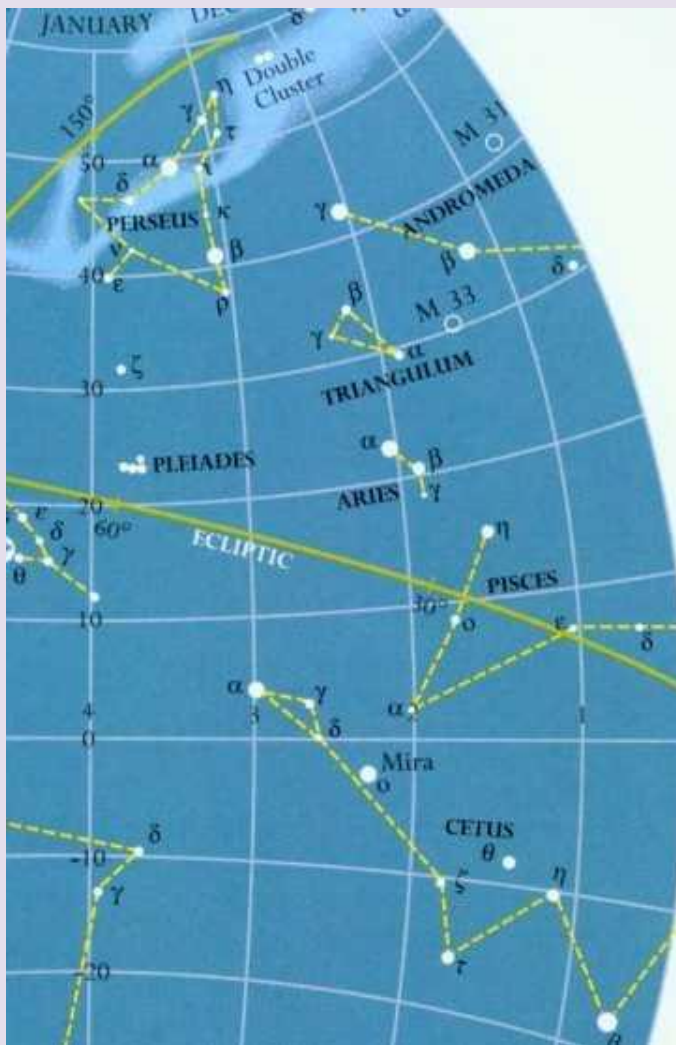


## ARIES / TALEH

### SUMMARY

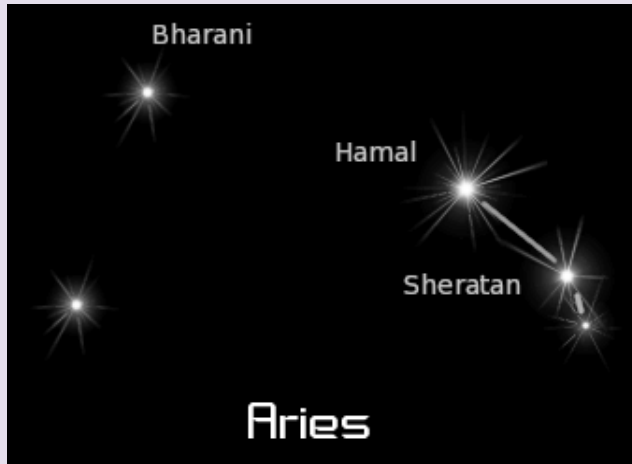
Of all the signs in the sky, the constellation Aries is the most deep and mysterious. For believers it is simple to identify Aries: the Lamb of God, slain but alive again. Aries pictures the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Yet for thousands of years, no one knew who Aries signified. Many still debate who Cassiopeia represents, but the Bible tells us she pictures the spiritual body of Christ. Not to be confused with busy church goers or the religious crowd we see every Sunday, the singular feature of Cassiopeia is her deep love for Jesus, and only God sees that. The great sea serpent Cetus or Leviathan is another mysterious person with powers and followers that are completely unseen. The serpent lives in the sea - symbolic of the gentile nations or the flesh – those who/that which hates God. Finally there is Perseus, The Breaker, who severs the head of the sea serpent. If the serpent is an invisible and powerful evil spirit, who on earth could lay hold of him to vanquish him? Perseus does so by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### POSITION IN THE SKY



Aries contains three decan star signs: Cetus (at bottom below Ecliptic) Perseus (at top), and Cassiopeia (at far top). Aries is in the middle of the great spiritual battle for the souls of men. Who will be saved and go to heaven (Cassiopeia)? Who will remain lost in the deep dark sea (Cetus)?

The Galactic Equator passes through the Milky Way (dense with star light). In the diagram on the left it is the line at the top left hand corner with Perseus just below it. In the diagram above we see the tip of Perseus in the bottom left pointing towards Cassiopeia who stretches out along the continuation of the Galactic Equator.

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The Hebrew name for the sign is 'Taleh': "**the lamb**". The bright star in the head is 'El Natic': "**slain**" which the Arabs called 'Hamal': "**sheep**". Another star in the head area is 'Sheratan': "**the wounded**". These names identify this sign with Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. Yet this lamb is not dead, but alive! It can only be the resurrected Christ. His front legs stand upon the 'Band' of Pisces. The Sun passes just under the feet of Taleh. Beneath Taleh in submission, is Leviathan the dreaded and powerful serpent of the sea.

Taleh has three decan signs: the sea serpent Cetus, the enthroned and resplendent Cassiopeia, and the great warrior Perseus. Leviathan is the largest constellation in the sky and takes up a great space beneath Taleh in an area south of the ecliptic. Cassiopeia sits very high in the Northern regions, but her throne is upside down. From that vantage all her eyes can see is Taleh. Perseus is above Taleh to the left and beside Cassiopeia who is on the right. Perseus stands right side up holding a severed head in one hand and a great sword in the other.

There is a little debate among Bible scholars as to who Taleh is, but there is great debate about Cassiopeia. Some say Cassiopeia pictures the Jewish believers who survive the Great Tribulation and enter the Millennium. Some say Cassiopeia is the raptured church. The contrast to Cassiopeia is Andromeda, the chained woman beneath her in the sign of Pisces.

The sign of Taleh and the sign of Pisces are closely inter-twined. In Taleh we see the free woman enthroned and glorious. In Pisces we see the woman in bondage of chains and suffering. In Pisces we see Two Fish both tied by their tails by The Band, which is in turn tied to the neck of Cetus. Taleh has his front legs upon The Band. In Pisces we see the enthroned King Cephus, seated in the heavens beside Queen Cassiopeia in Taleh.

For believers in Jesus, there is clear interpretation in New Testament as to who Cassiopeia is so we are not in doubt. We bow before the wisdom of God and the authority of the Bible in interpreting the signs in the stars.

Those who desire a more complete understanding may wish to read our paper on the interpretation of the sign of Pisces available on our website ([www.biblenumbersforlife](http://www.biblenumbersforlife.com)) under the section 7.0 STARS.

We address the all-important interpretation of Cassiopeia in the next section of this paper.

## CASSIOPEIA – THE FREE WOMAN



The bright star near the left breast is 'Shedar': "**the freed**". The star 'Caph': "**the branch**" comes from the Hebrew word used in the Bible to describe the branches used to make booths in the feast of Succoth (Lev 23:40-41). Cassiopeia is holding a branch in her right hand. In the star picture (to the left) the feet are at the top left and the head is at the bottom right. The ancient Dendera Zodiac pictured her as "**a gazelle**" lying beside Cephus. The gazelle is a graceful animal related to sheep and is a symbol of freedom and love (Songs 2:9, 17). The Arabs called her "**the enthroned**" and other ancients called her "**the daughter of splendor**".

Cassiopeia lies on the Milky Way so there are many stars in her quadrant. There are also a number of Messier Objects or far off galaxies containing billions of stars. She sits as a radiant and glorious queen.

The position of Cassiopeia is upside down. This indicates a person who is indifferent to the prevailing ideas or conventions of society. She is a person who has taken a different path than the world. While others are chasing after elevation in the world, seeking to 'climb the sides of the North', Cassiopeia has chosen the humble path and has little interest in earthly things. In the pagan Zodiac maps Cassiopeia is pictured dressing her hair and arranging her robes. This view of Cassiopeia displays her as vain, focussed on herself. This is not the true picture. The Bible book Song of Songs describes two lovers. The gazelle is the male lover: "**Behold He comes, leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.**" (Songs 2:8-9) Her love is for the male gazelle; how appropriate that Cassiopeia is pictured in Dendera as the female gazelle? All her love is directed to him. She is full of affection for her male gazelle. She has no thought of herself, only of him. Cassiopeia is not vain; she is completely absorbed in another. Indeed, from the upside down position, Cassiopeia has eyes only for Taleth, resting below her on the ecliptic. Cassiopeia is truly "head over heels in love" with Taleth!

Cassiopeia is faithful and fruitful. Like Virgo, Cassiopeia holds a leafy branch in her hand. The star Caph: "**the branch**" symbolizes the Festival of Booths<sup>1</sup>. The instructions for the Festival of Booths were: "**And you shall take for yourself on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord seven days.**" (Lev. 23:40-41). The children laid these same palm branches before Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem on a donkey, crying out "**Hosanna to the Son of David**". The picture here of Cassiopeia is one who has child-like faith, is full of joy continually, graciously offers gifts, and is fruitful towards others.

<sup>1</sup> There are many Hebrew words for branch. This word for branch is used in connection with the festival of booths.

The most magnificent feature of Cassiopeia is she is a free woman. The star 'Shedar': "**the freed**" shines the brightest. Commentators say Shedar is located in her left breast. This might lead us into a wrong impression of Cassiopeia that she possesses a beauty men desire and she has been "freed" of her morals. No, the star is not located in her left breast it is located in her heart (just beneath the left breast). In Eastern cultures, women were under the authority of either their father or their husband. They were bound to obey the male authority in their life and had few freedoms and limited social status. Fathers were paid dowry for their daughters and gave them to whom they pleased. Women did not choose their husband and their feelings and desires were secondary. Women were expected to work hard and bear children. They did not share in family inheritance which was passed through men only. In the synagogue women sat behind a screen in silence. In dramatic contrast, Cassiopeia is free of all restrictions. Her service and her devotion are freely given to the one who set her free, Talem, the Lamb that was slain. In the world she is a washer woman, but in the heavens she is a Queen!

The all important question: who is Cassiopeia? The answer is found in Galatians:

**"Abraham had two sons, one by a bond woman the other by a free woman<sup>2</sup>. But he who was of the free woman was born according to the flesh, and he of the free woman was born of promise which things are symbolic: For these are the two covenants; the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all...now we brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born of the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the spirit, even so it is now." (Gal 4:22-31)**

Cassiopeia is the Jerusalem above which is free. In other words, she pictures all those who are born according to the spirit under the New Covenant: the spiritual church of Jesus Christ. She represents the invisible body of believers who have faith in and love for Jesus, the Lamb of God. There is a clear contrast in the text above between Cassiopeia, the free and loving worshiper, and the woman Hagar, who represents religion and is suffering in bondage. Hagar is therefore Andromeda, the star sign in Pisces which lies under Cassiopeia in the night sky: the miserable woman chained to the Law.

There are 48 signs in the constellations in the night sky. Galatians is the 48<sup>th</sup> book of the Bible. The spiritual number 48 means "the Father's blessing" or the "gifts of God". It is not a surprise that Galatians would contain the key to unlocking such a major mystery in the heavens as who is Cassiopeia (blessed of the Father) and who is Andromeda (enslaved to religion).

Galatians has more to say:

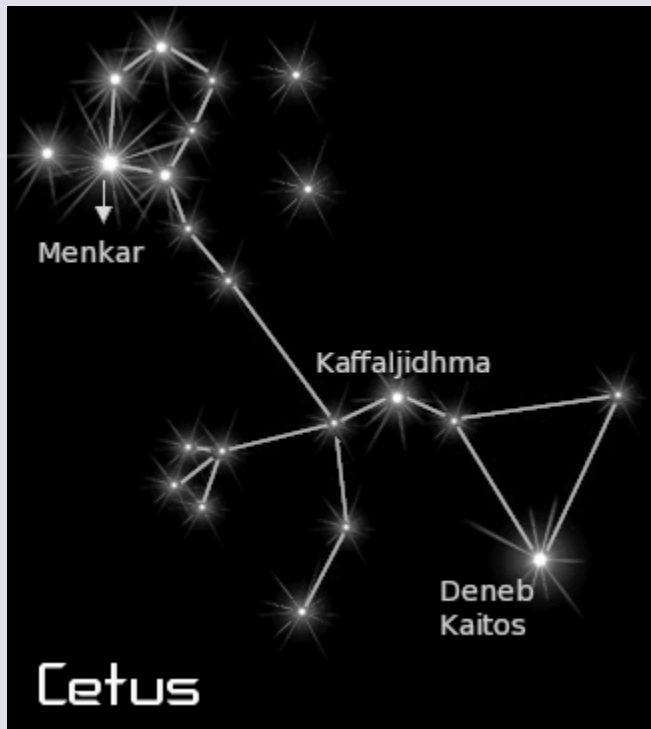
**"Stand fast then in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." (Gal 5:1) "For you brethren have been called to liberty; only do not use that liberty as an opportunity for the flesh. Through love serve one another. For all the law is**

<sup>2</sup> Sarah modeled "the hidden person of the heart...a gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Pet 3:4-6). That was her freedom.

fulfilled in one word, even this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Gal 5:13-14) “I say then: walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh” (Gal 5:16)

Cassiopeia sits as an enthroned and glorious Queen. Satan has two schemes for undermining Cassiopeia. First, he plots to bring her down off her throne by seducing her into religion (spiritual bondage to him). Second, he plots to spoil her glory by taking her spiritual eyes off the Lamb and on to something else. When she takes her eyes off the Lamb, she walks by the flesh. This brings us to the decan sign of Cetus, the sea serpent, powerful and dangerous but subdued by the Lamb of God.

### CETUS / LEVIATHAN



The bright star in the head, some say the jaw, is ‘Menkar’: “**the bound**” or “**the chained enemy**”. A star in the neck is ‘Mira’: “**Rebel**”. A star in the tail is ‘Dipha’ (Deneb Kaitos): “**the subdued**” or “**the thrust down**”. This is the largest constellation in the Mazzaroth but its brightest star is only magnitude three. It lies completely below the ecliptic and extends very far South into the darkest and lowest regions of the sky. The picture on the left shows the stars connected around in a circle at the top. However, if the line of the serpent stopped at Menkar, there would be 7 stars round about. The Greeks described this sea serpent as Hydra, having 7 heads. The Bible says “**And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on each head a blasphemous name**” (Rev. 13:1)

Have you ever been afraid? While camping in the wilderness, has a wolf howled on the hill top or have you heard the bear’s paw crunch the leaves close to your tent? Have you ever walked in the desert and seen a rattlesnake or a scorpion on the path? Have you ever watched a black widow spider creep out of its hole and felt your skin get clammy and cold? God put these creatures in the world so we would have an inkling that the most poisonous, deadly, and haughty evil dwells in the universe. Leviathan pictures this evil. Consider what the Bible says about the sea serpent Leviathan:

“**Can you pull out Leviathan with a hook? Or snare his tongue with a line? Lay your hand on him and you will remember the battle – never do it again! Indeed any hope of overcoming him is false; shall not one be overwhelmed at the sight of him? No one is so fierce that they would dare stir him up. Strength dwells in his neck, and sorrow dances before him. His heart is hard as stone, even as hard as the lower millstone. He makes the deep boil as a pot. He leaves a shining wake behind him; one would think the deep had white hair. On earth there is nothing like him,**

which is made without fear. He beholds every high thing. He is king over all the children of pride.” (Job 41)

Leviathan lives in the sea. The sea is symbolic of the Devil’s domain. This domain includes the sinful flesh of man and also the gentile world system operated by sinful men. The Devil oversees both realms.

The sea is used as a symbol of the flesh in the Bible: (note the parallels to the description of Leviathan in Job 41 and the Beast from the Sea in Rev 13)

- It cannot be tamed (James 3:8)
- It is an unruly evil full of deadly poison (James 3:8)
- It is full of cursing, or blasphemy (James 3:10) // likened to salty water
- It is a world of iniquity (James 3:6)
- It full of arrogance, pride, and boasting (James 3:5) (James 4:16)
- It is set on fire by hell (James 3:6)
- It pushes with irresistible force (James 3:4) // likened to fierce sea winds
- It causes covetousness, wars, fights, murders (James 4:1,2)
- It is full of bitter envy, self-seeking, confusion, and every evil thing (James 3:16)
- It is unstable, full of doubts (James 1:6) // likened to being tossed by waves of the sea
- It is hard hearted (James 2:16)
- It is a friend of the world, an enemy of God (James 4:4)
- It is full of rage (Jude 13) // likened to the foaming waves of the sea
- It glories in wealth (Isa 23:8) // likened to sea merchants
- It possesses no honor, it will trade with anyone (Isa 23:17)

The sea serpent is also the power behind two great constructions of men: all the world religions, and the world financial / world trade system. Though apparently very different, both are controlled by evil spirits, are at war with God, and have the Devil at their head receiving worship from all. We will not dwell here on the world financial / world trade system because anyone reading Revelations 18 concerning the fall of Babylon can see that association clearly.

A significant manifestation of the great sea serpent is all the world religious systems. Leviathan has seven heads. Each head appears to be independent but in reality the seven heads are connected to one serpent, indicating the Devil controls them all.

When the Jews were sent into captivity in Babylon in 604 BC, as a punishment for idolatry and refusal to repent after numerous appeals through the prophet Jeremiah, a period of history was ushered in called the ‘Times of the Gentiles’. This time will continue until the “**stone cut without hands**” (Dan. 2:34-35, 44) crushes the world kingdoms, which is the second coming of the Lord Jesus (Rev. 19). The presence of temple worship in Jerusalem had a restraining effect on the Devil’s efforts to deceive the world through false religions. However, when the Jews were deported to Babylon this restraint was taken away and in a short period of time most of the world’s religions blossomed simultaneously.

Consider this list of world religions that sprang up and when they began:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Date</u>
China	Confucianism	Confucius born in 551 BC
India	Buddhism	Buddha born in 563 BC
India	Hinduism <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> century, date uncertain
India	Jainism	Mahavira born in 599 BC
Persia	Zoroastrianism	Z. born in 628 BC, revelations began 598 BC
Greece	Seven Sages <sup>4</sup>	Began 600 BC
China	Taoism	Lao Tze born 604 BC

The seven main world religions all began in the century following the exile of the Jews in 604 BC. They have many things in common:

- Rejection of the notion of a God above and the need for a sacrifice to placate him
- Rejection of priests, temples, and places of worship
- Focus on the Individual: finding enlightenment through one's mind, by reason or meditation
- Belief that man can gradually transform into God, full of wisdom, knowledge, or goodness
- Vegetarianism and the belief animals have eternal souls
- Pacifism and compassion to people, to plants, and to animals

Compare these features with the original temptation of the serpent in the Garden of Eden:

**"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."** (Gen. 3:5)

All these seven religions that sprang up independently around 600 BC share the lie of the serpent to Adam and Eve. Leviathan is the origin of all these false religions. They have different names, they found homes in different lands, but they all take away the glory that belongs to God and replace the plan of salvation from sin with empty ideas. They are delusions on the grandest scale: billions have been caught in these beliefs. It is significant the beast is described as having seven heads since the head is the center of the mind and all these beliefs work through the mind, not the spirit.

<sup>3</sup> In the 6<sup>th</sup> century there was a movement away from polytheistic Vedism, animal sacrifice, temple worship and the priesthood. Belief became focussed on three gods: Brahman, Ishvara, and Shiva. Led by holy men who lived in the forest, discussions led to the writing called Upanishads. The Upanishads offered a way of knowledge of God through meditation and the mind with the end goal of becoming as God, or one with God.

<sup>4</sup> Cleobulus of Lindos, Solon of Athens, Chilon of Sparta, Bias of Priene, Thales of Miletus, Pittacus of Mytilene, Periander of Corinth. All lived in the era of 640 BC to 540 BC). They spawned two centuries of Greek philosophy that rejected the pantheon of Gods, temples, and sacrifice. Their way was centred on the belief man's reason could produce the highest wisdom and enlightenment. Again, the path to enlightenment was through the mind.

The difference between the truth and the lie regarding spiritual things is subtle. Our enemy the serpent is “**more cunning than any beast of the field the Lord God made.**” (Gen. 3:1) His deceptions are skilful and men would never know they are lies unless they had a witness of the truth. Praise God for his witness in the stars, in creation, in spiritual numbers, and above all in the Scriptures! Praise God for the vindication of his truth through signs, wonders, and raising Jesus Christ from the dead!

In the Apocalypse, John he saw a vision of a beast from the sea:

“**And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having seven heads, and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns...**” (Rev. 13:1) “**Now the beast that I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.**” (Rev.13:2) “**So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast...**” (Rev .13:4)

It is important to note a number of things from these verses:

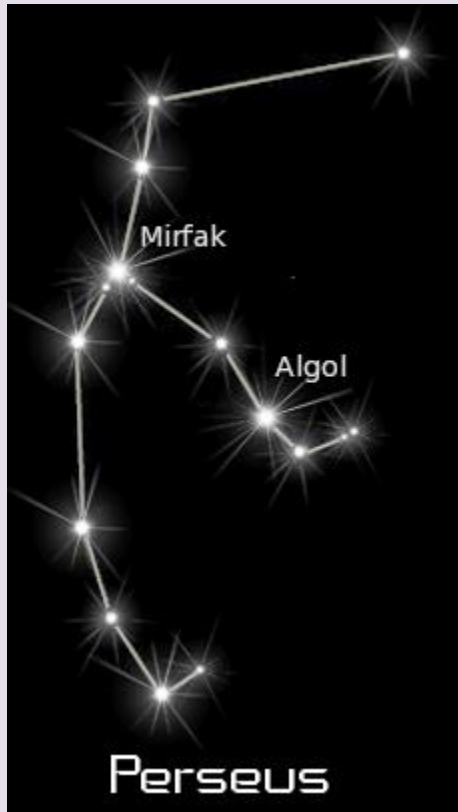
- the horns and crowns are symbols of world leaders
- we don't know which heads have the horns, only that there are ten horns
- the beast is seen, it will be a world system on planet earth in the last days
- the dragon that gives the beast its authority is unseen
- the nature of the beast is a reflection of the nature of the dragon
- the beast that came out of the sea has animal features, e.g. feet of a bear, mouth of a lion

In Daniel's vision there were four beasts and the fourth beast had ten horns on its head (Daniel 7:15-27). The fourth beast of Daniel is the same beast as the one seen by John. The difference is John's beast had seven heads. Possibly, Daniel did not see the other heads because those religious systems came into being after Daniel's time. All the horns of Daniel's beast were on the one head. It is possible that all the horns John described were on one of the seven heads, likely the head representing Greece, the mother of all atheist nations. John said the beast was “**like a leopard**” and that was the typology Daniel used for the kingdom of Greece. None of the other features of John's beast: bear and lion had any correspondence to Daniel's beasts.

There is an important distinction between the heads and the horns. The heads represent worldviews, religions, or ways of thinking. The horns and crowns represent kings and kingdoms. There is no contradiction between the two, they speak of different things. Most prophetic interpretation that has been published places the emphasis on the kings, and especially the antichrist, or the little horn. However, this misses the point that the seven headed dragon typifies the seven main world religions.

The Leviathan pictured in the stars is the dragon, not the beast of Revelations. The stars tell us the dragon exists but he is unseen: like a great serpent that dwells in the deep part of the ocean. He prefers that people not know he exists and that they be unaware of his evil nature. If they knew who he was and his evil nature they would flee his deceptions like people running from burning buildings.



**PERSEUS / PERETZ**

This sign pictures a soldier looking to the left. An uplifted sword is in his right hand and the head of his enemy in his left hand. The Hebrew name for the sign is 'Peretz': "**The Breaker**". The bright star is 'Mirfak': "**who helps**". A star in the right shoulder is 'Algenib': "**who carries away**", in his foot is 'Atik': "**who breaks**", in the head of the enemy is 'Algoul': "**the evil spirit**" or 'Algol': "**rolling around**" or 'Rosh Satan': "**the head of the adversary**". The star Algol is variable, it changes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> magnitude to the 4<sup>th</sup> magnitude every 69 hours. Starting in late July and peaking in mid-August there is a prolific meteor shower, called the Perseids, which means sons of Perseus. They appear in the sky directly out of this sign. They have been observed for 2,000 years or since the birth and death of Jesus Christ. At the peak of activity there are up to 60 meteors observed in the sky per hour. For the last 10 years the peak showers have been seen on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The Greeks pictured Perseus holding the severed head of Hydra, the serpent water beast with many heads. This links Perseus with Cetus below. Similarly in the oldest known Zodiac picture, Dendera, the severed head is the dragon below.

As horrible and breathtaking as Leviathan is, the Lord would have us know there is One who will vanquish him. The first instance the Hebrew word 'Peretz' occurs in Scripture it is in relation to the death sinful mortals would suffer who dare to approach the living God without the covering of blood. The context is when the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai and the mountain erupted in flames, smoke, and the earth quaked:

**"The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD and many of them perish. Also, the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out [peretz] against them.'" (Exodus 19:21-22)**

In other places in Scripture the word 'peretz' is used to indicate a violent end:

**"And now, please let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, it shall be burned; and break down [peretz] its wall, and it shall be trampled down." (Isaiah 5:5)**

**"He breaks [peretz] upon me wound upon wound; He runs at me like a warrior." (Job 16:14)**

**"So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said 'God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough [peretz] of water.'" (1 Chron. 14:11)**

In one place the word 'peretz' is identified with the LORD himself as The Breaker:

“I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob. I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the middle of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many people. The one who breaks [peretz] open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it. Their king will pass before them, with the LORD at their head.” (Micah 2:12-13)

The chosen weapon of The Breaker is the sword. The sword is symbolic of the Word of God:

“He had in his right hand seven stars, out of his mouth was a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.” (Rev. 1:16)

The warfare of The Breaker is spiritual. He is the slayer of the dragon. It is clear from the discussion of Leviathan in the previous section that the dragon is an invisible evil spirit not anything we see in this world. Consider the teaching in Scripture regarding the Christian’s spiritual warfare and note the parallels to the armed soldier The Breaker:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood: but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girding your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith with which you will extinguish all the fiery darts of the wicked one, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;” (Eph. 6:10-17)

Herein lies another mystery: the evil spirit is vanquished by the power of the Holy Spirit, but ‘The Breaker’ is evidently yet another person in the drama. In the case of the evil spirit being the great serpent, the third person is the Lord Jesus Christ and the vanquishing will take place at the end of the Great Tribulation when Satan will be bound for a thousand years and will not be able to deceive the nations any more. In the case of evil spirits that we struggle with in our spiritual warfare, the born again Christian can be “The Breaker”:

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:19-20)

Combining the passage from Ephesians 6 with the passage from Luke 10, the power we have is the power of the Spirit working through the word of God, not in ourselves.

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## **APPENDIX – ASSOCIATION OF AIRIES WITH SPIRITUAL NUMBERS**

This section investigates the parallels between the 11<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Number Theme<sup>5</sup> and the message of the constellation Aries and its three decan signs. God’s truth comes to us in many ways, through Scripture, through the stars, and through the spiritual meaning of Bible numbers. Since all these revelations of truth come from the same source, it should not be surprising that there is agreement between them.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Number Theme is presented on the following page.

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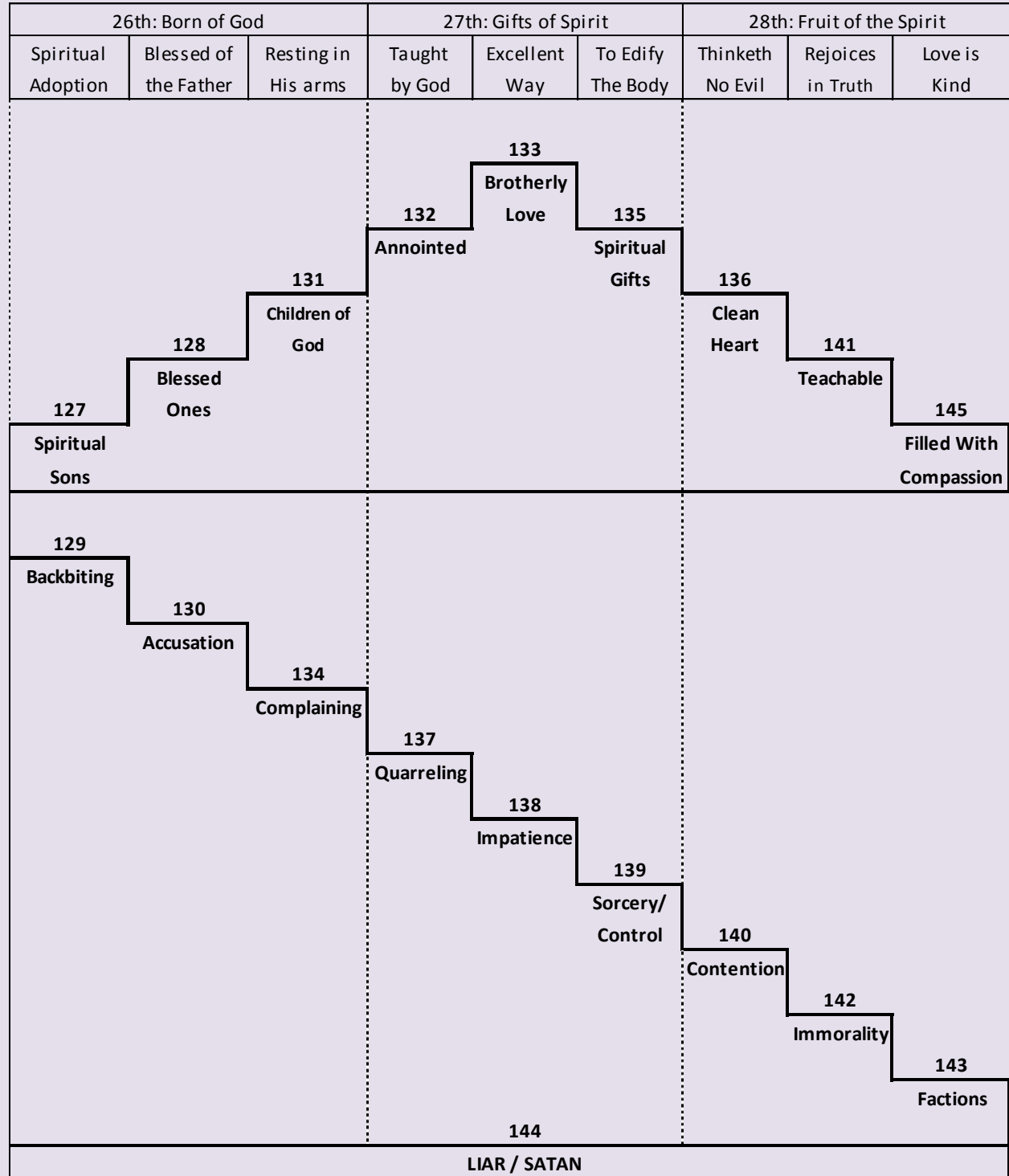
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<sup>5</sup> For a full description of spiritual numbers in the bible, we direct your attention to [www.biblenumbersforlife.com](http://www.biblenumbersforlife.com)

**CONNECTION BETWEEN ARIES AND SPIRITUAL NUMBER THEME 11**

**THEME 11 - MATTERS OF THE HEART**

"The heart is deceitful above all things and despirately wicked" (Jer 17:9) "Nothing good lives in me" (Rom 7:18)  
 Satan is at work tempting our hearts to evil. The believer's heart is cleansed, spirit annointed, and blessed.



## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NUMBER 11

The number 11 means “hidden”. Aries is about spiritual realities we cannot see and the struggle of good and evil to control us. How appropriate that this hidden war in our hearts would match up to spiritual number theme 11. Our heart is hidden even from ourselves. The work of salvation, the renewal of our spirit through faith in Christ, occurs in our heart. When someone is saved they know the difference, but outwardly they appear to be the same person. By the grace of God our as we hear the word of God, faith is put into practice in our lives and others looking might notice a change. But as we progress spiritually we discover our flesh is not convertible. While we live in this flesh we battle. We will not be rid of the presence of sin and the power of sin in our lives until we pass on from this world. While we are waiting for the redemption of our bodies we struggle because our flesh is pulling in a different direction than our hearts are guiding. The flesh must be subdued and brought into obedience through the renewal of our mind and the power of the Spirit.

## THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL

The entire bottom half of Number theme 11 is filled with numbers relating to the works of the flesh. This corresponds to the sign of Leviathan that occupies a larger portion of the sky than any other star sign. The flesh and the influence of evil spirits upon it is truly a great weight pulling everyone in the world down into sinful thoughts and deeds. Beneath all the numbers relating to the flesh is number 144, meaning “**liar**”, and signifying the father of lies, the great serpent The Devil. Consider this: is not every impulse of the flesh a lie in the face of the truth? Take for example “**impatience**” (number 138). How can we be impatient about anything? Does the world revolve around us? Impatience is the lie that stands up on its hind feet and says to the world, to God, and to all heaven: “I want it! And, I want it now!” Impatience elevates us to the place of God in our own eyes, giving us the right to dictate what is the right and proper time. How wicked is the flesh to believe such a thought, for surely God is the one who is the Lord of time, not us. In humility we embrace patience because it recognizes the truth of the matter, which is God will decide when is the right time for everything.

## THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

Cassiopeia told us in Aries how glorious a person can be who is devoted to Jesus Christ. With her fruitful branch in her hand, she is full of the fruit of the Spirit:

**“Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Gal. 5:22)**

With her eyes fixed adoringly of Christ, she is filled with love for Him, and at the same time is filled with his love towards others:

**“Love suffers long and is kind, love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Cor. 13:4-7)**

Compare the description of Cassiopeia with the numbers in theme 11:

- The first number group, the 26<sup>th</sup> truth triplet, identify her. She represents all who are **“children of God”** (number 121), who are **“spiritual sons”** (number 127), and who are **“blessed of the Father”** (number 128). Note that none of these descriptions would describe a church, a denomination, a movement, or any group we could see with our eyes. Cassiopeia is the Jerusalem that is above, the invisible corporate body of Christ. Scripture says: **“the Lord knows who are his”** (2 Tim 2:19);
- The second number group, the 27<sup>th</sup> truth triplet, tell of what a gift she is to all. She exemplifies love, particularly love for other believers: **“brotherly love”** (number 133). She is **“anointed”** (number 132), which brings our thoughts back to the two lovers of Song of Songs – they are continually communicating with each other. Spirit filled people have no need of a teacher, for the Lord is guiding them moment by moment. She is blessed with **“spiritual gifts”** (number 134) with which to edify the body.
- The third number group, the 28<sup>th</sup> truth triplet, tell of her inner nature: she has a **“clean heart”** (number 136), she is **“teachable”** (number 141), she is **“filled with compassion”** (number 145).

Where is Aries: the Lamb of God, slain yet alive? All these numbers appear to be only talking about Cassiopeia. Isn't this the sign of Aries? Where is the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ? He is invisible to mortal eyes, of course, this is number theme 11. Yet, we see Him through the life of Cassiopeia. Jesus said **“If you have seen me, you have seen the Father”**. Now we can say ‘If we have seen Cassiopeia, we have seen Jesus’.

In similar fashion, we might ask, where in number theme 11 is Perseus: The Breaker? We told you at the outset this star sign and this number theme are among the most deep and mysterious there is to consider. So far, two of the actors in the sky are clearly portrayed in number theme 11: Cassiopeia (all saved believers), the Sea (flesh) and Leviathan (great serpent). Aries is shining forth his light and his life through Cassiopeia. Perseus is a prophetic picture of the dragon slayed at a future time. We will not see that until the Lord's second coming. In the meantime, in the stars we see the dragon subdued. In a mystical way we do not fully understand, the life and worship of Christians on earth dampens and restrains the activity of the great serpent. We have a picture of this in Exodus when Moses spoke to the frightened Israelites as they saw the chariots of Pharaoh approaching them:

**“The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”** (Exodus 14:14)

And on the day Pharaoh was drowned in the sea, the faithful walked through the sea untouched:

**“But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.”** (Exodus 14:16)

The point here is the Spirit filled life has the effect of dividing the sea, which is overcoming the flesh, and at the same time defeating our spiritual enemies, evil in the heavens. So, Cassiopeia and ‘The Breaker’ are one and the same. Think of a mirror. Cassiopeia is the figure in the mirror that we can see. In the heavenly realm the Holy Spirit is the person actually defeating and suppressing the evil spirits. We

cannot see the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit works through the faith of believers to such a great extent they are one in the spiritual battle. The number eleven is two ones side by side: 1 1. Together, we believers on earth (1) and the Lord in Heaven (1) stand side by side, of one accord, resisting the flesh and the Devil. Praise the Lord!

### **MEDITATION**

Aries tells us the story of invisible beings and a spiritual struggle in the hearts of men and women. Are we overcoming the sins of the flesh by the power of the Spirit? Or, are we slaves of sin and walking in the flesh? Aries sits in the sky watching us. Are our spiritual eyes on him?