

THE LION OF JUDAH

CONSTELLATION OF LEO

Astronomical Definitions of the Prophetic End

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'Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll? But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'—Revelation 5:1-5

The purpose of this study is to briefly chart the constellation of *Leo*. As it is the conjoined 'sign' of the end from the beginning that is the *Great Sign of Virgo*, it will be diagrammed to ascertain its prophetic implications as the end of Biblical Prophecy. As the Angel told John in Revelation 19:10, the 'Aim of all Biblical prophecy is to tell of Jesus'. Jesus is the *Lion of Judah*, the end constellation and the beginning and end of the cosmic storyline told without a word in the Heavens. The following astronomical highlights of the description of *Leo* are taken from the work and research of E.W. Bullinger and will be in paraphrase format. The constellation of *Leo* has 95 stars however there are 9 that are more prominent and make-up the points that configure a 'lion' type design in the sky. As noted, *Leo* is the end of the *Mazzaroth* or Zodiac. It completes the full 'circle'. In Hebrew, the name for the *Sign of Leo* is *Arieh*, or *Ariel* which means *The Lion*.

There are actually 6 Hebrew words for Lion and in Arabic, for example it is *Al Asad* like *Assad* of Syria, the 'Syrian Lion', etc. At the 'heart' of the *Sign of Leo*, literally, is the 'Cor Leonis', or the *Heart of the Lion*. Its ancient name is *Regulus*. The word is the root for *Regel*, *Royal* and that of *majesty* and *kingly demeanor*. *Leo* is the constellation of the King of the Universe and it contains at its 'heart', the *Star of the King*. Revelation 5:5 foretells of a time when time concludes and the Judgement Day comes. It will be none other than this 'Lion of Judah' that is the only one worthy to break the Seals of the Scroll and pronounce its righteous judgements. This 'Lion' of Judah is a man, Jesus that became human, died and resurrected to qualify as He had no sin. He is given all power and authority because He laid down his life for sinners to redeem Eve's Fall and that of Adam and Humanity', all inclusive. Astronomically speaking, there are 3 constellations ruled by *Leo* that completes this final picture of prophecy and the Genesis 3:15 issue.

1. *Hydra* = the old Serpent destroyed.
2. *Crater* = the Cup of Divine wrath poured out upon him.
3. *Corvus* = the Bird of prey devouring him.

The following are the main stars and their prophetic meaning that defines the attributes, destiny and meaning of the Messiah.

<i>Regulus</i>	= treading under foot
<i>Denebola</i>	= the Judge or Lord who cometh
<i>Al Giebha</i>	= the exaltation
<i>Zosma</i>	= shining forth
<i>Chertan</i>	= the rib (Adam's Rib)
<i>Sarcam</i>	= the joining
<i>al Asad</i>	= the punishing or treading of the Lion.
<i>Aleced</i>	= the judge cometh who seizes
<i>Al Dafera</i>	= the enemy put down

This was appropriately depicted in C.S. Lewis' Aslan the Lion. In the Chronicles of Narnia, Aslan was representative of Jesus Christ that was mocked and killed at the altar of the enemies of all that is called good and righteous. This *Lion of Judah*, the Messiah is the symbol of Jerusalem whose alternative name is also Ariel. It was the standard of the tribe of Judah as it encamped about the *Tabernacle of Moses*, etc. The coat of arms of the city is a boxing Lion. There is also the *Lion Gate*, etc. It was from there that the city was liberated from the Muslims in the *6 Day War* in 1967. In *Virgo*, the Lion is born from the Virgin as foretold by Isaiah that it would be a sign and the promise reverberates from the contention the Woman would have with her 'Seed', at of the Messiah and the *Seed of the Serpent*.

This typology by one interpretation could be the answer to the age-old *Riddle of the Sphinx*. In the Sphinx is the coded 'Alpha and Omega' of *Leo* and *Virgo*. *Leo* or the *Lion of Judah* that is spoken in the Old Testament is concluded in the New Testament's last book, that of Revelation. The last book of the Bible portrays the *Lion of Judah* or 'Leo' treading upon a serpent, His feet are over the head of Hydra, the great Serpent, and just about to descend upon it and crush it. This echoes what YHVH foretold would occur as Messiah would crush the head of the Serpent at the *Cross of Calvary*. However, this 'Lion of Judah' first had to come as 'Lamb of GOD' to atone for the sins of Eve and Adam, etc.

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