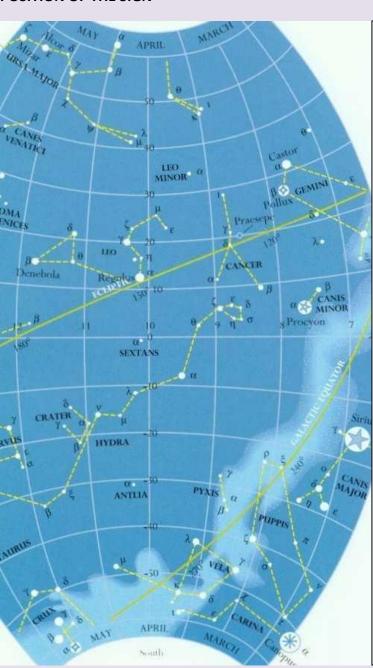
CANCER – END TIMES HARVEST

SUMMARY OF THE SIGN

The sign of Cancer is prophetic of the last half of Daniel's 70th week. The primary focus of Cancer is the crisis conversion of a third of the Jewish People to faith in Jesus. Also portrayed are the saints who rule with Christ in the Millennium and the nations who enter in to it. It would be worthwhile to read our prophetic interpretation of Gemini before reading Cancer.

POSITION OF THE SIGN

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Every owner of cattle or sheep has a pen for sorting. The keepers are set aside for life and the culls are set aside for death.

Cancer is the sorting pen.

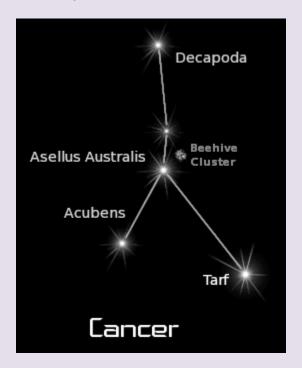
At the mid-point of Daniels 70th week every Jew must choose whether to take the mark of the beast and survive, or to trust in Jesus and die for their faith.

Those who trust in Jesus enter the cull pen of the False Prophet, which is the keeper pen of the Lord Jesus. Those who take the mark of the beast enter the keeper pen of the False Prophet, which is the cull pen of the Lord Jesus.

There are two tiny stars at the center of Cancer: the 'mother donkey', and the 'colt of the donkey'. The 'colt of the donkey' is the star on the ecliptic – it represents the 144,000 sealed Jewish witnesses. The 'mother donkey' is the nations who protect the witnesses and who do not take the mark of the beast.

The 'mother donkey' nations enter into the Millennium, pictured by <u>Ursa Major</u>. The 'foal of the donkey' is the 144,000 plus the resurrected martyr Jews who rule and reign with Christ (Polaris) in the Millennium, pictured by <u>Ursa Minor</u> [not in the picture].

CANCER / AUSAR



The Hebrew name for the star sign is Ausar meaning "<u>To Hold</u>", "<u>To Bind</u>", or "<u>To Keep</u>". The Egyptians called this sign Klaria "<u>Cattlefolds</u>".

There are no bright stars in <u>Cancer</u>, it is the dimest constellation in the sky, barely visible on a clear night.

Stars: Tegmine means "Holding", Acubene (Acubens) means "Sheltering" or "Hiding Place", Ma'alaph "Assembled Thousands", Alhimarean "The Kids", and Al Tarf "The End".

The Beehive Cluster in the center of Cancer is called **Praesepe** "<u>The Manger</u>" or "<u>Multitude</u>". The two stars either side of Praesepe are the famous Aselli "<u>Two</u> <u>Donkeys</u>". One is <u>Asellus Australis</u> "<u>South Donkey</u>" and the other is <u>Asellus Borealis</u> "North Donkey".

The position of the stars in Cancer tells the story. The path of the sun, the ecliptic, passes directly through the South Donkey (Asellus Australis). This means the North Donkey (Asellus Borealis) is above the ecliptic and the Manger (Praesepe) is also above the ecliptic. A rule of star interpretation applies in all cases: the sky north of the ecliptic stands for land and God's favor; the sky south of the ecliptic stands for the sea of sin and God's judgment¹. The sun in its passage across the sky, divides good and evil. The Sun (Holy Spirit) serves in the role of Spirit of Truth (Counselor). The position of the sun as it passes the stars unveils the meaning. This is the same role the Holy Spirit takes when He indwells us:

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26) "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me" (John 15:26) "But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13)

The implication of the sun's position in the sign of Cancer is the South Donkey will carry the testimony of truth when this prophecy is fulfilled². The passage of the sun directly above the South Donkey suggests the Spirit of Truth will fill that person (or people). The South Donkey

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¹ Incidentally, the Milky Way, rich as it is with clouds of stars, stands for heaven. The non-Milky Way sky stands for earth. The sky North of ecliptic stand for 'land' and the sky South of ecliptic stands for 'sea'. Most of the star signs are not in the Milky Way. Most of the story in the stars pertains to things happening on earth.

² Or we could say, when the South Donkey "has its day in the sun"!

will shine for God. By its position we understand the North Donkey has God's favor, i.e. rests above the ecliptic. The manger or the multitude also has God's favor and for the same reason. However, the brightness of these stars is dim. We show later the dimness of the stars is because faith in God is at its lowest ebb at this time in history.

(Note: Almost all the signs in the night sky pertaining to sin and judgment are in the South and almost all signs pertaining to righteousness and blessing are in the North. When an evil sign appears in the North it is out of place and draws attention immediately. The evil spirit Draco, which is located far north of ecliptic, is tolerated by God for a season but is portrayed being cast down so that we know in the end he returns to his place.)

FOUR PICTURES OF ISRAEL'S CONVERSION

There are four shadows in Scripture that relate to the events surrounding Cancer's prophecy and Israel's future conversion to following Jesus:

- Hagar and Ishmael (Saved from death in the wilderness Genesis);
- Donkey and Colt (Jacob's prophecy Genesis);
- Woman and Child (John's vision Revelations)
- Sodom and Gomorrah (Flight from the city of destruction Genesis)

All four stories foretell the same event in history. Each story adds a dimension in the telling.

PICTURE 1 - HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

It is of prime importance for the reader to understand who Hagar and Ishmael represent prophetically. First, it is worthwhile to recall the details of the story from Genesis:

"Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. Therefore she said to Abraham: 'Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son Isaac'. And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because it concerned his son. But God said to Abraham 'Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of the bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you listen to her voice, for in Isaac your seed shall be called. Yet I will make a nation of the son of the bondwoman because he is your seed. So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. Then she went a distance of about a bowshot: for she said to herself 'Let me not see the death of the boy'. So she sat opposite him, and lifted her

voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of the Lord called to Hagar and said to her 'What ails you Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the lad a drink. So God was with the lad, and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer" (Genesis 21:8-20)

Paul explains for us the spiritual interpretation of Hagar:

"For it is written, Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the free woman through the promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which is now, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." (Galatians 4:22-26)

Hagar is symbolic of the Jewish People, in bondage to sin. As scripture says: "I bear witness that they have zeal for God but not with knowledge" (Romans 10:2) and "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes to see not and ears to hear not, down to this very day" (Romans 11:8). Paul is crystal clear that Isaac is the symbol of the children of promise: Gentile believers, the Bride of Christ. This will support our thesis the sign of Cancer concerns the Jewish People [Hagar] not the church.

Of interest to us is Hagar's son Ishmael. When Ishmael was placed under the shrub the lad prayed and God heard him. It is significant that he had faith in the God of Abraham. Hagar wept in distress but she did not cry out to God. This, in spite of the fact the angel of the Lord had already rescued her once in the wilderness. (Genesis 16:8-10) However, after Ishmael was heard by God an angel was sent and spoke with Hagar and "her eyes were opened". This story suggests that first Ishmael then Hagar had a conversion experience at their moment of greatest distress in the wilderness. In a nutshell, this is the message of the sign of Cancer.

The Jewish People had their first desert experience with Moses but did not believe (akin to Hagar's first desert experience):

"<u>Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness;</u> When your fathers tested me, they tried me, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation, and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know my ways. <u>Therefore, I swore on my anger: Truly they shall not enter into my rest.</u>" (Psalm 95:8-11)

Like Hagar, God will have to force the Jewish People into the desert a second time for them to believe!

Ishmael is described as "a wild donkey" (Genesis 16:12). This connects Hagar and Ishmael with our next spiritual type of the message of Cancer, the donkeys of Jacob.

PICTURE 2 - THE TWO DONKEYS OF JACOB

The death bed prophecy of Jacob concerning Judah speaks of two donkeys:

"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes [second coming of Jesus] to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his [rule in the Millennium]. Binding [Ausar: for safekeeping] his donkey [North Donkey] to a vine, his colt [South Donkey] to the choice branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes [judgment on his enemies]. His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk." (Gen. 49:11-12)

"Issachar is a <u>rawboned donkey</u> [North Donkey] lying down between the saddle bags. When he sees how good his resting place and how pleasant is his land, he will <u>bend his</u> shoulder to the burden and submit to forced labor." (Gen. 49:14)

The word "Binding" in Genesis 49:12 is the same root word Ausar in the Hebrew name for the constellation Cancer. Jacob was a shepherd and spent many evenings guarding sheep under the stars. It ought not to surprise us that his prophecy of future events would be tied to his knowledge of the stars, especially when those events pertain to the descendants of his children.

The prophecy of Jacob is directed to Judah. We take the meaning of the donkey in this prophecy to be <u>descendants of the Jewish People in the last days</u>. Jesus, Son of David, the Messiah, is the one to whom the scepter belongs. The obedience of the nations will be his in the Millennium. Jesus is the one who does the binding, or some translations say 'tethering', of the donkeys. What happens is:

- Jesus has not yet come or taken his place as King of the Nations ("until he comes")
- Jesus has bound ("Binding") his donkeys to a vine for safe keeping
- Jesus executes vengeance ("washing his robes in blood") on those not so protected

The passage related to Issachar expands on what is meant by the act of binding. It represents protection but also servitude. The donkey is lying down in his resting place and is delighted to live in the land. In exchange, the donkey becomes the lowest servant of his master ("submit to forced labor").

TIMING OF PROPHETIC FULFILMENT

The sign of Gemini is prophetic of the first three and a half years of Daniel's 70th week.³ The sign of Cancer follows Gemini, so we propose the sign of Cancer represents the last three and a half years of Daniel's 70th week. This lines up with the prophecy of Jacob (see above) which portrays the two donkeys being tethered to a vine while the Lord is executing judgment on his enemies. The events Jacob is speaking of take place before the Lord returns ("until he comes"), i.e. before the second coming (Rev. 19:11-21). This places the timing of the prophecy of Jacob in Daniel's 70th week.

THE DONKEY AND THE COLT

We propose that the Jewish people in the last days who fear God and recognize Jesus is the Messiah are the two donkeys. Like the delivery of a colt, this new Jewish community is born at a time of strain, pain, and trauma. These are the Jews who have been purified in the fire and shown their faith in the one true God. Those who do not flee to the desert are the 'fat ones' who never were true believers. They will give up the pretense of faith and worship the beast while the remnant will be saved:

"And it shall come to pass in all the land [Holy Land]', says the Lord, 'that <u>two-thirds</u> <u>shall be cut-off and die</u> [flock fed for slaughter], but one-third shall be left in it [remnant of true believers]. <u>I will bring the one third through the fire</u>, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. <u>They will call on my name</u>, and I will answer them. I will say '<u>This is my people</u>' and each one will say '<u>The LORD is my God'</u>" (Zechariah 13:8-9)

The name that the purified Jewish believers will call on is Jesus. They will recognize Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah and in their distress they will call on his name in the wilderness.

The donkey is a symbol of Jewish people. God commanded that Israel not own horses (of war). As a result, the donkey was the beast of burden in Israel and became a symbol of those people.

Our third spiritual type describes the same events from the perspective of the apostle John. The vision of John recalls the figure of Hagar and Ishmael as types representing re-born Israel.

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³ Please see our prophetic study "<u>GEMINI</u>" on the 7.0 STARS page of the website www.biblenumbersforlife.com ⁴ Some teachers claim the colt of the donkey is the church. They argue the church has its roots in the Jewish faith. We reject this interpretation because: (1) the church is not in any sense Jewish. The keeping of Jewish feasts, holidays, and laws is discouraged (Galatians 4) for Christians; (2) the birthing of a colt implies strain, pain, and trauma. The life of Christ and the birth of Christianity was a minor distraction to the Jewish nation. For example: the account of Jesus of Nazareth is accorded passing mention in the history of the Jewish people as described by Josephus.

PICTURE 3 - THE CHILD OF THE WOMAN

In Revelations, there is a picture of the New Israel, the last days Jewish People who believe in Jesus. Instead of the donkey and colt, we see a woman [Hagar] and her male child [Ishmael]. John's vision represents the same characters using different symbols. It is the same story:

"Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman [Old Israel: Hagar] clothed with the Sun [enlightened by the Holy Spirit] with the Moon [Satan] under her feet [subjugated], and on her head twelve Stars [12 tribes of New Israel⁵], then being with Child [New Israel: Ishmael], she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth [grieving, distress, flight]" (Rev. 12:1-2)

THE BATTLE WITH THE DEVIL

There are great consequences when the Jewish People accept Jesus. Revelations tells us what is happening in the spiritual realm at this time.

"And the dragon stood before the woman [Old Israel] who was about to give birth, to devour her child [New Israel] as soon as it was born. She bore a male child [colt] who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron [New Israel under the authority of Christ]. And her child was caught up to God and his throne [New Israel is saved]. Then the woman [Old Israel] fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days." (Rev. 12:4-6)

A direct consequence of the Jews accepting Jesus is the Devil is cast out of heaven:

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon and the dragon and his angels fought but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out [Draco], that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Rev. 12:7-9)

Michael is the archangel who protects Israel (Dan.10:13 and 10:21). This is strong evidence the woman in the text is Israel, not Mary as some propose. The battle is coincident with the Revelations time line. It does not harken back to the birth of Christ or another time in history.

The moment the Jews repent and believe there is great rejoicing in heaven. The clear implication of their conversion is the way is now prepared for the Messiah to return and take up his kingdom in this world:

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⁵ Ishmael was prophesied to become "a great nation" and have 12 sons or princes (Genesis 17:20). The actual Ishmael had his sons settled in the Arabia. For the purpose of Ishmael as a type in prophecy, the 12 stars will be the 12 tribes of New Israel, excluding Dan and granting Menassah his place instead (Rev. 7:5-8).

"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come..." (Rev. 12:10)

God protects his new believers in the wilderness:

"Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the woman [Old Israel] was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly <u>into the wilderness</u> to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent." (Rev. 12:13-14)

The birth spoken of in this text is spiritual birth. When we are converted, there is a change in our heart, a change in our spiritual position with God, but we are in the same body. Here the analogy of the woman and child breaks down because in fact the woman [Old Israel – out of God's favor] has become the male Child [New Israel – in God's favor]. When it says the woman who gave birth to a male child flees, it is the same person as the man child we are talking about.

MIRACULOUS PROTECTION FOR THOSE WHO FLEE

God performs miracles to protect the new Jewish believers:

"So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth, like a flood after the woman that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened up its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war against the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Rev. 12:15-17)

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

In the passage above we have a definition of a tribulation saint: "her offspring: who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17)

These tribulation saints are the offspring of Hagar, they are Jewish People. They keep the commandments of God⁶, in other words: they keep the Law of Moses. They have the testimony of Jesus Christ, which means they acknowledge Jesus is their Messiah. The Bible makes a distinction between unbelieving Jews, Christians, and Jewish saints in the Tribulation:

⁶ The Greek word 'entole' translated as commandments in Revelation 12:17 is also used in Luke 1:6 to describe Zacharias and Elisabeth that they walked in all the 'commandments' and ordinances of the Lord, i.e. Torah law. Hagar stands for Mount Sinai, her 'offspring' (the colt) would certainly be of the same obedience to the law.

- <u>Prior to the cross</u> during the Mosaic Covenant Jews were protected and blessed by God depending on their works: specifically obedience to his Mosaic commandments and the offering of animal sacrifices by priests in the temple. The Mosaic Covenant makes no promise of eternal security: it only refers to earthly blessings.
- After the cross the Mosaic Covenant ceased to be in force. The New Testament in Jesus' blood came into effect. Any person, Jew or Gentile, who believes in the merit of Christ's death on the cross as payment for personal sin and confesses faith in his resurrection from the dead receives eternal salvation, irrespective of works. The New Testament in Jesus' blood makes a promise of heavenly blessings. Our blessing is to know Jesus and love him forever! We enjoy every spiritual blessing (Eph.1:3). We are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who declare Christ's glories (1 Peter 2:9).
- After the rapture the church is with Jesus in heaven. Everything after the rapture that concerns events on earth during Daniel's 70th week pertains to the Jewish People and how the process will unfold for their promised Millennium kingdom to appear.
- After Jesus returns and destroys the Antichrist the wedding supper of the Lamb will occur on earth. This is after Daniel's 70th week is concluded. This will be the official joining of Christ to the Church, an event to which the Jewish saints on earth will be invited and attend as guests. Although Christians will not be present on earth during Daniel's 70th week, Christians will be present on earth in the Millennium where we will reign with him. Scripture says:

"And you have redeemed us to God by your blood <u>out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation</u> [Christians, not Jews] and have made us to be kings and priests to God; **and we shall reign on the earth**" (Rev. 5:9-10)

Our interpretation is the <u>tribulation saints</u> are Jewish believers in Jesus. These <u>will also rule the earth under the authority of Jesus</u>. Jews who chose martyrdom rather than accepting the mark of the beast during the Great Tribulation will be resurrected at the beginning of the Millennium and will rule with Christ:

"And <u>I saw thrones</u>, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw <u>the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus</u> and <u>for the word of God</u>, <u>who had not worshipped the beast</u> or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And <u>they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."</u> (Rev. 20:4)

Note that these saints must be Jews. They have a "witness to Jesus" and "for the word of God". For the Jew it is always obedience to the written law (word of God) plus faith (witness for Jesus). For the Christian it is always only faith. Our law is the law of love not the written code.

PICTURE 4 - SODOM AND GOMORRAH

The Bible says regarding the death of the two witnesses: "And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called **Sodom** and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." (Rev. 11:8) This links Jerusalem at the time of the death of the two witnesses with Sodom and Gomorrah. The parallels between these two events in history: (Genesis 18 & 19)

•	Abraham sits on the mountain (18:1)	Church of believers safe in heaven
•	Three men appear before him (18:2)	Jesus and Two Witnesses in heaven
•	Two men sent to investigate Sodom (18:22)	Two Witnesses appear in Jerusalem
•	Witnesses strike Sodomites blind (19:11)	Witnesses strike with plagues
•	Witnesses strike with fire (19:24)	Witnesses strike with fire
•	Lot warned to flee destruction (19:12)	Jews warned to flee destruction
•	Lot warned to flee to the mountains (19:17)	Jews told to flee to the mountains
•	Lot's wife looked back and died (19:26)	Jews who do not obey will die

The account of Sodom and Gomorrah and the resistance Lot has to leaving the city supplies the answer to why the stars in Cancer are dim: <u>faith in God will be at low at that time</u>. Jesus said "Will I find faith when I come?"

THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

EVENT 1 – The Two Witnesses die, are raised from the dead, and ascend to Heaven

Concerning the two witnesses in the first three and a half years of Daniel's 70th week, we read:

"And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth...And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies...When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city [Jerusalem] which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three and a half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves...Now after the three and a half days the breath from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven." (Revelation 11:3-13)

EVENT 2 – Conversion of a third of the Jewish People to Christ

It is at the precise moment that the two witnesses are raised from the dead and ascend to heaven that the inhabitants of Jerusalem realise these prophets were from God. The Bible calls these prophets "my two witnesses". We understand this to mean the two witnesses were preaching Jesus to the Jews. For the Jews to accept these prophets came from God will be the same as accepting Jesus is the Messiah. It will be just as it is written:

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication. Then they will look on me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for him as one grieves for a firstborn." (Zechariah 12:10)

"And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of <u>the house of David</u> by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of <u>the house of Nathan</u> by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of <u>the house of Levi</u> by itself, and their wives by themselves, <u>the family of Shimei</u> by itself, and their wives by themselves; all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves." (Zechariah 12:12-14)

EVENT 3 – Abomination of Desolation in the Holy Place

In the account of Zechariah in the passage above he lists the names of prominent families in Jerusalem that will mourn. Missing from this list is the family of Aaron, the family of the high priest. The mourning for the slaying of Jesus will discredit the family of the high priest since it was their forefather who rushed to judgment, passed the death penalty on Jesus, authorized an illegal evening trial, and put pressure on the Romans to murder an innocent man. Could this be the tipping point for the high priest's family? Could the public shame of the high priest's family by the Jews who believe in Jesus result in the high priest rejecting Judaism? Will the Jewish high priest in the Daniel's 70th week be the False Prophet who sets up the Abomination of Desolation in a wing of the temple?! As high priest, he would be keenly aware of the personal dangers of desecrating the Most Holy Place. The location of the idol in a wing of the temple suggests it was put there by a person acquainted with the risks to priests of such an activity.

The abomination of desolation has another impact: <u>the restored covenant between the Jewish people and God is broken</u>. As it is written in Zechariah 11:4-10:

⁷ The family of Shimei was disgraced in the days of David. He was the one who cursed David walked along side on the hill and through dirt at him. Could the mention of Shimei in the passage in Zachariah 12 allude to the disgrace of another family (Aaron's line) that cursed the Son of David (Jesus Christ), called him a 'Son of Belial', and mocked him to his face at Calvary's hill?

"Thus says the LORD my God, 'Feed the flock for slaughter' [Jewish People who will not believe even when they see the sign of the resurrection]...'I will no longer have pity on the inhabitants of the land [Holy Land],' says the Lord... So I fed the flock for slaughter [fat with wealth but no spiritual life]... I took for myself two staffs: the one called 'Grace' and the other called 'Bonds', and I fed the flock... And I took my staff 'Grace' and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples.'"

EVENT 4 – Believing Remnant of Jewish People Flee to the Desert

When the False Prophet sets up an idol on the wing of the temple and causes all men to worship the idol, the Jewish people who believe in the true God immediately flee to the wilderness to hide from the Antichrist. It will be as Jesus predicted:

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place,' let the reader understand, 'then <u>let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains</u>...For there will be great tribulation such as has not been seen since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.'" (Matt. 24:15-21)

Those who flee are without a priest to pray for the protection of God and they are being pursued by all the power of the one world ruler. It will be as Amos predicted:

"Woe to you who desire the Day of the Lord! For what good is the Day of the Lord to you? It will be darkness, not light. [Cancer – the darkest constellation] It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him! Is not the Day of the Lord darkness and not light? <u>Very dark: no brightness in it</u>." (Amos 5:18-20)

SUMMARY OF CANCER

This sign is prophetic of a milestone in spiritual history: the crisis conversion of a third of the Jewish People to Christ. This will take place just after the death and resurrection of the two witnesses, and just prior to when the Abomination of Desolation occurs in the temple. The Abomination of Desolation will result in those who believe Jesus is the Messiah fleeing to the wilderness where God will miraculously protect them for the remainder of the last three and a half years of Daniel's 70th week.

Not all the Jewish people in the Holy Land will live in Judea and therefore not all can escape to the wilderness. Some will be captured by the Antichrist later in the last half of Daniel's 70th week and will face the choice of being martyred or receiving the mark of the beast. If they

receive the mark of the beast they will be eternally damned. If they do not they will be resurrected, enter the Millennium, and rule the earth under the authority of Messiah Jesus.

Jesus teaches us that at the end of the Great Tribulation there will be a separation of the nations into the sheep and the goats. In the last half of Daniel's 70th week, specially chosen and sealed Jewish witnesses, the 144,000, will go out into the whole world and tell everyone not to take the mark of the beast. The sheep nations will enter the Millennium and the goat nations will be destroyed. The basis for entry will be how they treated the Jewish witnesses, the "least of my brothers" (Matt. 25:40). The Beehive Cluster in the sign of Cancer represents the 'multitudes' of nations who receive God's favor at the end of the Great Tribulation? In addition to protecting the 144,000 these nations convert to Judaism and therefore have a rightful place of safety and protection by the Lord Jesus and will belong in the Millennium – which will be a period when the Law of the Lord will reign over the whole earth. Both donkey stars represent Jews: the mother donkey is the converted Gentile nations who protect the 144,000 witnesses.

MEDITATION

How attached are you to this world? Honest confession: the author has gone through two medical cancer scares and found out he really likes it here, and he is not interested in leaving too soon. Fortunately for believers in Jesus Christ, if we enjoy the wonderful bodies he made for us and if we are charmed by the beauties of his creation all around us, that does not prevent us from going to heaven. We can love the Lord with all our hearts, mind, soul, and spirit. We can love our neighbor as ourselves. And we can love living here too.

But a time is coming when those on earth cannot have both. First, for the Christian there is going to be a world-wide persecution and a great apostasy. If we profess faith in Christ we will be killed. Many will renounce Christ because they love their life and they love this world. This will happen before Daniel's 70th week and worship in the temple commences. The Antichrist is going to get rid of Christians, and he will have the approval to do so from the other monotheistic religions, who consider us polytheists. It will be the Devil's bargain: with us gone, more for everyone.

When almost every Christian has been killed the last Christians left on earth will be raptured and Daniel's 70th week will commence. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will rule for three and a half years, but they will be tormented by God's two witnesses. When they are finally successful in killing them, the two witnesses will ascend to heaven, and the sight will trigger the mass conversion of a third of the Jewish People. Now it will be the Jews' turn to die for their faith. If they refuse to take the mark of the beast, they will be beheaded. What a terrible choice to have to make, yet the Lord Jesus blazed that path for us when he made the good confession before Pilate and gave up his life for confessing God.

My dear reader, please accept Christ as your Lord and Savior today. This world is passing away. God is going to make a new heavens and a new earth that will be everlasting and even better than it is here. Do not let your attachment to this life prevent you from giving your heart to Jesus. He is the Good Shepherd, he is able to protect your soul from everlasting destruction and bring you safely home.

God bless you.

URSA MAJOR - BIG DONKEY



It looks like a big donkey! And it is a big sign – the third largest. It is located high up in the Northern sky, visible year round above the equator.

The brightest stars in the chest, neck, and head form the shape of the familiar big dipper. The neck speaks of the will, the head the mind, and the chest speaks of the heart. So, this flock's heart, mind, and will belongs to God!

The stars in the sign: **Dubhe** "<u>A Flock</u>" or "<u>A Herd</u>"; **Merak** "<u>Flock</u>" (Hebrew) "<u>Purchased</u>" (Arabic); **Phad** "<u>Guarded</u>" or "<u>Numbered</u>"; **Megrez** "<u>Separated</u>"; **Mizar** "<u>Small</u>" and <u>Alcor</u> "<u>Lamb</u>"; **Alkaid** "<u>The Assembled</u>". The star in the hind hoof is <u>Talitha</u> "<u>little lamb</u>" (see Mark 5:41).

The position of the Big Donkey in the sky is most telling of its meaning. The nose of the donkey points to the sickle in the left hand of Bootes – The Good Shepherd.⁸ The Big Donkey strides full length above Virgo. The hind part of the Big Donkey reaches as far as the head of Leo. The belly of the Big Donkey is right above the sign of Coma – The Desired Son⁹. The sign of Draco – The Great Serpent (the Deceiver, the Subtle One) is above the head and foreparts of the Big Donkey, between it and the Colt of the Donkey still farther above.

Another aspect of the position of the Big Donkey, and critical to its interpretation, is its location relative to the Milky Way and the ecliptic. The Big Donkey is <u>high above the ecliptic indicating a position in God's favor</u>. However, the Big Donkey is outside the starry clouds of the Milky Way which indicates the Big Donkey represents people on earth, not people in heaven. The sign in

⁸ For a description of the "Good Shepherd" sign, please see our prophetic interpretation of "VIRGO" on page 7.0 Stars on the website: www.biblenumbersforlife.com

⁹ It is a coincidence that Coma is also a Woman with a Male Child. Based on star names and the fact Coma is a decan of Virgo, we interpret the male child of Coma to be Jesus.

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the sky that represents the church, the Bride of Christ, is Queen Cassiopeia – The Free Woman¹⁰. She is located at the highest point of the Milky Way in the northern sky, a place that is rich in stars. She is the other side of the North Pole from the Big Donkey, protected from Draco by Cephus.

The Big Donkey is located directly above Coma – The Desired Son. The sign Centaur is located directly above the Southern Cross, thus indicating Jesus (Centaur) laid his life upon the cross (Calvary). The meaning of the Big Donkey being above Coma and the promised Son (Jesus) is that the people represented by the Big Donkey will be trusting in Jesus as their Messiah.

The sign of Bootes – The Good Shepherd has two implements in his hands: a staff of authority in his right hand and a harvest sickle in his left hand. The nose of the Big Donkey is pointing to the sickle. We read in Revelations:

"Then I looked and behold <u>a white cloud</u>, and on the cloud sat one like <u>the Son of Man</u>, having <u>on his head a golden crown</u>, and <u>in his hand a sharp sickle</u>. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud 'Thrust in your sickle and reap, for the time has come for you to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.' So He who sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth and the earth was reaped." (Rev. 14:14-15)

The person on the cloud is the Lord Jesus. The sickle is the implement for cutting standing grain. The cloud is white, suggesting righteousness. The harvest is the souls who die trusting in Jesus as Messiah in the last half of Daniel's 70th week.

"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'write: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes', says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them'" (Rev. 14:13)

When it says 'their works follow them' the rock solid promise of God to those faithful Jewish martyrs is they will be resurrected at the beginning of the Millennium. These martyrs will be Jews, not Gentiles:

"Here is the patience of the saints: those who keep the commandments of God [Law] and the faith of Jesus [Faith]" (Rev. 14:12)

The Jewish martyrs in the Great Tribulation will receive eternal salvation:

"And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or

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 $^{^{10}}$ For a description of "Cassiopeia – The Free Woman", please see our prophetic interpretation of "ARIES"

his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." (Rev. 20:4)

"Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years." (Rev. 20:6)

Where are the nations who will enter the Millennium? What sign portrays the sheep nations who protect the 144,000 witnesses: "the least of my brothers" – those who receive the favor of Christ at the sheep and goat judgment? We believe the sheep nations are incorporated into the Big Donkey. The Bible says the nations in the Millennium will worship the King reigning in Jerusalem and they will obey Jewish customs. Scripture says in the Millennium the whole world will be Jewish and obey Jewish laws and customs. Zechariah says:

"And the Lord will be king over all the earth, in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only name...Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, and to celebrate the feast of booths." (Zech 14:9-16)

This explains the great size of the Big Donkey in the sky. While the sign of Cancer is dim and the days in the last half of the Tribulation will be dark, the glory of the Lord will shine in the Millennium over the whole world. As Scripture says:

"They will not hurt or destroy in all My Holy Mountain [Zion]: For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9)

Finally, as those familiar with stars know, the two bright stars at the very bottom of the big dipper are pointers to the North star: Polaris, in Ursa Minor. These stars are Merak "Flock" and Dubhe "Flock" or "Herd". In the picture of the big donkey, the line between Merak and Dubhe passes through the heart of the Big Donkey. Polaris is symbolic of the King over all the Earth, which is the Lord Jesus. And so we have another indication from the stars that the people represented by the Big Donkey will be Jews but they will also be true believers in Jesus Christ because their heart will belong to him.

MEDITATION

What is your reaction to the idea of Jesus reaping the earth with a sickle? When he was on earth the Lord was not always gentle and mild: with a whip he cleared the temple of money changers. People have the same mental picture of shepherds: sensitive individuals who sit on a hill piping a tune watching their contented sheep. As one who has raised sheep for many years the author can attest, the shepherd cannot be mild mannered all the time. There are predators

and they come out at night. A shepherd must guard the sheep and be prepared to do combat with thieves, wild dogs, and anything else that comes to eat a lamb or to steal a lamb.

Another aspect of shepherds which few appreciate is at some point shepherds must kill their own lambs and sheep. The shepherd who raises, who guards, who protects, who leads to water, who feeds, is the same one who takes the life of his own animals. This is a very hard thing to do when you are attached and bonded to these animals. The hardest is a mother ewe. You know her face, its wrinkles and color blotches, and the shape of her nose. You may even recognize her bleat, for each sheep makes its own distinct sound. When that ewe has lost her teeth or has a reproductive problem or for some other reason must be culled, you must hold her head with your left hand so close to your face you can hear her breathing and you look directly into her eyes. With the right hand you must bring the sharp curved killing knife under her jaw and with a swift slice you cut her throat and hold her torso down with your knees while her legs kick and she bleeds out. The point is this: the closest the shepherd ever comes to a sheep is in her death. The Bible says "precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints". When the day comes for us to meet the Lord, we can be confident we are in his arms. It is not an angel he sends to take our lives, it is himself in person. He will be in charge of the day, the hour, and the manner in which we expire.

The account of one like a 'Son of Man' seated on a cloud reaping the earth with a sickle (sharp curved killing knife) has an unmistakable implication: the ones being reaped belong to Jesus. The shepherd will not let others take the lives of his sheep. The Big Donkey represents a great flock that follows Jesus (nose pointing to the Good Shepherd). In contrast, the angel with the sickle is harvesting souls that do not belong to Jesus:

"So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, one thousand six hundred furlongs" (Rev. 14:19-20)

God bless you.

URSA MINOR – THE COLT OF THE DONKEY



The picture is of a colt of a donkey. It is almost in the exact same shape as the bright stars in Ursa Major – The Big Donkey, only a smaller version in a different position.

The neck stretches northward and the nose touches the northernmost point in the sky:

Polaris – the star around which all other stars appear to rotate (looking up from any place on earth). The Arabs called this star Alruccaba "Ridden On".

Few Hebrew names for the stars are known, so we refer to the Arab names: Kochab "Waiting for the Coming", Alkaid "The Assembled", Alpherkadain "The Redeemed Assembly", Alkaid "The Kid", Pherkad "The Calf".

The position of this sign is significant to say the least: all the other stars in the sky appear to rotate about Polaris. However, the sign is located outside the Milky Way in an area of the sky that is dark and contains no notable distant galaxies. As the saying goes 'it is lonely at the top'. Based on its location at the top of the stars, but outside the Milky Way, we interpret the sign to mean "World Rule". Based on its relationship to the constellation Cancer we expand that to "World Rule in the Millennium".

The prophets foretold there would be a time in history which we call the Millennium, or the thousand year reign of Messiah. At this time he will rule the world with <u>a rod of iron</u>. The nations will be in obedience to his law. David prophesied:

"But as for me, I have installed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me 'Thou art My Son, today I have begotten thee'. 'Ask of me and I will give the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall shatter them like earthenware.'" (Psalm 2:6-9)

Jeremiah clarifies that <u>the rod of iron</u> which the Lord shall use to rule the earth is not a disciplinary tool such as a legal system or a police force or a military, it <u>is his chosen people</u>:

"All mankind is stupid, devoid of knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his molten images are deceitful, and there is no breath in them. They are worthless, a work of mockery; in the time of their punishment they will perish. The portion of Jacob is not like these: the Maker of All is He, and of the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of Hosts is his name. He [The Lord God Almighty] says: 'You [Israel] are my war-club, my weapon of war; and with you I will shatter nations, and with you I will destroy kingdoms, and with you I will shatter the horse and rider, and with you I will shatter the chariot and its rider; and with you I shatter man and woman; and with you I shatter young man and virgin; and with you I shatter the shepherd and his flock, and with you I shatter the farmer with his team, and with you I shatter governors and prefects." (Jer. 51:17-23)

If you look at the shape of the stars in <u>Ursa Minor</u>: indeed <u>it looks like a sceptre or a rod</u> with a hammer or bulb at the end of it. It is the colt of a donkey, and it packs a mean kick!

Our interpretation: the Colt of the Donkey represents those who will rule and reign with Christ in the Millennium. This includes at least the persons or peoples below but there may be more. The order of authority in the Millennium may mimic the pattern of the stars in Ursa Minor. The list provided below is only a possible suggestion not a definitive interpretation:

- Polaris (The North Star) The Lord Jesus Christ
- Second star from the North Star The Bride of Christ
- Third star from the North Star The 144,000 Witnesses
- The four stars in a square The Tribulation Jewish Saints

<u>The four stars in a square is a strong symbol of the Jewish People</u>. The tribes of Israel which camped around the tabernacle in the desert were arranged in a square (Numbers 2).

The Tribulation Saints who are the first to accept Jesus¹¹ and who will perform a special service of evangelism in the last half of Daniel's 70th week are those who are rewarded by the highest office of rule with Christ in the Millennium. These are the 144,000 witnesses. Our basis for this interpretation is as follows:

 The Bible says "And I looked and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion and with him one hundred and forty-four thousand having his name, and the name of His Father written on their foreheads" (Rev 14:1) Zion stands for 'Divine Government'.
 Mount Zion stands for the place where the King of the World will rule: Jerusalem (Psalm

¹¹ Just as Ishmael prayed in faith before Hagar was saved, we infer the 144,000 will be the first converts. The 144,000 are also called the "firstfruits to God" (Rev. 14:4). Their preaching could be what triggers the rest of the Jewish renewal before the 144,000 witnesses are ultimately sent all over the world.

- 2:6). In the stars, the place of world rule is signified by **Polaris**, the pole star in Ursa Minor. The passage above (Rev. 14:1) shows the direct connection between Ursa Minor, the 144,000, rule in the Millennium, and Jerusalem the royal city;
- 2. "These are the ones who have not defiled themselves with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouth, they are blameless" (Rev. 14:4-5) Without a doubt, these men are holy in word and deed, worthy to be servants and worthy to be rulers;
- 3. "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond servants of our God on their foreheads'. And I heard the number of those who were sealed, 144,000 from every tribe of the sons of Israel" (Rev. 7:3-8) The 'sealing' means these are protected from all the plagues of God and the threats of Antichrist through the whole of Daniel's 70th week. There are 12,000 who will be sealed from the 12 tribes. The number 12 means "Government", the number 1,000 means "Tribe". So 12,000 means "Tribe Who Governs". Each of the tribes of Jacob shares the rule: this gives us 144,000: "The Rule of the Tribes Who Govern";
- 4. When the Abomination of Desolation occurs, the Jewish People in Judea who fear God flee into the wilderness. The False Prophet implements the regime of worshipping the beast and forces all people to take the mark of the beast, or they cannot buy or sell. These are the 144,000 witnesses of God: "they sang a new song" (Rev. 14:3). Their message to the world is to warn all people "every nation, and tribe, and tongue" (Rev. 14:6) to "Fear God" (Rev. 14:7) and not take the mark of the beast or they will partake of "the wine of the wrath of God" (Rev. 14:10);
- 5. The Colt of the Donkey [Assellus Australis: South Donkey] is the star in Cancer that the Sun passes directly through. There are only a few stars which lie on the Ecliptic¹³. The meaning of this rare location is the person it refers to is speaking the Word of God. In this context the significance for people still alive in those days is they must respect what the 144,000 witnesses say: their words are as true as any revelation of God can be. The eternal destiny of those who hear the message depends on whether they obey it or not.

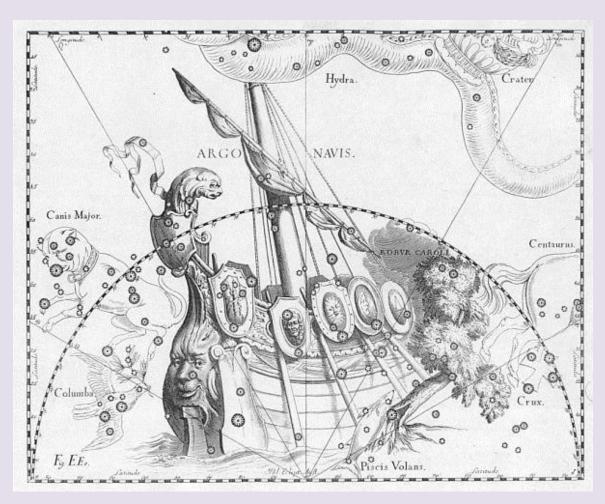
¹² The location of the sealing right at the beginning of Revelations chapter 7 indicates these 144,000 are chosen and sealed immediately following the rapture and preceding the testimony of the Two Witnesses. The 144,000 could be the secret disciples of the Two Witnesses. One of the Two Witnesses may be Elijah. This means the 144,000 may be the prophetic fulfilment of the 7,000 who 'have not bowed the knee to Baal' in Elijah's time. ¹³ Another is the mouth of Kesith – Sagittarius. Please see our interpretation of "SAGITTARIUS".

MEDITATION

Jesus calls the 144,000 the 'least of these my brothers'. It is an interesting turn of phrase. According to what we have learned the 144,000 receive the thrones and places of high authority under Christ in the Millennium. They deserve the honor they receive. Perhaps the highest honor of all is that Jesus calls them his 'brothers'. But why 'the least of these my brothers' if they have the high places of authority? The answer is Christians are sons and daughters by faith in Jesus Christ. Our salvation provides us with the righteousness of Christ. For this reason we are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms. Our honor and our righteousness must be greater than that of the 144,000 because the righteousness of Christ is above all. For this reason Christ can say the 144,000 are brothers but they are the least of his brothers compared to those in the body of Christ who obtained righteousness by faith in the Age of Grace. What a great salvation and marvelous gift it is to know Christ and have faith in him before the terrible days of Daniel's 70th week fall upon the earth.

God bless you.

ARGO – THE REDEEMED ARRIVE SAFELY HOME



The sign of Argo is located in the South of the sky, below the ecliptic, below Hydra which is suffering the judgment of the bowl (Crater) and is being eaten by the bird (Corvus).

The stars: Canopus "The Possession of Him who Comes", Tureis "Possession", Soheil "The Desired", Asmidiska "Travelers Released", Sephina "Abundance".

Argo is <u>the</u> largest star sign. The Southern sky means the sea, and Argo is a ship carrying passengers that arrive safely at port. We see the back of the ship. (The lion's head is the artist's imagination)

Location in the sky is everything. The back of the ship is towards the sign of Canis Major – The Antichrist. The prow of the ship is towards Centaur – The Mighty Savior. This signifies the terrible choice: accept the mark of the beast or believe in the resurrection power of God. Those in the boat have made the correct choice and are safely on the journey home.

SPIRITUAL NUMBERS AND STAR SIGNS

As an appendix to this document we are providing Number Theme 14 from our interpretation of Bible numbers on the website www.biblenumbersforlife.com

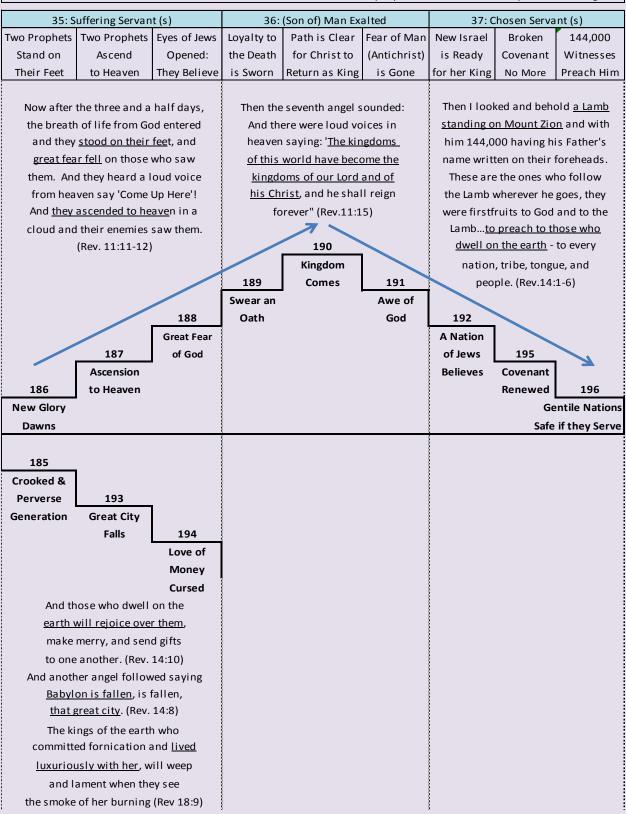
We have discovered that all the constellations in the path of the sun (Mazzaroth) correspond to a Number Theme or group of spiritual numbers from the Bible joined together by a common message. We have also discovered that the order of the constellations in the heavens is the same as the order of the Number Themes from the Bible!

God authored the Bible and therefore put his meanings on the numbers in it. God also gave the stars their names and put those meanings into the heavens. If the Creator of the Universe is the same as the Author of Scripture, there should be a meeting and matching of meanings. In fact that is precisely what we have discovered. To God be the glory!

See Number Theme 14 below.

THEME 14 - END TIMES HARVEST

During the second half of Daniel's 70th week, a remnant of the Jews will not accept the mark of the Beast because they believe Jesus is the Messiah. New Israel will be saved and become God's people. Those who are martyred will rise again.



COMMENTARY ON THE SPIRITUAL NUMBERS

The match-up of the 14th Number Theme to the constellation Cancer is uncanny. The numbers in this theme emphasize the close connection between the resurrection of the two witnesses and the rebirth of the Jewish nation to faith in Jesus Christ. The Jews have always demanded a sign and they get a tremendous sign when the whole world (through international media coverage) sees the dead bodies of the two witnesses brought back to life, then ascend in the clouds to heaven.

(Note: In the constellation Gemini we saw the two witnesses die. In the constellation Cancer we see the two witnesses brought back to life. Number Theme 13 (Gemini) and Number Theme 14 (Cancer) are tied together by the life and death of the two witnesses. It is worth putting the themes side by side to see how the numbers illustrate this)

The resurrection of the two witnesses is the beginning of the end for the Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Bablyon (the world system). The Fall of Babylon is announced in Cancer. The period of prophetic history of Cancer is the last half of the Daniel's 70th week. This overlaps with the period of history applicable to Leo. In the constellation Leo we see the bowl judgments and the final destruction of the Harlot Religion and finally Babylon itself.