

# The Star Gospel

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*The only true superhero: Jesus Christ!*  
~Willie Aames

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There are many Biblical references in both the Old and New Testaments to stars and the Bible uses the word “star” in multiple ways — it could refer to a literal star in the sky, to a divine, angelic, or demonic being (e.g., Job 38:7, Isaiah 14:12-13, Daniel 8:10), or to people (e.g., Numbers 24:17, Judges 5:20, Daniel 12:3, Revelation 1:16,20).

Here are some examples:

- Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years.” *Genesis 1:14*
- “I see him, but not now, I behold him, but not near. A star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel, and shall crush through the forehead of Moab, and tear down all the sons of Sheth.” *Numbers 24:17*
- “Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars; the one who leads forth their host by number. He calls them all by name, and because of the greatness of his might and the strength of his power, not one of them is missing.” *Isaiah 40:26*
- Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. *Daniel 12:3*
- “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” *Matthew 2:2*
- “But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” *Matthew 24:29*
- “So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.” *2 Peter 1:19*
- “Wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.” *Jude 1:13*
- “And the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.” *Revelation 6:13*
- “The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.” *Revelation 8:11-12*
- “And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.” *Revelation 12:4*
- “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” *Revelation 22:16*

But regardless of how the word is used, it is clear that stars were very significant to ancient peoples. Astronomy was the first science, and the Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Hindus, and others were obsessed with the study of the stars, the constellations, and with their meaning. Many ancient structures, such as Stonehenge, the Sphinx, and the Great Pyramid at Giza, were associated with stars. The Zodiac, discussed below, was present in some form in virtually all ancient civilizations.

What was the origin of this obsession, and why was astronomy the first science? The stars and planets were used to guide the planting and harvesting of crops, as a navigational aid, and as a means to track the passage of time. We have since developed technological substitutes for all of the above, and the importance of stars has therefore been reduced to the level of curiosity. But equally significant was the study of stars and star groupings (constellations) in relationship to divine signs and their import.

John Herschel, a nineteenth century astronomer, undoubtedly has spoken for the way that many contemporary astronomers view the constellations:

Of course we do not here speak of those uncouth figures of men and monsters which are usually scribbled over celestial globes and maps... Constellations have a certain convenience, but they are otherwise entirely arbitrary and correspond to no *natural* subdivisions or groupings of stars... Astronomers treat them lightly or altogether disregard them.<sup>1</sup>

Scholars have therefore typically rejected the constellations as meaningless – as figures concocted by the supposedly overactive imagination of the early star gazers. In our contemporary world, the stars are obscured due to all of the light in the night sky, so we rarely witness the heavens as the ancients did centuries ago. A few of the constellations are obvious and easy to find, such as Orion and the Big Dipper. But most of them are quite hard to pick out, and others require some imagination to understand. For example, the constellation Cassiopea, representing a queen, consists only of a crown in the shape of a “W” or an “M” depending on its orientation, and Canis Minor, the little dog, consists of only the dog’s tail. Having myself searched for constellations, I have also been frustrated by their obscurity, and would therefore tend to agree with Herschel’s quote above.

However, the important issue here is not how I, Herschel, or contemporary astronomers and scientists view the constellations, but rather how they were viewed by the ancient peoples. These figures in the stars may well be obscure and not have any scientific significance in contemporary astronomy, but they have a theological meaning that the ancient peoples were aware of, but which has been mostly lost to us. Science has no way of either confirming or denying such meanings.

There is an amazing unity among ancient societies as diverse as Persia, Egypt, India, and China as to what the constellations were, the names that were given to the stars of which they were composed, and much more significantly, what the stars and their associated constellations meant. When ancient astronomy and the stories/legends about the figures depicted are considered, it becomes increasingly

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<sup>1</sup> John F. W. Herschel, *Outlines of Astronomy*, 1859

apparent that there was a pre-existing body of celestial knowledge that was somehow known to all of these societies, and then became diversified and corrupted as it was passed on.

Herschel is generally correct – the significance of the constellations for the most part was *not* in the form or the picture that they created. Human nature hasn't changed and the ancient peoples were just as intelligent as we are today. They were not stupid and did not have overactive imaginations, seeing, for example, a complete dog where only a tail existed in the sky. Rather, ***the significance of the constellations was in the names and identity of the stars that made them up. The constellations were merely a way of locating where the important stars were in the night sky.*** Many of the names ascribed to them by the ancients is lost to us, ***but it is the star names and identities that were important, and which carried the message of the Star Gospel.***

Some of the stars were only named for the constellations they appeared in, but the brightest ones often had individual names. These included, of course, the stars of the zodiac (discussed below), but others as well, such as Regulus, (king) from the constellation Leo, Alpha Draconis (dragon) from the constellation Draco, Aquarii (water carrier) from the constellation Aquarius, Sagittarii (bowman) from the constellation Sagittarius, and Crucis (cross) from the constellation Crux.

Among liberal scholars the more-or-less accepted view is that the stories of the Bible – Creation, Noah's Ark, and others are simply myths based upon older pagan tales, such as the Gilgamesh Epic from Chaldea. But with insight from the Star Gospel and other sources, it becomes clear that the pagan myths came later, and were distortions and corruptions of a set of original accounts that date from the beginning of humanity. The Bible is thus the only source of true information about the ancient pre-historical world.

After the fall of Adam and Eve, God gave a message of hope to them and their descendants. We have no documentary evidence of this, but it was said that Noah carried records from Adam in the form of cuneiform tablets with him, either on the Ark, or buried them prior to the flood and later dug them up. Some of these records or copies of them may have been available to Moses when he wrote the beginning chapters of the Book of Genesis (the author Genesis is not named, but it was certainly Moses). Furthermore, the same message was written in the stars in symbolic form.<sup>2</sup> The stars were already in place, so it was the meaning and interpretation of the stars, and their names and groupings (constellations) that was presumably supplied.

It is not known how this body of knowledge originated, who received it, or how it was passed on, but the fact that this information was known at the time the ancient societies came into existence, and formed part of the collective understanding of many cultures is strong evidence for its veracity.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See: E.W. Bullinger, *Witness of the Stars*, Joseph A. Seiss, *The Gospel in the Stars*, and Clyde L. Ferguson, *The Stars and the Bible*.

<sup>3</sup> Josephus credited the invention of astronomy to Adam, Seth, and Enoch.

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.” *Genesis 1:14*

The heavens are telling of the glory of God, and the firmament is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Yet their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber. It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end of them; there is nothing hidden from its heat. *Psalms 19:1-6*

There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations. *Luke 21:25*

The demons were also associated, and seemingly obsessed with stars:

How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. *Isaiah 14:12-15*

The verses above from Isaiah speak of “Lucifer, son of the morning, and star of the dawn,” which was Satan’s name before he rebelled. Some of the angels were apparently given authority over certain stars, perhaps even over galaxies or regions of the universe. Lucifer’s primary dominion may have been our galaxy, the Milky Way, or perhaps even a larger area. Satan has long been associated with serpents, dragons, and scorpions — the constellations Serpens, the serpent, and Draco, the dragon, represent him. The current pole star in the north is Polaris, but due to the precessional cycle, in ancient times the pole star may have been Alpha Draconis in the constellation of Draco. This star is pointed to by structures within the Great Pyramid, and it could have been a part of Satan’s ancient dominion, or in an area over which he wanted to rule. The above verses from Isaiah indicate that heaven lies to the north (“I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.”). Some Biblical scholars therefore believe that “heaven,” the main abode of God, is located in the north, and therefore the region to the north may have been and/or will become the main battleground between the forces of angels and demons. The mountain of the pagan storm god Baal (Jebel Al-Aqra, a mountain in northern Syria on the Turkey border, also called Hazzi by the Hittites and Cassius by the Greeks) was also located in the north. Many lightning storms occur at this mountain, so it was thought to be the home of Baal, and that he resided in a lapis lazuli palace at the

summit. The area is also referred to as “Baal-Zaphon” – “Baal of the north.” Baal was a symbol, an avatar, and a personification of Satan.

All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb. But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch. Like a trampled corpse, you will not be united with them in burial, because you have ruined your country and have slain your people. *Isaiah 14:18-19*

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, but they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. *Revelation 12:7-9*

Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time. *Revelation 12:12*

Angels and demons seem to have the same basic nature, with the main difference being to whom their allegiance is given. The Book of Revelation indicates that a third of the angels joined Satan in his rebellion against God (Revelation 12:4). Like Satan, some of the greater demons may have ruled over large areas of the cosmos, and then were removed from their power base by God after they rebelled against Him, as indicated in the verses above. It is not said when the war in heaven took place or will take place, where heaven is, how heaven is delineated, or exactly what was meant by “Satan being thrown down to earth” (i.e., does “earth” mean the planet Earth, our solar system, our galaxy, or some other area?) But regardless of these unanswered questions, the reality of angelic and demonic beings and the state of intense conflict that exists between them is clear. Like men from whom power has been stripped, the demons desperately crave to regain their territory and their former power and influence, and they fight with every weapon at their disposal. The main battleground in this war is the hearts and minds of people, who are confronted with the same issue – which side will they take?

The Bible also indicates that the fall of Adam and Eve produced profound changes, not only in the psychology and physiology of people, but also in the physical world:

To the woman he said, “I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. In pain you will bring forth children. Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” Then to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; cursed is the ground because of you. In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, until you return to the ground, because from it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” *Genesis 3:16-19*

The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord...So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth." *Genesis 6:5-8, 13*

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it has from the beginning of creation." When they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By those same waters the world at that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly men. *2 Peter 3:3-7*

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. *Romans 8:19-21*

The Romans passage above indicates that all of the world's peoples as well as the planet itself have been "subjected to futility" by God, a futility and a frustration that all of us are intimately familiar with. But one day God will destroy this world and replace it with a "new heaven and a new earth." The Star Gospel was a divine message written in the constellations of the night sky that explain God's overall plan for the ages.



## **The Birth of Christ**

Central to God’s plan is Christ, the second person of the divine trinity, and his birth was deeply connected with the stars. The Star Gospel had in fact long foretold his birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. The Chaldean astrologers, also known as the Magi, studied the stars and traveled all the way from Persia to Jerusalem, a thousand mile journey, to find the person of whom the stars spoke.

Sometime in early 3 BC (the probable date – it could have also been 2 BC) a Jewish wife in Nazareth, a town in northern Israel, became pregnant. Later that year when the wife was expecting, the couple left their home, but the trip was not done for either business or pleasure. They, along with all of their countrymen, were forced by the Romans to register in a census that had been ordered by the Emperor. In order to comply, they had to return to the city or town of their ancestry at some time during that year. Both husband and wife were from the tribe of Judah, and therefore had to register in Bethlehem, the ancestral town of King David.

With so many travelers on the roads, the inns and guesthouses were full, so when they reached Bethlehem, they could not find any place to stay. The wife was about to give birth, so her husband persuaded an innkeeper to let them stay in his stable. There, it is thought that on the evening of 11 September 3 BC, on Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the Jewish New Year and the “festival of trumpets,” their son was born.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> For a discussion of the dating of Christ’s birth and the associated celestial occurrences, see <http://fbcrecordings.tripod.com/id32.html>



This seemingly mundane event in the lives a poor and little-known Jewish family was accompanied by a series of unusual celestial occurrences. A month or so before, on August 12, the planet Jupiter, named after the father of the gods, along with Venus, representing the goddess of fertility, had risen together in the east. Then in September, Jupiter conjoined with Regulus, the “king star” of the constellation Leo the Lion. The lion, being the king of beasts, is the symbol of the tribe of Judah. These unusual conjunctions continued throughout the winter into the following year, culminating with the joining of Jupiter, Venus, Mars, and Mercury in late summer. The planets then separated and Jupiter continued on its way until December 25, the winter solstice, when it was located in the constellation Virgo, the virgin, and appeared to stand still for a time.

During the same period, an even more unusual celestial event took place. A bright star appeared in the constellation Pisces, the fish, long considered as the symbol of Israel and later of Christianity. This brilliant star or supernova overpowered and dimmed all of the other stars in same region of the sky.

Celestial occurrences were carefully studied by many in the ancient world, especially in Persia, where the kings had long maintained court astrologers. Daniel, or Belteshazzar (his Babylonian name), the Jewish author of the Old Testament book named after him, had been a high official and chief astrologer for both the Babylonians and the Persians, and had organized a group to succeed him. He had written about the birth of the Jewish King and Messiah. Even the Romans were aware of this prophecy—the emperor Nero was later advised by some of his astrologers to consider moving the seat of government from Rome to Jerusalem.<sup>5</sup>

When the celestial events described above were observed in Persia, there was great excitement, and several of the senior astrologers set out to see for themselves. They traveled throughout the spring and summer of 2 BC, arriving in Jerusalem sometime in the late fall. They immediately went to King Herod the Great, who at this point was a vile old man at the end of his life, plagued by deteriorating health. The visiting astrologers, also known as “magi” or “wise men,” caused great consternation at Herod’s court by asking the question, “Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews?” Herod immediately brought in the chief priests and asked them about prophecies related to stars and kings, and to his dismay, they showed him a prophecy from the book of Numbers:

A star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall arise from Israel. It shall crush the forehead of Moab, and tear down all of the sons of Sheth, and Edom and Seir shall be a possession. *Numbers 24:17*

Herod immediately was concerned because he himself was Edomite — an Idumean from the land of Edom. So he asked the priests where this King of the Jews was supposed to be born. They showed him another prophecy from the book of Micah:

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<sup>5</sup> In a letter from Suetonius, the Roman historian, to Nero.

But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from out of you will go forth a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity. *Micah 5:2*

Herod decided that he also had to find this baby so that he could kill it and remove any threat to his throne and the future of his dynasty. He had been appointed as king of Judea by the Romans primarily as a defense and buffer against the Parthians from Persia (his father had been killed in the lead-up to Parthian invasion, and Herod got the support of a Roman army to defeat them and seize power for himself). But his position as a client-king was always precarious, and he was paranoid about threats to his power. He had a number of his relatives and even one of his wives assassinated (whom he later wanted back from death), and Caesar Augustus was quoted as saying, “I’d rather be Herod’s pig than his son.”) Therefore, Herod told the magi to return afterwards and let him know where the baby was, so that he could go and worship him as well. They agreed and went on to Bethlehem, which is only seven miles from Jerusalem. Sometime probably near the end of December of 2 BC, they searched the town and eventually located Joseph, Mary, and their baby son who had been staying in Bethlehem for the past year. The magi gave the baby the gifts that they had brought — gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The magi were, however, suspicious about Herod’s motives in wanting to see the child, so they returned home without stopping in Jerusalem. For the same reason, the parents took their baby and immediately left for Egypt. Herod neglected to have the magi followed, because they had agreed to come back and report to him what they found. But after some days had passed with no report, Herod realized that he had been tricked, and in a rage he ordered that all of the babies under two years of age in the Bethlehem area be murdered (the baby Jesus would have been between one and two years old at that point). This was one of Herod’s last acts of cruelty – he died soon afterward in 1 BC.<sup>6</sup>

There has been confusion over the date of Herod’s death, which was one of the main indexes used by historians to establish the chronology of Christ. Based on Josephus’ *Antiquities* it has traditionally been inferred that Herod died at the end of March, or early April of 4 BC. However, modern scholarship has provided new insights into Josephus’ manuscripts<sup>7</sup> and presents evidence indicating that the date of Herod’s death was actually 1 BC. The primary discovery is that a printer who was typesetting the manuscript *Antiquities* made an error in the year 1544. According to scholars, every Josephus manuscript produced prior to 1544 supports the contention that Herod died in 1 BC.<sup>8</sup>

## The Zodiac

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<sup>6</sup> For a discussion of the period of Herod’s rule and death, see Andrew Steinmann, “When Did Herod the Great Reign?”, [https://www.academia.edu/9786536/When\\_Did\\_Herod\\_the\\_Great\\_Reign\\_see\\_comments\\_under\\_more](https://www.academia.edu/9786536/When_Did_Herod_the_Great_Reign_see_comments_under_more)

<sup>7</sup> David W. Beyer, “Josephus Re-Examined: Unraveling the Twenty-Second Year of Tiberius”, in *Chronos, Kairos, Christos II*, edited by E. Jerry Vardaman. Macon: Mercer University Press, 1998.

<sup>8</sup> Ernest L. Martin, *The Star That Astonished the World*, Second Edition; Portland, Oregon: ASK Publications, 1996.



The constellations of the Star Gospel were grouped into the twelve signs, known as the Mazzaroth or Zodiac (meaning, “circle of animals” or “steps”), and is the source of our calendar. The word “Zodiac” has come to be associated with astrology and fortune-telling, but originally it was used to denote the twelve months or stages of the sun’s path through the sky (note the description of this in the Psalm 19 passage above). The Zodiac is ancient and dates back to the beginning of Civilization. For example, an ancient Egyptian representation of it appears on the ceiling of the Temple of Hathor at Dendara.<sup>9</sup>

The Zodiac is a group of three “books,” each of which has four “chapters” to provide knowledge of God’s plans for the world. It was written in the stars, in a place where the message could be perpetually seen by all, and in a way that only God could employ. Associated with each of the twelve major signs of the Zodiac are three additional minor ones, making a total of forty-eight constellations.

People are well-acquainted with the Zodiac, but most have never heard of the Star Gospel – why is it so little known in today’s world? It is because it became corrupted; the very signs from the Zodiac that originally denoted God’s being and purpose were trashed and debased by associating them instead with divination and fortune-telling. Furthermore, this corruption occurred at a very early point in history, during the Babylonian empire, and therefore the Star Gospel was no longer used as a primary witness. The Bible has taken its place, but the messages from the Star Gospel and the Bible are essentially the same.

Furthermore, the signs used in the Zodiac were very similar among widely dispersed ancient peoples, including the Babylonians, the Hindus, the Chinese, and the Egyptians. Even more amazing is the unity of thought about what the figures depicted in the constellations meant. Here are examples of constellations and their meanings:

- Virgo, the Virgin. The ancient myths had common themes, one of which was that a divine son would be born to a virgin mother. It is striking how diverse cultures emphasized the virginity

<sup>9</sup> Patrick Heron, *The Nephilim and the Pyramid of the Apocalypse*, Citadel Press, 2007, p 91.

of the woman. She is *Athene* and *Parthenos*, the pure virgin, to the Greeks; *Bethula*, the maiden, in Hebrew and Syriac, and *Adarah* the maid of virgin pureness in Arabic. Associated with Virgo is the constellation Coma the infant (meaning *the desired, the longed for*), who is her son, and who will be “the Desire of all Nations.” Isis, the Egyptian goddess, was repeatedly pictured holding her infant son, who was called *Shes-nu* or *Horus*, the desired son (the Egyptian pharaohs traced their lineage to him). Krishna, the divine incarnation of Hindu mythology, was also supposedly born of a virgin. Furthermore, the son of the virgin would become a prophet, priest, and king; the Zodiac begins with Virgo, and ends with Leo, the lion, who leads and conquers.

- Libra, the Scales. This is a picture of God’s justice in which humanity is found wanting, but our lack is supplied through the sacrifice of Christ.
- Scorpio, the Scorpion. A picture of Satan, who continually attempts to strike and sting the human race. God told Satan in the Garden of Eden, “He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”
- Capricorn, the Goat. Once a year the priests of Israel were told to take a male goat and send him into the wilderness to die for the sins of the people (the term “scapegoat” came from this practice). The goat is a symbol of Christ in his work of atonement and redemption, but has also become associated with Satan, as the latter is to blame for much of the misery that humans have suffered.
- Aquarius, the Water-Carrier. Christ is the source of “living water” and divine refreshment. In his words to the Samaritan woman, Jesus said, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”
- Pisces, the Fishes. These represent the two main bodies of Christ – the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, and the church in the New Testament. The symbol for the church since its earliest days was a fish.
- Aries, the Ram. The ram pictures the sacrifice of Christ for his people.
- Taurus, the Bull. Like Aries, the bull also pictures Christ’s sacrifice. Rams were the sacrifice for the common people and a bullock was the sacrifice for leaders.
- Gemini, the Twins. Christ and his bride, the people of God.
- Cancer, the Crab. The crab is a reference to Christ’s ability to hold and keep us for life and eternity.

- Leo, the Lion. Christ in his role of ruler and king. He is the “lion of the tribe of Judah.”
- Hercules, the Mighty One. This constellation depicts a man with a raised club about to strike a three-headed monster. One foot of the man is set on the head of the Dragon constellation, and the other is lifted as if injured in the heel. The Phoenicians believed the man was their savior, the Greeks worshiped him as the greatest of all of their hero-gods, and the Romans honored him and called him the name by which we know him: *Hercules*. According to the mythic accounts, Hercules was a god-man who performed amazing feats of prowess, defeated the powers of evil, and cleansed the filth from a huge series of stables. Some have said that all of the stories were invented by the Greeks, but Hercules dates much father back to ancient Egypt and India. However, all of these myths are corruptions of the original meaning: Christ is the true Hercules, the god-man who performed many miracles and who provided the ultimate cleansing of vast mountains of filth by giving his own blood as atonement from the sin of humanity. He also fought with the devil and destroyed him, but was himself fatally wounded in the process (God’s message to Adam and Eve was that their seed would “bruise Satan on the head, but also be bruised on the heel.” Genesis 3:15) Christ descended into hell, “took captivity captive,” and restored access to the Tree of Life. The brightest star in this constellation is Ras al Gethi which means “the Head of him who bruises. Hercules is the most popular figure in mythology, and likewise Christ is the central figure of the universe. Good and evil are still in conflict, but eventually Satan and his demons will be smashed and Christ will prevail.
- Draco, the Dragon. This is the symbol of Satan, who seeks to destroy and devour people, as discussed above.
- The Planets. All ancient peoples had a seven-day week (the Sabbath week from Genesis), and all of them named the days of the week after celestial objects. *Sun-day*, *Moon-day*, *Tuves-day* (Anglo-Saxon name for Mars), *Woden-day* (Woden = Mercury), *Thor-day* (Thor = Jupiter), *Freya-day* (Freya = Venus), and *Saturn-day*.

Following is the Star Gospel – the signs of the Zodiac and the thirty-six other related constellations<sup>10</sup> along with their meanings and a verse from the Bible illustrating each one:

<b>Book &amp; Chapter</b>	<b>Constellation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Biblical Reference</b>
<b>Book #1: The First Coming of the Messiah</b>			

<sup>10</sup> Patrick Heron, *The Nephilim and the Pyramid of the Apocalypse*, Citadel Press, 2007, p 54-55.

<b>Chapter #1</b>	Virgo, the virgin	The virgin birth of the Messiah	“A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,” Isaiah 7:14
	Coma, the infant	The Messiah as a baby	“The desired of all nations shall come,” Haggai 2:7
	Centaurus—the centaur	The Messiah despised and misunderstood	“He is despised and rejected, a man of sorrows,” Isaiah 53:5
	Arcturus/Bootes, the shepherd	The ministry of the Messiah	“The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep,” John 10:11
<b>Chapter #2</b>	Libra, the scales	The Messiah satisfying the justice of God	“Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?” Genesis 18:25
	Crux, the cross	The instrument of the Messiah’s suffering	“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross” I Peter 2:4
	Lupus, the victim	The slain Messiah	“Christ died for our sins” I Corinthians 15:3
	Corona, the crown	The crown of thorns on the Messiah’s head	“They put a crown of thorns on his head” Matthew 27:30
<b>Chapter #3</b>	Scorpio, the scorpion	The Messiah’s enemy	“The Son of God was made manifest that he might destroy the works of the devil,” I John 3:8
	Serpens, the serpent	The one who crawls and bites on the heel	“You shall bruise his heel,” Genesis 3:15

Ophiuchus, the serpent holder	The man grasping the serpent	“I beheld Satan falling from heaven like lightning,” Luke 10:18
Hercules, the strong man	The mighty man victorious	“All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth,” Matthew 28:18

<b>Chapter #4</b>	Sagittarius, the bowman	The Messiah’s triumph	“He has led captivity captive,” Ephesians 4:8
	Lyra, the lyre	Praise for the conquering Messiah	Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever,” I Peter 4:11
	Ara, the altar	Fire prepared for the enemies	“Everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels,” Matthew 25:41
	Draco, the dragon	The ancient symbol for Satan	“The great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan,” Revelation 12:8

**Book #2: The Aftermath of the Messiah’s First Coming and the Interregnum**

<b>Chapter #5</b>	Capricorn, the goat	the Messiah’s atoning work	“He gave himself as a ransom,” I Timothy 2:6
	Sagitta, the arrow	God slays the Messiah	“The soul that sins shall die,” Ezekiel 18:20
	Aquila, the eagle	The smitten Messiah falls	“He said, ‘It is finished!’ And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit,” John 19:30

	Delphinus, the dolphin	The dead Messiah rising again	“He is risen,” Luke 24:6
<b>Chapter #6</b>	Aquarius, the water carrier	The blessings of the Messiah	“I came that they might have abundant life,” John 10:10
	Pices Australis, the fish	The blessing bestowed	“I am the way, the truth, and the life,” John 14:6
	Pegasus, the white horse	Spreading the blessing	“Preach the gospel,” Mark 16:15
	Cygnus, the swan	Circling the world	“The Holy Spirit will reprove the world of sin,” John 16:8

<b>Chapter #7</b>	Pisces, the two fish	Israel and the church	“So that apart from us they would not be made perfect.” Hebrews 11:40
	The Band, the ribbon	God’s people together	Around the throne were twentyfour thrones,” Revelation 4:4
	Andromeda, the woman in chains	The redeemed in bondage	“Many are the afflictions of the righteous,” Psalms 34:19
	Cepheus, the ring	The deliverer coming to loosen the bonds	“He ever lives to make intercession for us,” Hebrews 7:25
<b>Chapter #8</b>	Aries, the ram	The Messiah in the last days	“Worthy is the lamb to receive power, glory, and honor,” Revelation 1:11



	Cassiopea, the queen	The captive woman is delivered and becomes both bride and queen	“The marriage supper of the lamb has come” Revelation 10:7-8
	Cetus, the sea monster	The anti-Christ	“Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea,” Revelation 13:1
	Perseus, the armed man	The deliverer coming to the rescue	“He will dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” Jeremiah 19:11
<b>Book #3: The Second Coming of the Messiah</b>			
<b>Chapter #9</b>	Taurus, the bull	The rule of the Messiah	“He will rule them with a rod of iron,” Revelation 19:15
	Orion, the warrior	The Messiah as a warrior	“and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and wages war.” Revelation 19:11
	Eridanus, the river	Wrath breaking forth as a flood	“A fiery stream issued from before him,” Daniel 7:9
	Auriga, the shepherd	Safety for the redeemed in the day of wrath	“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection,” Revelation 20:6

<b>Chapter #10</b>	Gemini, the twins	The Messiah as the New Adam	“The first Adam, became a living soul, but the last Adam became a life-giving spirit,” I Corinthians 15:45
	Lepus, the hare	The enemy trodden underfoot	“And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of him who sat on the horse,” Revelation 19:21
	Canis Major, the large dog	The Messiah hunts those opposed to him	“With the breath of his mouth he shall slay the wicked,” Isaiah 11:4
	Canis Minor, the small dog	The armies of the Messiah	“And the armies of heaven follow him,” Revelation 19:11
<b>Chapter #11</b>	Cancer, the crab	The Messiah’s tenaciousness in caring for his people	“Neither principalities nor powers can separate us from the love of God in Christ,” Romans 8:30
	Ursa Major, the large bear	The greater sheepfold (NT believers)	“In my Father’s house are many mansions,” John 14:2
	Ursa Minor, the small bear	The lesser sheepfold (OT believers)	“Abraham’s bosom,” Luke 16:22
	Argo, the ship	The pilgrim’s arrival at home	“But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at his coming” I Corinthians 15:23

<b>Chapter #12</b>	Leo, the lion	The Prophecy of the Messiah's triumph	"The lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed," Revelation 5:5
	Hydra, the flying serpent	The serpent destroyed	"The devil that had deceived the nations was cast into the lake of fire" Revelation 20:10
	Crater, the cup of wrath	Wrath poured out	"This is the second death, the lake of fire," Revelation 20:14
	Corvus, the raven	the birds of prey devouring the enemy	"Who ever's name was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Revelation 20:15

Note that the Zodiac begins with the sign Virgo, the virgin who would bear a child (Jesus Christ), and ends with Leo, the lion from the tribe of Judah who will rule (also Jesus Christ). This may be the meaning of the ancient Sphinx in Egypt, which has the head of a woman, and the body of a lion. The Bible as well as the Star Gospel is all about Jesus Christ, as He is the central figure of the cosmos.

In considering the above list it quickly becomes clear that Satan had to corrupt the Zodiac, because it was such a powerful witness to the coming Messiah, who would ultimately defeat and crush him. This corruption was accomplished during the first world civilization in Sumer, Akkad, or Babylon, where the star gospel was replaced by astrology as a means of divination and sorcery.<sup>11</sup> The trashing of the Star Gospel was perhaps Satan's first and greatest triumph over God's use of nature to show us His glory and His plan for the future. As astronomy was corrupted into astrology, the stars were tinged with evil and therefore could no longer serve as a reliable spiritual witness. People today still use the stars as a means of divination and foretelling the future, but the Bible warns us from attempting to use the stars in that manner:

There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer. *Deuteronomy 18:10*

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<sup>11</sup> Richard B. Sorensen, "Nimrod and Semiramus — The King and Queen of Heaven" in *Unholy Grail — The Story of Judas Iscariot and Mary Magdalene*

For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king. *1 Samuel 15:23*

Outside [of the city of heaven] are the dogs, the sorcerers, the immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.  
*Revelation 22:15*

Considering the importance of stars in the Scriptures also reveals the implacable hatred that Satan has for Christ. Before his fall, Lucifer had been the “star of the morning” and the protector of earth—the brightest and most powerful of all of the angels.

Thus says the Lord God, “You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering. The ruby, the topaz and the diamond. The beryl, the onyx and the jasper. The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald. And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets was in you. On the day that you were created, all of this was prepared.”

“You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.” *Ezekiel 28:12-15*

But being the most powerful angel was not enough for Lucifer. He was jealous of Christ and wanted to be the Son of God, the ruler of the universe, and the true “morning star.” Therefore, he attracted a third of all of the angels to his side and started a war in heaven against his own father.

By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned. Therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you. By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade, you profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; it has consumed you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the eyes of all who see you. All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you. You have become terrified, and you will cease to be forever. *Ezekiel 28:16-19*

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. And she was with child, and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon...his tail swept away a third of

the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. *Revelation 12:1-4*

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, but they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night." *Revelation 12:7-10*

Lucifer was defeated and thrown down to earth with his minions. So he became Satan, the Devil, the ultimate conspirator, and our relentless enemy. As the above verse in Revelation indicates, Satan hates us so much that he first attempts to make us do wrong, and then accuses us before God day and night for doing so. Christ superseded Lucifer, not only as our protector, but also as our redeemer and friend. Jesus Christ is the "bright morning star." All of the kingdoms of the world will one day belong to Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.