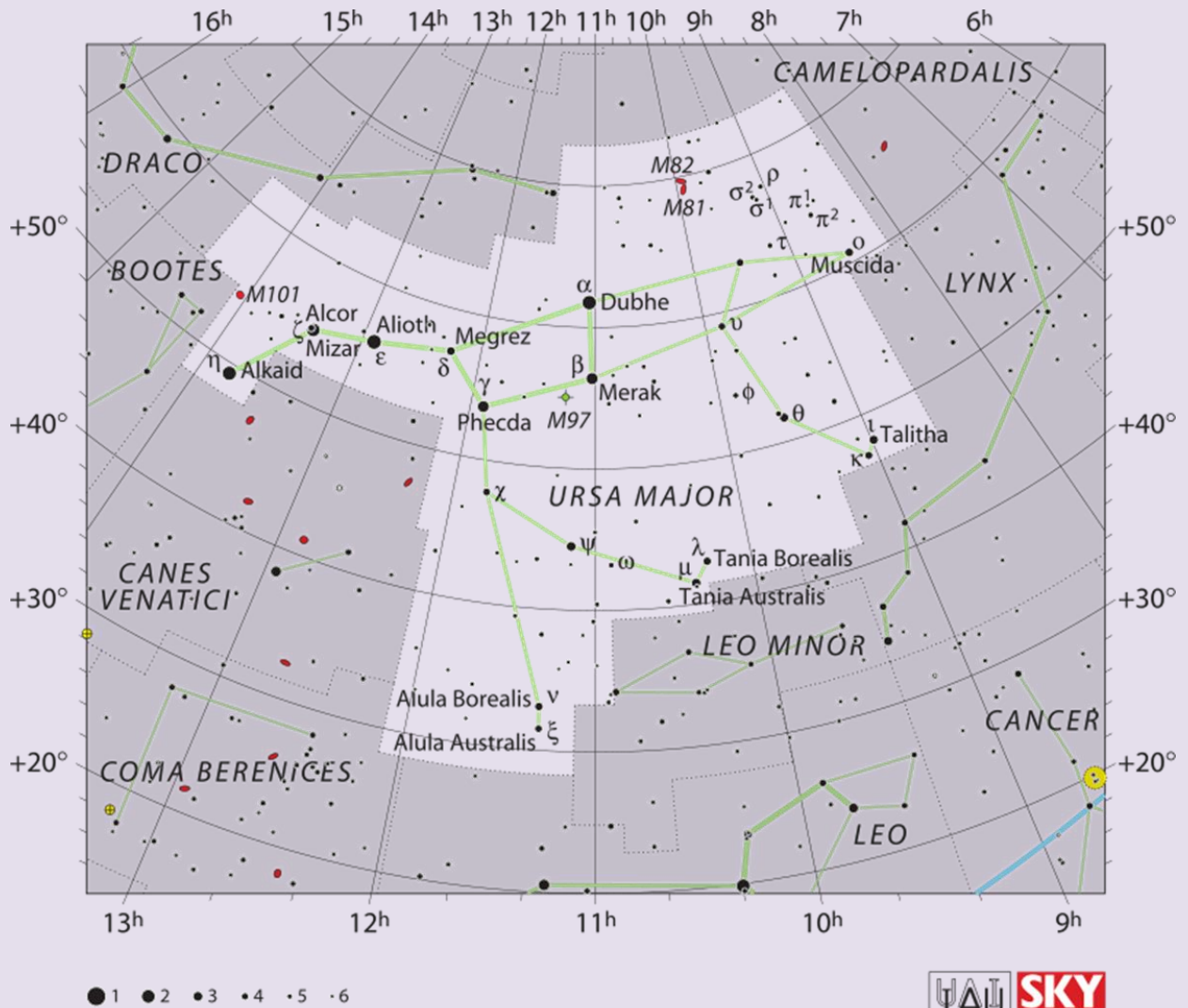


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LINKING STARS TO BIBLE CHAPTERS



Star Name	Visual Mag.	Hour	(AD) Exact Date	Decl.	Degrees to True North	Bible Chapter	Details
Alioth	1.76	12.901	1454.92	55.96	35.04	Gen 35	Jacob moves to Bethel
Dubhe	1.81	11.062	1396.59	61.75	29.25	Gen 29	Jacob marries L. and R.
η UMa	1.85	13.792	1483.22	49.31	41.69	Gen 42	Joseph 'You are spies!'
Mizar	2.23	13.399	1470.73	54.93	36.07	Gen 36	Esau's sons, all rulers
Merak	2.34	11.031	1395.59	56.38	34.62	Gen 35	Jacob moves to Bethel
Phad	2.41	11.897	1423.09	53.69	37.31	Gen 37	Joseph stripped, sold
ψ UMa	3	11.161	1399.73	44.50	46.50	Gen 47	Jacob before Pharoah
μ UMa	3.06	10.372	1374.70	41.50	49.50	Gen 50	Jacob dies: Jos. Laments
Talitha	3.12	8.987	1330.75	48.04	42.96	Gen 43	Joseph sees Benjamin
θ UMa	3.17	9.548	1348.55	51.68	39.32	Gen 39	Joseph: Potifar's wife
Megrez	3.32	12.257	1434.51	57.03	33.97	Gen 34	Rape of Dinah
Muscida	3.35	8.505	1315.44	60.72	30.28	Gen 30	Jacob's wives bear sons

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BIBLE NUMBER 16 MEANING: (Our interpretation)

(Self) "SACRIFICE"

SOLOMON'S WISDOM: (Proverbs Chapter 30 speech on Heavenly Signs)

v. 24 [There are four that are little on the earth but they are exceedingly wise...]

v. 26 "The rock badgers are a feeble folk; yet they make their home in the crags"

BIBLE BOOK: NEHEMIAH

KEY VERSES: Ch.2

"Why should my face not be sad? When the city and the place of my father's tombs lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire." (v.3)

"If it pleases the King and your servant has found favor in your eyes, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my father's tombs, that I may rebuild it." (v.5)

SIGN DESCRIPTION:

BIG DONKEY ON A JOURNEY {It is not a bear. Note the long legs and long neck.}
// A picture of self-sacrifice: The Donkey is not browsing forage. He is on a long trek. //

SIGN INTERPRETATION:

The nose of the Big Donkey is right behind the raised hand of Bootes, the 'Good Shepherd'. It is as if the Big Donkey is being led by the LORD: Wherever He leads, His servant follows. Below the Big Donkey is Leo, the 'Ruler with Fearful Power'. The Big Donkey is not in flight: it is as if the Ruler with Fearful Power has sent him away with his blessing: which happened. The Big Donkey is a huge sign, with many bright stars, and very high in the sky; indicating it represents a significant community in world affairs; boasting many great people, who are noted for exemplary wisdom: as Solomon says "exceedingly wise".

LINK OF INDIVIDUAL STARS TO BIBLE CHAPTERS:

Alioth: The later years of our lives ("feeble folk") are filled with troubles ("home in crags")
Bible Chapter: Genesis 35

Subject: Benjamin is orphaned; Deborah, Rachel, and Isaac all die; Reuben defiles Israel's bed.

Insight: Let's be truthful: donkeys are not 'clean' animals. They have hooves and they don't chew the cud. Israel, his wives, and his sons were hard scrabble people: aloof, tough, rough around the edges, wary, cagey, and not a little dangerous. Yet, like the donkey, the Master had a job for them to do, and they did it. Jacob was incorrigibly deceitful: taking the foreign gods away from his wives, then hiding them under a tree. Really! Nehemiah was smooth: He had charmed the King of Persia. But when he got his wish he make the long trek to Jerusalem, found it a mess. He tactfully and skillfully and wisely managed the rebuilding of the walls. Moreover he demonstrated servanthood by not taking advantage of his position for self-benefit. Self-sacrifice comes at a cost. I'm sure both Jacob and Nehemiah could have spent their time and money in the later years of their lives in more self-indulgent and less stressful ways. Good donkeys!

Note: The Bible Chapter link to a star is the Degrees to True North [rounded] plus 1:
E.g. the star Alioth (above) links to the 35th chapter of the Bible: Genesis 35.