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I counsel thee to
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tried in the fire...
Revelation 3:18

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February 19th 2011 Sabbath

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- Several times Paul says, more or less, that Christians do keep the law. Romans 13:8 1 Cor. 7:19,
- [Then] there is Romans 8:4 - 9, in which it is the mind of the flesh that 'does not and cannot submit to God's law'.

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- The clear implication is that the mind of the Spirit can and does. [p.137]

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- 1. The law, νομος, in Paul, is the Jewish law. Gentiles do not possess it by birth.

  2. The law defines Israel over against the nations, and moreover indicates that Israel is designated by the creator God as a light to the nations.

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- 3. The law sets the standard by which Israel will be judged; Gentiles will be judged without reference to it.
- <u>However, there is one class of Gentiles who in a sense will be judged with reference to the Torah.</u>

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- This class consists of **Gentile Christians** though by birth they do not possess the Torah, they are now in the strange position of 'doing the law', since…
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4. Israel boasts in her possession of the law; it sets her apart from the nations.

5. The boast is not made good, because that could be so only if Israel kept the law perfectly; and this is not the case. Israel is still in exile, still 'in her sins'. She is still guilty of lawbreaking.

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- 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

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- 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Galatians 3:6-16

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Galatians 3:6-16

- 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**
- 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Galatians 3:6-16

- 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: (see verse 10)
- 10b …Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Galatians 3:6-16

- 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Yeshua the Messiah; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- 15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

Galatians 3:6-16

- 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
- This is the Key

Galatians 3:6-16 - Conclusions

- 1. If you're going to attain right standing by doing the law, you must do it perfectly.
- 2. God, knowing that was not going to happen, provided a way…Habakkuk 2:4

Galatians 3:6-16 - Conclusions

- 3. The gospel was preached to Abraham by God.
- 4. Abraham believed the gospel.
- 5. God declared him “in right standing”.

The Problem with prooftexting

- What is prooftexting?
- **Prooftexting** is the practice of using quotations from a document (often, but not always, a book of the Bible) to establish a proposition.

The Problem with prooftexting

- Using discrete quotations is generally seen as decontextualised.
- Critics of the technique note that often a document quoted in such a manner, when read as a whole, may not in fact support the proposition for which it was cited.

The Problem with prooftexting

- (Matthew 27:5b); (Luke 10:37b)
- "Then Judas went away and hanged himself"
- "'Go and do likewise.'"

Romans 9:30 – 10:5 Eisegesis

- The interpretation of a text (as of the Bible) by reading into it one's own ideas
- Prooftexting and “out of context”-ing
- Romans 10:4
  “Christ is the end of the law”
- What are they really saying???

Romans 9:30 – 10:5 Eisegesis

- 30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after God's righteous standard, have attained right standing, by faith.

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- Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Jews is that they might be saved.
- For I bear record that they have zeal, but they are not going to be saved the way they are going about it.
- For they, being ignorant of how God wanted it done, could not fulfill God's righteous standard in the flesh.

Romans 9:30 – 10:5 Eisegesis

- 4. Therefore, Christ abolished God's righteous standard forever for all believers.
- 5. Now Moses describes God's righteous standard in the Torah this way…Lev 18…
- What did that say?

Rewind

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

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Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 2. For I bear record that they have a zeal to be found in right-standing before God, but they are not going about it the right way.
- 3. For they, being ignorant of how God imparts the status of right-standing, went about setting up their own way, and have not submitted themselves unto the way God designed.

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 4. Therefore, believing in the finished work of Yeshua is the goal of the Torah for right-standing before God for all believers Jewish and Gentile.
- 5. Now Moses describes God's righteous standard in the Torah this way…That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. Leviticus 18:5

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 6. But the righteousness which is by faith (the man who obeys Torah by having his character changed supernaturally) says the following… Do not think that someone needs to go into the heavenlies to fetch the Messiah (that is, to bring him down from above). [Note: for he is already here]

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 7. Or that someone should go down into Hades to bring the Messiah back up again from the dead.
- 8. But what does the righteousness which is by faith say? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of **faith**, which we preach;

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- V9-10 note: Think Hebraically, not Greek which is mental assent when understanding verse 9 and 10.
- For example, to recognize someone as lord using a Greek mindset acknowledges their position whereas Hebraically means you submit with your whole being to their lordship.

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 9. That if thou shalt confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Adonai (and order your life accordingly), and shalt believe in your heart that The Most High God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt [future tense] be saved.

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 10. For with the heart man believes (in the finished work of Yeshua) and is granted right standing; and the mouth is used to acknowledge what is in the heart.

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Isaiah 28:16 LXX
- 12 For there is no distinction between the Jew and the Gentile as regards how to achieve right standing: for the same Lord gives generously unto all that call upon him.

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Joel 2:32 (3:5 LXX)

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- Some of the last 5 verses (14-18) will be expanded in bullet form.

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?
- and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
- and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 15a And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

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- 2. How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
- 3. How shall they hear without a preacher?
- 4. How can a preacher preach unless he is sent?

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- Reverse order
- 1. We need to send
- 2. We need someone or some thing to preach about him (Yeshua)
- 3. Then, when they have heard, they can believe that he is the one
- 4. Then, they can call on him

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 15a And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
- 15b How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Isaiah 52:7

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? Isaiah 53:1
- Note: To state that not all have obeyed the gospel implies that some did. If some did and some didn't, then at least # 1 and # 2 of verse 14 have been accomplished. (send & preach Yeshua)

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 17 Consequently, faith (that Yeshua has completed his work) comes from hearing the message preached, and the message that is heard is the word about Christ's completed work.
- UBS 3 gives {B} for Christ instead of God (p 558)

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- 18a But I say, Did they fail to hear?
- 18b Yes, they did!
- What is the evidence that the message was delivered?
- 18c “Their voice went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.”

Romans 9:30 – 10:18 Exegesis

- Where is that from?
- Psalm 19:4
- This answers what part of the 4 (v14)?
- Reverse order
- 1. We need to send (or provide)
- 2. That one needs to preach Yeshua

Psalm 19:1-4

- 1. The heavens rehearse the **Glory of Elohim** and the expanse sets forth His handiwork.
- 2. Day after day constantly speaks forth prophecy and night after night reveals knowledge.
- 3. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
- 4. **Their voice is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world**.

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- **Genesis 15:5 Look now toward the heavens and tell (the story) of the stars in their order. And God said unto him, "So shall your seed be."**

Genesis 15:5-6

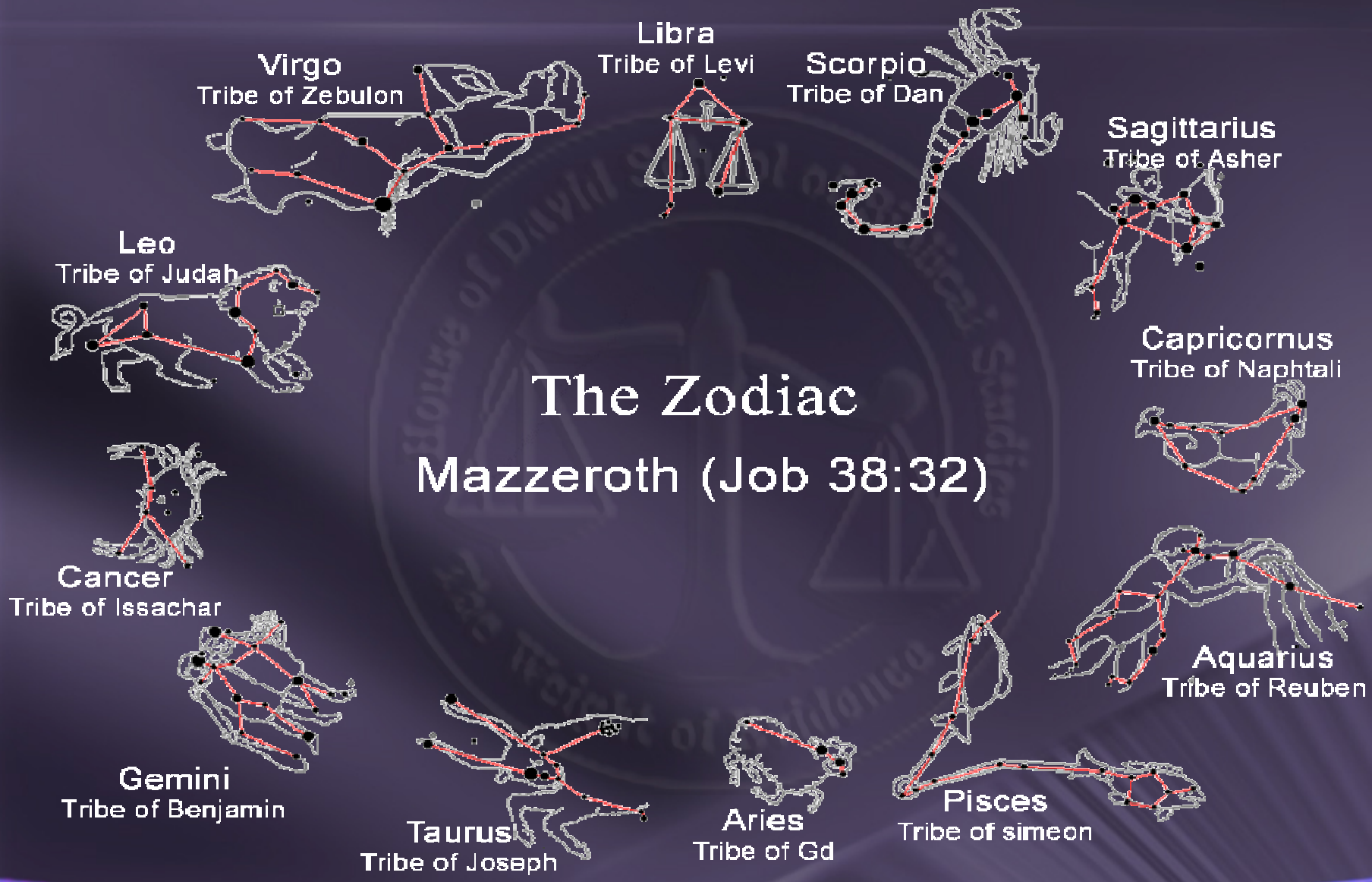
- Galatians 3:6
- Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for right standing.
- **15:6 And Abraham believed what God said about the plan of redemption (including that the one who would save his people from their sins will be in his lineage) and reckoned him with right standing.**

The Heaven's Declare

The Glory of God

The Zodiac

Mazzeroth (Job 38:32)



The Stars As A Story
The Mazzeroth (Or Zodiac)

- The Basic Concept
  - God Identified Specific Stars In The Sky And Assigned Them Meanings Based On Their Names And Positions
- Traditions
  - Ancient Persian And Arabian Traditions Ascribe Invention Of Astronomy To Adam, Seth, And Enoch.
  - "That Their Revelation Of Two Coming Judgments Of Water And Fire Not Be Lost..." — **Josephus**.

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- Twelve Primary Signs Along Orbital Plane Are The *Same* In All Ancient Nations Of The World:
  - Chinese, Chaldean, Egyptian, Etc.; Zodiacs In The Temples Of Denderah And Esneh In Egypt.

Mentioned in the Scriptures

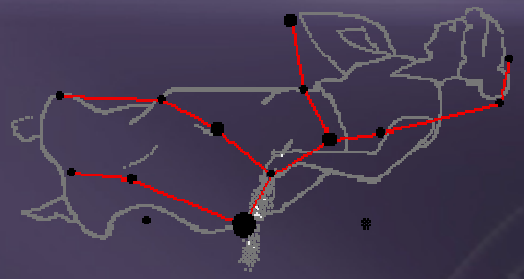
- Job 38:32 "Can You Lead Forth Mazzeroth (the Constellations) in Their Season, and Guide Arcturus (The Bear) with Her Sons (Satellites)?"
- Job 9:9 Who Makes the Bear (Arcturus), Orion and the Pleiades, and the Chambers of the South?

Mentioned in the Scriptures

- "He Calleth Them By Name" (Isa 40:26; Ps 147:4; Isa 13:10).
  - Arcturus, Orion, Pleiades Job 9:9, 38:31, 32
  - Pleiades & Orion Amos 5:8
  - He Who Made the Pleiades and Orion And Changes Deep Darkness into Morning, Who also Darkens Day *into* Night,… Amos 5:8
  - Castor & Pollux (Twins) Acts 28:11
- Can You Bind the Cluster of Pleiades, or Loose the Bands of Orion? Job 38:31

The Structure Of The Mazzeroth

- Recite the Story (Genesis 15:5)
  - Follow each Constellation, Reciting the associated Story by the Name of each Star.
- Each "Sign Star" Also Contains 3 "Decans," or 48 Stories in All.
- Each of the 12 Signs of the Mazzeroth are also associated with One of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

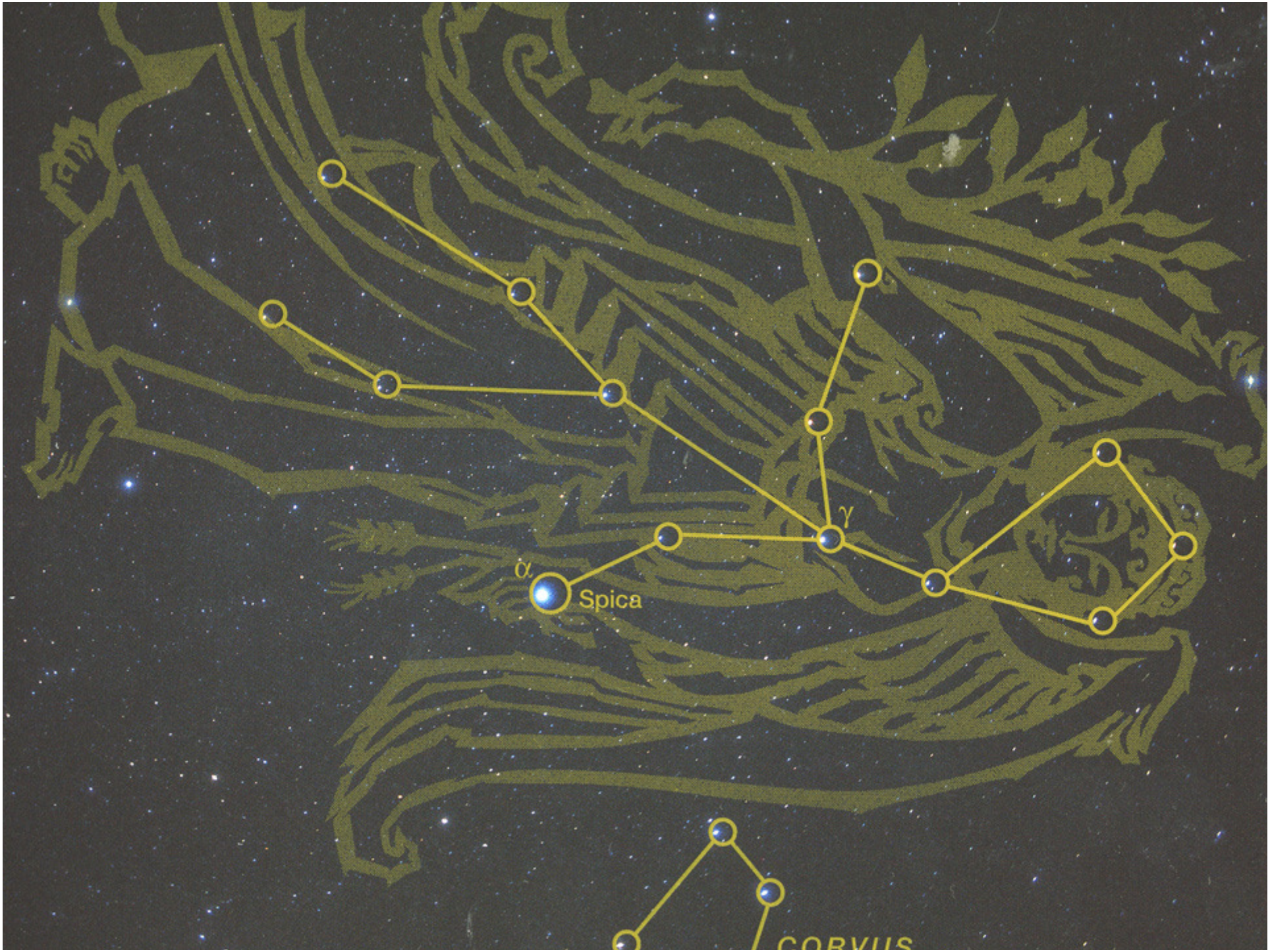


#1 Virgo

- ***#1 Virgo*** The Promised Seed Of The Woman (Gen 3:15).
  - A Woman With A *Branch* In Her Right Hand, Ears Of *Corn* In Her Left.
  - The Word Branch
    - Hebrew: Tsemech (Branch), Arabic: Al Zimach (Branch).
    - Egypt: Aspolia (The Seed)!
    - Latin: *Virgo,* Virgin
  - Virgo is associated with the Tribe of Zebulon, where Nazareth is located.

#1 Virgo

- **Brightest Stars**
  - Alpha: Spica (Ear Of Corn).
  - Beta: Zavijaveh, Gloriously Beautiful.
  - Epsilon: Al Mureddin, Who Shall Have Dominion (Ps 72:8).
    Chaldee: Vindemiatrix, Son Who Cometh.
- **Decans**
  - **Coma**, The Desired (Hag 2:7).
  - **Centaurus**, The Despised (Isa 53:3).
  - **Bootes**, Coming One (Rev 14:14-16).
    - *Arcturus* (Job 9:9) He Cometh.
    - *Nekka,* The Pierced (Zech 12:10).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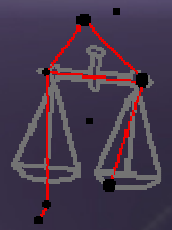
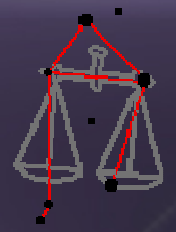


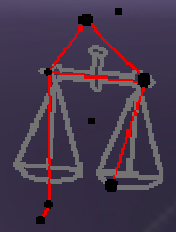
#2 *Libra*

- *Libra* The Balances - The Price Deficient Balanced by the Price Which Covers.
  - Hebrew: *Monzanaim,* The Scales, Weighing.
  - Arabic: *Al Zubena,* Purchase, Redemption.
  - Coptic: *Lambadia,* Station of Propitiation.
  - Latin: *Libra,* Weighing.
- **Tribe Of Israel**
  - Libra is associated with the Tribe of Levi.



#2 Libra

- **Brightest Stars**
  - Alpha: *Zuben Al Genubi,* Price Deficient (Ps 49:7; 62:9).
  - Beta: *Zuben Al Chemali,* Price Which Covers (Rev 5:9).
  - Gamma: *Zuben Al Akrab,* Price Of The Conflict! (Towards Centaurus and Victim Slain).



#2 *Libra*

- Decans
  - **The Crux,** The Cross.Hebrew: *Adom,* Cut Off (Dan 9:26).
  - **Lupus,** Or Victim; The Victim Slain.
    - Hebrew: *Asedah* = To Be Slain.
    - Egypt: *Sura* = A Lamb! (Isa 53:7).
  - **Corona,** The Crown, Bestowed (Heb 2:9).
    - Hebrew: *Atarah,* A Royal Crown (Rev 5:9; Mt 27:29; Jas 1:12; Zech 9:16).
    - Arabic: *Al Iclil,* Ornament Or Jewel.

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