JUPITER – THE MESSIAH (FIRST COMING)

Jupiter, with its red spot in its side, is a symbol of the Messiah: wounded for our transgressions. It is composed of gas, like the Sun, but orbits around the Sun. In the same way, God who is spirit (gas giant) incarnated as a child and grew up as a man under the law of God (under the law of gravity). Jesus put away his divine privileges and power (nuclear reactions in the Sun) and humbled himself to become a man (Jupiter has no nuclear reactions within itself). Jesus fulfilled all the just requirements of the law that he might offer his life as a sinless sacrifice of atonement. The sheer mass of Jupiter, which is over two times the mass of all the other planets, tells us it is a symbol of something (in this case, someone) that is hugely important to God’s spiritual program in the Universe. Spiritual numbers confirm this.

| Mass relative to Earth: 318 |
| Volume relative to Earth: 1,321 |
| Surface Area relative to Earth: 120 |
| Distance from Sun relative to Earth: 5.2 |
| Orbit: 11.9 years (sidereal) | Rotation: 1.03 days (sidereal) |
| Axial Tilt: 3° | Inclination: 1.305° (to ecliptic) |
| Eccentricity of Orbit: 1.10 (Aphelion / Perihelion) |
| Power of Gravity relative to Earth: 2.53% |

The spiritual numbers related to the scientific dimensions of planet Jupiter:

- Surface area relative to the Earth: **120** which means “Man of Peace”
- Mass relative to the Earth: **318** which means “Son of Man”²
- Volume relative to the Earth: **1,321** which means “Man of Truth”³
- Inclination of planet orbital plane: **1.305°** which means “Peace of the Saint’s Assembly”⁴
- Distance to the Sun relative to the Earth: **5.2** which means “Gospel Worker” (52)

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¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jupiter_(planet)
² 318 = 53 x 6: “Faithful Witness” (53) of “Man” (6), or “Son of Man”
³ 1,321 is 216th prime. 216 = 8 x 27: “New Man” (8) of “Holy Truth” (27), or “Man of Truth”
⁴ 1,305 = 15 x 87 which means “Peace” (15) of “Saint’s Assembly” (87)
Planet G- forces to equal to the Earth: **2.53** which means “**Mystery of Death**”⁵

Years to orbit the Sun: **11.9** which means “**Loves the Word of God**” (119)

Number of days to rotate on axis: **2.42** which means “**Light of the World**”⁶

Eccentricity of planet’s orbit: **1.11** which means “**Mystery**” (11)

Planet’s axial tilt: **3°** which means “**God**” (3) or “**Truth**” (3) or “**Strength**” (3)

Only one person in Scripture could fulfill the marvelous description provided by the spiritual numbers related to the planet Jupiter, and that is the Messiah. Importantly, Jupiter emphasizes the humanity of the Messiah in his first coming on the earth: his coming as the “**Son of Man**”. Jupiter does not picture the Messiah as the conquering king who will destroy the devil’s rebellion in a final battle of the apocalypse. Rather it pictures the Messiah as a gentle “**Man of Peace**” who comes as “**The Light of the World**” to show us the character and nature of the God we worship is altogether worthy. The second coming of Christ will be about his power and renewal of all things. But his first coming is reflected in his title “**Man of Truth**” just as he said: “**I am the way, the truth, and the life**”.

The Lord Jesus came into the world as a man to die. This was not what his own people, the Jews, were expecting or hoping for regarding the Messiah. His first coming was a “**Mystery**” to them, its purpose and meaning was hidden. Although Jesus “**Loved the Word of God**”, obeyed it and fulfilled the prophecies in it that spoke of him, the scribes and religious men of his day did not perceive his life as holy but as a threat to their religious authority. Finally, they could not, and still to this day cannot, understand the “**Mystery of Death**”, that out of his suffering on the cross life would come to those who believe. He came to rescue sinful man from the judgment of God for his sin by offering his life as atonement for our sin. As a “**Gospel Worker**” he preached this good news to the poor, to the sick, and to the rejected ones of this world. He taught there is hope if souls believe who he is and why he came.

To us who believe, the Lord Jesus has become the “**Peace of the Saint’s Assembly**”. As it is written: “**For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations.**” (Eph. 2:14-15)

The great work of the Messiah is that he has united all believers, whether Gentile or Jew in origin, into one true worship of God. As foretold by the prophets he would be a light to the Gentiles and to his own.

Jupiter is the 8th celestial body (including the Moon & Ceres⁷) in the Solar system and the 7th not counting the Sun. The meaning of 8 is “Beginning” and the meaning of 7 is “The End”, so Jupiter represents **Messiah: THE BEGINNING AND THE END**.

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⁵ 253 = 11 x 23 which means “Mystery” (11) of “Death” (23)

⁶ 242 = 11 x 22 “Mystery” of “Light” or “Light of World”

⁷ Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt. Some believe the asteroids were originally a planet that was destroyed in a cosmic impact event. Ceres is about 1% as big as the Earth’s Moon and is composed of rock and ice. The total mass of the asteroid belt is about 4% as big as the Earth’s Moon.