

The Zodiac As Salvation Message



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Enjoy!

-Ryven

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament (expanse of heaven) literally 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 (sound) has gone out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world".

So says King David in Psalm 19:1-4.

Today's astrology is a perverted interpretation of the true astrology. It is in line with the type of astrology, witchcraft, soothsaying, fortune telling etc. that God condemned. True Christian astrology, and for that matter astrology before Christ, is ancient. Reading the stars and their interpretation was common to ancient civilizations before there was any writing. Before the Bible, man read the stars and constellations as revealing God's plan or as duplicating in their own religion. Actually astrology reveals intimate details of the revealing of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Pagan and present astrology only interprets or predicts events that take place on earth and in men's lives, many of the events unrelated to God at all. We will proceed to explain briefly this ancient method of the revelation of the will of God, which can rightly be called Christian Astrology.

The Zodiac is a 360 degree circle, divided into 12 sections of constellations called signs. Each constellation is a grouping of stars that form an animal or thing. Earth passes through these 12 constellations each year. Each constellation is called a "sign" and contains 30 degrees of the entire circle. Each 30 degree "piece of the pie" is divided into three 10 degree sections called decants. The decants are also constellations, further descriptive of the main sign. Both signs and decants are indicative of an aspect of Christ. When taken all together, they form a complete revelation of our Savior.

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The constellations are given names reflecting what they depict, i.e. Virgo the virgin, Libra the scales of justice, Scorpio the serpent and so on. The revelation begins in the sign of Virgo and ends with the Leo. The 12 signs, each with three decants, are: Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer and Leo.

The entire Zodiac, its signs and decants for each sign are discussed briefly below.

A. The Prophecy of the Promised Seed of the Woman

VIRGO (The Virgin. A woman bearing a branch in her right hand and an ear of corn in her left). The Promised Seed of the woman Mary).

The 3 decants have detailed and historical meanings but generally mean as follows:

1. COMA (The Desired. Christ was the Desired of all nations. Many pagan representations and statutes show a woman and a baby. Haggai 2:7 states: -"The desire of all nations shall come."

2. CENTAURUS (The Centaur with two natures, holding a spear piercing a victim). The despised sin offering. Cited as the Divine sufferer in Isaiah 53:3, "He is DESPISED and rejected of men."

3. BOOTES (a man walking bearing a branch called ARCTURUS, meaning the same). He cometh. "For He cometh, For He cometh to judge the earth; He shall judge the world in righteousness, And the people with His truth." (Psalm 96:13).

B. The Redeemer's Atoning Work

LIBRA (The Scales). The price deficient balanced by the price which covers. The coming seed of the woman was, among other things, to give up His life for others. "They sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy...for Thou was slain, and hast redeemed...to God by thy blood" (Rev 5:9).

1. CRUX, The Cross endured. This is the Southern Cross, visible in Israel in ancient times. It denotes the final sufferings of Christ on the cross prior to His death. "I am poured out like water...my strength is dried up" (Psa 22:13-18) "I thirst" (John 19:28) "and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink" (Psa 69:21)?

2. LUPUS, or VICTIMA, The Victim slain. "He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Heb 9:11, 26). "He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb; so He opened not his mouth." (Isaiah 53:7).

3. CORONA, The Crown bestowed. "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth" Philippians 2:8-10).

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C. The Redeemer's Conflict

SCORPIO (The Scorpion) The aspect of Christ as seeking to wound, but itself trodden under foot. "Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder. The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet." (Psalm 91:13).

1. SERPENS (The Serpent struggling with the man). In Scorpio we see the effort of the serpent to wound Ophiuchus (see below) in the heel; but here the Serpent attempts to seize the crown of Christ.

2. O-PHI-U-CHUS (The man grasping the serpent). The struggle with the enemy.

3. HERCULES The defeat of the enemy by the mighty man Christ. This decant reveals a man kneeling on one knee, humbled in the conflict, but holding aloft the tokens of victory, with his foot on the head of the Dragon (Genesis 3:15).

D. The Redeemer's Victory

SAGITTARIUS (The Archer). He is the two-natured (man and horse) conqueror going forth "Conquering and to conquer." "God shall shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly shall they be wounded. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves; All that see them shall flee away (Psalm 64:7-10).

1. LYRA (The Harp). Here, praise is prepared for the Conqueror. "Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion" (Psa 65:1).

2. ARA (The Altar). A consuming fire prepared for Christ's enemies. It is pictured as an altar (burning pyre) placed upside down with its fires burning and pointing downwards towards the lower regions, called Tartarus, or the abyss, or "outer-darkness." Psalm 21:9 we read (in verse 9) "Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of Thine anger: The Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath; And the fire shall devour them."

3. DRACO (The Dragon). The Devil is cast down from heaven. He is "the great dragon, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan" (Rev 12:9). The Serpent represents him as the Deceiver; the Dragon, as the Destroyer.

E. Their Blessings Procured

CAPRICORNUS (The fish-goat). Represents the goat of Atonement (Azazel goat) slain for the Redeemed. This sign opens with the Goat, and closes with the Ram, two animals of Jewish sacrifice; the two middle chapters are both connected with fishes (see below).

1. SAGITTA (The Arrow). This represents the arrow of God sent forth. This arrow is for the Son of God, not for His enemies as represented above in Sagittarius. It was of this that He spoke when He said, in Psalm 38:2: "Thine arrows stick fast in me, And Thy hand presseth me

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sore." He was "stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted, He was wounded for our transgressions" Isaiah 53:4, 5). He was "pierced, ". "The arrows of the Almighty are within me" (Job 6:4).

2. AQUILA (The Eagle). The smitten One falling. Here we have an additional picture of the effect of this arrow, in the pierced, wounded, and falling Eagle, gasping in its dying struggle. He was the pierced, wounded, and dying Savior whom it represents, after saying, in Psalm 38:2, 10: "Thine arrows stick fast in Me," and "My heart panteth, My strength faileth Me, As for the light of Mine eyes it is gone from Me." (See also Zechariah 13:6)

3. DELPHINUS (The Dolphin). Represents the dead one rising again. The shape is of a fish full of life, and with the head upwards, just as the eagle is always with the head downwards. Jesus "died and rose again".

F. Their Blessings Ensured

AQUARIUS (The Water-Bearer). The Atonement being made, the blessings have been procured, now they can be bestowed and poured forth as water upon the Redeemed [us]. "He shall pour the water out of His buckets, And His seed shall be in many waters, As rivers of water in a dry place." (Isaiah 32:1, 2).

1. PISCIS AUSTRALIS (The Southern Fish). The blessings are bestowed.

2. PEGASUS (The Winged Horse). The blessings come quickly, are received and brought near to his redeemed. They will come to those [us] for whom they were procured, and will be brought by Him who won them.

3. CYGNUS (The Swan). This constellation emphasizes the glorious truth that Great Blessor (Christ) will return speedily.

G. Their Blessings in Abeyance

PISCES (The Fishes). The Hebrew name is Dagim, the Fishes. In Genesis 48:26, Jacob blesses Joseph's sons, and says, "Let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." The margin in the Bible says, "Let them grow as fishes do increase." It refers to the fulfillment of Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful and multiply." The seed of Abraham was to be as the stars of the sky, and the sand of the sea. "A very great multitude of fish," (Ezekiel 47:9).

1. THE BAND-, The binding of the great enemy Cetus, the sea monster. It represents the coming Christ, not in relation to Himself, or to His enemies, but in His relation to the Redeemed [again us].

2. ANDROMEDA (The Chained Woman). This portrays the redeemed in their bondage and affliction. It pictures a woman with chains fastened to her feet and arms, in misery and trouble, bound, helpless. The stars of Andromeda speak of the captive daughter of Zion. And her coming deliverer [Christ] addresses her: "O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, Behold,...in righteousness shalt thou be established: Thou shalt be far from

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oppression; for thou shalt not fear: And from terror; for it shall not come nigh thee." Isaiah 54:11-14

3. CEPHEUS (The King). This constellation shows the redeemer coming to rule. He is a glorious king, crowned, and enthroned in the highest heaven, with a scepter in his hand. "With weeping they will come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel" (Jeremiah 31:9).

H. Their Blessings Consummated and Enjoyed

ARIES (The Ram or Lamb). This second grouping of 4 constellations (Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces and Aries) began with the Goat dying in sacrifice, and ends here with the Lamb living again, "as it had been slain." The goat had the tail of a fish, indicating that his death was for a multitude of the redeemed. In the two middle Signs the fishes represent Christ's gift presented to us in grace, and in their conflict. This sign also ends up with victory and triumph; the foundation on which that victory rests, Atonement, by the blood of the Lamb "When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son" (Gal 4:4), and "in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom 5:6).

1. CASSIOPEIA (The Enthroned Woman). In Andromeda we saw the woman bound; here we see the same woman freed, delivered, and enthroned. He who redeemed her is "the Lamb that was slain," and He addresses her thus:
"Thy Maker is thine husband; The Lord of Hosts is His name; Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; Neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; (Isaiah 62:3-5, RV)

2. CETUS (The Sea Monster). The constellation is that of a great sea-monster, perhaps Leviathan, which is the largest of all the constellations. It is the natural enemy of fishes; hence it is placed here in connection with this last chapter, in which fishes are so prominent. It is situated very low among the constellations-far away towards the lower regions of the sky. Here, we see Satan bound. This is the same Leviathan spoken of by God to Job, showing him that only He, not man, could stand up to such a creature: "Canst thou draw out Leviathan with a fish hook? Or press down his tongue with a cord? Canst thou put a rope into his nose? Or pierce his jaw through with a hook?... Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? None is so fierce that he dare stir him up." (Job 41:1-10, RV).

3. PERSEUS (The Breaker). This depicts the Breaker, a mighty man, delivering His redeemed. It is the same word which is used of Christ in Micah 2:13, when He shall surely "gather the remnant of Israel" and in (v 12):
"The Breaker is gone up before them... Their King is passed on before them, And the LORD at the head of them."

I. Messiah, The Coming Judge of All the Earth

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TAURUS (The Bull). This is the last of the 3 groupings of 4 of the constellations representing the coming of the Messiah. The star picture formed is that of a Bull rushing forward with mighty energy and fierce wrath, his horns set so as to push his enemies, and pierce them through and destroy them. It is a prophecy of Christ, the coming Judge, and Ruler, and "Lord of all the earth."

1. ORION, Pictures the light breaking forth in the person of the Redeemer.
"Arise, Shine; for thy light is come, And the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And gross darkness the people;
But the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, And kings to the brightness of thy rising". (Isaiah 60:1-3)

2. ERIDANUS (The River of the Judge). Here, we see wrath breaking forth for His enemies. Daniel sees this very river in his vision of that coming day, when the true Orion shall come forth in His glory. He says, "I beheld till the thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit...His throne was fiery flames, and the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him." This is the River of the Judge; for he goes on to say, "The judgment was set, and the books were opened" (Dan 7:9-11, RV). And by Habakkuk the coming of the Lord is described as: "His brightness was as the light...Before Him went the pestilence, And burning coals went forth at His feet."
(Habakkuk 3:5)

3. AURIGA (The Shepherd). This constellation speaks of the safety for the redeemed in the day of that wrath. "He shall gather the lambs in His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And shall gently lead those that give" (Isaiah 40:10, 11, RV)

J. The Messiah's Reign as Prince of Peace

GEMINI (The Twins). The twofold nature of the King. The more ancient star-names help us to see the many other myths regarding this sign. Gemini represents the two-fold ministry of God and man, His twofold work of suffering and glory, and His twofold coming in humiliation and in triumph.

1. LEPUS (The Hare), or the enemy trodden under foot. Here, the enemy is about to stomped on by Orion. Orion is the true light, the largest visible star in the universe. "the Sun (Son) of Righteousness, shall arise," and "the true light" shall shine over all the earth, He "shall tread down the wicked" (Mal 4), and every enemy will be subdued under His feet. "It is He that shall tread down our enemies" (Psa 60:12), as He has said:

2. CANIS MAJOR (The Dog), or SIRIUS, tells of the Prince of Princes who will subdue and reign. Daniel 8:23, 25 says: "when transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance...shall stand up, but he shall be broken without hand," for he shall be destroyed "with the brightness of His coming" (2 Thess 2:8). This is He who shall come forth "King of kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev 19:16).

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3. CANIS MINOR (The Second Dog), the exalted Redeemer. A companion to the dog-star Canis Major, the sign completes and perfects the Messiah's reign as Prince of Peace; the enemy trodden under His foot by the "Prince of princes," the Redeemer (Christ).

K. Messiah's Redeemed Possessions

CANCER (The Crab). Christ's possession held fast. This sign represents the completion of His work. In Cancer we see it with reference to His redeemed, and in the next (the last) Sign, Leo, with reference to His enemies.

1. URSA MINOR (The Lesser Bear). The lesser sheepfold. The word occurs in Deuteronomy 33:25 "As thy days so shall thy strength be." The Revised Version gives in the margin, "So shall thy rest or security be." This agrees with what is depicted in Cancer: "Couching down between the sheepfolds, he saw a resting-place that it was good." There are therefore two Sheepfolds, the Greater fold, and Lesser; and the rest and security which the flocks will find in them.

2. URSA MAJOR (The Great Bear). The fold and the flock. This is the greater sheepfold, continuing to offer the peace and security offered in Cancer. This is spoken of in Obadiah 17-19: "But in Mount Zion there shall be those that escape, And it shall be holy: And the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."

3. ARGO (The Ship). The redeemed pilgrims safe at home. This is similar to the famous ship of the Argonauts, of which Homer sung nearly ten centuries before Christ. Sir Isaac Newton puts the expedition of the Argonauts shortly after the death of Solomon (about 975 BC) while others at 1236 BC. Again speaking of peace and security of the redeemed, Isaiah described it this way: "The ransomed of the LORD shall return And come to Zion with songs, And everlasting joy upon their heads; They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10

L. Messiah's Consummated Triumph

LEO (The Lion). The Lion of the Tribe of Judah aroused for the rending of the Enemy. Here we come to the end of the Zodiac, beginning with Virgo, and we end with Leo. This sign is also represented as the answer to the riddle of the Sphinx. Its Head is Virgo and its Tail is Leo. Leo is the end of the Revelation of Christ or the end of the revelation written in the heavens. The Zodiac was first divided when the sun at the summer solstice was in 10 Virgo, where the woman's head joins the Lion's tail." His feet are over the head of Hydra, the great Serpent, and just about to descend upon it and crush it. The three constellations of the Sign complete this final picture:

1. Hydra, the old Serpent destroyed.
2. Crater, the Cup of Divine wrath poured out upon him.
3. Corvus, the Bird of prey devouring him.

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Thus we have the complete revelation of Christ written in the stars. This truly is the revelation of Christ's redeeming work on our behalf. We rejoice in it.

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