

The Witness of the Stars

For more than two thousand five hundred years the world was without a written revelation from ADONAI. The question is, did the LORD leave Himself without a witness? The word of God says that He did not. In Romans 1:19 Rabbi Sha'ul declares that since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. But *how* was Ha'Shem known? *How* were His invisible qualities known since the creation of the world?

In Romans 10:17 and 18 we are told that trust comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through a word proclaimed about the Messiah (CJB). But Paul asks: Did they not hear? Of course they did: Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words, their *teaching, message or instruction, to the ends of the world*. These scriptures beg for the questions: What words? What teaching? Whose message? What instruction? There is only one answer and that is in **the heavens**. Here Rabbi Sha'ul quotes Psalm 19:1-4. **The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth their speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world, or the heavens!**

In Isaiah 40:26 we read: Lift up your eyes and look to **the heavens**: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. We have the same evidence in Psalm 147:4: He determines the number of the stars and **calls them each by name**. The question is, *how* has He revealed these names? Am I talking about reading a horoscope? Not at all, that would be about as useful as trying to read the significance for the future from the shape of a sacrificial animal's innards like the priests of ancient Babylonia. I am talking about astronomy, the study of the stars.

The twelve signs have the same meaning, the same names, and the same order *in all the ancient nations of the world*. The word *mazzaroth* is the Hebrew of what we would call the zodiac. The word zodiac is actually a transliteration of a Greek word. But the Hebrew *Zodi* means **the Way**, which is a euphemism for being a Christ follower (Acts 9:2, 19:9 and 23, 22:4, 24:14 and 22). Therefore, the original story told in the stars was the story of **the Messiah**, from Virgo, the virgin Mary, to Leo, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Today we have only a corrupted understanding that goes back to the Latin, Romans, and the Greeks.

Like everything else that is good and righteous on the earth, the Adversary corrupts it. He takes the truth and turns it into lies (**John 8:44**). He has done this from the beginning (**Chapter 3**), and one of the greatest ancient counterfeit mythologies that he has unleashed on mankind is the study of the stars today. After the Tower of Babel (**Chapter 11**) the counterfeit religions of the world had started and **ADONAI's** true message of salvation was distorted. What I want to present is **God's** story through the stars. It is the hope of a coming **Redeemer (3:15)**; these ancient star-pictures reveal **Jesus Christ**. Altogether there are forty-eight of them, made up of twelve signs. These may be divided into three books, each book containing four chapters (or signs) and each chapter containing three sections (or constellations).

Following **the Messiah** gives you purpose and hope in your life. Many times we endure pain, hardship and suffering in this life. But following **Yeshua** gives you a *purpose driven* life. It gives you perspective and a solid foundation from which to live out each day. My prayer is that this study of the witness of the stars will be an encouragement to you and that you can see them from a different perspective.⁸³¹

I realize this is merely an interpretation of Scripture. Thus, one cannot be too dictatorial about it, but I believe, at the least, it is very interesting.