

# Abraham's Seed and the Stars

Genesis 15:5

And He (Yahweh) brought him (Abraham) outside and said, "Look toward heaven and number the stars, if you are able to number them. Then He said to him,

**"So shall your seed be."**

Psalms 147:4 and Isaiah 40:26 suggest that the angelic hosts were also stars. The Hebrews also believed that these angelic powers were over the nations. Deuteronomy 4:19 explains that the nations worship the sun, moon and stars of heaven. Deut. 17:2-3 forbids Israelites from worshipping the host of heaven.



Ancient commentary (Philo, and other Jewish writers, as well as Origen) on this scripture emphasized that this scripture is not taken only quantitatively, but qualitatively as well. They believed that Abraham's seed would replace the angels as the stars of heaven and over the nations ( Genesis 17:5, Romans 4:13).

- 1. Isaac- Genesis 17:19; 22:17-18; 26:4 (The promises pass on from Abraham to Issac.)
- 2. Jacob- Numbers 24:17 (Balaam prophecies that a star will come out of Jacob.)

- 1. Matthew 2:1-10 (A special star appeared when Jesus was born that informed the magi of the where and the when of his birth.)
- 2. 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 2:28; 22:16 (Jesus Christ is the bright morning star.)

Romans 4:16, Romans 11:11-36, Galatians 4:21-31  
Abraham's seed includes both the redeemed of Israel and the Church.

Daniel: 12: 2-3; 1 Corinthians 15: 35-49  
Abraham's seed will receive celestial bodies in the resurrection