The Stars in our **Night Sky**



One star in particular rose into the night sky on earth many years ago, during a cold Autumn season. Wise men **from the east** saw it rise, recognized it and came to worship the individual that the star was identified with. The star belonged to Jesus, the God Son and **it rose from the east**. In relationship to earth, this is the directional-location of the residence of Almighty God.

God Almighty lives in east: "And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east" (Ezekiel 43:4).

His throne is in His temple located in the east: "Then He brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the Lord and their faces toward the east; and they were prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun" (Ezekiel 8:16).

Jesus Christ, the prince, will give offerings to God Almighty from the gate facing east: "When the prince provides a freewill offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the Lord, the gate facing east shall be opened for him. And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and the gate shall be shut after he goes out" (Ezekiel 46:12).

Almighty God appoints and uses the east wind to do His work, blowing His people westward, breaking the strength of the unrighteous leaders, destroying the disobedient and scorching the self-driven and self-reliance pride of mankind into humble, indentured servants.

 God Almighty uses the east wind to do His work: "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided" (Exodus 14:21).

- God Almighty appoints the east wind to do His work: "When the sun came up God
 appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he
 became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life"
 (Jonah 4:8).
- God Almighty drives the tribes of Israel to the ends of the earth: "You contended with them by banishing them, by driving them away. With His fierce wind He has expelled them on the day of the east wind" (Isaiah 27:8).
- God Almighty breaks the leadership of His people who are guilty of taking His people into
 the great waters of disobedience: "Your rowers have brought you into great waters; The
 east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas" (Ezekiel 27:26).
- God Almighty destroys His own people when they rebel: "Behold, though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not completely wither as soon as the east wind strikes it—wither on the beds where it grew?" (Ezekiel 17:10).
- God Almighty burns the source of self-reliance to bring the whole world to their knees:
 "Then behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them"
 (Genesis 41:6).

It is no wonder the star identified as belonging to Jesus, the God Son, rose from the east; it is the directional-location of the temple and residence of Almighty God. Though stars are really planets, by identifying them as stars, God is showing their ability to reflect light imaged as His righteousness through obedience to His laws of love and obedience sheds light on the dark ways of wickedness, bringing wayward people onto the path of truth and love.

"I, **Jesus**, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David**, and the bright morning star" (Revelation 22:16).

Special to this star from the east is the descriptor as a "morning" star. It shines the brightest among the other stars and can be seen glowing even when the bright light of the sun begins to rise. Morning stars are angels who glow in righteousness living God's law perfectly. To the church of Thyatira, Jesus said that those who overcome and do his will, they will rule over the nations with him and they will be given "the **morning star**" (Revelation 2:28). It means that they will rule with Christ with strength in righteousness and their leadership will shine brightly throughout the earth.

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel, and shall crush through the forehead of Moab, and tear down all the sons of Sheth" (Numbers 24:17). Jesus is the star that shines brightly out of the descendants of Jacob who desperately need his direction and Jesus is the scepter/the king who rose from out of God's covenant people, Israel through whom they rely on and by whom they receive grace and salvation.

If the God Son has a star in our night sky, then it can be thought that every star in our night sky is specifically identified with an angel in heaven. God Almighty, the Great Creator spoke to Job, "On what were its [earth's] footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the **morning stars sang together** and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:7)

Jesus Christ is not the only morning star; there exists many more because many were singing when God laid the earth's cornerstone. These great heavenly leaders shine brighter than other angels and sons of God. Each are known and named. "He determines the **number of the stars and calls them each by name**" (Psalm 147:4).

"Lift up your eyes on high: Who created all these? **He leads forth the starry host by number**; **He calls each one by name.** Because of His great power and mighty strength, **not one of them is missing**" (Isaiah 40:26).

Abraham's descendants will be countless and like the stars in the night sky. Their repentance will lead them into righteousness and obedience to Almighty God's laws of love and they will shine gloriously. "And the LORD took him outside and said, 'Now look to the heavens and count the stars, if you are able.' Then He told him, 'So shall **your offspring be**'" (Genesis 15:5).

One morning star, a guardian cherub, walked in the third heaven among the fiery stones where God's throne is located. He was a model of perfection and beauty. Before the earth was prepared for the creation of mankind, He began to ponder a different way of life. He thought he knew better and his most high position and good looks seeded a single lift of pride that over time enveloped him. Lucifer, which means 'light bringer' was a morning star who once brought God word and wisdom to creation in heaven.

God, our Great Creator is not limiting when giving His Holy Spirit to creation. God's knowledge, understanding and wisdom is limitless; His plans for His kingdom are transparent and His kingdom's ever-expanding future is beyond human imagination or ability to comprehend. Some angels in heaven have been given an abundant amount of God's Holy Spirit so that they grew spiritually reaching great heights that mortal man cannot fathom. Lucifer was one who reached heights that boggles the mind of man. He was anointed a guardian cherub by Almighty God; he was loyal to God—blameless, until he acted on his own thinking and turned against God's laws of love to spread selfishness, self-direction, self-reliance and self-glory. He was expelled from out of the third heaven where God rules from His throne to reside in heaven until he loses the war and is thrown down to earth. His shining glory fades and his form distorts at every level of his fall until he finds himself in the lowest hole of Sheol, below all of the other fallen angels, disgraced and awaiting destruction.

"How you have fallen from heaven, **O star of the morning**, son of the dawn!

You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!" (Isaiah 14:12)

"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty... I have reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more" (Ezekiel 28:12b, 18b-19).

Satan, adversary of God, lured one-third of the creation in heaven into sin and destruction. "His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth" (Revelation 12:4).

When war breaks in heaven, "the little horn" of Daniel will rise up and overthrow three of the ten kings promised rulership by God in ancient times. God will fulfill His promise and those rebels will rule but for only "one hour". The "little horn" will continue to increase in power and authority while in heaven reaching "the starry host", (righteous angels) and he will "throw some of them down to earth and trample on them" (Daniel 8:10). Mortals on earth will witness the fall of angels as "the little horn" battles in heaven. The heavenly will meet the earthly and both will become a single battle ground until Wickedness is purged out of heaven onto earth. "Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short," trumpets a voice in heaven (Revelation 12:12).

God Almighty will purge the heaven of rebellious angels. They will lose their position in heaven and the stars filling earth's sky will fall. "Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (Matthew 24:29).

"All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4).

These angels held at one time very high positions in God's heavenly court, His government and were precious members of His holy, royal, ruling family. They turned against Him. While we still see stars in the night sky on earth, a purging will take place. God will rebuild His holy court and government filling all the positions once held by the fallen angels with repentant mankind. Lowly mortals will be raised to immortality and awarded positions of great honour.

God's new Lebanon/holy court/headquarters will include His people—Israel. "I [God] will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon" (Hosea 14:5-6). God's people into the 21st century will finally turn to Him and set down their roots deep underground to remain loyal and unbendable at all times.

God's new government is sprouting and it will grow into a thick forest full of faithful and loyal leaders with many beautiful gifts and wonderful qualities from all nations, from all languages, from everyone on earth.

"There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am" (John 14:2-3).

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