



The Mystery of the Story in the Heaven's

INTRO:

"The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard" (Psalm 19:1).

How the Heavens declare the glory of God. We will see how God wrote His amazing story of redemption in the heavens. It's a prophetic, dramatic and progressive revelation that begins with the promise of the Messiah through Virgo the Virgin, and ends with the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Welcome to a front row seat on planet Earth of the greatest story ever told. This is the story of the Lord Jesus Christ as told through the midnight sky.

Teaching 1

On a previous broadcast we discovered that before the Word was written in our hearts, it was actually written in the Bible. And before it was written in the Bible, it was written in all of creation.

- A big part of the written word that is written in creation is what the Bible calls the Mazzaroth—(Job 38:32) and (2 Kings 23:5).
- One of the endless ways God is speaking is through the signs within the heavens.
- It has been greatly diminished through the centuries.
- From the beginning, the story of the redemption is on full display every night within the heavens for the whole world to glorify God with.

"Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power: not one is missing" (Isaiah 40:26).

- God created the stars in such a way that from our perspective we would be able to look up and see how powerful He is.
- We can also see a statement about our ability to see His plan of redemption.
- The names of the stars themselves also tell the story.
- God named the stars Himself—and they have ancient Hebraic and Arabic to this day. He did that to tell us a story.

“Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs to mark seasons, days, and years” (Gen. 1:14).

- A sign is a prophetic picture. It is a miraculous event that has a prophetic message within it.

There is a huge challenge to telling the great story of redemption to the whole universe.

Awesome story-telling 101:

- You have to introduce a worthy hero with a massive goal.
- You have to plunge that hero into utter chaos and then make Him fight for freedom.
- You have to show how the hero overcomes.

In the story in the heavens, the hero is always going to be Jesus. Some examples that He is the hero are:

- He’s the Branch that is prophesied in Virgo the Virgin.
 - Virgo is the first of the 12 prophetic signs in the Zodiac, or as the Bible calls it, the Mazzarath. This is the one that declares that there is a Messiah that is coming.
 - The brightest star in Virgo the Virgin is called Spica—it’s the fifteenth brightest star in the heavens and 250 light years from Earth.
 - The ancient Arabic name for it is Al Zamoc—which means the Branch.
 - This star is in the ear of corn that she is holding in her left hand, and this is the prophetic name of her seed—the Branch.
 - The prophetic name Branch is seen all over the heavens and consequently in at least biblical prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.
 - Zech. 3:8

What the heavens have to say to us: The Twelve major signs God has laid out in the heavens

- The prophetic promise of the virgin birth of the redeemer—the Lord Jesus Christ.

The very beginning of the story starts with God speaking to the Serpent in Gen. 3:15; "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." We would learn that the child would be a divine child.

- Libra the Scales
 - Libra is the Law.
 - It is one of the least bright constellations—that means that you will have to look deep into it.
 - It is the wages of sin.
 - It is the bill that Jesus would proclaim was paid in full at the cross when He said "it is finished!"
 - The ancient Hebrew name for this constellation means "weighed in the balance" and in Arabic it is called Al Zubena, and actually means redemption.
 - The brightest star is Zuben Al Genubi and it means "the purchase"
 - Another one means "the price which covers."
 - This is the testimony of Jesus as described in the book of Revelation
 - Romans 6:23

- Scorpio
 - The largest and southernmost of all the constellations
 - This is the enemy that must be defeated. It represents death itself.
 - 1 Cor. 15:55—O Death, where is your sting?
 - One of the brightest stars in all the heavens.
 - Anterez is the heart of the Scorpion—it dramatically shines blood red.
 - The name of the star means "wounding." Prophetic of the Messiah being wounded. (Isaiah 53:5)

- Sagittarius the Archer
 - Our Redeemer will win the ultimate war on our behalf.
 - "The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:56-57).
 - In that verse we see the Law—Libra, Death—Scorpio, and then the victory—Sagittarius.- exactly in the order it is presented in the heavens.

- “And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat upon it had a bow; and a crown was given to Him, and He went out conquering and to conquer” (Revelation 6:2).
- The Greeks thought it was a half horse, half man. It’s actually a human being riding a white horse.
- It all points to Jesus.

- Capricorn the Sea Goat
 - “For the Son of Man did not come to be served , but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).
 - It presents us with the mystery of Redeemer and the Redeemed in one body.
 - The goat has his head down as though he is dying, and his right leg is folded underneath his body as if he’s laying down his life.
 - The tail of the fish is nothing like that. It’s alive and splashing about.
 - The goat is before and the fish is after. The goat is the sacrifice (Lev. 10 &16).
 - The fish are those whose lives were paid for.
 - The Sea Goat and the Fish are becoming one body—both fully resurrected and redeemed.
 - This sign is fulfilled in John 17:20-23. “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in you...”
 - Capricorn is the second dimmest of all the constellations, second only to Cancer. This speaks of a mystery and necessity to search out the matter in order to understand what is being said. Read Proverbs 25:2.

- Aquarius the Water Bearer
 - The prophetic promise that the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all those who are redeemed.
 - This is a picture of God’s great goodness.
 - Read Isaiah 44:3
 - There are 108 stars in this sign. The brightest star located in the right shoulder and is called The Record of the Pouring Forth. The star in his left shoulder comes from something meaning Who Goes, and Who Returns. Now we see the revelation of Jesus, who will go and return again.

- Pisces the Fish
 - A prophetic promise that the Messiah will have a blessed people, and they will greatly multiply.
 - Read Genesis 22:17
 - The two fish represent natural Israel, and spiritual Israel.

- Aries the Ram
 - The power of atonement—He makes all things new.
 - The Ram is always strong and full of life. Sometimes it is seen as a lamb.
 - It is about this lamb ruling and reigning—representing the kingdom of God coming into the earth and His people overcoming victoriously.
 - It is about us now getting others into Heaven.
 - The brightest star is called El Nath, meaning “wounded”.
 - The next brightest star is called Al Sheratan meaning “The Bruised”.
 - The third brightest star is called Mesarim which means “The Bound”.
 - “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

- Taurus the Bull
 - Rushing forward with powerful momentum.
 - He is seen as having fierce wrath and is set against his enemies.
 - The brightest star located in the Bulls eye is called Al Debaran which means “The Leader”.
 - In the star located in the tip of the left horn, is something called Al Nath. (See above). He’s been wounded, but He’s back!
 - He bears the scars within His hands, but no one can stop Him.
 - In the neck of the bull, is a cluster of seven stars known as the Pleiades. This is the seven stars of Revelation—the seven churches.

- Gemini The Twins
 - Those who are redeemed will be righteous as Him who redeemed them.
 - “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known” (1 Cor. 13:12).
 - The brightest star is Pollux which means “Sweet”. This is a sweet union.

- “We took sweet counsel together, and walked in the house of God in the throng” (Psalm 55:14).
- The next brightest star is Castor which means “To Shine or Excel”. It means to go to the next level. This is the hope of all the saints.
- Cancer the Crab
 - The Jews see crabs as unclean. So we know that the original sign was not a crab. But they did get the claws right.
 - This is a sign of God holding on and never letting go. This intrigues us to go much deeper into our own salvation.
- Leo the Lion
 - It’s the prophetic promise that the Lion of the Tribe of Judah will triumph over the enemy and rule over all things.
 - “They shall walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the west” (Hosea 11:10).
 - Leo is the Book of Revelation that is written in the Heavens.