**ACT 1: THE REDEEMER PROMISED Christ delivers man from the PENALTY of sin**

 **1. VIRGO: The Seed of the Woman, Christ the Incarnate Man**

(1) COMA The Desire of the Nations

 (2) CENTAURUS The Dual Natured Centaur

 (3) BOOTES The Exalted Shepherd and Harvester

**2. LIBRA: The Scales and the Required Price Paid, Christ the Redeemer**

 (1) CRUX The Cross to be Endured

 (2) LUPUS The Slain Victim

 (3) CORONA The Crown Purchased

**3. SCORPIO: The Mortal Conflict, Christ the Sufferer**

 (1) SERPENS The Serpent Struggles w/ the Seed of the Women

 (2) OPHIUCHUS The Mighty One Handles the Serpent

 (3) HERCULES The Mighty Man Humbled Yet Victorious

**4. SAGITTARIUS: The Archer with a Drawn Bow, The Final Triumph, Christ the Conqueror**

(1) LYRA The Harp or Lyre of Gladness

 (2) ARA The Fire of Judgment

 (3) DRACO The Dragon Cast Down

**ACT 2: THE REDEEMER’S PEOPLE Christ delivers man from the POWER of sin**

**5. CAPRICORNUS: The Sea Goat, Life Out of Death, Christ the Sacrifice**

(1) SAGATTA The Arrow of God

 (2) AQUILA The Falling Eagle

 (3) DELPHINUS Springing Up In Resurrection From Death

**6. AQUARIUS: The Water of Life Blessing Poured Out on the Redeemed, Christ the Living Water**

(1) PISCIS Drink In Heavenly Food

 (2) PEGASUS The Winged Horse and the Return of the Redeemer

 (3) CYGNUS The Swan and the Return of the Redeemer

**7. PISCES: Deliverance Out of Bondage, Christ the Liberator**

 (1) THE BAND Upheld and Governed by the Lamb

 (2) ANDROMEDA The Intended Bride Bound and Afflicted

 (3) CEPHEUS The Crowned King

**8. ARIES : Glory Out of Humiliation, Christ the Crowned Lamb**

(1) CASSIOPEIA The Bride Released and Made Ready

 (2) CEUTUS The Great Sea Monster Bound

 (3) PERSEUS The Mighty Deliverer

**ACT 3: THE REDEMPTION COMPLETED Christ delivers man from the PRESENCE of sin**

**9. TARUS: The Bull, the Invincible Ruler Comes, Christ the Judge**

(1) ORION The Prince of Glory Triumphs

 (2) ERIDANUS The River of Fire and Judgment

 (3) AURIGA The All Ruling Shepherd

**10. GEMINI : The Twins, the Coming of the Prince Ruler on Earth and Savior, Christ the King**

 (1) LEPUS The Enemy Trodden Underfoot

 (2) CANIS Major The Prince Coming in Glory

 (3) CANIS MINOR The Coming Redeemer

**11. CANCER: The Possession Secured, Christ the Protector**

 (1) URSA MINOR The Sheepfold

 (2) URSA MAJOR The Assembled Flock

 (3) ARGO The Ship in Harbor, Travelers Safely Home

**12. LEO: The Lion, the King Triumphant, Christ the Victor**

 (1) HYDRA The Serpent Destroyed

 (2) CRATER The Wrath of God Poured Out

 (3) CORVUS The Raven, the Carcass Devoured

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Continuing: **GOD’S THREE-ACT PLAY IN THE SKY**

Jesus Christ is the Master Theme of the Written Word and the Stellar Revelation

**LESSON #11 (11-24-13)** ACT 1**:** **THE REDEEMER PROMISED**

**4. SAGITTARIUS**

 “**THE VICTORIOUS ARCHER WITH BOW DRAWN”**

MAJORCONSTELLATION, SCENE 4, **Christ the Conqueror**

Sagittarius is in the form of a centaur with his great bow drawn to the full with arrow loaded. And where is he aiming? At the heart of Scorpio of course! **PP**

There was another centaur in the Virgo group who carried a lance and pierced Lupus, the victim, in the Libra group. That centaur was called “**The Despised One**”. But the centaur pictured in Sagittarius is the **“Victorious One”.** **PP**

Under this constellation in the ancient Zodiac of Denderah is the word “Knem” in hieroglyphics which means **“He conquers”.** *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

 *Is crowned with glory now;*

 *A royal diadem adorns*

 *The mighty Victors brow.*

 *By Thomas Kelly*

The name Sagittarius means **“archer”**in both Hebrew and Syriac.

In Arabic, his name is Al Kaus, **The Arrow***.*

The Greek poet Aratus said of him:

 *Midst golden stars he stands refulgent* [shining] *now,*

 *And thrusts the Scorpion with his bended bow.*

***Revelation 6:2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.***

***Psalm 64:7-9 But God will shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly they will be wounded. 8) So they will make him stumble; their own tongue is against them; all who see them will shake the head. 9) Then all men will fear, and they will declare the work of God, and will consider what He has done.***

***Psalm 7:11-13 God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day. 12) If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready. 13) He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons; He makes His arrows fiery shafts.***

***Deuteronomy 32:23 'I*** [God] ***will heap misfortunes on them; I will use My arrows on them.***

***Deuteronomy 32:42 'I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword will devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired leaders of the enemy.'***

***Lamentations 3:12-13 He bent His bow and set me as a target for the arrow. 13) He made the arrows of His quiver to enter into my inward parts.***

Sagittarius is the most southerly of all the zodiacal signs and appears very low to the horizon in the summer sky. However it can be easily seen if you’re looking for the teapot.

LYRA

 **“**The Harp, Praise for the Victor” DECAN CONSTELLATION

Lyra pictures a lyre or a harp. The harp is one of the oldest instruments; it was even used during the lifetime of Adam:

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***Exodus 15:1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said, "I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted; the horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.***

The harp is connected here with joy and gladness over the victory of the Archer. It is also used to soothe the troubled soul as it did for King Saul when David played for him.

***1 Samuel 16:23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.***

***Psalm 33:1-2 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. 2) Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.***

***Psalm 71:22 Also with the lute I will praise you -- And Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.***

So **LYRA** is a source of encouragement and comfort to us as we see this old world becoming more and more hostile. It reminds us of a day when we will be celebrating the victory of our Lord over Satan and the forces of darkness.

***Psalm 21:13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your power.***

**PP** Some star maps and charts show this constellation with an **eagle** in an attitude of triumph like the famous zodiac of Dendereh depicts it.

***Isaiah 40:30-31 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, 31) yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary.***

STAR: SHELIAK means **“eagle”**

STAR: SUAAPHATmeans **“ascending”** and reminds us of an eagle rising up to the sky ascending on high, but it also reminds us of our Lord’s ascension in ***Acts 1:9***.

***Acts 1:9-11 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10) And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11) They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."***

**STARS #12 (12-1-13)**

ARA

 “The Altar or Burning Pyre”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

Ara is an altar turned upside down, pointing toward the lower regions of outer darkness. Ara is too far South to see for most of the Northern hemisphere. The fire on the altar is symbolic of the fire of judgment that will consume the enemies of the mighty Sagittarius.

***Psalm 21:9 You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; The LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will devour them.***

***Isaiah 66:16 For the LORD will execute judgment by fire …***

The next Decan, DRACO, represents Satan who will be cast into the Lake of Fire that was prepared for the devil and his angels.

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***Matthew 25:41 Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. . .***

***Revelation 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.***

Fire and judgment doesn’t always refer to eternal judgment for unbelievers.

Sometimes it refers to the punishment for believers who abandon any effort to resist sin and acquire a haughty attitude toward God and His Word.

***Hebrews 10:26-29 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27) but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. 28) Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.***

***29) How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?***

DRACO

 “The Dragon Cast Down”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

Draco completes the first act in the prophetic drama in the sky. **PP**

The name DRACO means **“trodden on”** in the Greek.

***Psalm 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.***

Remember that Draco’s head is under the foot of Hercules which is yet another pictorial reminder of ***Gen. 3:15***

The NASV uses the word “dragon” fifteen times. It uses the word usually in a pictorial allegorical sense.

***Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.***

*“****תַּנִּין*** [TANNIYN, TANNIYM /TAN·NEEN/]*n m. Intensive from the same as 8565; TWOT 2528b; GK 9490; 28 occurrences; AV translates as “dragon” 21 times, “serpent” three times, “whale” three times, and “sea monster” once. 1 dragon, serpent, sea monster. 1a dragon or dinosaur. 1b sea or river monster. 1c serpent, venomous snake.*

*James Strong, Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2001).*

***Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon*** [Gr. DRAKON] ***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.***

***Revelation 20:2 And he*** [an angel] ***laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;***

**PP** Completion of Act 1 with Sagittarius SUMMARY:

**Christ the Conqueror**

**4. SAGITTARIUS: THE ARCHER WITH A DRAWN BOW;** The Scorpion Wounds but is Crushed

(1) LYRA The Harp or Lyre of Gladness; Praise for the Victor

 (2) ARA The Fire of Judgment

 (3) DRACO The Dragon Cast Down

**STARS #13 (12-8-13)** STARS, pg. 26

Act 1 portrayed the four constellations in four aspects of the prophetic truth concerning the Person and Work of the coming Redeemer:

***The manhood*** He would assume,

***The*** ***price*** He would pay

***The battle*** He would fight

***The victory*** He would win.

Now in Act 2, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, and Aries, along with their accompanying constellations explain the results of His redeeming work.

 ACT 2**: THE REDEEMER’S PEOPLE**

**5. CAPRICORNUS**

 “**LIFE OUT OF DEATH”, Christ the Sacrifice**

MAJORCONSTELLATION, SCENE 5

This is a goat with the tail of a fish. While the goat is dying with a bowed head and folded legs, the fish tail is very much alive and vigorous.

The goat was regularly used as a sacrificial animal for a sin offering in the history of Israel.

***Leviticus 9:3 Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both one year old, without defect, for a burnt offering,***

The Hebrews called the sign of Capricorn *Gedi* which means **“The Kid”** or **“Cut Off”.**

One of its stars is:

STAR: AL GEDI, also means **“The Kid”** or **“Cut Off”.**

The sacrificing of the goat on the Day of Atonement would take away the sins of the Israelites for one year, ***Lev. 23:17-18***. The innocent goat being sacrificed for the sins of the people typified Christ’s atonement for our sins on the cross.

From the dying goat comes a living fish which is symbolic for the multitudes who have been redeemed and given eternal life because of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. **PP ICHTHUS**

***Matthew 4:19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."***

***Matthew 13:47-48 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind; 48) and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away.***

The living fish emerging from the dying goat speaks of life that comes from death because of the sacrifice our great Lord made on our behalf. The fish tail of Capricorn is in contrast to the dying goat is a new life or new creature coming from the dead.

***2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.***

SAGITTA

 “The Arrow of God’s Judgment”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

Sagitta depicts the judgment of God against sin which reached its climax when GTF poured out the sins of all mankind on Jesus Christ as He hung on the cross.

The arrow portrays the instrument of God punishing sin: Read ***Psalm 38:1-8*.**

***Job 6:4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, Their poison my spirit drinks; The terrors of God are arrayed against me.***

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The one who shot SAGITTA, the arrow, is not shown because the arrow is the arrow of God that is ever present. It speaks of His perfect righteousness and justice. It reminds us that God takes sin very seriously and so should we.

King Saul died the sin unto death on Mt. Gilboa with his body full of arrows, and he fell on his sword to end the pain and avoid being tortured by his enemies, ***1 Sam. 31:3***.

AQUILA

 “The Pierced Eagle Falling”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

STAR: AL ALTAIR = in the eagle’s neck, **“the wounding”**

STAR: AL CAIR = **“the piercing”**

STAR: AL TARATRED = **“wounded”** or **”torn”**

STAR: AL SHAIN = **“red colored”**

STAR: AL OKAL = in the tail of the eagle, **“wounded in the heel”**

Our Lord is compared to an eagle in:

***Deuteronomy 32:11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, That hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions.***

***Psa. 103:1-5***

AQUILA, the wounded falling eagle portrays Christ on the cross when He said,

***John 19:30 “It is finished”, and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.***

STAR: AL CAIR = **“the piercing”**

***Psalm 22:16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.***

***Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;*** [God The Father didn’t shy away from crushing His uniquely born Son with our sins; parents, make the application]

***John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.***

But the story certainly doesn’t end there! Later, we see our Lord compared to an eagle, only this time, not a wounded one but rather like a mighty eagle hunting for its prey.

***Jeremiah 49:22 Behold, He will mount up and swoop like an eagle and spread out His wings against Bozrah; and the hearts of the mighty men of Edom in that day will be like the heart of a woman in labor.***

***Revelation 4:6-7 ... and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. 7) The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.***

DELPHINUS

 “The Dolphin Springing Up Out of the Water”,

 DECAN CONSTELLATION; *Resurrection from Death*

The dolphin springing up out of the water completes the prophetical picture of redemption. We have victory over death because Christ conquered death when He rose from the grave.

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***1 Corinthians 15:55-57 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Romans 4:25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised for our justification.***

Jesus Christ has delivered us from the fear and bondage of death. However we can get discouraged and overwhelmed sometimes like the writer of a ***Psalm 42*** did**:**

***Psalm 42:7 All Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.***

This writer was referring to the waves of despair and sorrow that were overwhelming him. But sorrow is only temporary. **DELPHINUS** reminds us that someday, the Lord will come for us and like the dolphin who leaps out of the water, we will leap into the air to meet our Lord and all of the troubles and woes of this life will be only a memory.

Dolphins are wonderful creatures that are so full of life and seem to be so happy. It even looks like they are smiling all the time. They love to have fun. **PP**

SUMMARY:

**5. CAPRICORNUS: THE SEA GOAT, LIFE OUT OF DEATH, Christ the Sacrifice**

(1) SAGATTA The Arrow of God

(2) AQUILA The Falling Eagle

(3) DELPHINUS Springing Up In Resurrection From Death

**STARS #14 (12-15-13)**

**6.** AQUARIUS

**6.** AQUARIUS “**THE WATER BEARER”, Christ the Living Water**

 MAJOR CONSTELLATION, SCENE 5

Aquarius depicts a man pouring water out of a container that never runs out. The water is “living water” poured into the open mouth of a fish.

***John 4:7-14*** Read

***John 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39) But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.***

***Ephesians 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26) so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water*** [Rebound] ***with the word*** [B.D.]***.***

Believers are sanctified by confession of sin and by the intake of God’s Word.

***Exodus 17:1-6*** Read

***Psalm 78:15-17 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths. 16) He brought forth streams also from the rock and caused waters to run down like rivers. 17) Yet they still continued to sin against Him, to rebel against the Most High in the desert.***

***Numbers 24:1-7*** Read

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PISCISUS AUSTRINUS

 “The Living Water Received”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

STAR: FOMALHAUT = **“The mouth of the fish”**

The water illustrates the endless flow of blessing we receive from God.

***(See Visual: Grace Pipeline* PP*)***

PEGASUS

 “The Soon Return of the Redeemer”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

PEGA = **“Chief”**  + SUS = **“Horse”** or **“Swiftly Coming”**

STAR: SCHEAT = **“Who carries”**

STAR: MATAR = **“Who comes to overflow with joy”**

STAR: MARKAB =  **“Returning from afar”**

STAR: ENIF = **“The Branch”**

The Bible speaks twice about someone riding a white horse. The first time Satan, the great counterfeiter, will have the anti-Christ enter the world stage victoriously on a white horse. It may be symbolic or it might be literal as Christ’s will be.

***Revelation 6:1-2 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.***

***Rev. 19:11-16*** Read. This describes the true Victor returning to earth on a white horse, who is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

CYGNUS

 “The Sure Return of the Redeemer”, DECAN CONSTELLATION

This name in both Greek and Latin means **“Circling and Returning”**.

Geese are known for their faithfulness to return to the place they had left.

STAR: FAFAGE = **“Who Returns Quickly and Shining Forth**

STAR: DENEB = **“The Lord comes”**

STAR: SADR = **“Who Returns in a Circle”**

STAR: ALBIREO = **“Flying Quickly”**

**STARS #16 (2-9-14)** Brief Review of all constellations we’ve studied thus far. **PP #14 & 15**

***John 14:1-3 Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2) "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3) "If I go*** [1st class, and I am] ***and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself*** [oblique reference to the Rapture; Christ’s sure return]***, that where I am, there you may be also.***

***1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 ~~For if~~ Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17) Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.***

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***Revelation 3:11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.***

***Revelation 22:7 And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.***

***Revelation 22:12 Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.***

***Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

It has been nearly 2,000 years since the Apostle John wrote these words. “Quickly” doesn’t mean soon but that Christ’s return is near at hand.

*“It is important to note that Jesus speaks to a generation that He knew would not be on the planet at the time of his return (in a literal interpretation of passages like* ***Jn 14:1-4; 1 Cor 15:50-53*** *and* ***1 Thes 4:13-18****, the church is taken to heaven before the events of* ***Rev 4-22*** *take place.*

*“Nonetheless, just as does Peter and Paul, Jesus presents the eschatological program as a motivator for godliness here and now. Jesus’ kingdom isn’t here, and it isn’t now, but many of its citizens are. The Bible offers clear instruction to those citizens that there is urgency in doing what is right****...” “So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.” Gal 6:10***

*Christopher Cone, The Bible in Government and Society (Hurst, TX: Tyndale Seminary Press, 2012), 251.*

***Titus 2:13 ... looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,***

***2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8) in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righ-teous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.***

SUMMARY:

**6. AQUARIUS: THE WATER OF LIFE BLESSING POURED OUT ON THE REDEEMED, Christ the Living Water**

(1) PISCIS Drink In Heavenly Food

(2) PEGASUS The Winged Horse and the Return of the Redeemer

(3) CYGNUS The Swan and the Return of the Redeemer

**STARS #17 (2-16-14)**

7. PISCES

“**DELIVERANCE OUT OF BONDAGE**”, **Christ the Liberator**

 MAJOR CONSTELLATION, SCENE 7

Pisces represents mankind and Israel as two fish. Jesus used this terminology when He told Simon and Andrew to catch fish (believers) out of the sea (heathen nations).

***Mark 1:16-17 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17) Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."***

Both fish are captured and bound by a band and are being led away by Satan himself, which is represented by the constellation, **CETUS**, the sea monster.

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The meaning of PISCES is revealed by the constellation that is part of this primary constellation, The Band. Modern astronomy no longer recognizes The Band as being separate, but it was always listed as a distinct constellation by the ancients.

This part of the sky is represented by water. PISCIS AUSTRINUS (a fish) in the AQUARIUS group, the two fish of **PISCES**, and the sea monster CETUS in the ARIES group. Sometimes the heathen nations are symbolized by the sea, ***Dan. 7:2***, ***Rev. 13:1***.

**PISCES** may have a general meaning represented by the fish as mankind in bondage to sin but delivered by the Lamb of God = Jesus Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. And then, there is a more specific meaning depicting Israel being in bondage but delivered by God from Egypt in ***Exodus,*** from the Babylonian captivity, from the decimation of Jerusalem in 70 AD and being scattered throughout all the earth for over 1,900 years, and then their future rescue from the Anti-Christ at the Second Advent of Christ who will be re-gather them back to their land forever.

The scattering in 70 AD historical event called the “Diaspora” was a result of God executing the 5th cycle of discipline on the Jews which was prophesied in the O.T. and N.T. Jeremiah said that God would use **fishermen** to re-gather His people back to the land.

***Jeremiah 16:12-16 And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me. 13) 'Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not show you favor.' 14) " Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 15) "but, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. 16) " Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the LORD, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks***.

Many believe this refers to Jesus re-gathering His people at the 2nd Advent, however the Bible speaks of two re-gatherings.

***Isaiah 11:11 It shall come to pass in that day*** [**2nd Advent**] ***that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.***

The first re-gathering took place in May 14, 1948.

The BAND

 “**A Chord”, “the Redeemed Bound”,** DECAN CONSTELLATION

The Band is constructed of our sins that would be unbreakable were it not for the Lamb (ARIES). The Band is connected to CETUS the great sea monster in part of another constellation group. See **PP 15-16**

**STARS #18 (2-23-14)**

ANDROMEDA

 “**In Bondage and Affliction, Then Redeemed”,**

DECAN CONSTELLATION

The Hebrew name for Andromeda is **“The Chained”.** The ancient names of the stars give witness to God’s original purpose for the constellation = Israel in bondage.

Read: ***Isaiah 51:21-52:3***

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***Jeremiah 14:17 Therefore you shall say this word to them: 'Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.***

**2 slides of** ANDROMEDA **on the Stars Series PP #17-18**

Notice that Andromeda’s chains are broken. She will be delivered from her bondage and affliction. When Israel disobeyed God, He would punish them and not have mercy on them. But He will never abandon His people forever:

***Romans 11:1-2 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2) God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.***

***Psalm 94:14 For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.***

***Psa. 89:31-37******If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments, 32) Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. 33) Nevertheless My loving- kindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. 34) My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. 35) Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: 36) His seed shall endure******forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; 37) It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." Selah*** God validated His word with His faithful witness in the sky!

The problem with many people is that they are like the Jews were, they don’t know that they are in bondage.

***John 8:31-34 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If* 3rd *you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32) "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33) They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'?"***

The Jews were in bondage to Egypt for 430 years, they were taken into captivity in Babylon for 70 years, they were under bondage to the distortions of the Mosaic Law, and they were under Roman occupation at the time Christ was speaking to them and yet they said they had never been in bondage to anyone. Christ ignored what they said and stuck to the main issue, they were in bondage to sin.

***John 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits*** [part. pa] ***sin is*** [v. pai] ***the slave of sin*** [OSN]***. 35) "The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36) "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.***

Jesus has set us free from the **Penalty of Sin** on the cross. We are set free from the **Power of Sin** by retro-active positional truth and the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit, and we will one day be set free from the **Presence of Sin** when we receive our resurrection bodies.

Millions of believers are in bondage today but we don’t call it bondage, we call it addiction. People are addicted to alcohol, caffeine, nicotine, prescription drugs, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, video games, gambling, texting, surfing the internet, pornography, television, junk food, facebook, twitter, football, soap operas. . .

***1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.***

***2 Peter 2:18-19 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, 19) promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.***

***Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.***

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We all seem to get hung up on one thing or another from time to time and we need to ask the Lord to help us have victory over whatever enslaves us.

**STARS #19 (3-2-14) The Lord’s Supper**

CEPHEUS

 **“The Deliverer Coming to Rule”,** DECAN CONSTELLATION

Cepheus [Jesus Christ] is depicted as a King sitting on His throne near his wife [**CASSIOPEA].**.

***Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD*** [God the Father] ***says to my Lord*** [Deity, Jesus Christ]***: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."* PP**

His foot is near the poll STAR: **POLARIS**. He is wearing a crown and a royal robe and has a scepter in his hand.

God’s blessing was withheld from Israel for a time because of her sin. But **CEPHEUS** depicts the Deliverer for whom the chained woman, **ANDROMEDA,** waits. He is also the One who will free His people from the dominion of the sea monster, **CETUS,** that is a DECAN in the next scene, ARIES.

This final constellation in Pisces portrays the King who will break the shackles and the bands of His people so they will be able to inherit the blessings that await them.

**PP** The Egyptians called this Deliver, Pe-ku-hor, which means, **“The Ruler that Comes”.**

**CEPHEUS** is a Greek name that comes from a Hebrew word meaning **“The Branch” or “the Royal Branch”.**

***Matthew 22:41-48*** Read how Jesus Christ kept asking the Pharisees questions... something we need to learn to do when people are dragging their feet. They didn’t want to admit that He was deity. ***“Lord”*** in Hebrew, ADONAI, always refers to God the Father. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on a branch from Jesse’s root, David’s Son, Jesus Christ.

***Zechariah 6:12-13 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, says: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out … 13) Yes ... He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne;***

***Psalm 103:19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.***

SUMMARY of the 7th Constellation:

**7. PISCES: Deliverance Out of Bondage, Christ the Liberator**

(1) THE BAND Upheld and Governed by the Lamb

 (2) ANDROMEDA The Intended Bride Bound and Afflicted

 (3) CEPHEUS The Crowned King

**STARS #20 (3-9-14)**

8. ARIES

**“DELIVERANCE REALIZED”, Christ the Crowned Lamb**

MAJOR CONSTELLATION, SCENE 8

Act 2 started with CAPRICORNUS, AQUARIUS, PISCES, and ends with ARIES, the last Major Constellation of ACT 2. These 4 constellations signify the blessings of salvation.

ARIES usually carries the symbol of the ram, but many of the oldest zodiacs portray a lamb with no horns. Some ancient zodiacs depict the lamb with a circular crown on its head.

The Hebrew name for Aries is TALEH, which **means “lamb”.** The Arabic name, “Hamal”, means **“sheep”**, **“gentle”**,or **“merciful”.**

 STARS SERIES, pg. 34 ***Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.***

***John 1:29 The next day he*** [John the Baptist] ***saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”***

***Peter 1:18-19 ... knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19) but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.***

I graduated from Waltrip High School. Our mascot was a ram, and the name of our yearbook was “*Aries*”.

CASSIOPEIA

 **“The Enthroned Woman”,** DECAN CONSTELLATION

This woman is sitting on a throne near King **CEPHEUS** who is seated on His throne.

Unlike **ANDROMEDA** who was chained, CASSIOPEIA is free and happy.

Prophetically, they are both the same person. Andromeda is the “before” and Cassiopeia is the “after”.

ANDROMEDA represents God’s people in captivity among the nations for rejecting their Messiah.

CASSIOPEIA represents Israel re-gathered, first in unbelief and then in belief, restored, and then adorned for her Husband. The Arabic name for Cassiopeia is **“the Enthroned”.** The Egyptian name is **“Set”,** meaning **“the One Set Up**” as Queen.

***Isaiah 53*** depicts Jesus Christ as a lamb who is sacrificed, ARIES.

***Isaiah 54*** depicts Him as the Husband, CEPHEUS, of Israel, CASSIOPEIA, the woman He freed and restored to be His earthly wife at His side.

***Isaiah 54:5-8 "For your husband is your Maker, whose name is the LORD of hosts; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth. 6) "For the LORD has called you, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected," says your God. 7) "For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. 8) "In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting lovingkindness, I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.***

***Isaiah 62:3-4 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4) It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken," nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; But you will be called, "My delight is in her," and your land, "Married"; for the LORD delights in you, and to Him your land will be married.***