

### **Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed**

The story of the coming redeemer was written in the stars when the heavens were originally put in order by God. God put the stars in their courses and set them for signs and seasons. (Genesis 1:4)

*“And I will put enmity between thee (adversary) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Jesus Christ); it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”* Genesis 3:15

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth and set the stars in their courses, He affixed specific names to the stars. The very names of the stars as well as their groupings reveal aspects of God’s plan of redemption. This information was given to Adam who taught the patriarchs, and in this manner it was passed on from generation to generation throughout the centuries. God has numbered and named the stars; He has set them to reveal His marvelous plan of redemption.

*“He [God] telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.”* Psalms 147:4

In the study of astronomy’s relationship to God’s Word, we discover that a knowledge of God and His outline of redemption existed thousands of years before the revelation was given in written form. In both the positioning of the stars and in the star names, the revelation of the grand plan of redemption was given. Lord God Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and earth, in His infinite knowledge, wisdom and ability, coordinated the movements of the stars and planets so that they with celestial grandeur could announce the birth of His only begotten Son, the Messiah.

*“Now when [after] Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east [Eastern Magi] to Jerusalem, saying, 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.”* Matthew 2:1, 2

In Matthew 2:9-11, the wise men (Magi) were referring to the rising of a star in the eastern sky, a star that arose shortly before dawn, which was visible until obscured by the brilliance of the sun.

What captured the Magi’s attention were astronomical events. Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system and is associated with kings. Venus (a planet that is Biblically used for the Messiah in the expression “the bright and morning star”) was in the constellation of Leo, the sign of the lion and ruler-ship of Judah. Jacob by inspiration declared that Judah was symbolized by the lion. Jesus Christ came out of the blood line of Judah. (Genesis 49:9)

*“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet [Hebrew: regel], until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”* Genesis 49:10

Regel means “foot.” The star named Regulus, is the dominant, brightest star in the constellation of Leo. Thus the brightest star in the constellation of Leo has the Biblical connotation of the foot, tying in with the “from between his feet.” The lion of Judah, Leo, is intertwined with a lawgiver coming from between his feet, represented by the king star, Regulus.

Based on the information given in Revelation 12, we see that “Great Wonder,” Virgo; a woman in labor ready to give birth. Then the symbolism of the Adversary’s fall from heaven and his plan to slay the child as soon as he was born. Then the woman’s labor finishes and the child is brought forth, then his ascension to God’s throne.

*Revelation 12:1-5* *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

Astronomical motions were followed by continued significant configurations, such as the Jupiter-Venus conjunction, the final conjunction in Leo with its massing of four planets, and the sun and moon in Virgo occurring on one day only, September 11, at which time Jesus Christ took his first breath of life. It is understandable that the wise men (Magi) concluded with certainty—the message, that the redeemer, King of the Judeans, was born and they began their journey to Jerusalem to find the “King of the Judeans.” They arrived in Bethlehem over a year and three months after Jesus’ birth and found him as a young child. In Matthew 2:16 King Herod arranged for all Bethlehem children two years old and younger to be killed because he feared the King of the Judeans.

Jesus Christ was the promised seed who would crush the very head of the Adversary and once more give mankind ready access to God Himself.