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MEETING TIMES



Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:00 AM



Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM



Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 PM



Tuesday Support Group for Addicts and Survivors of Domestic Violence 6:00 PM



Wednesday Afternoon & Evening Jail Ministry @ Knox County Detention Center 1:00 PM



Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 5:00 PM

The Gospel Of Jesus Christ As Shown In The Star Constellations

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It is written:

Psalm 19:1-4-The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto
day utters speech, And night unto night reveals
knowledge. 3 *There is no speech nor language Where*
their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out
through all the earth, And their words to the end of the
world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

In Romans 10, the Apostle Paul points out that there is a sense in which the vast family of mankind has heard the Gospel of Christ.

He writes:

Romans 10:18-But I say, have they not heard? Yes
indeed: "THEIR SOUND HAS GONE OUT TO ALL
THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS
OF THE WORLD."

Paul argues that the entire Creation had heard God's Word, and then he quotes from Psalm 19 to make his case. However, Psalm 19 is describing specifically God's revelation to mankind through nature (and in particular, through the star constellations). Therefore, Paul argues, the Gospel of Christ has been made known to the world through the star constellations.

Found hidden within the various star constellations are amazing portrayals of the Good News of Jesus. One author has written:

There are twelve major constellations which are on the ecliptic line, the circuit in which the sun appears to move through the sky in a year. Each major constellation is referred to as a “house,” and each “house” also contains three minor constellations. Virgo, Libra, and Scorpio, three major constellations, appear in sequence on the ecliptic line. They foretell the coming of the Redeemer. The constellation Virgo (see image), which has always been called the virgin, holds a branch in one hand and an ear of corn in the other. In her left hand, which holds the ear of corn, is Spica, one of the brightest stars in the heavens. Spica is a bluish, first-magnitude star, and its modern Latin name means “seed of corn.” The branch held in the right hand is also found in other constellations such as Coma, Bootes, Hercules, Cepheus, Gemini, and Orion, and appears to have a meaning of “the one who comes.” In the Old Testament, Jesus is referred to as the “branch” (Jeremiah 23: 5).... “One of the minor constellations in the house of Virgo is Coma, which in the old Denderah zodiac of ancient Egypt shows a woman holding a small child. Perhaps this constellation prefigures Mary and the Christ child. The next sign along the ecliptic path is Libra, the scales (see image), suggesting a transaction to buy or redeem, showing the purpose of the Redeemer’s coming. In

Arabic, one of its star names means “purchase which covers.” The earliest Persian planisphere pictured this sign as a man carrying a pair of scales in one hand and a lamb in the other. 6 A minor constellation in the house of Libra is the Victim, which shows an animal being killed by Centaurus, the centaur. Underneath the centaur is the Southern Cross, another minor constellation of the house of Libra, which in our age can only be seen in the southern hemisphere...“In the next sign, Scorpio, the scorpion, we see the conflict in which the seed of the woman receives the wound in his heel, while bruising the head of the enemy, as foretold in Genesis 3: 15. Ophiuchus, the serpent-holder, is located right above Scorpio on the planisphere. Above Ophiuchus is the constellation Hercules. Both Ophiuchus and Hercules are part of the house of Scorpio. They both show the hero crushing the head of the enemy while being bruised in the heel. The names of the stars emphasize this meaning. The Arabic and Syriac names for Scorpio mean “wounding him that cometh.” The serpent, held by Ophiuchus, means “accursed”; and an Arab star name in Hercules means “head of him who bruises.” 7 Ophiuchus is struggling with a serpent. His one foot is near the head of the scorpion, while his other foot is near the stinger tail of the scorpion. We see the same illustration with Hercules. Hercules has one foot on the head of Draco, the dragon, while in his kneeling position his other foot is lifted, as if hurt. These three major constellations—Virgo, Libra, and Scorpio—along

with their minor constellations show in picture form the protoevangelium, the “first gospel” found in Genesis. The virgin gives birth to the Christ child. The “conqueror of the serpent” (Christ) is bruised in the heel while bruising the head of the evil one. The constellations Orion and Perseus also show this theme of “conqueror of the serpent.” The other major constellations appear to include elements of the story of a Redeemer, although some may be referring to future events, and thus are more difficult to interpret. (Lois Clymer, Sacred Strands: The Story Of A Redeemer Woven Through History, 11-16 (Kindle Edition); Sisters, Oregon; Deep River Books)

Throughout the ages, mankind has been able to look at the starry constellations and see glimpses of the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is one reason why all sinners are without excuse before God: because He has revealed His Word to mankind through nature (general revelation) as well as through the Sacred Scriptures (special revelation), as Paul argues in Romans 1:18-20.

Truly, everything in existence testifies to the Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Compact Constellation Illustrations

Constellations With Superimposed Figures

Realistic-style, compact illustrations for copying into a pamphlet



Virgo

The virgin and the promised Seed/Branch - the coming Redeemer.



Coma

A woman with a child - interpreted as the virgin with the Christ



Bootes

The Coming One / Redeemer.



Hercules

The mighty victor who crushes the enemy while wounded in the struggle.



Cepheus

The royal Coming One / Redeemer.



Gemini

Part of the larger theme of the Coming One.



Orion

The triumphant conqueror who overcomes the serpent or evil



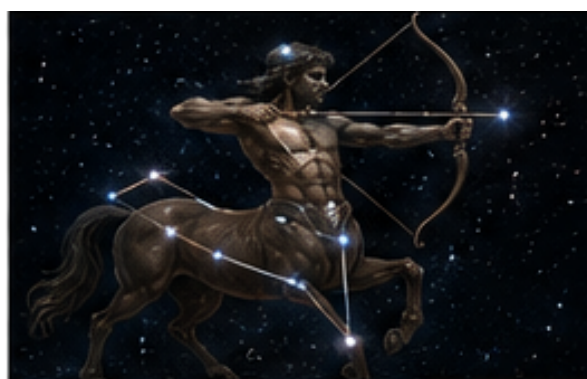
Libra

Redemption - the price or purchase that covers.



Lupus (The Victim)

The sacrificial victim in the work of redemption.



Centaurus

Associated with the sacrificial Victim and redemption.



Crux (Southern Cross)

The cross associated with the Redeemer's suffering and sacrifice.



Scorpio

The enemy that wounds the promised Seed in the conflict of



Ophiuchus

The promised conqueror struggling with and subduing the



Draco

The dragon or serpent enemy whose head is crushed by the conqueror.



Perseus

The delivering conqueror who overcomes the serpent-like foe.

Source basis: Lois Clymer, Sacred Strands: The Story Of A Redeemer Woven Through History, pp. 11-16 (Kindle Edition; Sisters, Oregon: Deep River Books).

Note: The Gospel meanings above reflect the symbolic interpretation described in the cited source; the overlaid figures are illustrative artistic renderings rather than precision astronomical reconstructions.

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