

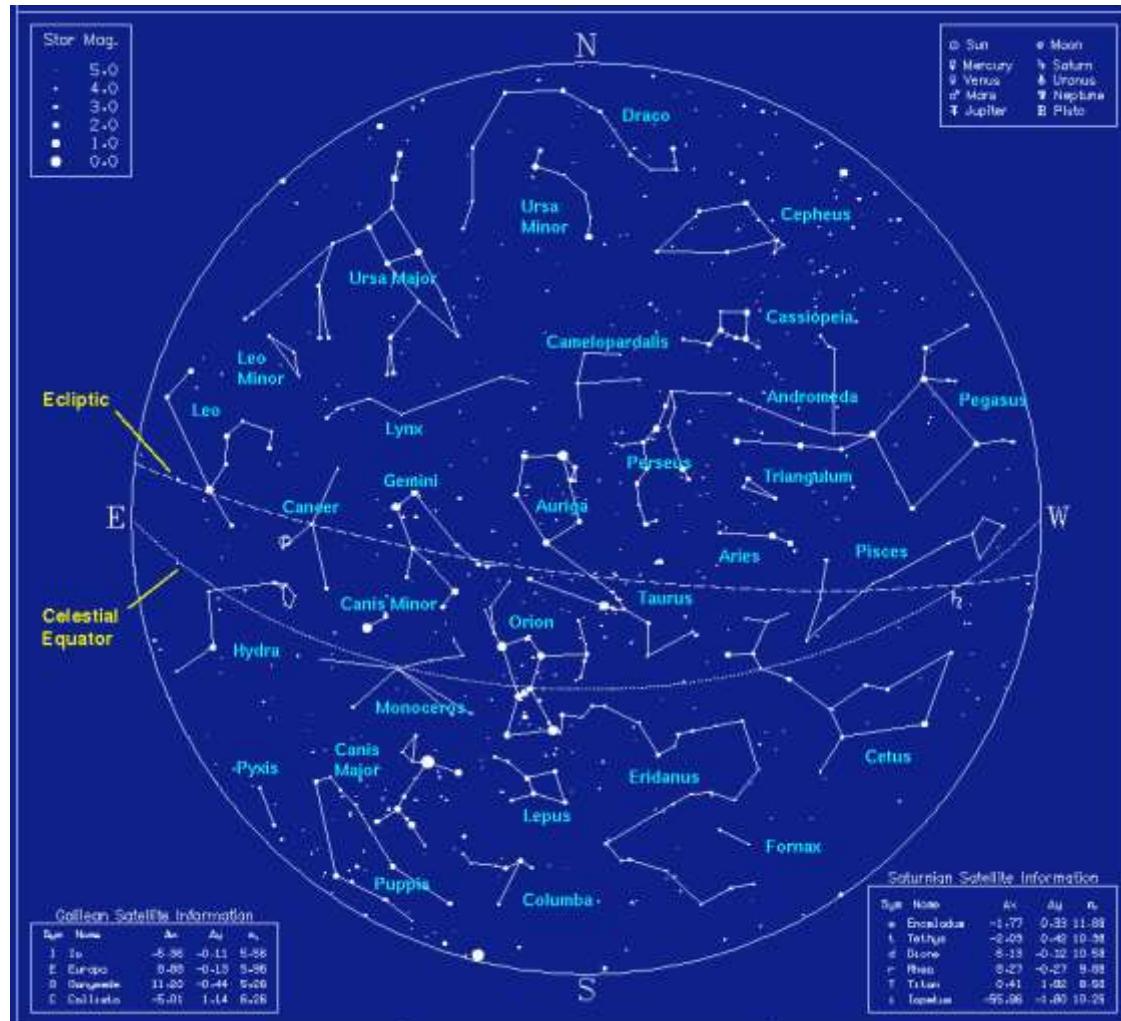
The Memra of the Lord – part 2

- In the previous lecture it was pointed out that God had preached the gospel to Abraham in Genesis 15
- Galatians 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the gospel** unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
- **Galatians 3:6** Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
- **Genesis 15:6** And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

It occurred when the Lord showed Abraham the stars.

- Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to **thy seed, which is Christ.**
- Genesis 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, **So shall thy seed be.**

Gospel in the stars



One of the reasons God created the stars was to be for signs for mankind.

- ***Genesis 1:14*** 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:

Today we not need to study the stars in order to learn about God. For we have the written word of God:

- ***Psalm 19:7*** The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
- But before mankind had the written word, it seems that God revealed his truth through the stars:
- ***Psalm 19:1-4*** ¹The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. ²Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. ³*There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard. ⁴Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

God named the stars:

- ***Psalm 147:4*** He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.
- God used the constellations to reveal his power to Job.
- ***Job 38:31-33*** ³¹Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? ³²Canst 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?

It was through the study of the stars that the wise men knew that the Messiah was born:

- ***Matthew 2:2-3*** ¹Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ²Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

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- “The significant fact is that the word Mazzaroth means the twelve signs of the Zodiac and their associated constellations. All scholars and commentators are in agreement with this. Thus there is good reason to believe that the various star groupings and their symbolic counterparts were originally used, and perhaps even designed, for the purpose of conveying a continuing message to people of all places and all times, that message consisting essentially of God’s plans and promises concerning man’s redemption.” *Many Infallible Proofs*, Dr. Henry Morris, CLP Publishers, 1980, page 336

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- “Furthermore, there are many other constellations that may have been utilized along with the twelve major signs. They Zodiacal system have been in use since the dawn of history, and usually, the ancient Zodiacs (whether in Egypt, India, Greece, Israel, China or elsewhere) not only exhibit the same twelve major signs, but also thirty-six additional decans or sidepieces, three secondary constellations accompanying the major constellation for each month. *Many Infallible Proofs*, Dr. Henry Morris, CLP Publishers, 1980, page 338

12 signs - 48 decans

- 1) Virgo the virgin
 - *Coma the infant
 - *Centaurus the horse-man
 - *Bootes the shepherd

12 signs - 48 decans

2) Libra, the scales

*Crux the southern cross

*Victima, the slain victim

*Corona, the northern crown

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3) Scorpio the scorpion

*Serpens, the serpent

*Ophiuchus, the serpent fighter

*Hercules, the serpent crusher

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- 4) Sagittarius, the archer

*Draco the dragon

*Ara the burning altar

*Lyra, the harp-eagle

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- 5) Capricornus Goat-fish

- *Sagitta the arrow

- *Aquila the pierced eagle

- *Delphinus the dolphin

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- 6) Aquarious water pourer
 - *Piscis Australis, the southern fish
 - *Pegasus, the flying horse
 - *Cygnus, the swan

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- 7) Pisces the fish
 - *The band or bridle
 - *Cepheus the king
 - *Andromeda, the chained queen

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- 8) Aries the ram
 - *Cassiopeia the enthroned queen
 - *Cetus, the king
 - *Perseus, the breaker

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- 9) Taurus the bull
 - *Orion, the hunter
 - *Eridanus, the fiery serpent
 - *Auriga, the charioteer

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- 10) Gemini the twins
 - *Lepus the hare
 - *Sirius the dog
 - *Procyon the second dog

12 signs - 48 decans

- 11) Cancer the crab
 - *Ursa Major the great bear
 - *Ursa Minor the lesser bear
 - *Argo the ship

12 signs - 48 decans

- 12) Leo the lion
 - *Hydra, the fleeing serpent
 - *Crater, the bowl of wrath
 - *Corvus the raven

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- “It is possible that the original author could have been Satan or his human followers, the purpose being to establish an astrological system to encourage men to worship him and his horde of rebel spirits in the heavenly places... However on the other hand, Satan has historically always worked as a corrupter of religion, rather than an innovator. The tragic story of man’s decline from the true knowledge of God to abominable idolatries is summarized in Romans 1:21-32. It is thus much more probable that astrology is essentially a Satanic corruption of an original representation in the heavens of God’s true message to man. If so, it may still be possible to discern the outlines of that primeval revelation, even after millennia of pagan distortions. It is obvious, for example, merely from a glance at the names of the 48 constellations above, that the story of the cosmic conflict between the Serpent and the Deliverer is the keynote of the entire narrative. *Many Infallible Proofs*, Dr. Henry Morris, CLP Publishers, 1980, page 341

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- *Sagittarius*: To prevent the coming of the Deliverer in the human family, the great Dragon will seek to corrupt mankind into a race of demon possessed monsters and murderers.
- *Capricorn*: Man will become so sinful as to leave no remedy but complete inundation of his entire world.
- *Aquarius*: The floodgates of heaven will pour forth waters to cleanse an evil world, but representatives of the land animals will survive to fill the earth again.

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- *Pisces*: From the waters will emerge the true people of God as God retains His kingly throne despite all the attacks of Satan
- *Aries*: In the fullness of time, the seed of woman will come, ready to die as the sacrifice for man's sins, paying the great price to redeem His Bride and destroy the works of the Dragon.
- *Taurus*: Having paid the price, the slain Ram will rise as the mighty Bull, to execute judgment on all ungodliness and to rule supreme.

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- *Gemini*: As both Son of God and Son of Man, the second Adam will claim His bride as did the first Adam, taking her to himself forever.
- *Cancer*: All the redeemed will come to Him from all times and places, secure eternally in His presence, enjoying His love and fellowship.
- *Leo*: As eternal King and Lord of Lords, He will utterly vanquish and destroy the serpent and all his followers, reigning forever and ever.
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Although it is possible that the gospel was found in the stars, there is a real danger that those studying the stars may be seduced in worshipping the stars rather than the creator. Therefore the Bible warns us of the dangers of astrology:

- ***Deuteronomy 17:2-5*** *2If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, 3And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; 4And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: 5Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.*

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- Singular or plural?
- **Singular!!!**
- Is the Lord speaking about the Jews?
- **No it is referring to an individual!!!**
- Who?
- **The only logical answer I can come up with is the messiah!!!**

The messiah!



Virgo the virgin?



- Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Leo the lion?



- Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Abraham's faith tested

- Genesis 22:1-2 ¹And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. ²And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of **Moriah**; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

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- Genesis 22:3-5 ³And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. ⁴Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. ⁵And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

Abraham's faith tested

- Genesis 22:6-8 ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁸And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself a lamb** for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Abraham's faith tested

- Genesis 22:9-10 ⁹And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. ¹⁰And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

Abraham's faith tested

- Genesis 22:11-12 ¹¹And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. ¹²And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Abraham's faith tested

- Genesis 22:13-14 ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. ¹⁴And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD **it shall be seen.**

Abraham's faith demonstrated

- Genesis 17:10-11 ¹⁰This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Circumcision of the heart

- Deuteronomy 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.
- Jeremiah 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart,
- Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Agur's question

- Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and **what is his son's name**, if thou canst tell?
- Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; (Yeshua) I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my **salvation**. (Yeshua)
- Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: (Yeshua) for he shall save his people from their sins.

How does one circumcise the heart

- Psalm 2:10-12 ¹⁰Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²**Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that **put their trust in him**.

What about my works?

- We are saved by faith:
- Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.
- After we have been saved, we demonstrate our faith by our works:
- ***Micah 6:8*** He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?
- Same principle found in the New Testament:
- Ephesians 2:8-10 ⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰For **we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.