

The Mazzaroth - God's Design in the Heavens

The Mazzaroth, also known as the zodiac, is the name given to the pattern of stars found on the celestial equator, or ecliptic. The ecliptic is an imaginary zone of the heavens containing the twelve signs within which lie the paths of the principal planets, and through which the sun passes in its annual course.

Mazzaroth is the Hebrew word for constellation.

Most people today have grown up with the names of the 12 signs of the Zodiac as their only education on the naming of stars and constellations. In reality, the names remain the same today as ancient cultures called them before the flood. In fact each name carries a meaning that, when put together in the constellation, tells a story.

*Genesis 1:14-19 '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**: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.'*

Job 38:31-33 'Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? Or can you guide Arcturus with his sons? Do you know the ordinances of heaven? Can you set the dominion thereof in the earth?'

In the Torah, we are told that astrology is not simply a superstition, but a capital crime - punishable by death! Many people tend to get astronomy and astrology mixed up, however no astronomer takes astrology seriously, there is simply no feasible basis for it.

Psalm 19: 1-6 'The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day unto day utters speech and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them he has made a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.'

The band of stars on both sides of this path which is known today as the Zodiac is called the Mazzaroth in Hebrew. The names of these stars, Virgo, Pisces, Capricorn, Leo etc., are familiar to us today, because they are used by astronomers and navigators to designate various areas of the sky. Sadly they have also been exploited by astrologers for occultic purposes which are so very far from the truth. **The 12 signs have nothing to say about man; however they do have a great deal to say about God's plan of redemption for mankind - from the virgin birth (Virgo) to the triumph of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Leo)!**

Historical Background

We know the constellations by the names given them by pagan tradition, however as we go back to the ancient Hebrew names of the zodiac, we discover that they reveal the original meanings that were corrupted at the Tower of Babel.

Many of the constellations have names that are very old. The Sumerian shepherds and farmers of Mesopotamia 7,000 years ago may have called the Bull, the Ram, the Lion, and many other constellations by the same names we use. Students of history are sure these names started in Mesopotamia because the choice of animals suggests this. If the names had first been used in Egypt, there should be a hippopotamus or elephant among the stars. If they had started in ancient India, there should be a tiger or crocodile.

The later people of Mesopotamia took over the old Sumerian names for the constellations and still later the Greeks adopted them. The Greeks added many names of heroes and demigods to the list of constellations. The Romans used the Greek list but translated the names into Latin.

About AD 150 the Egyptian astronomer Ptolemy listed the 48 constellations known to him in his book the 'Almagest'. His list did not cover the entire sky. There were blank spaces between constellations; and there were no constellations at all for the southernmost stars because these could not be seen from the Mediterranean region; in later centuries astronomers added constellations to Ptolemy's list. Some of these later constellations are named for scientific instruments, such as the Sextant, the Compasses, and the Microscope. Others bear the names of birds and beasts in tropical regions (the Giraffe, the Chameleon, the Toucan). Today 88 constellations are recognized by astronomers.

To most people a constellation is a group of bright stars, but to an astronomer it is a definite area in the sky. Thus every star, no matter how dim, lies in one constellation or another, just as any point in the world is in one country. Although all the stars in the same constellation look close together in the sky, they are not necessarily close in space because some may be much farther out in space than others. The boundaries of the constellations used to be very irregular and had many curved lines. In 1928 astronomers straightened them out so that the outline of any constellation includes only straight lines running north and south or east and west. Astronomers use the constellation names to identify most bright stars and all variable stars, so it was important to make the boundaries clear and precise.

The constellations are useful to astronomers today, not for their connections with ancient myths, but for telling where in the sky different stars can be found. Many of the brightest stars have individual names that come from Greek, Latin, or Arabic, and the navigators of ships and aircraft call them by these names. Astronomers, however, find it more convenient to name them by their constellations, with a Greek letter to distinguish the different stars in each constellation. For example, Polaris, the Pole Star, in the Northern Hemisphere, is the brightest star in the constellation Ursa Minor, the Little Bear, and the astronomers' name for it is alpha Ursae Minoris.

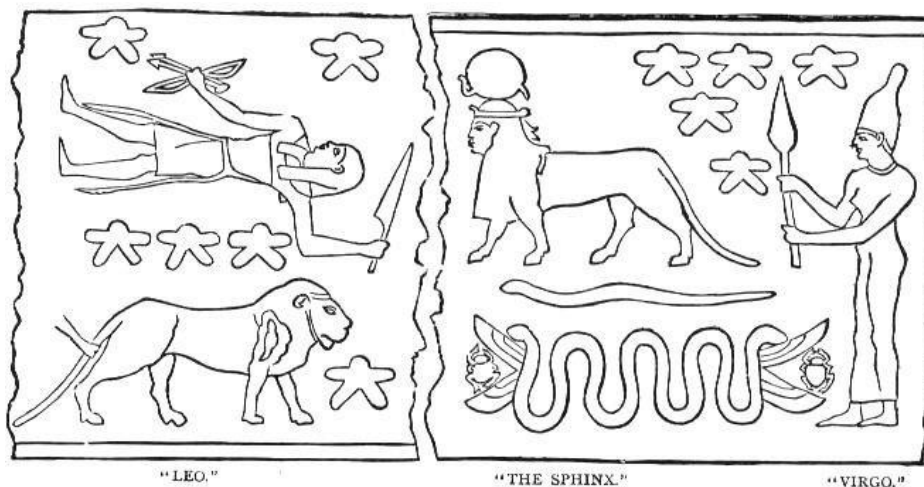
The path of the sun among the stars is called the ecliptic. The twelve constellations that lie along the ecliptic form the Zodiac, each sign also contains 3 'decans', making 48 constellations in total. The other constellations are divided into those north of the Zodiac and those south of it.

From one place on the Earth different constellations are seen at different times of the year. This happens because, as well as turning on its axis, the Earth is always moving around the sun, making one orbit each year. A star that is visible at night during one part of the year may appear close to the sun six months later; it would not then be seen at night.

Some constellations can be seen only from the Northern Hemisphere and some only from the Southern Hemisphere. The constellations of the Zodiac can be seen from both hemispheres.

The Mazzaroth has 12 signs making a circle. Where do you break in? Which sign is the first sign? If there is a message in the Mazzaroth then you must have a starting point. Astrologers start with the Ram, Aries; however, I believe it starts with Virgo, The Virgin. The ancient Egyptians also began

the Mazzaroth with Virgo. In the temple of Esn'eh, in Egypt, a Sphinx is placed between the Signs of Virgo & Leo in the zodiac carved there. Signor Bossi executed a drawing on the spot under the direction of the famous astronomer Edward J. Cooper in 1820.



The Sphinx – The word means to “bind closely together” and is a composite of a woman and a Lion...Virgo and Leo if you will. So the ancients, it seems started their Mazzaroth with Virgo and ended it with Leo and so will we – we start with a Virgin and end with the Lion of Judah.

The Story of Redemption in the Mazzaroth

The twelve constellations in the Hebrew Zodiac (Mazzaroth) tell a fascinating story of God’s plan for mankind’s redemption?

1. Virgo – The virgin holding a branch and an ear of corn; the promised seed of the woman.
2. Libra – The scales; the price deficient balanced by the price that covers.
3. Scorpio – The scorpion; the attack of the enemy; the redeemer’s conflict.
4. Sagittarius – The archer; the gracious one; the redeemer’s triumph.
5. Capricorn – The sea goat; the goat of atonement slain for the redeemed.
6. Aquarius – The water bearer; the living waters of blessing poured forth for the redeemed.
7. Pisces – The fishes; the multitudes who will follow; the blessings of the redeemed.
8. Aries – The ram or lamb; wounded and slain, the blessings of the redeemed consummated.
9. Taurus – The bull; the congregation of the judge; the coming judge of all the earth.
10. Gemini – The twins; two natures; the reign of the prince of peace.
11. Cancer – The crab; assembled together; the redeemer’s possessions held fast.
12. Leo – The Lion of the tribe of Judah; the consummated triumph of the redeemer in the end.

Each Sign is made up of one major constellation and 3 ‘Decan’s’. These too are constellations that are assigned to the major constellation. Decan is from the root word deca meaning ten and in astrology the Decans cover 10 degrees of the zodiac; 3 x 12 = 36 total number of Decans in the Mazzaroth; 10 x 36 = 360 degrees in a circle.

Summary of the meanings of the Constellations from "Gospel in the Stars" by Joseph Seiss

I. VIRGO

The Virgin: the figure of a young woman lying prostrate, with an ear of wheat in one hand and a branch in the other.

The Seed of the woman
The Desire of nations
The Man of double nature in humiliation
The exalted Shepherd and Harvester

The Decans of Virgo

1. *Coma*, the Infant, - the Branch, the Desired One (erroneously, Berenice's Hair);
2. *Centaurus*, a centaur, with dart piercing a victim;
3. *Boötes*, or *Arcturus*, the great Shepherd and Harvester, holding a rod and sickle, and walking forth before his flocks (erroneously called Bears).

II. LIBRA

The Scales: the figure of a pair of balances, with one end of the beam up and the other down, as in the act of weighing. In some of the old planispheres a hand, or a woman, appears holding the scales.

Price to be paid
The Cross endured
The Victim slain
The Crown purchased

The Decans of Libra

1. The *Cross*, over which Centaur is advancing, called the Southern Cross
2. *Victim* of Centaur, slain, pierced to death;
3. The *Crown*, which the Serpent aims to take, called the Northern Crown.

III. SCORPIO

The Scorpion: the figure of a gigantic, noxious, and deadly insect, with its tail and sting uplifted in anger, as if striking.

Cleft in the conflict
The Serpent's coils
The struggle with the Enemy
The toiling Vanquisher of evil

The Decans of Scorpio

1. The *Serpent*, struggling with Ophiuchus;
2. *Ophiuchus*, wrestling with the Serpent, stung in one heel by the Scorpion, and crushing it with the other;
3. *Hercules*, wounded in his heel, the other foot over the Dragon's head, holding in one hand the Golden Apples and the three-headed Dog of hell, and in the other the uplifted club.

IV. SAGITTARIUS

The Bowman: the figure of a horse with the body, arms, and head of a man-a centaur-with a drawn bow and arrow pointed at the Scorpion.

The double-natured
One triumphing as a warrior
He gladdens the heavens
He builds the fires of punishment He casts down the Dragon

The Decans of Sagittarius

1. *Lyra*, an Eagle holding the Lyre, as in triumphant gladness;
2. *Ara*, the Altar, with consuming fires, burning downward;
3. *Draco*, the Dragon, the old Serpent, winding himself about the Pole in horrid links and contortions.

V. CAPRICORN (CAPRICORNUS)

The Goat: the figure of a goat sinking down as in death, with the hinder part of its body terminating in the vigorous tail of a fish.

Life out of Death
The Arrow of God
Pierced and falling
Springing up again in abundant life

The Decans of Capricornus

1. *Sagitta*, the Arrow, or killing dart sent forth, the naked shaft of death;
2. *Aquila*, the Eagle, pierced and falling;
3. *Delphinus*, the Dolphin, springing up, raised out of the sea.

VI. AQUARIUS

The Waterman: the figure of a man with a large urn, the contents of which he is in the act of pouring out in a great stream from the sky.

Life-waters from on high
Drinking in the heavenly flood
Carrying and speeding the Good News
Bearing aloft the Cross over all the earth

The Decans of Aquarius

1. The *Southern Fish*, drinking in the stream;
2. *Pegasus*, a white horse, winged and speeding, as with good tidings;
3. *Cygnus*, the Swan on the wing, going and returning, bearing the sign of the cross.

VII. PISCES

The Fishes: the figures of two large fishes in the act of swimming, one to the northward, the other with the ecliptic.

Swimming in the heavenly waters
Upheld and governed by the Lamb
Head over all things to the Church
The intended Bride bound and exposed on earth

The Decans of Pisces

1. *The Band*, holding up the Fishes, and held by the Lamb, it's doubled end fast to the neck of *Cetus*, the Sea-Monster;
2. *Cepheus*, a crowned king, holding a band and sceptre, with his foot planted on the polestar as the great Victor and Lord;
3. *Andromeda*, a woman in chains, and threatened by the serpents of Medusa's head.

VIII. ARIES

The Ram, by some nations called the Lamb: the figure of a strong sheep, with powerful curved horns, lying down in easy composure, and looking out in conscious strength over the field around it.

The Lamb entered on dominion
The Bride released and making ready
Satan bound
The Breaker triumphing

The Decans of Aries

1. *Cassiopeia*, the woman enthroned;
2. *Cetus*, the Sea-Monster, closely and strongly bound by the Lamb;
3. *Perseus*, an armed and mighty man with winged feet, who is carrying away in triumph the cut-off head of a monster full of writhing serpents, and holding aloft a great sword in his right hand.

IX. TAURUS

The Bull: the figure of the shoulders, neck, head, horns, and front feet of a powerful bull, in the attitude of rushing and pushing forward with great energy.

The invincible Ruler come
The sublime Vanquisher
The River of judgment
The all-ruling Shepherd

The Decans of Taurus

1. *Orion*, a glorious Prince, with a sword girded on his side, and his foot on the head of the Hare or Serpent;
2. *Eridanus*, the tortuous River, accounted as belonging to Orion
3. *Auriga*, the Wagoner, rather the Shepherd, carrying a she-goat and two little goats on his left arm, and holding cords or bands in his right hand.

X. GEMINI

The Twins, or a man and woman sometimes called Adam and Eve: usually, two human figures closely united, and seated together in endeared affection. In some of the older representations the figure of this constellation consists of two goats, or kids.

The Marriage of the Lamb
The Enemy trodden down
The Prince coming in glory
His princely following

The Decans of Gemini

1. *Lepus*, the Hare, in some nations a serpent, the mad enemy under Orion's feet;
2. *Canis Major*, *Sirius*, the Great Dog, the Prince coming;
3. *Canis Minor*, *Procyon*, the Second Dog, following after Sirius and Orion.

XI. CANCER

The Crab: the figure of a crab, in the act of taking and holding on with its strong pincer claws. In Egyptian astronomy the scarabaeus beetle, grasping and holding on to the ball in which its eggs are deposited, takes the place of the crab.

The Egyptians called this sign Klaria, the Folds, the Resting places. We call it Cancer, which in later vocabularies means the Crab, but which, in its Noetic roots, explains what we are to see in this Crab. Khan means the traveller's resting-place, and ker or cer means embraced, encircled, held as within encircling arms. And so Can-cer means Rest secured

The Possession secured Lesser Fold
The first-born, the rulers Greater Fold
The after-born, the Heroes landed from their expedition, their toils and trials over

The Decans of Cancer

1. *Ursa Minor*, anciently the *Lesser Sheepfold*, close to and including the Pole;
2. *Ursa Major*, anciently the *Greater Sheepfold*, in connection with Arcturus, the guardian and keeper of the flock;
3. *Argo*, the Ship, the company of travellers under the bright Canopus, their Prince, the Argonauts returned with the Golden Fleece.

XII. LEO

The Lion: the figure of a great rampant lion, leaping forth to rend, with his feet over the writhing body of Hydra, the Serpent, which is in the act of fleeing.

The King aroused for the rending
The Serpent fleeing
The Bowl of Wrath upon him
His carcass devoured

The Decans of Leo

1. *Hydra*, the fleeing Serpent, trodden under foot by the Crab and Lion;
2. *Crater*, the Cup or Bowl of Wrath on the Serpent;
3. *Corvus*, the Raven or Crow, the bird of doom, tearing the Serpent.

Summary from ‘The Witness of the Stars’ by E. W. Bullinger

The Redeemer. “The Sufferings of Christ”

- **VIRGO.** The prophecy of the promised seed.
 - COMA. (The desired). The woman and child the desired of all nations.
 - CENTAURUS (with two natures). The despised sin-offering.
 - BOOTES. The coming One with branch.
- **LIBRA.** The Redeemer’s atoning work.
 - CRUX. The Cross endured.
 - LUPUS. The Victim slain.
 - CORONA. The Crown bestowed.
- **SCORPIO.** The Redeemer’s conflict.
 - SERPENS. Assaulting the man’s heel.
 - OPHIUCHUS. The man grasping the serpent.
 - HERCULES. The mighty man victorious.
- **SAGITTARIUS.** The Redeemer’s triumph.
 - LYRA. Praise prepared for the Conqueror.
 - ARA. Fire prepared for His enemies.
 - DRACO. The dragon cast down.

The Redeemed. “The Result of the Redeemer’s Sufferings”

- **CAPRICORNUS.** The result of the Redeemer’s sufferings.
 - SAGITTA. The arrow of God sent forth.
 - AQUILA. The smitten One falling.
 - DELPHINUS. The dead One rising again.
- **AQUARIUS.** The Blessings assured.
 - PISCIS AUSTRALIS. The blessings bestowed.
 - PEGASUS. The blessings quickly coming.
 - CYGNUS. The Blesser surely returning.
- **PISCES.** The Blessings in abeyance.
 - THE BAND. The great enemy, “Cetus.”
 - ANDROMEDA. The redeemed in bondage.
 - CEPHEUS. The Deliverer coming to loosen.
- **ARIES.** The Blessings consummated.
 - CASSIOPEIA. The captive delivered.
 - CETUS. The great enemy bound.
 - PERSEUS. The “Breaker” delivering.

The Redeemer. “The Glory That Will Follow”

- **TAURUS.** Messiah coming to rule.
 - ORION. The Redeemer breaking forth as Light.
 - ERIDANUS. Wrath breaking forth as a flood.
 - AURIGA. Safety for His redeemed in the day of wrath.
- **GEMINI.** Messiah as Prince of princes.
 - LEPUS. The enemy trodden under foot.
 - CANIS MAJOR. The coming glorious Prince.
 - CANIS MINOR. The exalted Redeemer.
- **CANCER.** Messiah’s redeemed possessions.
 - URSA MINOR. The lesser sheepfold.
 - URSA MAJOR. The fold and the flock.
 - ARGO. The pilgrim’s arrival at home.
- **LEO.** Messiah’s consummated triumph.
 - HYDRA. The old serpent destroyed.
 - CRATER. The cup of wrath poured out.
 - CORVUS. The birds of prey devouring.

The Signs and their Stars

The ‘pictures’ of the signs did not come from their arrangements in the heavens, but rather, the pictures came from the meanings of the names of the stars in the constellation. The stars are usually listed in order of brightness: alpha = brightest; beta = 2nd brightest; gamma = 3rd brightest; etc. The names of these stars in their constellation were mnemonics to remind stargazers and astronomers of the picture and the story of redemption.

The names of the stars are remarkably consistent across different cultures – many of the names survive to this day though some of have been lost

Each of the 12 signs of the Mazzaroth is also associated with one of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Virgo

The Promised Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3: 15)

Virgo is pictured as a woman with a branch in her right hand and ears of corn in her left hand.

Latin: *Virgo* (virgin), *Virga* (a branch)

Arabic/Hebrew: *Bethulah* (a virgin) – Isaiah 7: 14, 9: 6.

Stars: Alpha *Spica* (ear of corn) Corn – John 12: 23-24

Hebrew *Tsemech* (branch); Arabic *Al Zimach* (branch); Egypt *Aspolia* (the seed)
20 Hebrew words are translated as branch, only one of them (*tsemech*) is used exclusively of the Messiah (4 times):

Isaiah 4: 2; Jeremiah 23: 5-6; Zechariah 3: 8 & 6: 12

Beta *Zavijaveh* (gloriously beautiful)

Epsilon *Al Mureddin* (who shall have dominion) Psalm 72: 7-8

Chaldee *Vindemiatrix* (son who cometh)

Decans *Coma* – the Desired Haggai 2: 7

Centaurus – the Despised Isaiah 53: 3

Bootes – Coming One Revelation 14: 14-16

Stars in *Bootes* *Arcturus* (He cometh) Job 9: 9 KJV, (Bear in NKJV)

Al Katurops (treading under foot)

Nekka (the pierced) Zechariah 12: 10

Tribe: Virgo is associated with Zebulon, where Nazareth is located

Libra

The Balances

The Price Deficient balanced by The Price which Covers

Latin: *Libra* (weighing)

Hebrew: *Monzanaim* (the scales, weighing) Arabic *Al Zubena* (purchase, redemption)

Coptic: *Lambadia* (station of propitiation) Akkadian: *Tulku* (sacred mound, altar)

Stars: Alpha *Zuben al Genubi* (price deficient) Psalm 49: 7 and 62: 9

Beta *Zuben al Chemali* (price which covers) Revelation 5: 9

Gamma *Zuben al Akrah* (price of the conflict)

Decans *The Crux* (the Cross)

Lupus or *Victim* (the victim slain) Isaiah 53: 7

Hebrew *Asedah* and Arabic *Asedaton* (to be slain); Egypt *Sura* (a lamb)

Corona (the crown, bestowed) Hebrews 2: 9

Hebrew *Atarah* (a royal crown) Philippians 2: 9; Matthew 27: 29,

Revelation 19: 11-12

Arabic *Al Iclil* (ornament or jewel)

Tribe: Libra is associated with Levi, the priestly tribe

Scorpio

The Stinging Scorpion, Wounding him that Cometh Genesis 3: 13-16

Hebrew *Akrab* (scorpion, war conflict)

Arabic *Al Akarab* (wounding him that comes)

Coptic *Isidis* (the attack of the enemy, oppression)

Stars: Alpha *Antares* (the wounding)

Decans: *Serpens* (trying to seize the crown) Revelation 12

Stars in *Serpens* *Unuk* (Hebrew: *Alyah* [accursed])

Ophiuchus (the serpent held)

Stars in *Ophiuchus* *Triophus* (treading under foot)

Saiph (bruised)

Carnebus (the wounding)

Meberos, (contending)

Hercules (right heel wounded, he who cometh)

Arabic *Al Giscales* (strong one)

Stars in *Hercules* *Ma'a syn* (sin offering)

Ras al Gethi (the head of him who bruises)

Kornephorus (the branch, kneeling)

Marsic (the wounding)

Tribe: Scorpio is associated with Dan

Sagittarius

The Archer (Latin), Bow, Conquering Revelation 6: 2 (2nd horseman), 19: 11-14 (Jesus)

Latin: *Sagittarius* (archer)

Hebrew: *Naim* (gracious one)

Arabic: *Al Naim* (gracious one)

Akkadian: *Nun-ki* (prince of the earth)

Stars: Alpha *Rukbat* (knee [Arabic])

Beta *Arkab* (hamstring [Arabic])

Epsilon *Kaus Australis* (bow [Arabic])

Decans *Lyra* (the harp, praise prepared for our conqueror) Psalm 65: 1

Stars in *Lyra* *Vega* (he shall be exalted) Philippians 2: 9-11,
Revelation 19: 1

Shelyh (eagle) (Arabic: *Al Wesr* [eagle])

Ara (the altar, fire poured out) Psalm 21: 9

The constellation shows the altar ominously upside-down with its fires pointing toward the "nether region" of the South

Draco (the dragon, Greek: trodden on) Psalm 91: 13; Revelation 12: 9

Stars in *Draco* *Thuman* (subtle)

Rastaban (head of the subtle, Arabic: *Al Waid* [who is to be destroyed])

Ethanin (long serpent or dragon)

Tribe: Sagittarius is associated with Asher

Capricornus

The Goat - Fish (the goat...the head end, the fish...the tail end) Leviticus 9: 3, 15;
Isaiah 53: 4-5; Jeremiah 16: 16

The Saviour, cut off and wounded for us

The Goat - the Atoning Sacrifice; the Fish - the people for whom the atonement is made

Latin: *Capricorn* (goat)

Hebrew/Arabic: *Gedi* (the kid cut off)

Egyptian: *Hu-penius* (the place of the sacrifice)

Stars: Beta *Dabih* (the sacrifice slain)
 Delta *Deneb al Gedi* (the sacrifice that comes)
 Gamma *Sa'ad al Naschira* (the record of the cutting off)
 Decans *Sagitta* (the Arrow) Job 6: 4; Psalm 38: 1-3; Numbers 24: 8
Aquila (the Eagle)
 Stars in *Aquila* *Altair* (the wounding) Zechariah 12: 10
Al Shain (the bright or scarlet coloured [blood])
Tarared (wounded or torn)
Alcair (the piercing)
Delphinus (the Dolphin) Psalm 42: 7; Revelation 20: 13, 21: 6
 Hebrew *Dalaph* (pouring out of water)
 Arabic *Dalaph* (coming quickly) or *Scalooiin* (swift, as in water flow)
 Syriac *Rotaneb* and Chaldee *Rotaneu* (swiftly running)

Tribe: Capricornus is associated with Naphtali

Aquarius

The Water-Bearer Numbers 24: 7; Joel 2: 28; John 4: 14, 7: 37-38
 Water being poured out
 Egyptian Denderah: *Hupei Tirion* (the place of Him coming down, or poured forth)
 Stars Alpha *Sa'ad al Melik* (the record of the pouring forth)
 Beta *Saad al Sund* (who goes and returns, or the poured out)
 Decans *Piscis Australis* (the Southern Fish)
Pegasus (the Winged Horse, Chief Horse) Malachi 4: 2; Revelation 22: 20
 Stars in Pegasus *Markab* (Hebrew: returning from afar)
Scheat (who goes and returns)
Al Genib (who carries)
Enif (the water)
Matar (who causes to overflow)
Cygnus (the Swan, Bird of Return) Isaiah 11: 9; Acts 1: 11
 Stars in *Cygnus* *Deneb* (the judge) also called *Adige* (flying swiftly)
Al Bireo (flying quickly)
Sadr (who returns as in a circle)
Azel (who goes and returns quickly)
Fafage (gloriously shining forth) respectively

Tribe: Aquarius is associated with Reuben

Pisces

The Fishes, Tied Together
 Divided Kingdom
 Hebrew: *Dagim* (the fishes) Numbers 24: 7; Matthew 4:18-19, 13: 47-48
 Egyptian: *Pi-Cot Orion* or *Pisces Hori* (the fish prolonged - suggesting the idea of many successive generations and posterity)
 Decans *Alrisha* (the Band – ties the fish together) Psalm 107: 14
 Main Star is *Al Risha* (Arabic, the band or the bridle)
Andromeda (the Chained Woman)
 Hebrew: *Sirra* (the chained)
 Stars in *Andromeda* *Al Phiratz* (Arabic, the broken down)
Mirach (Hebrew, the weak)
Al Maach or *Al Amak* (Arabic, struck down)
Cepheus (the Crowned King) Psalm 10: 16, 24: 7-10, 47: 7; Isaiah 43: 15;
 Zechariah 9: 9; Revelation 14: 14
 Hebrew *Cepheus* (the Branch) Jeremiah 23: 5

Egyptian Denderah *Pe-ku-hor* (this one comes to rule)
 Stars in Cepheus *Al Deramin* (Arabic, coming quickly)
Al Phirk (Arabic, the Redeemer)
Al Rai (Arabic, who bruises and breaks)

Tribe: Pisces is associated with Simeon

Aries

The Ram

Hebrew: *Taleh* (the Lamb) John 1: 29; Revelation 5: 12

Arabic: *Al Hamal* (the Sheep, gentle, merciful)

Akkadian: *Barazigar* (the sacrifice of righteousness)

Stars Alpha *El Nath* (wounded or slain)
 Beta *Al Sheratan* (bruised or wounded)
 Gamma *Mesartim* (Hebrew: the bound)

Decans *Cassiopeia* (the Enthroned Woman) Isaiah 54: 5-8; Revelation 3: 21, 19: 7
 Hebrew *Schedir* (the freed)
 Arabic *El Seder* (the freed)

Cetus (the Sea Monster) Isaiah 27: 1
 Egyptian Denderah *Knem* (subdued)

Stars in *Cetus* *Merikar* (the bound or chained enemy)
Diphda or *Deneb Kaitos* (overthrown or thrust down)

Perseus (the Breaker) Micah 2: 13

Hebrew *Peretz* (the Breaker)

He carries a sword, breaking Andromeda's chains, and he carries Rosh Satan, the head of the adversary in his left hand

Tribe: Aries is associated with Gad

Taurus

The Ox

Coming Ruler and Judge

One who was sacrificed, along with His saints

Hebrew: *Shur* (the ruler) Deuteronomy 33: 17

Hebrew, Arabic, Latin and Greek names all denote a bull, and one in the act of pushing or rushing

Stars Alpha *Al Debaran* (the leader or captain)

In the neck of *Taurus* is the famous *Pleiades* star cluster, the "seven sisters"

Pleiades means "the congregation of the judges or rulers" Job 9: 9, 38: 31; Amos 5: 8

Decans *Orion* (the Dayspring)

A man holding a lion's head in one hand and a club in the other, his left foot crushing the head of *Lepus*, a stream of fire flowing from that foot

Hebrew: *Oarion* (coming forth as light)

Stars in *Orion* *Betelgeux* (the coming branch)

Rigel (the foot that crushes)

Bellatrix (coming swiftly)

Al Nitak (the wounded)

Saiph (bruised) Genesis 3: 15

The "sword" of Orion has the famous M42 nebula

Eridanus (the River of the Judge) Daniel 7: 9-11; Psalm 50: 3, 97: 3;

2 Thessalonians 1: 8

Auriga (the Shepherd) Isaiah 40: 11; Ezekiel 34: 22; John 10: 11, 14

Egyptian Denderah *Trun* (sceptre or power)

Tribe: Taurus is associated with Joseph

Gemini

The Twins - the Greeks called them Apollo and Hercules, while the Latins called them Castor and Pollux (the present names of the stars).

Hebrew: *Thaumin* (united) Isaiah 11: 13; Ezekiel 37: 21-22

Egyptian Denderah: *Clusus* or *Claustrum Hor* (the place of Him who comes)

Coptic: *Pi-Mahi* (united)

Stars Alpha *Apollo* (ruler or judge)

Beta *Hercules* (one who comes to labour or suffer)

Gamma *Al Henah* (hurt or wounded)

Decans *Lepus* (the Hare)

Stars in *Lepus* *Arnebo* (Hebrew: the enemy) Psalm 11: 6, 60: 12

Nibal (the mad)

Rakis (the bound)

Sugia (the deceiver)

Canis Major (the Big Dog) Isaiah 9: 6, 11: 6, 55: 4; Revelation 19: 16

Hebrew: *Zeeb* (the wolf)

Egyptian Denderah: *Apes* (the head)

Persian *Zeeb* (wolf)

Stars in *Canis Major* *Sirius* (the prince) the brightest star in the heavens

Mirzam (prince or ruler)

Wesen (the bright or the shining)

Canis Minor (the Little Dog, Hebrew: Lamb) Isaiah 59: 19-20

Stars in *Canis Minor* *Procyon* (redeemer)

Egyptian Denderah: *Sebak* (conquering or victorious)

Al Gomeisa (loaded, bearing for others)

Al Shira or *Al Shemeliya* (the prince of the left hand)

Tribe: Gemini is associated with Benjamin

Cancer

The Crab

Sheepfold

Arabic: *Al Sartan* (who holds or binds together)

Egyptian Denderah: *Klaria* (the cattle-folds)

Stars Alpha *Acubene* (Hebrew and Arabic) (the sheltering or hiding place)

In the centre of this constellation is the famous *Beehive*, or M44 cluster. Its ancient name was

Praesepe (a multitude or offspring). The brightest star, *Tegmine* (Hebrew) means the fold or holding.

Decans *Ursa Minor* (the Lesser Sheepfold) Ezekiel 34: 12; John 10: 11, 16

Stars in *Ursa Minor* *Polaris* (the turned or ridden on)

...the Pole Star or North Star

Kochab (waiting for him who comes)

Al Pherkadain (the young [calves])

Al Kaid (the assembled)

Arcas (the travelling company)

Ursa Major (the Greater Sheepfold)

Stars in *Ursa Major* *Dubheh* (the herd)

Merach (Hebrew: flock), Arabic: purchased)

Phaeda or *Phacda* (visited or guarded, and numbered)

Alioth (a she goat)

There are 24 stars in these two Decans, circling the Pole star (Revelation 4: 4)

Ursa – The main star in the *Ursa's* is *Dubheh* - Greek word for bear is *dob*; the Greeks mistook the sign of a herd for a bear

Argo (the ship or company of travellers) (Hebrew: redeemed) Isaiah 51: 10
Argo today is known by the names of *Puppis* (the stern) and *Carina* (the keel)
and also *Vela* (the sails)
Stars in *Argo* *Carina* that has the bright star *Canopus* (the possession of Him
who comes)
Canopus is the next brightest star in the heavens next to *Sirius*
in *Canis Major*.

Tribe: Cancer is associated with Issachar

Leo

The Lion

Hebrew: *Arieh* (Lion – hunting down its prey)

Egyptian: *Pi Mentekoon* (pouring out)

Stars in Leo Alpha *Regulus* (treading under foot)
Beta *Denebola* (the judge cometh) or *Deneb Aleced* (the judge shall reign)
Gamma *Giebha* (Arabic: the exaltation)
Delta *Zosma* (shining forth)

This is none other than the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, who, as the Bible says, "has prevailed"
(Revelation 5: 5)

Decans *Hydra* (the Fleeing Serpent)

Stars in *Hydra* *Al Phard* (the separated, put away)
Al Drian (the abhorred)
Minchar al Sugia (the piercing of the deceiver)

The feet of *Leo* are over this long constellation as if victorious over it

Crater (the Cup [of fire]) Psalm 11: 6, 75: 8; Revelation 14: 9-10

Corvus (original name being *Oreb*) (the Raven) Proverbs 30: 17;
Revelation 19: 17-21

Egyptian Denderah: *Her-na* (breaking up the enemy)

It consists of nine stars - Nine is the number of judgment.

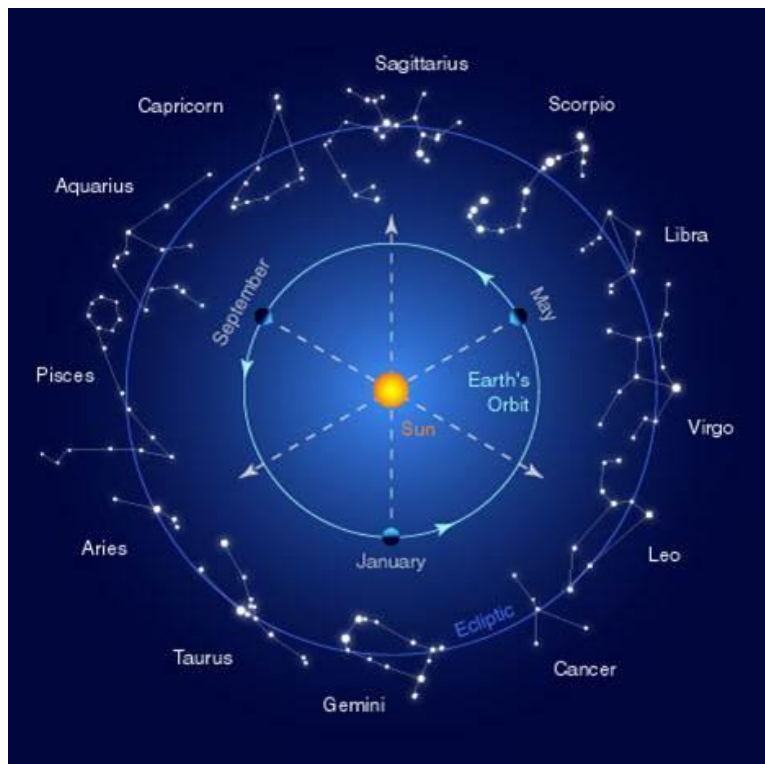
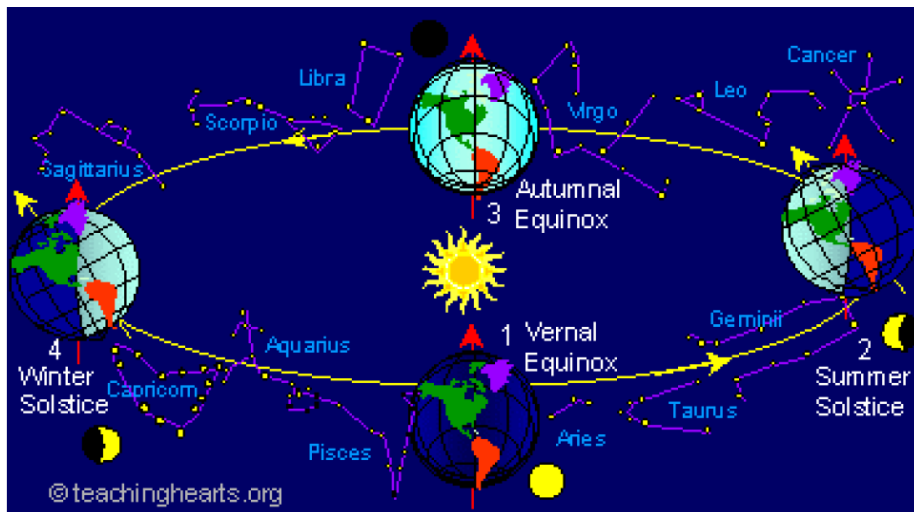
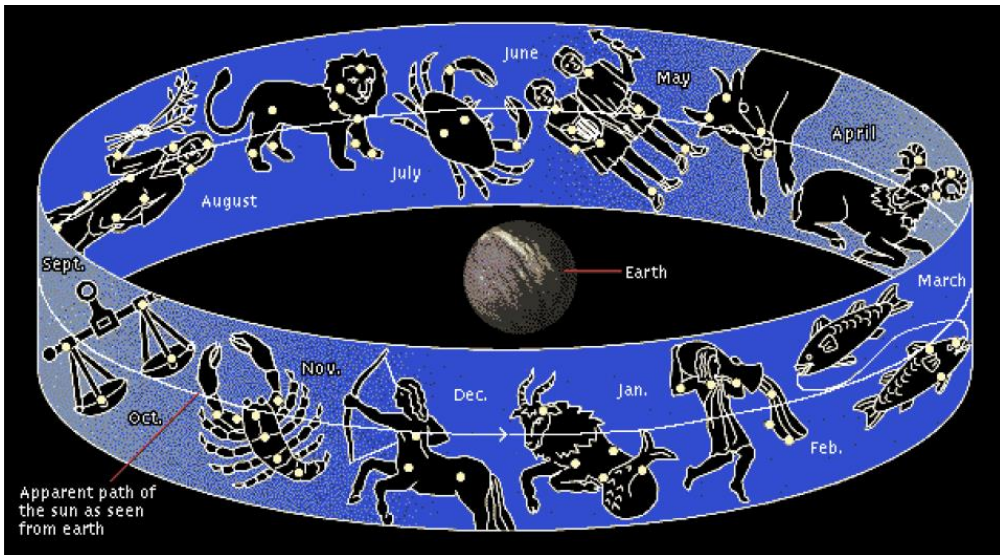
Stars in *Corvus* *Al Chibar* (accursed, as in a curse inflicted)
Minchar al Gorab (Arabic: raven tearing to pieces)
Al Goreb (Arabic: raven)

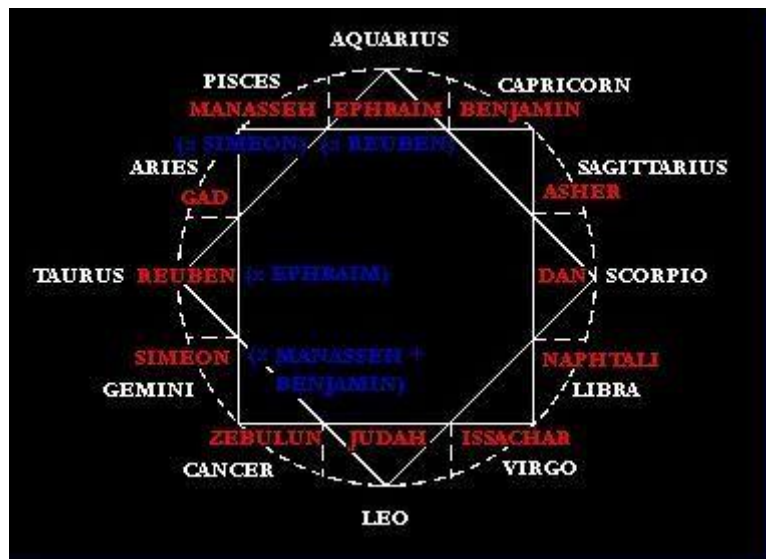
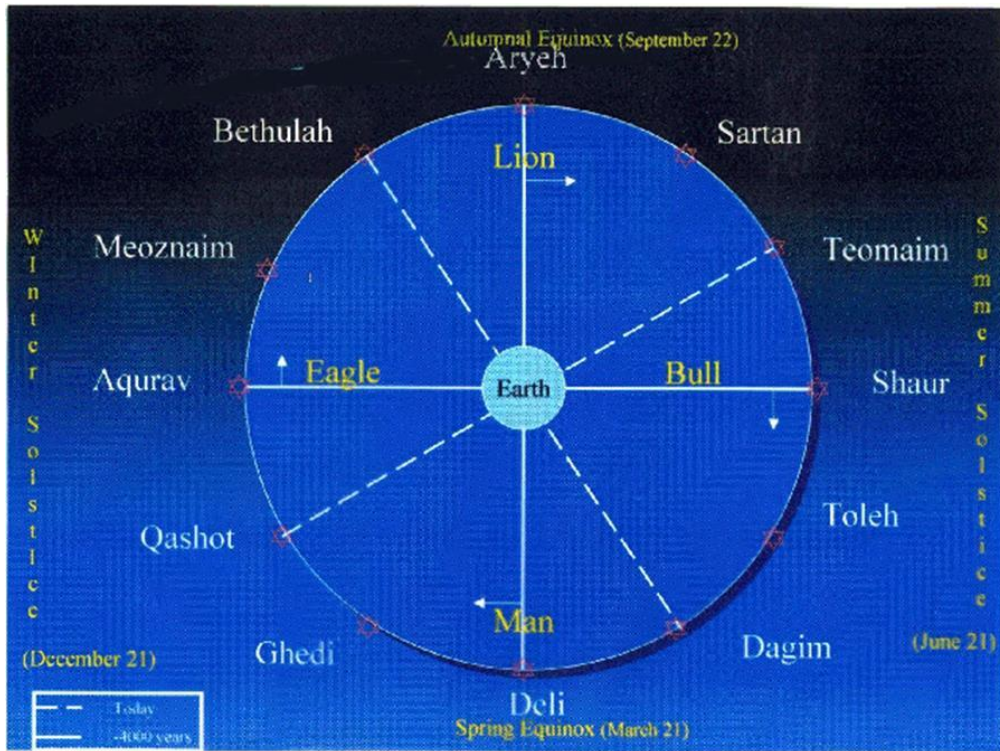
This raven represents the birds of Revelation, feasting on the enemies of
Christ and His people.

Tribe: Leo is associated with Judah

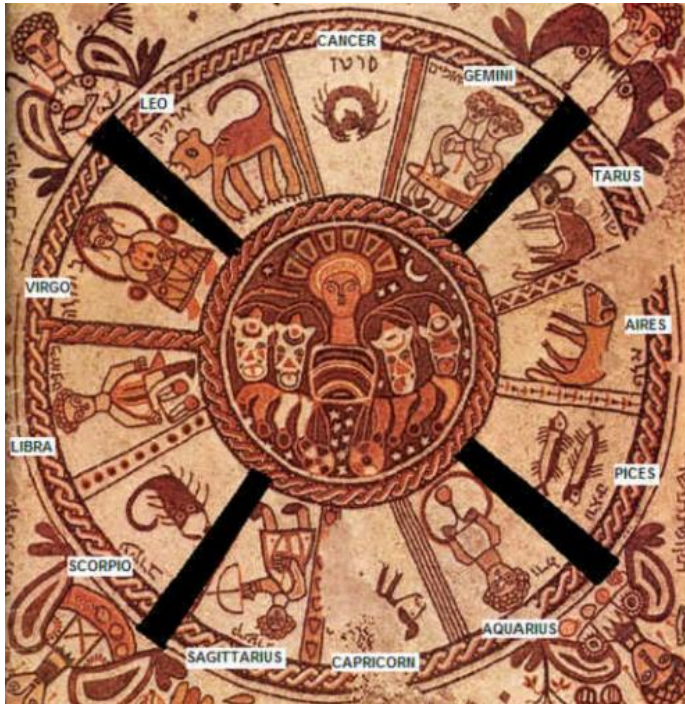
Nothing states this truth more clearly than Psalm 19. The first six verses state that the heavens declare the glory of God. After the incarnation, the New Testament speaks of Christ when it was stated "we beheld his glory" (John 1:14). Thus, the glory of which the stars speak is of Christ.

Theologians are often baffled or uncertain as to why the subject of the stars abruptly changes in Psalm 19 to that of the Law. If the first six verses meant that the stars declare the glory of God by virtue of their beauty alone (passive revelation), then indeed this would be a mystery when the subject switches over to the specific topic of the Law. However, if we consider that this revelation of the heavens is very specific as illustrated by the verse that says, *Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge*, and the same is said of the Law in verse 7, *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple*, then the so-called sudden switch in the topic makes more sense. In short, the heavens have a specific story to tell, as do the Scriptures. They are TWO witnesses declaring the same thing!

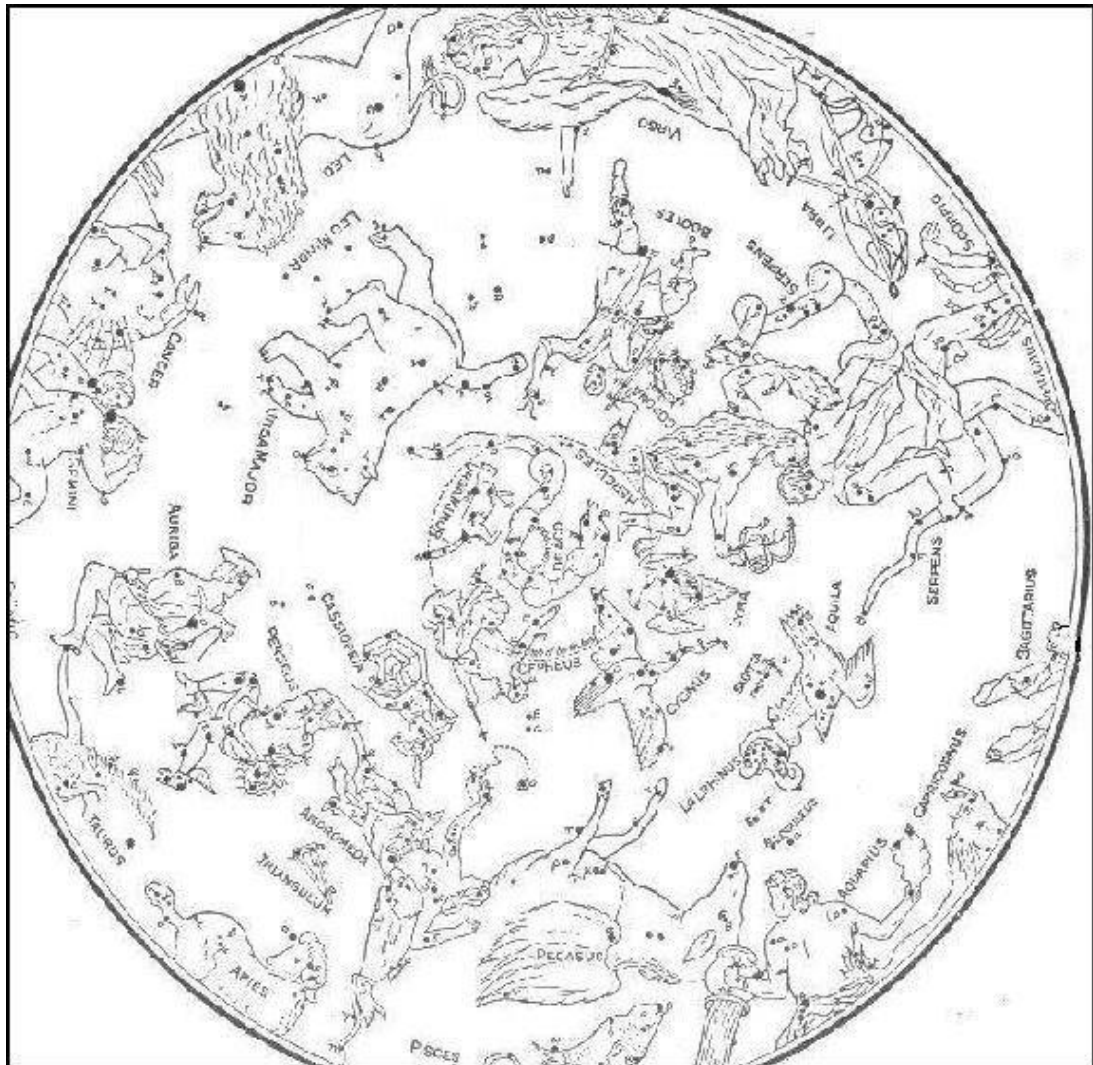




Sun Enters	Hebrew Name	Approximate Date	Hebrew Month	Hebrew Tribe
Virgo	Bethulah	August 24	Elul	Zebulun
Libra	Moznayim	September 24	Tishrei	Levi
Scorpio	Akrab	October 24	Cheshvan	Dan
Sagittarius	Keshet	November 23	Kislev	Asher
Capricorn	Ghedi	December 22	Tevet	Naphtali
Aquarius	Deli	January 20	Shevat	Reuben
Pisces	Dagim	February 19	Adar	Simeon
Aries	Toleh	March 21	Nisan	Gad
Taurus	Shor	April 21	Iyar	Joseph
Gemini	Teomim	May 22	Sivan	Benjamin
Cancer	Sartan	June 22	Tammuz	Issachar
Leo	Aryeh	July 23	Av	Judah



One of many Mazzaroth mosaic floors in old Jewish synagogues



Scriptures

Psalm 8:1 *'O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens!'*

Psalm 36:5 *'Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.'*

Psalm 50:1-6 *'The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people: "Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge. Selah'*

Psalm 89:1-2 *'I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."'*

Psalm 97:1-6 *'The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about. His lightnings light the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.'*

Psalm 136:1-9 *'Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever: to Him who alone does great wonders, for His mercy endures forever; to Him who by wisdom made the heavens, for His mercy endures forever; to Him who laid out the earth above the waters, for His mercy endures forever; to Him who made great lights, for His mercy endures forever - the sun to rule by day, for His mercy endures forever; the moon and stars to rule by night, for His mercy endures forever.'*

Psalm 147:1-5 *'Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.'*

Job 9:7-10 *'He commands the sun, and it does not rise; He seals off the stars; He alone spreads out the heavens, and treads on the waves of the sea; He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south; He does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number.'*

Isaiah 40: 25-26 *"To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing.'*

Amos 5:6-9 *'Seek the Lord and live, lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, with no one to quench it in Bethel - You who turn justice to wormwood, and lay righteousness to rest in the earth!'* He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning and makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth; the Lord is His name. He rains ruin upon the strong, so that fury comes upon the fortress.'

Deuteronomy 4:14-19 *'And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess. "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.'*

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 *'I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.'*

Deuteronomy 31:24-29 *'So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, ^{that} Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying: "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death? Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."*

Numbers 24:15-19 *'So he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, and the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; The utterance of him who hears the words of God, and has the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open: "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult. And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly. Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, and destroy the remains of the city."*

Romans 1:18-23 *'For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.'*

Matthew 24:29-30 *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*