

REGARDING THE WONDROUS WOMAN SIGN OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

Pardon me if I'm a bit skeptical about reports circulating around saying that a rare alignment of the sun, moon, and stars in the constellation of Virgo is the miraculous sign that is told about in Revelation chapter twelve. Right at the start, let me present the 12th chapter of Revelation

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

There is a lot of information in this scripture. It is clear that the woman mentioned in this chapter is Israel. Yes, Miriam gave birth to Yeshua, but Miriam is not going to come back 2000 years later to lead Israel into the wilderness. Besides, there are quite a few scriptures where Yahweh compares Israel to a woman, even issuing a divorce decree at one point. Yahweh also calls the Nation of Israel a son, sons, betrothed and Yeshua called Israel His brothers. It is pretty clear that the woman in the text is Israel's descendants. It is also clear that the descendants that remain at the time of this sign are believers in Yeshua (see verses 11 and 17).

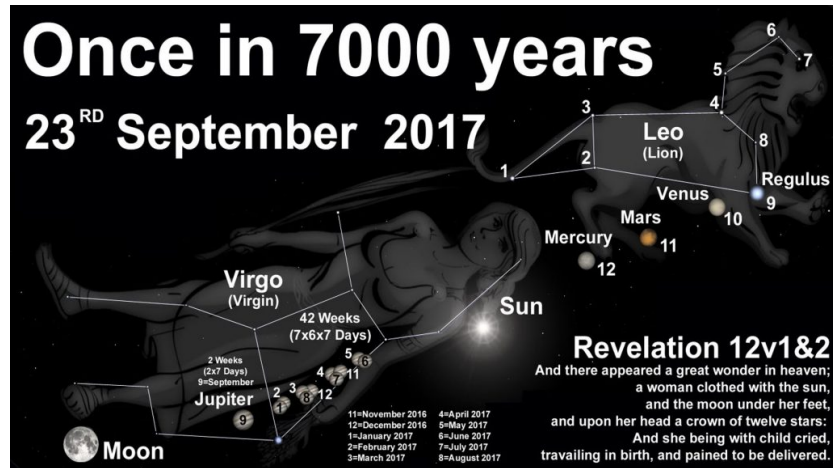
The first few verses of this chapter seem to refer back to the birth of Yeshua some 2000 years ago but verse six seems to propel us into modern times. In turn, one could possibly equate the escaping woman to the event where Yosef, Miriam, and Yeshua went to Egypt, but the scripture in this chapter says that the woman flees and mentions nothing of the child. This is because the woman is alone without the child, hence it is present time, not in the past. In addition, the verse before the woman flees clearly states that the child is taken up into Heaven, suggesting that it is speaking about the ascension of Yeshua to Heaven to be with Aveinu.

It is important to remember that Yohanan is seeing this vision from a heavenly aspect. Since time does not exist in Heaven, he is seeing it all play out in sequence, much like we can watch a movie about Yeshua that shows his whole known life of some 30 years in just a couple of hours. I think that it is probably a good time to play one of the videos that talk about this sign and assert that it is going to happen in just about one month from now. At the time that I am writing this I have only watched half of this video and the man who is narrating the video has been off on several things. Click below to watch the video

https://youtu.be/RayFMnnMA_A

The stories that are going around the internet are, to say the least, varied and convoluted. For instance, the man that is speaking in this video talks about a star that appeared at the time of Yeshua's birth and remained for about two years. He then goes on to say that the same star appeared at the time of Abraham and will be appearing on September 23rd, 2017. The narrator never mentions what star he is talking about. Is a star that we have never seen that's going to suddenly appear? Is he talking about Nibiru? He also states that this star appears about every two thousand years. Well, if that were to be true then it should have been here already because most scholars believe that Yeshua was born anywhere from 6BC to 2BC. That would mean if Yeshua was born in 4BC (we'll split the difference) then the star should have arrived around 1996 or thereabouts. It is 2017 this year and no star arrival. Does that mean that Yahweh can't keep time or that He is slack in his promises? I think not.

The narrator talks about this same star coming at the time of Abraham, but that cannot be found in scripture, in tradition, but not in scripture. Some speculate that the star that the narrator mentions as having to appear during the time of Abraham was Jupiter which is what some traditions assert. That tradition says that Jupiter didn't set while Abraham was fighting the armies that had kidnapped his nephew Lot and his family. Well, there are many nights when Jupiter doesn't set, so that is nothing special. Another corker is that there are other videos and writings out there that say that this lineup of stars only happens every 7 thousand years. Well, that is interesting since Earth is only six thousand years old, so in essence, it has never happened before, yet it has according to some?



Since the Earth, sun moon and stars, as well as the other planets, didn't exist when this sign supposedly came around about 7000 years ago then we have a problem with believing that this same sign came around 7 millennia ago. But there are even bigger problems.

If you look at the image directly above you will notice that it shows the constellation Virgo, which does mean "the virgin." And, it is interesting that Leo the Lion is directly above Virgo. We know that Yeshua is the Lion of The Tribe of Yehuda. Yes, these things are interesting, but they have been that way since Yahweh created the heavens. There are problems with this particular "sign," as I have mentioned. The first problem is the position of the moon.

If we look at the scripture in Revelation chapter 12, we notice that in the sign that Yohanan saw, the moon was "under" the woman's feet. In every image of the event that I have found, the moon is shown to be beside the woman's left foot. A quick look at the Greek text shows us that under means under, not next to:

Under: ὑποκάτω hypokátō, hoop-ok-at'-o; from G5259 and G2736; down under, i.e. beneath: —under.

There is no way that it can be interpreted as "next to," like the images show. The moon has figured into religion since Adam first looked up at the stars. Jews celebrate a New Moon and all Jewish months start when the first slice of the moon can be seen after the new moon. Religions based on Satanism revere a full moon. During the full moon is when Wiccan's sacrifice to nature and when Satanists sacrifice to Satan. There will not be a full moon on September 23rd, 2017. The moon will be four days old and will look like this:



On the 23rd the moon will no longer be a “new moon,” will be waxing strong working its way toward becoming a full moon. When Yahweh performed the miracles that He showed when he was redeeming Yisrael from Egypt, those miracles were putting to shame the gods of Egypt. In the same way, seeing that religions that are satanic counterfeits seem to worship the moon, it would only stand to reason that not only would the moon have to be “under” the woman’s feet (and not beside her feet) but it would probably be a full moon that would under her feet. Remember, Israel is the Woman and she’s giving birth to Yeshua Ha Mashiach who is master over all of the creation, so it would make sense that in the real sign, the woman would be trampling a full moon under her feet because she’s giving birth to the one who will again triumph over false religion.

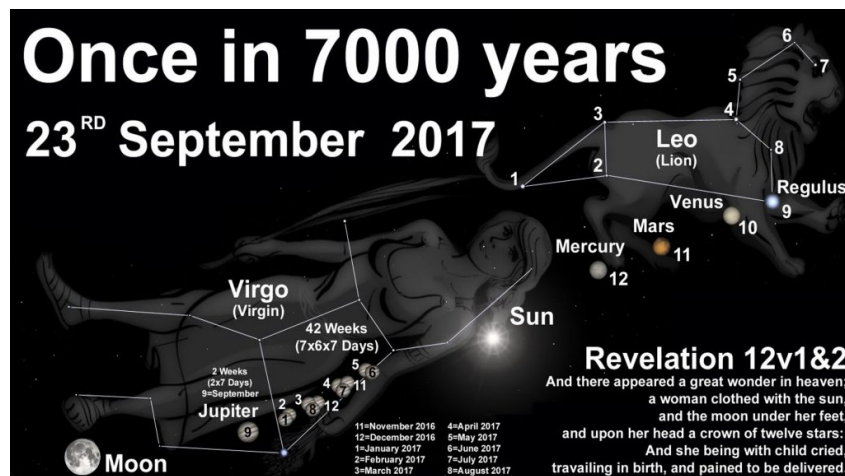
In the video and on other websites it is said that the woman will give birth to the child nine months after this miraculous sign. We calculate nine months to be 23 June 2018. Since the moon factors into this sign, we have to determine what the moon will look like on 23 June 2018 and where it will be at that time. There are problems here. The moon will only be 80 percent of its brightness so it will not be a full moon.



Another problem is that on June 23, 2018, the moon will not be in Virgo, it will be in Libra. So when the “woman” of Revelation gives birth to Mashiach (according to some interpretations of the “sign in heaven,” The moon will not be in any position to be under her feet, not even near her as a matter of fact. What is interesting is that, if the moon were to play into this sign at all, on June 23, 2018, it is in Libra, and Libra’s sign is a set of scales which signifies justice. Another note of interest is that Jupiter, which in the Hebrew mindset also stands for “justice” will also be in Libra. It has been asserted in some of the videos and online that during the “great sign” coming this September 23rd, Jupiter will emerge from between the legs of Virgo, as if Yeshua or the one who will rule with a Rod of Iron will be iconized on that date. However, what the authors of the September “signs and wonders” event fail to remember is that the woman represents Israel and that in the “sign” that Yohanan saw he said that when the woman gave birth the child was caught up into Heaven. In other words, that birth culminated in Yeshua coming as the Lamb of Yahweh, not the conquering king that he will be upon His return.

Wearing A Crown of Stars:

In the videos and in some texts online mention is made of the scripture and how she is wearing a crown of stars. The Hebrews often called the planets “wandering stars,” because they would change position in the sky whereas the constellations and other celestial object seemed to stay still and did not change position except during seasonal change. To get this into perspective we need to visit again the image of where the stars and planets of the supposed crown will be:



There are quite a few problems here. First, if we were to draw a line in from number to number it doesn’t resemble any crown that I am familiar with. It looks more like a cone than a crown, and even then, it doesn’t look like a perfect cone because stars 5,6, and 7 form a branch

off from the cone. You really have to use a lot of imagination to make a crown out of the way that the stars are laid out. One could argue that it bears some sort of resemblance to a modern-day Yemeni Jewish Wedding Crown:



The problems with this assumption are numerous. First, in Jewish tradition, the crown was worn before the wedding. In Yemeni tradition, it is worn five to seven days before the ceremony as the bride looks forward to her forthcoming marriage. The problem is that the woman in the scripture, although a Virgin, was still married to Yahweh. If the woman, wearing a crown was held to Yemeni tradition, and Yemeni tradition is a carryover from ancient Israel, then we have one big problem, she is pregnant and not married. Remember that the crown is worn before the actual wedding. Miriam, Yeshua's mother was taken in marriage by Yosef to make her an honorable woman. There are no constellations near the woman in Revelation that would suggest Yosef is marrying her. One could say that the woman represents Miriam, Yeshua's mother, but then we get into a whole bunch of problems with making the woman into the ultimate Marian visitation. Another problem comes with identifying who the 12 stars represent. Some would say that the 12 stars represent the 12 Tribes of Israel, each one cemented into Yahweh through Yeshua the Lion of The Tribe of Yehuda. This would probably be the best explanation, but there are problems that occur with this. First, three of the stars in the crown are actually planets, if we take the September 23rd sign literally. When the planets move away there are really only nine stars in the crown. Another problem is the meaning of the planets. If we take the modern names of the planets, we can see that they are named after Greco/Roman gods.

Mercury was the god that ferried souls to Hades, Mars was seen as the god of war and Venus was seen as the goddess of erotic love and fertility. These are not the items that Yahweh would put into a crown for His bride who is giving birth to the Savior. Okay, so we then can look at the Hebrew names and meanings for the Sun, Moon, and Planets:

- *Shabbatai* שבתאי, Saturn
Meaning: “the restful one,” whose name is parallel to that of the Sabbath Day; the Seventh-day; the day of rest. Esoterically, Saturn embodies Time itself. In the midst of time’s passage, Saturn remains still and silent, drawing all endeavors to a close.
- *Tzedeq* צדק, Jupiter
Meaning: “righteousness”, as Jupiter is the embodiment of divine influx. Note: Also known to signify ultimate justice.
- *Ma’adim* מאדים, Mars
Meaning: “the red one”
- *Hammah* חמה, the Sun
Meaning: “the hot one”
- *Kokhevet* כוכבת, *Nogah* נוגה or *Kokhav-Nogah* כוכב נוגה, Venus
Meanings: “the she-planet,” “the bright one,” or “the bright planet,” respectively.
Note: Venus is also associated with the Lucifer, the “son of the morning,” in Isaiah 12:12
- *Kokhav* כוכב, Mercury
Meaning: “the planet,” since Mercury is the Principle of planetary influence, in and of itself. The Mercurial principle is that of multiplorancy. It embodies our means of adaptation and represents the many facets of existence. In being deemed simply as “the planet”, Mercury is presented as a blank slate; an open-ended modality of being.
- *Levanah* לבנה, the Moon
Meaning: “the white one”

If we are to buy into the crown being the 12 sons of Israel, we find problems here too. Let’s look at Mercury or Kokhav. The word “multiplorancy” is interesting. It comes from a Latin-derived word, “plorar” which means to weep or cry. What we derive a definition that Kokhav means a condition of multiple sessions of crying or weeping. It lends to the scripture that says “all creation cries out for the revelation of the sons of God.” When we look at the prophecies that are given by Israel to his sons in the last chapters of Genesis, we see no mention of him saying that any son will be in perpetual weeping.

When we look at the Hebrew meaning of Venus “Kokhevet” we run into a problem right away because it was known as “the she planet.” The Sons of Israel are men, now women. In addition, Isaiah equates Lucifer with Venus, claiming that another name for Lucifer was “son of the morning.” Israel did not equate any of his sons with Lucifer.

Looking at Mars we see that things don’t fit into the equation. The word Ma-adim means “the red one,” and there is no mention in scripture about any of Israel’s children being red or ruddy. There is how a mention of Jacob’s (Israel’s) brother Esau being referred to as ruddy. It is interesting to parallel how Esau was always set against Israel (though there were years of unsteady peace), and how Satan is set against Israel. Again, there would be no reason to include such a figure in a crown if the crown was supposed to be the twelve sons of Israel.

Another theory that I’ve read is that the stars of the crown that is adorning the woman represent the 12 Disciples that Yeshua kept to himself. One could argue that Judas Iscariot fits into both Mercury and Venus, Mercury because he might be forever weeping over his condition of being a traitor to Yeshua and Lucifer because he was used by Satan. Truth be told however that even if Judas Iscariot were to be cast as perpetually mournful, we don’t know his condition in Torments. For all we know, he is angry at Yeshua and is not repentant. We do know that scripture says he was born to perdition, and we can assume that he found that out after he left this life. One could assume his affiliation with Venus because he was under the direct influence of Satan, but again that would only be an assumption. One could also assume that Peter could fit into the Venus mold because Yeshua rebuked him, using the word Satan when he was rebuked, but anyone with common sense knows that Peter was not Satan, only influenced by Satan, and, Peter repented and was forgiven by Yeshua.

By looking at the planets that line up in what is supposed to be a crown we can pretty well know for sure that what is supposed to be a crown is just a fancy that some have made up to imagine a crown on the woman’s head. I seriously doubt Yahweh would use three planets that in both Hebrew tradition and modern astrology are named for things not scriptural and ascribed as wickedness. I know that if I were to present my wife with a crown, I wouldn’t place evil stones as three of the settings.

Clothed with The Sun:

The scripture also mentions that the woman is “clothed with the sun.” I could accept this as being part of the “great sign,” if it weren’t for the fact that the Sun rests on her left shoulder. The word for “clothed,” is quite clear:

περιβάλλω peribállō, per-ee-bal’-lo; from G4012 and G906; to throw all around, i.e. invest (with a palisade or with clothing): —array, cast about, clothe (-d me), put on.

It is quite clear that the “sun” that is clothing the woman is something that covers her whole form, not just resting on her shoulder. I could accept this as being part of the “sign” if perhaps the sun were in the middle of Virgo because that would be more like clothing than just a strap on her left shoulder.

Ramifications:

What bothers me the most about all of this is that Christians are doing what Christians usually do when they are given false information or when they are presented with possible angst coming upon the earth, they proclaim that the rapture is very near. Just yesterday I had to address this with a dear older sister in Yeshua. She was passing off this supposed “sign” as an imminent sign that the rapture could come soon and that people should get saved, and that if they didn’t get saved, they would have to live through the Tribulation. I wrote to her expressing my concerns with what she was presenting, telling her that I’m not so sure that what many are presenting as the “Sign of The Woman,” in Revelation is the actual sign that will occur. She responded that she just wanted to let people who weren’t saved to have a chance to get saved before the Tribulation started and by issuing a warning that if they didn’t get saved, they would be left behind. I can’t really fault her too much because she has been fed false information about the timing of the Harpazo and she just wants what is best for loved ones that do not know Yeshua. My fear, however, is that on the 24th of September, or whenever she thinks the Harpazo will occur, it does not occur it only makes Christians like her look like fools. I once did this back in 1987 when I read a book titled “88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Happen In 1988.” I sent copies to relatives and then had to mournfully eat crow as they called me and told me that I was a fool because I was still around and not in the Heavenly Realm. A better way to message people is to not just tell them to get saved, but to talk about how rotten the world is, how they are in the world system, that they are sinners in rebellion to Yahweh, what the consequences are and then you explain to them what being saved means and why they should choose Yeshua. Of course, the

most shining example is to live a godly life and not to just believe in Yeshua, (heck, the devil believes in Yeshua), but to believe Yeshua.