

THE MAZZAROTH

THE GOSPEL WITNESS OF THE STARS

By Luis B. Vega

vegapost@hotmail.com

“For since the Creation of the World, GOD’s invisible qualities, His Eternal Power & Divine Nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” -Romans 1:20

The purpose of this study is to examine what the Bible declares that the constellations in the Heavens proclaim the ageless testimony of God’s redeeming plan for fallen mankind found in Jesus Christ. Such divine patterns were fashioned before the foundations of the world began. It can only be configured from Earth’s reference point of view. It begins with Virgo and ends with Leo -declared and displayed for all the Principalities, Power, Humanity and Lucifer to witness. It was the knowledge taught and handed down from Adam that became skewed with the Fall of Mankind due to sin.

Thus all cultures since then have had folklore of a Christ figure -Redeemer crucified on a cross, killed and resurrected like Krishna of the Hindus. When the Spanish Conquistadors came to Mexico, the symbol for Quetzalcoatl the ‘Feathered Serpent’ was a cross on which he was crucified. When Christian missionaries encountered the Dogon Peoples in Africa, they also had a cosmological story of ‘a Son’ of the Creator dying on a Cross.

Each emerging culture/civilizations ascribed the Zodiac different names and symbols to the constellations, to a degree; yet the meaning has stayed exactly the same. This type of study is not Astrology that Lucifer has corrupted but Biblical Astronomy –the study of this ‘silent witness’ as the Apostle Paul admonishes us to consider in the letter to the Romans.

As it states in Hebrews, GOD in the past spoke to humanity by dreams, visions and other ways to communicate His ‘Manifold Wisdom of Christ’ as Ephesians 3:10 states but now has spoken to us through the SON, Christ Jesus-according to Hebrews 1:2. When the Ethiopian Eunuch was reading about the ‘Suffering Servant’ of GOD in Isaiah and who it was referring to, the Apostle Phillip identified and explained that this Redeemer is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Messiah and no other before or after to come. -Act 8:26 The antithesis of this witness storyline is that of Lucifer’s ultimate destiny of judgment and doom. -John 12:31

All prior cultures and civilization have echoed this divine pattern of a Christ figure and redeemer. Many have made alternative creation stories that in modern times many skeptical of Jesus Christ use to debunk the Bible as being a mere imitation of a much older creation account. Realize that before the Bible was written, GOD revealed Himself directly to Humanity on various levels as the book of Hebrews proclaims. In one instance, the book of Genesis clearly alludes to a direct contact between GOD the Creator and His creation, Adam and Eve. This was a time of direct revelation and no need for a written Scriptural accounting. It was only until the LORD dictated to Moses on Mt. Sinai for 40 days that the LORD revealed His story and the true account of Creation.

As to the imitations and versions many cultures have had over the years of 'gods', realize also that Fallen Angels have given Humanity instruction and divine revelation also. In one aspect to confound the Testimony of Jesus and in another aspect to divert allegiance and worship away from Jesus Christ. To this condition, Jesus Himself addressed this discrepancy. He told the multitudes in this instruction that all those prior to His arrival and those coming after His resurrection were and are 'thieves and robbers'. In essence they were forgeries and a copy of the true reality found in the person of Jesus as the GOD-Man, GOD the Son taking on human flesh and becoming a human himself.

DEFINITION

The Mazzaroth מַזָּלֹת in the Hebrew Bible, comes from the Babylonian word Manzaztu for 'station and position' from Job 38:31-32. A very similar word also occurs in 2 Kings 23:3-5 as it denotes the Constellations. The meaning of both is clearly referring to the Zodiac, the pattern of stars found on the Ecliptic. Currently in the modern West has inherited the Greek version that has been heavily influenced by the Arabs that translated such knowledge from the Greeks during the Dark Ages in Europe.

THE ECLIPTIC

The Ecliptic is an imaginary line that shows the path the Sun apparently "travels" against the fixed stars or Zodiac as a celestial sphere as the Earth revolves around the Sun during a given year. In more accurate terms, it is the intersection of the celestial sphere with the Ecliptic Plain, which is the geometric plain containing the mean orbit of the Earth around the Sun. It takes 1 year to traverse the Ecliptic. The Sun stays in 1 'House' or sign of the Zodiac for about ~2000 years; it would take roughly 27,000 years to complete the grand sweep. This is also referred to as the 1 Great Year.

The Ecliptic has 4 cardinal celestial points that correlate to our Earthly 4 directional points-as in the compass. They are marked off by the Lion, Ox, Man and the Eagle. These cardinal points and symbols are seen and are ascribed to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and of GOD's throne -in Heaven and what was in the copies on Earth and what will be coming in the future.

THE PAST

Tabernacle in the Wilderness (Moses)

Exodus 25:9

It was a facsimile of GOD's Throne that was given to the Nation of Israel where GOD יהוה could interact with Mankind to a certain degree due to the Fall and sin condition of Humanity. GOD had the 12 Tribes of Israel configured by a 'sign' or standard as they encamped around the 'Throne' and marched across the Wilderness to the Promised Land -as an Army by Rank and File.

The 4 main quadrants that made up the main Tribes for each station of the Tabernacle constituted the Lion, Man, Bull and the Eagle. The encampment configuration based on population of each Tribe made a 'cross' formation. The subsequent Solomon and Zerubbabel's Temples were fashioned to the same exact divine Blueprint given by GOD to Moses and King David. The majority of present-day Jews are expectant for a 3rd Temple -that will only last about 42 months as foretold by the Prophet Daniel in Daniel 9:27.

THE PRESENT

Tabernacle in Heaven (Throne of GOD)

Ezekiel 1:26 and Revelation 4:7

There are few glimpses into how GOD's Throne is like. GOD's Throne always faces East located on the 'Sides of the North' in the 'Mountain of the Congregation' according to the Bible. It is different from His Merkavah Throne, or mobile Chariot from the depictions and revelation of Ezekiel that have wheels suspended on the Seraphim's.

GOD's throne is surrounded by the 4 Cherubim 'Living Creatures', the Eagle, Ox, Man and the Lion. Around the Throne of GOD are the 24 Seated Elders. Many speculate that these represent the Redeemed -seated in Heavenly Place in Christ Jesus as revealed in Ephesians 2:6. Jesus Christ is the only One that holds the office of Prophet, Priest and King.

The Son of GOD who left the Throne, entered time and space in the Flesh to be crucified 'outside' the 'Camp' or Throne/Temple to become a Sacrificial Lamb as in Passover for sin by the washing and renewing by this Royal Blood and imparting the power of the Holy Spirit. He, the Holy Spirit within the Body of the Church is prophetically and progressively making His way back to the Throne, but with the Church in this case.

THE FUTURE

Tabernacle on New Earth (New Jerusalem)

Revelation 21:1 -conceptual

According to the Bible, after the Millennial Temple and reign of Jesus Christ on Earth for 1000 years, there will be a New Heaven and Earth. GOD's literal Throne will descend with its 12 layers of Foundation Stones and Pearly Gates. This is what Satan has mimicked with the All-Seeing Eye capstone also descending on the 12 step truncated pyramid. It will be cubed shaped as was all prior copies although it can be argued that in fact it is a Tetrahedron or 2 intersecting pyramid configurations that still make a perfect square in its midst. At that time, Earth will have no seas; a River will flow out of the Throne and there will be no need for a Sun.

Humanity is at the 11th Hour as the number count leads up to Leo, astronomically when the Mazzaroth is configured as a 'clock'. Christ, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah is about to return to reign. It is speculated that the world has been in the Age of Pisces or the Church Age and is about to enter the Age of Aquarius, the 1000 Year Millennial reign of Christ on Earth.

To reiterate, each of the 12 Signs of the Mazzaroth has 3 sub-signs that complete the Story of the Stars. It is a celestial story of the hidden pattern of Christ's redemptive work. The Sun takes 1 year to traverse the Ecliptic, and with it the Gospel Witness of Christ's redeeming work is retold to every generation. The primary source is taken from the study by E. W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars*, 1893. With the study in these celestial Signs as a 'witness,' one perhaps might obtain an appreciation for a far deeper meaning and correlation to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel has a beginning and end; it starts with Christ and ends with Christ. It will be fully realized at Jesus' 2nd Coming -in the not too distant future. Truly, the Heavens declare the Glory of the LORD.

Some Sources

EW Bullinger

Wikipedia.com