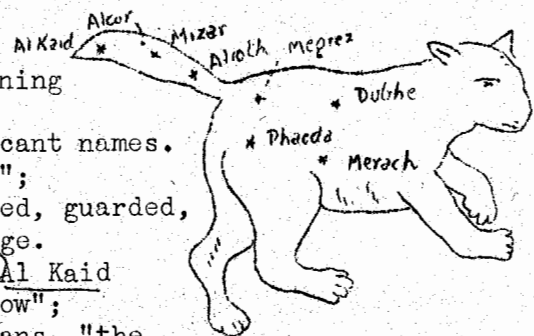
URSA MAJOR (the Great Bear) "The Great Sheepfold".

(1). This is the Sheepfold of the earthly seed of Abraham. It has 87 stars and is perhaps the best known constellation in the heavens. Its famous "pointers" locate the Pole star for us. The Arabian name is Al Naish, meaning "the Assembled together" (as sheep in a fold).

(2). The four stars of the square have significant names.

Megrez means "separated"; Dubhe means "the fold"; Merach means "purchased"; Phaeda means "comforted, guarded, numbered, protected". They give one sure message.

The stars of the entrance are most important. Al Kaid means "the place of assembly"; Mizar means "narrow"; Al Cor (near Mizar) means "the Lamb"; Alioth means "the Goat". How clearly they tell of the Way into the Sheepfold! See Matt. 7:14, John 1:29, John 10:3, John 10:7.



How glorious to be under the protection of the Great Shepherd, and to be so safely kept in His fold! He is the Door, the guarantee of our safety. John 10:28 and 29.

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Book 3. Chapter 3, Paragraph 3. "ARGO", the Ship

REVIEW:- Studies so far have led to great climax of truth. Although many Christians today are fearful and perplexed concerning their salvation, God has written the truth of the believer's eternal security large in the heavens. Some fear to proclaim this truth, and yet God has spread it wide across the skies. The Bible and the heavens are in full accord.

God's power to keep His own safe is taught clearly in four star-pictures. First we saw Cancer, depicting a great cattle-fold, in which the congregations were held and encircled. Then we saw the two Sheep-folds, in which Abraham's two seeds, the earthly and the heavenly are being safely kept by the Great Shepherd. Now we see the final and most convincing picture of all.

ARGO, the Ship (The Pilgrims safe at home).

1. This huge ship stretches far across the southern heavens, and includes 64 listed stars. Its sails are furled, for its journey is just over.

Aratus sings of Argo:- "Stern-foremost hauled; no mark of onward-speeding ship. Sternward she comes, as vessels do when sailors turn the helm on entering harbour: all the oars back-water, and gliding backward, to an anchor comes".

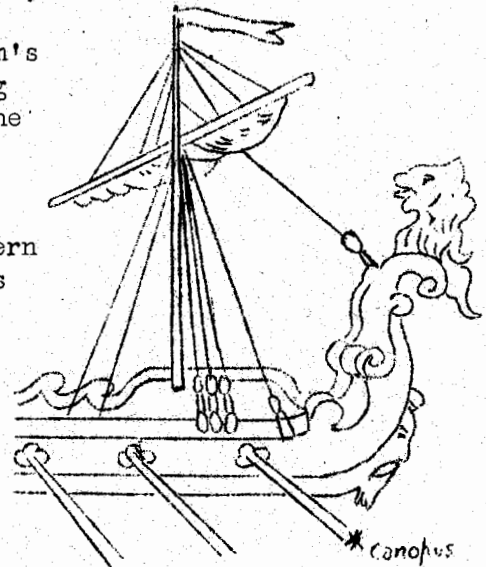
2. Ten centuries before Christ, this story was woven into Greek mythology. The myth tells of a great Captain named Jason (the Graeco-Judean equivalent of Joshua or Jesus) who recovered a treasure that was guarded by a sleepless dragon, when none else was able to approach it, and brought the treasure safely home. The heavens show Hydra, the serpent, just above the mast of the ship. Thus, even in ancient legends, the truth still shines, telling of the Captain Jesus, who defeated the devil, delivered His precious saints, and who is surely bringing them SAFELY HOME!

3. Argo means "a company of travellers". The brightest star, Canopus, near the keel, means "the possession of Him who cometh". Christ is the Captain and the Ship-Owner! Who will dispute His passage, or harm His passengers, or dare to steal His treasures? The star Sephina means "the multitude", and tells of the many who are to be saved. Tureis means "the possession"; Asmidiska means "the released who travel"; Soheil means "the desired" and Subilon means "the Branch", again identifying the great Captain. It is interesting to know that the Egyptian Planisphere shows TWO galleys, as we have seen two Sheep-folds.

4. This picture was in the heavens long before man built his first ship. The first one named in the Bible was the Ark, probably the root of the word "Argos". Did Noah tremble for his safety on that voyage? No, he knew the seams were well PITCHED (Gen. 6:14). This word means "to cover" and is used in this sense for "redemption". Christ has made salvation's ship water-tight because He has redeemed, bought back, His own. They are His precious possession!

Another story is told of some who trembled. It is in Mark 4:36-41. And He rebuked them for their lack of faith. Could the ship sink, upon which Christ sailed? Is He not Master of all? What manner of men is this, who is at the helm of the Christian's bark? Can He not take us all safe to port at last?

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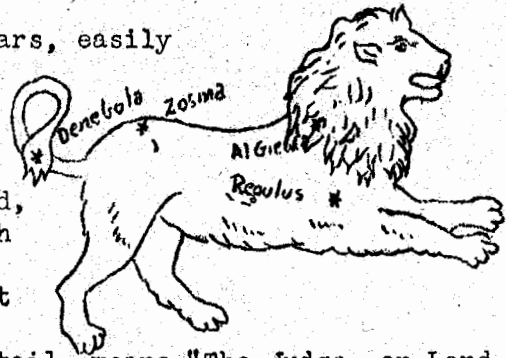


BOOK 3, CHAPTER 4, LEO, "the Lion".

REVIEW:- This last Book of the Heavens has given us the four important characteristics of the Second Advent of the Messiah. Taurus showed Him as the Righteous Judge, coming to bring perfect equity and justice. Gemini portrayed the peaceful nature of His reign. Cancer told of the certain safe-keeping of His redeemed ones, His precious possessions. Now we come to Leo, the last of the Signs of the Zodiac. The Sphinx, with the head of a woman (Virgo) and the body of the lion (Leo), shows us the beginning and end of the Zodiacal Circle. The star Sarcam, in Leo, and meaning "the joining", confirms this division. What then is God's last message to those who read the Heavens?

LEO, "the Lion".

(1). This is a beautiful constellation of 95 stars, easily recognized by six of the stars which form the shape of a sickle. All Zodiacs agree in showing this Sign as a Great Lion. Its Hebrew name is Arie, "the lion". The Syriac name is Aryo, "the rending lion". The Arabic is Al Asad, meaning "a lion coming vehemently, leaping forth as a flame". It is a Conquering Lion!



(2). The star-names confirm this. The brightest star, in the heart, is called Regulus, which means "Treading under foot". Denebola, in the tail, means "The Judge, or Lord who cometh". Algieba, in the mane, is a fine double star, and means "the exaltation". Zosma, on the back, means "shining forth". Other star-names are Michir al Asad, meaning "the punishing or tearing of the Lion"; Deneb Aleced, meaning "the judge cometh who siezes"; and Al Dafera, meaning "the enemy put down". Thus the stars tell of the Lion, as King of Beasts, coming to reign supreme, to put down His enemies, and to take full DOMINION!

(3). This sums up the story of the Redeemer. He has come to redeem; He is calling out His own children; some day He will return to take complete dominion! Solomon used this symbol of the lion. His was the most glorious reign of Israel's history. He made a wonderful throne. II Chronicles 9:15-19. Lions! To symbolize his complete dominion. Christ said something of this. Matt. 12:42. In Isaiah 31:4 we read that the second coming of Christ is likened to a lion roaring on his prey, as the Lord returns to fight the hosts of antichrist which attack Jerusalem.

(4). The Tribe of Judah, of which our Lord came, (Heb. 7:14) carried the ensign of the Lion. This was given to Judah by Jacob. Genesis 49:9-10. It is important to note how the Lion is connected with the Sceptre, the symbol of kingly authority. Judah carries the Right of Kings, the Right to the Throne! Now here is one last great scene. In Revelation 5:1-5 we read of the Book with Seven Seals. That sealed Book represents the title deeds to the world. See the custom outlined in Jeremiah 32:9-15. God made the world, and gave man dominion over it. But man sold out to the devil. The second Adam, Christ Jesus, one of the original trustee class, a man, bought back the world, paid off all the devil's claims. Some day, as here pictured, He will step forward and claim the title-deeds! And so He is here called "THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH"!

This last Sign of the Zodiac reminds us that the King is coming soon. He alone has the right to reign. He will some day rule all the earth. Is He ruling in our hearts today?

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BOOK 3, CHAPTER 4, "The Three Constellations".

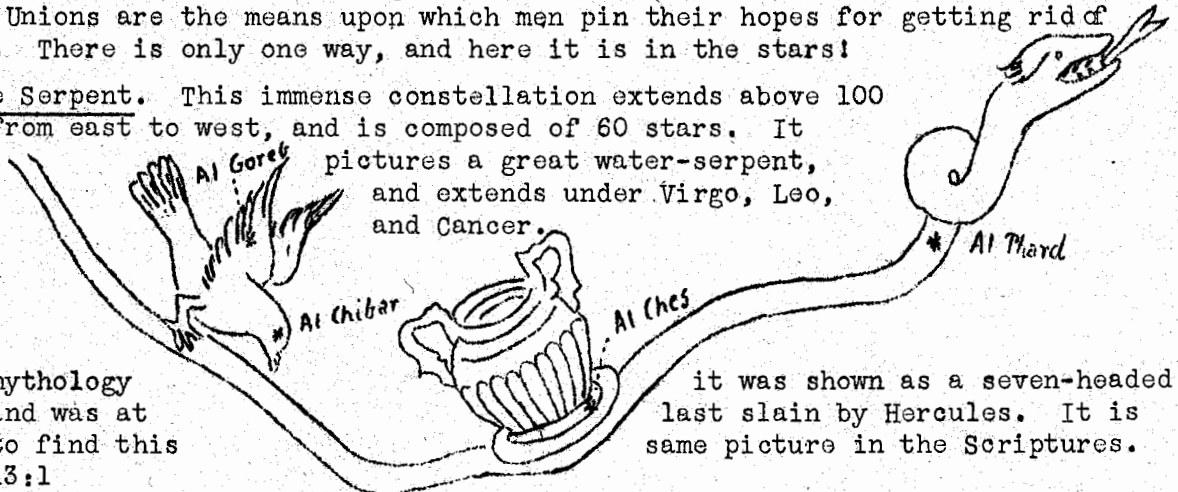
REVIEW:- This is our last message from the stars. The 12th Sign of the Zodiac, Leo, the Lion, told us of the One who is coming to reign supreme. He alone, the Lord Jesus Christ, has any right to the title-deeds of the world. He purchased the world by His own precious blood, shed on Calvary's Cross.

The Constellations fill out the picture for us. What about the great Usurper, the Satanic power now so fully manifested in the world? How can he be made to give up his hold on men and nations? Many ways are being tried today, and more proposed. Social legislation, Leagues of Nations, International Police, Education, Religious Unions are the means upon which men pin their hopes for getting rid of the devil! There is only one way, and here it is in the stars!

HYDRA, the Serpent. This immense constellation extends above 100 degrees, from east to west, and is composed of 60 stars. It

pictures a great water-serpent, and extends under Virgo, Leo, and Cancer.

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it was shown as a seven-headed last slain by Hercules. It is same picture in the Scriptures.

Hydra then shows the devil in his final manifestation, rising in political power to RULE the nations. He is rising today, stronger year by year. Through state-control, and through ungodly politicians, the devil is going to reign! His voice is heard now in the denial of truth. As Hydra lies under Virgo, Leo and Cancer, so the devil especially attacks the truths of the Virgin Birth, the Second Coming of Christ, and the salvation and security of the believers.

Hydra means "he is abhorred". The brightest star, Al Phard, means "the separated, put away". Al Drian means "the abhorred" and Minchar al Sugia means "the piercing of the deceiver". He is the Usurper to the Throne of the world, and must be destroyed if Christ is to reign. How can it be done? The myth says that when Hercules cut off one of Hydra's heads, two others appeared in its place. Is not this true in the world? Destroy one evil, and two more appear! See Matt. 12:43-45.

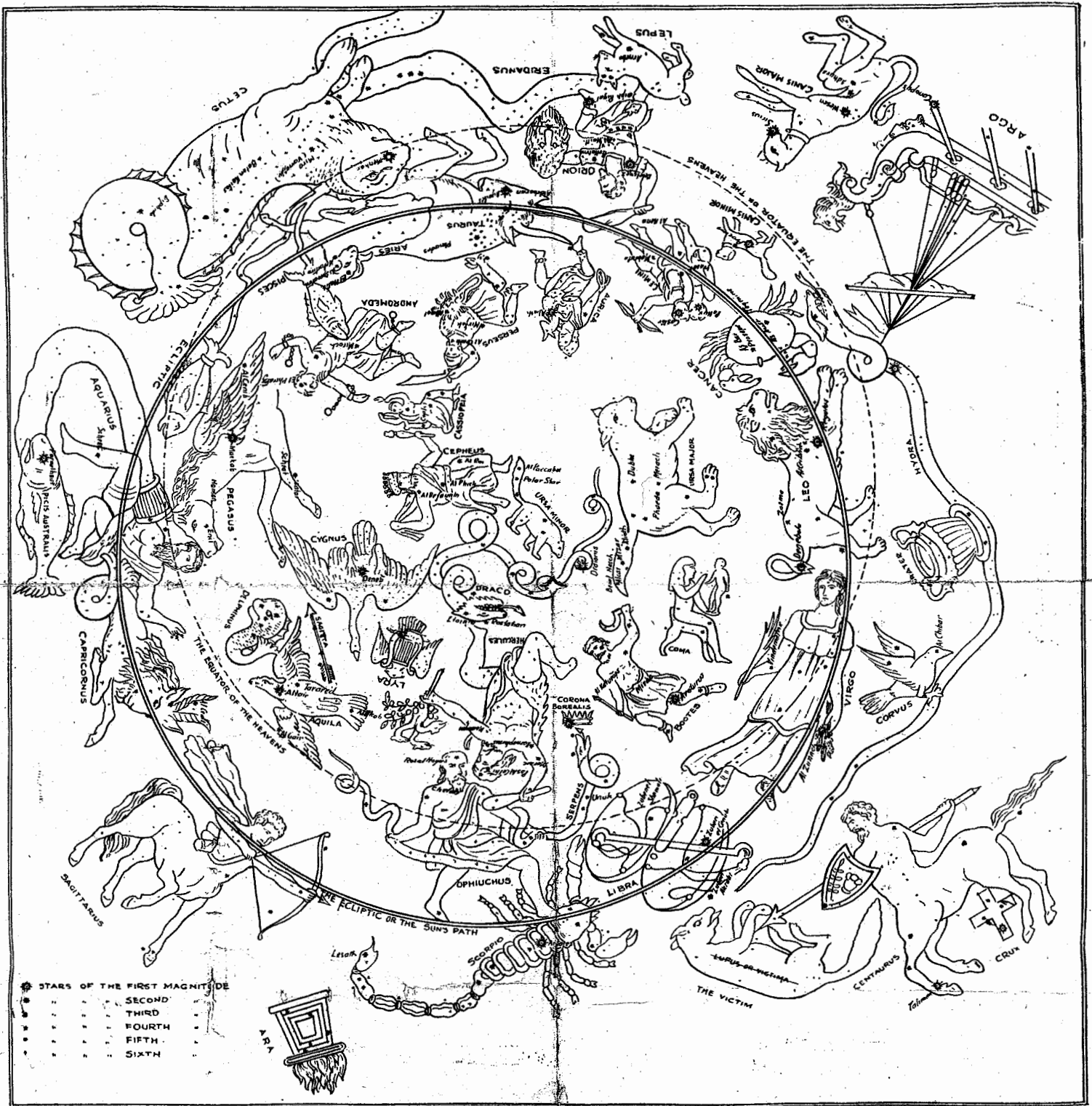
CRATER, the Cup. Here is God's sure remedy. This is the Cup of His wrath and indignation. Men today forget that God's anger is very real, just as sure as His love. Read again Psalm 75:8 and 11:6. Read also Rev. 14:10 and 16:19. Hercules is said to have finally destroyed Hydra by burning it with his torch. Just so, the fiery wrath of God is preparing for the devil and all his followers.

The star Al Ches means "the cup", and the constellation has the significant number of thirteen stars. This is the number of fulness. The cup is filling fast!

CORVUS, the Raven. This is the final word. It is the emblem of complete destruction. See Prov. 30:17 and Rev. 19:17-18. The bright star in the eye is Al Chibar, meaning "accursed". Al Goreb, in the wing, means "the Raven". Minchar al Gorab means "the Raven, tearing to pieces".

When Christ returns, the two Princes will meet in conflict, and our Lord will destroy the Usurper, and take the Throne. Until then we give our loyalty to one or the other. To whom do you belong today?

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