The Stars Tell the Redemption Story

The wise men found guidance in the Star of Bethlehem, for they saw His star in the east, and came to worship Him. Let us establish the fact of a star-picture in the heavens, which was known to the writers of the Old Testament.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,"

PSA 19:1-4

Further in this Psalm one sees the circuit through which the sun passes to clarify the heavenly lights. The Bible declares, "He calleth the number of the stars, he calleth them all by their names." (PSA 147:4). In Job 38 we read of the Pleiades - better known as the 'Seven Sisters'; Orion - 'The Pot'; Arcturus - 'The Bear'; and the Mazzaroth - an old Hebrew word translated as the 'Twelve Signs'.

The Greeks translate these twelve signs into the word 'Zodiakos', meaning 'circle', and from thence we have the word 'Zodiac'.

The centre of the heaven is divided into 12 sections, and each year the sun passes through these twelve sections or 'signs'. This path through the stars in these signs is known as the ecliptic path.

It is believed that the major stars in these twelve signs depict God's message of redemption to mankind, each sign having a Hebrew star name inspiring the picture story drawn on the heavens.

Wonderful Message

Before further explaining these signs and subsidiary stars, with their wonderful message, it is important to note the profound difference between astronomy and astrology. The term 'astro' means 'star' in both words. The term 'nomos' means 'a law or arrangement or plan', whereas the word 'logos' means a 'word' or 'doctrine'.

It is from the study of astrology that the reading of the horoscope has developed. This word comes from the Greek hora meaning 'know' and skopein, to 'view'. It applies to observation of the hour of birth and the practice is to endeavour to tell a man's fortune by the position of stars at the time of his birth.

The Bible presents the wonders of the heavens as proof of a Creator and the details of the zodiac as a series of pictures giving details of the plan of the ages.

The horoscope is a pseudo and vain attempt to transfer this story into individual prophecies, lucky days and personal direction. God has challenged the claims of the astrologers on numerous occasions. His warning to Israel as recorded in Isaiah 47 speaks for itself:

"Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them..."

ISA 47:12-14

The practice of astrology and the reading of horoscopes is unreal and useless.

The Twelve Signs

The twelve signs are fairly well known. They commence with Virgo, the Virgin, and conclude with Leo, the Lion; these two signs
being associated directly with the birth and subsequent return of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Egyptian archives the sphinx is shown inserted as an asterisk between these two signs, thus dividing the circle and solving its own riddle of the 'woman and lion'.

From here on each sign depicts some aspect of the Bible narrative: Virgo (the woman) with the branch lies amid 140 stars, with the sun taking 43 days to pass through this constellation. The brightest star in this sign is Tsemech (Hebrew) or Al Zimach (Arabic), meaning 'the branch'. The artist has drawn a woman and branch.

Isaiah 7:14 states, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son..." There are three smaller constellations in each sign, also depicting similar aspects of the Bible story.

Next is Libra, which in Hebrew is Mozanaim, meaning 'the Scales'. Note that our own Southern Cross is in this constellation.

Then comes Scorpio, which in Hebrew is Akrab, meaning 'the Scorpion' or 'stinging (conflicting) one'. In Arabic the word is translated as 'wounding him that cometh.' The Bible tells us that the "seed of the woman" would bruise the serpent's head.

The sign Sagittarius, the Archer, depicts a disciple of the conquering Lord given us in Revelation 6. The dragon, Draco, is shown as cast down in the same constellation.

Next comes Capricornus, the Sin Goat. Our Lord was the scapegoat and we are His fish, a wonderful symbol of the redemption plan as written in the heavens.

Aquarius, the Water Bearer, depicts the pouring on of water (See John 7). One Hebrew star in this constellation, Deli, means 'water container', and another star, Saad, means 'one who goeth and returneth.'

Pisces is better known as Pisces Australis, the 'southern fish'. The Hebrew word simply means 'the fishes', and speaks no doubt of the great ingathering of revival and restoration as promised.

Innumerable scriptures speak of all these terms. Andromeda, the 'chained woman', is also shown in this constellation, symbolising Israel as the woman still chained in unbelief.

Aries, 'the Ram or Lamb', which in Hebrew is Teleh, is an obvious picture of the many times our Lord is presented both in the Old and New Testaments. Cassiopeia, 'the enthroned woman' is in this constellation and speaks of the restored and crowned Is-ra-el people of God.

The sign for Taurus signifies 'the Bull'. The brightest star here is Al Debaran, meaning 'leader' or 'governor'. It is prophesied of Jesus in Isaiah 9, "...and the government shall be upon his shoulders..." (ISA 9:6).

In this same constellation we have a cluster of stars called Pleiades, 'the congregation of the judge - or ruler', with its brightest star Al Cyone, meaning 'the centre'. Many astronomers believe this star to be the centre of the whole universe.

Also in this constellation is Orion, which means 'the coming prince'. In Hebrew, Oarian, meaning 'light', and Hagat, 'the triumphant one'.

Amos refers to Orion, which in Hebrew is Chesil, meaning 'the strong one - hero - giant'. In the right shoulder of Orion we find Betelgeuz 'the coming branch', and in his left foot Rigol, 'the foot that crusheth'. A star in his left shoulder, Bellatrix, means 'quietly coming', and in the belt of Orion the star Al Niyak, means 'the wounded one.'

Next is Gemini, the Twins. The Hebrew word is 'Thaumin' meaning 'unites'. Jesus the man, Christ the God, the unity of man and God provides our recommendation as sons of God also. We find the star Apollo here, meaning 'ruler' or 'judge'.

Cancer is derived from the Arabic words 'al sartan' and means 'one who holds or binds together.' One large star in the sign of Cancer is Acubene, which means in Hebrew 'the shelter' or 'hiding place'. Also in this constellation is Ursa Major, the 'great bear' recorded in Job 9 and 38. Many other stars with Hebrew names are associated with this sign, and depict the lamb and the gathering of the sheep with the Lord.

Finally we have Leo, the Lion. The end of the Zodiac circle. The riddle of the sphinx is solved with the head of the woman Virgo and the body of the lion Leo, which in Hebrew is Arieh. There are six Hebrew words for lion. This one means 'the lion that herds its prey.' Star of the first magnitude in this constellation is Denebola, meaning 'the Lord who cometh.'

"Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book..." REV 5:5
Our future is written in God's Word and declared in the heavens. Satan, as the master of illusion or delusion, still captivates the gullible. The present increase in the "occult", the ouija board, seances, and horoscopes, all sidetrack the unsuspecting and superstitious, and endeavour to replace the ideology of God with that of man.

As an alternative to the wonderful "outpouring of the Holy Spirit" as shown in the Word of God and confirmed in the Zodiac, millions have now turned to the vanity of their own devices. Don't read your horoscope - read the Bible.

This Christmas look for your Guiding Star to appear in your life. The Lord Jesus Christ is our own personal Star of Bethlehem, and as you place that star on top of that tree remember its true meaning, not its pagan godless alternative, but rather its message of hope and redemption.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the Day Star arise in your hearts."

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