

The Sign of God Birthing The Man Child

This treatise will show that the Lord not only gave a sign in the heavens (the stars) as a witness to His Son Jesus' birth 2000 years ago, but that He is also giving a sign in the heavens (the stars) to our generation who is witnessing the birth of The Man Child Company. "For the earnest expectation of the creation earnestly awaits the revelation of the sons of God." (Romans 8:19)

There is a difference between astronomy and astrology. Astronomy, which is good, is the study of God's creation in the stars, and "declares the glory of God." Astrology (horoscopes and fortune telling from your "sign"), which is forbidden in the scriptures, is the perversion of the true study of the stars. Following are some quotes pertaining to astronomy in the scriptures:

***Genesis 1:14** And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.*

***Psalms 19:1-6** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth forth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

***Luke 21:25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;*

Amos 5:8 and **Job 9:9** mention names of constellations such as **Orion, Arcturus** (the Bear -The Big Dipper), **Pleiades** (a star grouping). **Job 38:31-33** mentions the "Mazzaroth" which is the constellations.

Jewish tradition, as shown in "The Antiquities of The Jews, by Flavius Josephus, suggests that Bible astronomy dates back to Adam, Seth and Enoch and Job. For nearly 2,500 years the revelation of God's redemptive plan for mankind was written in the naming of the stars (constellations). The heavens therefore preserved the truth until the written scriptures could be given to Moses. Some excellent resources on this subject include: "The Gospel in the Stars" by Joseph A Seiss, "A Voice Crying in the Heavens" by B. Wadsworth, and "The Witness of the Stars" by E.W. Bullinger. Mr. Wadsworth states, "I have checked the next 2,000 years and there is nothing that comes close to the portrayal that the heavens display from 1996 to 2000."

The Sign of Jesus' Birth

Thanks to projectors, like Chicago's "Adler Planetarium," and computer technology, like the program "Dance of the Planets," we can chart the movements of the heavenly bodies to see what they looked like 2,000 years ago at the birth of Christ.

Matt. 2:1 *"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men (magoi) from the East came to Jerusalem, saying "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*

The wise men were "kings of the east" who lived hundreds of miles from Jerusalem in Mesopotamia (Iraq) and were skilled astronomers studying the heavens from atop of ziggurats. A "star" to them could mean almost any light in the sky, whether star, planet, comet or nova. The tower of Babel having "its top with the heavens" (Gen 11:4) was probably a ziggurat used for star gazing. Since the wise men were familiar with the Hebrew religion, they interpreted rare celestial events as omens.

The celestial events detailed below told the wise men that the prophesied Jewish Messiah and king was being born: (These facts were taken from a *Guideposts* Magazine article by Richard H. Schneider in December 1988 entitled, "Star of Wonder." Also, Dr. Ernest L. Martin's books entitled: "The Birth of Christ Recalculated," and "The Star that Astonished the World" contain these facts.)

NOTE: The names associated with the Planets came into use during Roman times.

- 1) *August 12, 3 BC* - They saw the two planets **Jupiter and Venus rise in conjunction**. (A conjunction is when celestial bodies line up so closely that they appear to us as a single super bright light.) Jupiter signified kingship or Messiah and Venus meant birth and motherhood. This occurred in the constellation of Leo, which is the symbol of the Hebrew tribe Judah. Since the magoi were studied in the Hebrew scriptures, they probably knew from Genesis 49:10 that the Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.
- 2) *September 3 BC* - They saw **Jupiter rise in conjunction with Regulus**. Regulus is the brightest star in the constellation of Leo - a symbol of rulership.
- 3) *February 2 BC* - a Second time they saw **Jupiter rise in conjunction with Regulus**.
- 4) *May 2 BC* - a Third time they saw **Jupiter rise in conjunction with Regulus**.
- 5) *June 2 BC* - a Second time they saw **Jupiter and Venus rise in conjunction**. Jupiter signified kingship or Messiah and Venus meant birth and motherhood.
- 6) *September 2 BC* - a Third time they saw **Jupiter and Venus rise in conjunction**. This occurred again in the constellation of Leo, which again is the symbol of the Hebrew tribe Judah.
- 7 & 8) *3 and 2 BC* - On these two occasions, **Jupiter was located directly in the womb area of the constellation of Virgo** the virgin. Jupiter's Hebrew name is "Sedeq," which throughout the period of Jesus and the apostles was a term used for the Messiah. (see graphic below for location references)

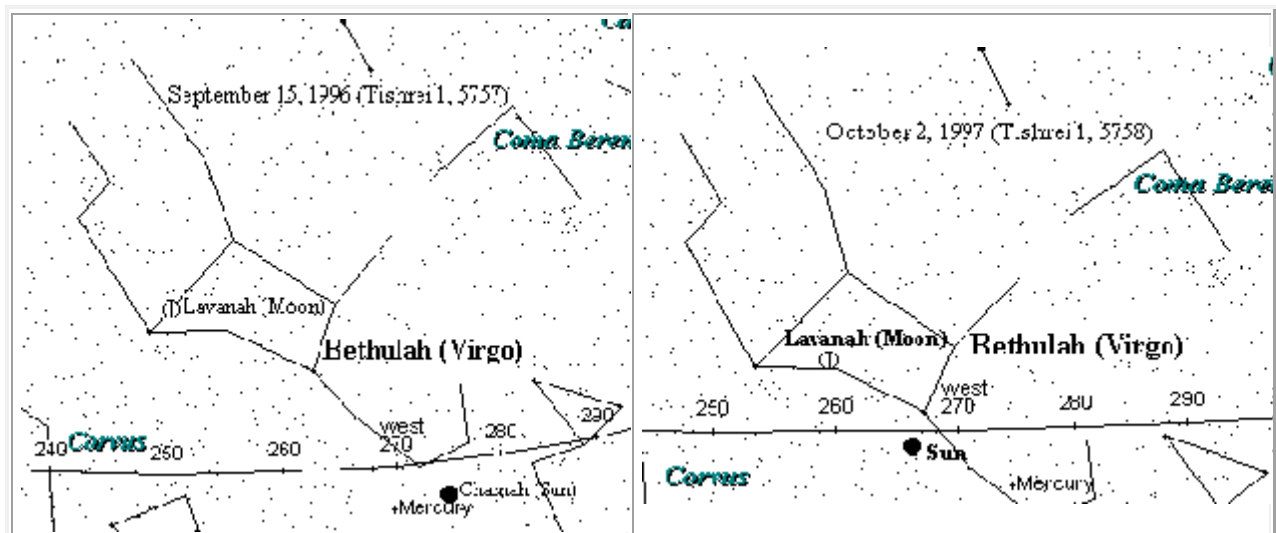


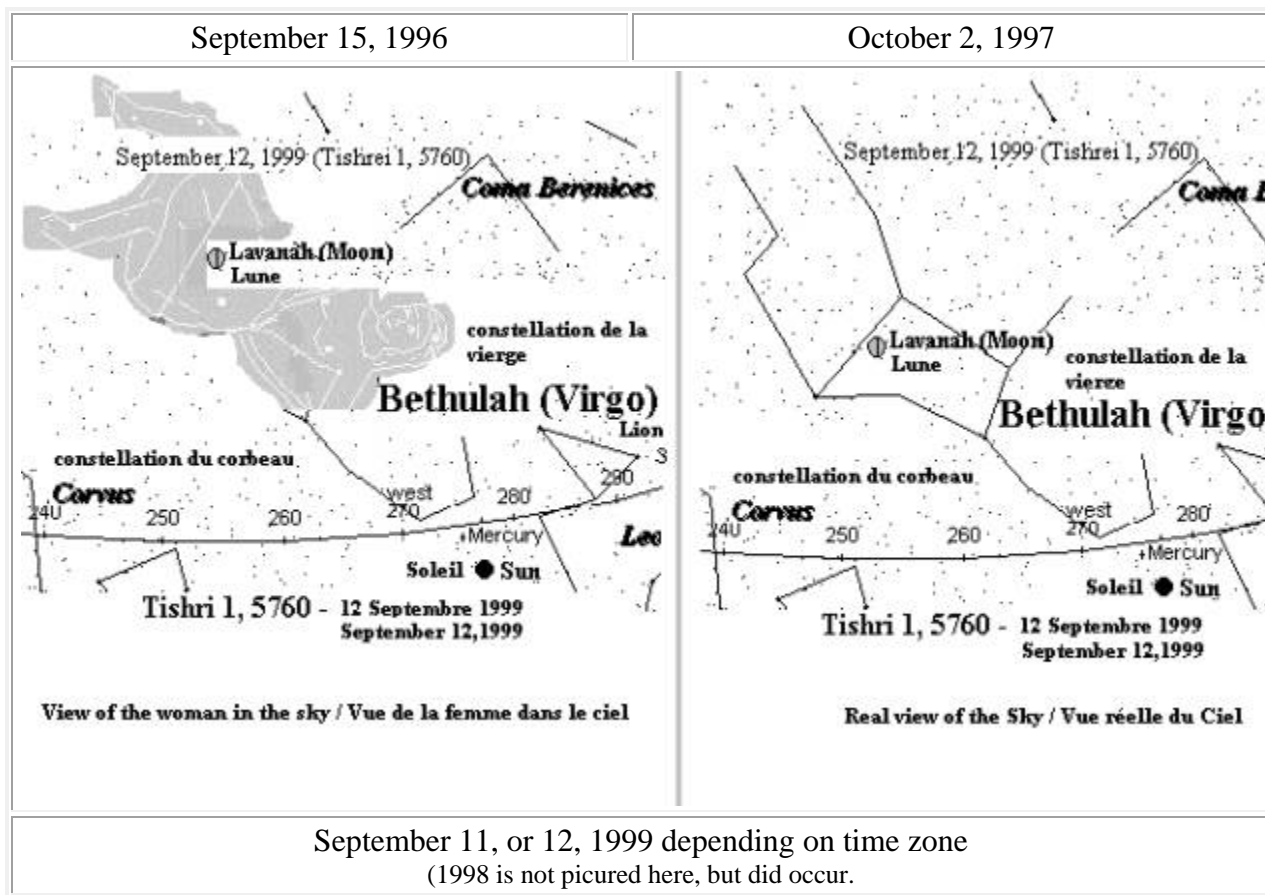
Recently, the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center put out an article entitled " A Christmas Star for SOHO (NASA)." This astronomical event which occurred May 17, 2000 is being compared to the "Christmas Star" reported in the book of Matthew. Even the US government is testifying to the wonderful things that God is doing in our generation!

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2000/ast16may_1.htm

The Jews understood the principle that whenever God moves in a major way, that He would give a "sign" in the heavens. This is why they asked Jesus to show them a sign to prove he was the Messiah (Matt. 16:1). The heavens in the past several years have been lighting up like never before heralding the soon return of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus). One particular sign that has been occurring from 1996 through 1999 during every Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah - The Jewish New Year) is Virgo the Virgin giving birth to the moon. The moon is located in the womb of the constellation Virgo. Revelation 12:1-17 compares this sign with the birthing of God's "man-child."

The Sign of Revelation 12:1-17





(see graphics above)

Revelation 12:1-5 "A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman (constellation Virgo) clothed with the sun (just below the horizon), with the moon (male-child) under her feet and a crown of twelve stars (constellation Bernice) on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon (enemy of the Church) (constellation Draco) with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child (moon), who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days."

Greg Killian (a Messianic Jew) first noticed the connection between this sign and Revelation chapter 12. The statistics are quoted from his web site.

The moon represents the "male Child" (Rev. 12) in this rare astronomical event. Virgo the Virgin (Bethula) is giving "birth" to the moon **every year** from 1996 to 1999, and it just happens to be occurring every year on the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hoshanah or the Feast of Trumpets), which is very rare indeed. By the year 2000, the moon is far beneath her legs (birthed). This positioning of Virgo and the moon has never occurred before, and will never occur again, due to the

precession of the equinoxes. Technically, it occurred 26,000 years ago (but mankind was not created yet), and it will occur in another 26,000 years if the earth endures.

The sun is just below the horizon such that Virgo (Bethulah) is "clothed with the sun" as the scripture mentions. The sun must be below the horizon in order to have any possibility of seeing this "sign." The moon is "new" and after "birth" the moon will move directly to the feet of Virgo (Bethula) within 24 hours. Over Virgo's head is the constellation known as "Coma Bernice's hair". This is the "crown of twelve stars" in verse 1. Higher and above her legs, we will find Draco, the Dragon, poised to devour Virgo's child.

The above pictures do not show Draco, the Dragon, because it would make the picture curved and hard to relate to. If you had a larger picture you would see that Draco is poised above the woman, waiting to snatch the man-child. The moon is poised in the "birth canal" of the virgin who is lying down with her feet in the air. The word "Bethulah" is in the location where her head should be. The constellation of Coma Bernice is the crown of twelve stars above the virgin's head.

This SIGN, as depicted above, is how it looks from Jerusalem. Notice that the Sun is below the horizon so that this sign can be seen. This sign would not be visible if the sun were to be above the horizon. Because the sun is below the horizon, the constellation is literally clothed with the sun!

Isaiah 66 (partially quoted below) seems to be the closest match in all of the Scriptures to the passage in Revelation 12. It seems to be more than a coincidence that Isaiah 66 is the weekly reading from the Prophets to be read by all orthodox Jews specifically when the New Moon (Rosh Chodesh) falls on the Sabbath; as it will on the Feast of Trumpets (September 11 & 12 1999). The Lord, obviously, chose the readings so that His people would be informed before He takes any action. This is also the same scripture that the Lord gave Cary Goodwin when He told him to "Gather My Apostles."

*Isaiah 66:5-9 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you, and exclude you because of my name, have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy!' Yet they will be put to shame. Hear that uproar from the city, hear that noise from the temple! It is the sound of the LORD repaying his enemies all they deserve. **Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children. Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God.***

Connection to the Apostles Gathering

So what is the connection between this sign and the apostles gathering? At the same time that the heavens were birthing a male-child, God was birthing His Apostles. The Lord Jesus spoke to His apostle Cary Goodwin on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles in September of 1996 a loud and clear word to "Gather My Apostles." This was like a conception which occurred during the

first year of the "Virgo birthing the moon" sign in heaven. Also, at the same time the Lord spoke to Cary, there was a blood red moon and a total lunar eclipse over Jerusalem. During the years 1996-2000 there were seven (7) different red moon eclipses over Jerusalem which all happened on Jewish Holidays!

Joel 2:30-32 - *"I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood **BEFORE** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."*

For three years (1996-1999) as the "Virgo birthing the moon" sign occurred, there were contacts being made worldwide between the Lord's apostles as Cary was faithful to begin gathering Jesus' apostles. In September of 1999 when the first "apostles-gathering" meeting occurred in Anaheim California, the final "Virgo birthing the moon" sign stood in the heavens as a token of what was being carried out on the earth... The church (woman) had been giving birth to the (man-child). This meeting was held during the Feast of Tabernacles, which was also the time that Jesus was born.

At the second "apostles-gathering" meeting in May 2000 in Atlanta Georgia, the Lord brought forth several independent confirmations of this "birth," besides what is written in this study. The confirmations that I am aware of include words by: Paul Cunningham, Cary Goodwin, and Deanna Emerson. Also, Dulce Rothacker was traveling in the Spirit. (Refer to Apostles-Gathering Newsletter #9 for further details - <http://www.apostles-gathering.com/vol9.html>)

During the same month of this 2nd apostles-gathering on May 17th, a sign occurred in the heavens so similar to the one at the time of Jesus' birth that NASA called it "A Christmas Star" (http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2000/ast16may_1.htm). Also, this gathering just happened to conclude the day before a major aligning of the planets occurred in heaven on May 5th (<http://itss.raytheon.com/cafe/qadir/may2000.html>). We are waiting for the fulfilling in the natural realm of what FIRST occurred in the SPIRIT. This is the same feast where the cloud of glory filled Solomon's temple so that the priests could not continue ministering (2 Chron. 5:3,14). God's Glory will be manifested, as soon as His "Cleanup of The Church" is completed. (Much as the cleansing of mother and child, after a physical birth.)

***Malachi 3:1** And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, Even the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.*