

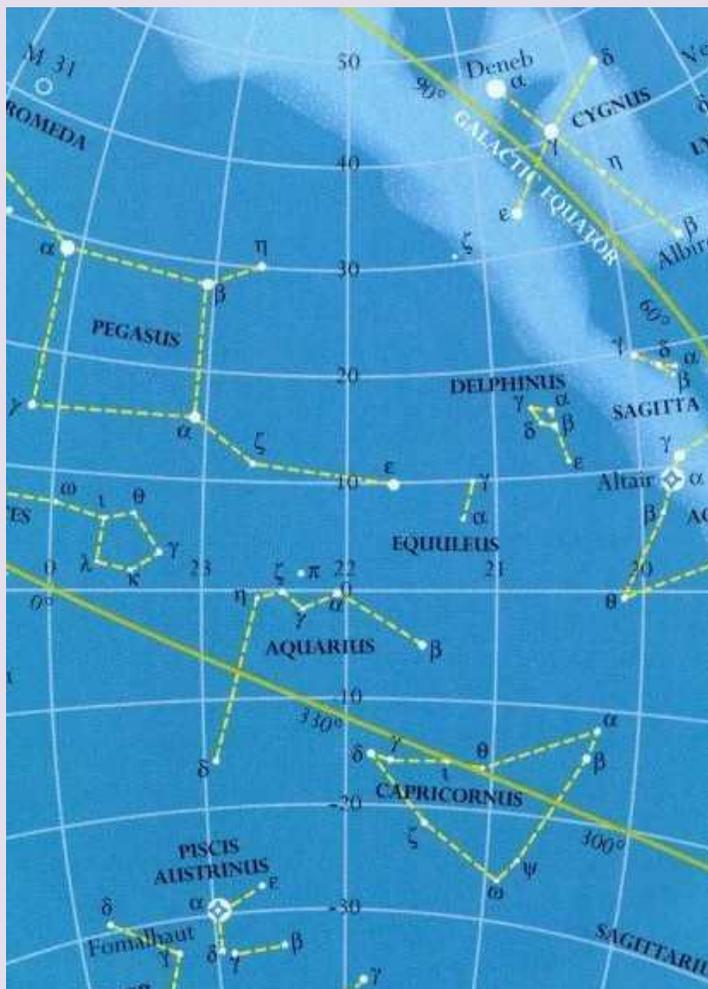
AQUARIUS – THE AGE OF GRACE ENDS

SUMMARY

Aquarius is about the momentous decision which God must make in the last days. God will judge when the Age of Grace ends and the Great Tribulation begins. The church must come out of the world in order for the wrath of God to fall and for the process of cleansing the Earth to begin. God does not wish any to perish, so He would prefer to postpone this decision. However, as the witness of the church dims there will be less and less chance for anyone to be saved. As in the days of Noah, the Lord will be painfully grieved by the sinfulness of men on the Earth. At the same time the church will transform into a religious system and will lose sensitivity to the Spirit. She will not testify of God, she will adopt man's ways. This will cause the Lord pain as unbelievers go from bad to worse and believers shut their ears to God. However, once the decision is made to end the Age of Grace, there will be great joy in rapturing the saints. Those saints will return to the Earth with the Lord to rule and reign with him.

POSITION OF THE SIGN

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Aquarius [Jesus] is the humble man, who serves by carrying water [Holy Spirit] with which to wash the feet (sin) of the saints.

The living water flows in endless supply from the jar on the back of Aquarius down through the darkness of the sinful world into the mouth of the fish [**Pisces Austrinus**] to sustain the saints who are trapped in the vain religion of the last days – the spiritual imposter of the real church.

When the fresh water fish (true church) is finally overwhelmed by the salt sea (world), which invades and soaks into it, the work on Earth of Aquarius is done. The saints are resurrected [**Cynus**] and fly to heaven.

From heaven the saints return to Earth as the glorious army of God, riding winged horses [**Pegasus**], following the Lord who shall go on ahead and obliterate the idolatrous world system, the false prophet, and the tyrannical one-world leader.

AQUARIUS



In the right shoulder 'Sadalmelik': "**record of the outpouring**", in the left shoulder 'Sa-ad Al Sand': "**pourer out**"; in the left hand 'Albali': "**the swallower**"; in the right leg 'Scheat': "**who goes and returns**"; 'Mon': "**urn**"; 'Deli': "**bucket**". In the ancient Dendera Egyptian zodiac, two urns were poured both out; In the Middle East the picture is one urn poured out, into the mouth of a fish far below.

To interpret this sign, let's begin with the image of a man carrying a water urn. There is a clear reference to this in the gospel of Mark:

"Jesus' disciples asked him 'Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover? So he sent two of his disciples, telling them: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.'" (Matt 14:12-13)

Who was this man, and what did a jar of water have to do with celebrating the Passover? The water was for ritual washing. At this meal, Jesus took the role of servant and washed their feet:

"Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power and that he had come from God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin, and began to wash his disciple's feet, drying them off with the towel wrapped around him." (John 13:1-5)

To say this plainly: Jesus completely disrobed and took off even a towel around his waist to wipe the dirtiest smelliest part of his disciples' bodies. He then put that towel back on. He took away their dirt and put it on himself. A picture of the sinless Lamb of God taking upon himself the sin of the world!

The disrobing of Jesus agrees with the sign of Aquarius in the sense that the sun passes through and exposes the private parts of the water washing servant. It suggests in the last days as the Age of Grace draws to a close, the Lord Jesus will be humiliated once again. His church, his witness to the world, will have no clothes. Its sin will be clear to all observers. It will be painful in the extreme for him to watch. His name will be besmirched before the whole universe.

The Last Supper took place at the very end of the time of the Old Covenant between God and the Jews. It is also prophetic of the time of the end of the New Covenant between God and Christians. In the vision of Daniel, the feet of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream symbolized the last days of the times of the Gentiles. The feet are a filthy part of the body, especially in the time of Jesus because people

walked barefoot or in sandals. All the dirt and filth of their daily travel collected on their feet. The lowest slave in the house was assigned the task of washing the feet. We understand from these facts that in the last days the sinfulness of man will reach great depths. As Jesus washed his disciple's feet completely naked and humiliated, He is saying to us, pay attention to what happens at the Last Supper: it will be the same at the end of the Age of Grace.

The Last Supper is a sad picture of the state of Christian fellowship in the last days of the Age of Grace:

- Judas Iscariot, appears to be an apostle but is planning to betray Christians for money
- Simon Peter, reputedly a leader, professes faith but publically denies he knows Christ
- Thomas and others can't see prophecy: **"we don't know where you are going"** (John 14:5)
- Philip demands a sign to believe: **"show us the Father and that will be enough for us"** (John 14:8)
- Some disciples no longer know the truth: **"We don't understand what he is saying"** (John 16:18)
- No one is praying: **"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"** (Mark 14:37)

In another example in Scripture, we notice parallels between how Paul uses the image of the pouring out of water with the end of his ministry, his calling to be with the Lord, the arrival of a deliverer, and the falling away of disciples: (all four signs in the constellation Aquarius)¹

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering [Aquarius], and the time has come for my departure [Cygnus]. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Do your best to come to me quickly [Pegasus], for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me [Pisces Austrinus]..." (2 Tim. 4:6-7)

The position of Aquarius in the sky relative to the other star signs tells a story. One of the fish of Pisces is straining against the band to reach Aquarius. Pisces is the constellation after Aquarius and represents the state of spiritual affairs at the precise moment the Age of Grace ends. The little fish straining to reach Aquarius represents true believers who desire to follow Jesus in lowly service. The other little fish strains towards Andromeda (religious bondage). Fish in the land portion of the sky don't represent Jews, goats represent Jews. Christians at the end of the Age of Grace will be divided and weak.

Aquarius has his left hand above the preceding constellation Capricorn. Capricorn is the sign with the dual nature dying goat head and lively fish tail. Capricorn represents the end of the spiritual nation of Israel under the Old Covenant and the exile of Jews from the Holy Land to Gentile lands (represented by the salt Sea).

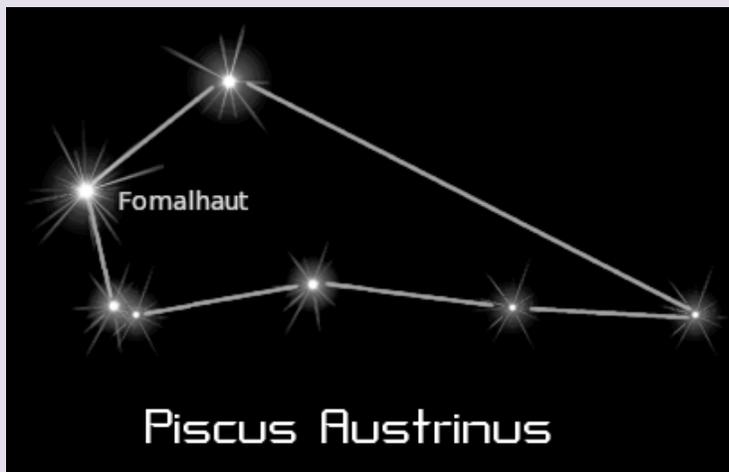
The part of Israel at the time of Christ that was stubborn and bound to tradition (the goat) is facing away from Aquarius – offended by the Son of Man Jesus Christ. Unspiritual Israel transformed from a land creature to a sea creature. The lively tail suggests the unspiritual Jews who rejected Christ would ultimately prosper in the salt Sea and attain every form of worldly success. The part of Israel at the time of Christ that was spiritual left the synagogues and followed the apostles' preaching. These Jewish

¹ There is another connection to Paul's 'pouring out' and the sign Dalaph (see our paper on Capricorn)

converts together with the Gentile converts became the fresh water fish [believers in Christ] living in the salt Sea that Aquarius sustains by supplying fresh water [living water – the Holy Spirit] from his jar.

Christians [fresh water fish] in the world [salt Sea] are in difficulty just as a fresh water fish would find breathing in a salt Sea difficult if not impossible. As the witness of the church slowly extinguishes and Christian fellowships disintegrate the Lord will find it futile to extend the Age of Grace. Pisces teaches us the Jewish faith will be flourishing and even attracting confused Christians. Jews will seek to renew the Old Testament Covenant and religious system. At some point the tension will reach the breaking point, Christians will be raptured, the Great Tribulation will begin, and the temple in Jerusalem and an Aaronic priesthood will be restored.

PISCES AUSTRINUS



The bright star, of the 1st magnitude, is 'Fom al Haut': "**mouth of the fish**". The Egyptian word for the sign was 'Aar' or "stream". This is close to the Hebrew word 'Arra' or 'Aron' meaning "a box" and is translated "ark" in the Bible. There was an ark of wood which preserved the faithful through the flood. There was also the ark of the Covenant, within which the presence of God dwelt.

Pisces Austrinus is a large fish far South in the sky from Aquarius. In general, the fish is a symbol of regeneration, abundant blessing and spiritual life. With the living water flowing from the urn of Aquarius into the mouth of this large fish, there is a connection between the Lord above and his believers below. The water of the sea is undrinkable and has no nutritional value, hence the need for living water from the Lord. Pisces Austrinus is comprised of Christians living in Gentile lands. Even though the world around them does not honor God nor fear his name, these converts have been born again and have tasted the living water, the Holy Spirit sent down from Aquarius above.

The believers represented by Pisces Austrinus share the salt water with Leviathan, who is the natural enemy of fish. The believers dwell in a dark place, full of danger and death. Near Pisces Austrinus is the fiery altar Ara in the constellation Sagittarius, whose flames declare eternal judgment upon the enemies of God. The darkness, salt water, and southerly location of this sign suggest these believers are immersed in a culture and among people who walk in darkness. The position of this fish is not looking up toward the Lord rather it is looking in the direction of the tail of Leviathan, possibly out of fear but also possibly out of fascination. Eventually the love of the world seeps into the church and the church ceases to know Christ or to follow Christ, but instead exalts men and follows men.

The contrast between the picture of believers in Pisces Austrinus and those represented by the sign of Cassiopeia in the constellation of Aries is like night and day. In Cassiopeia believers are pictured as a glorious Queen enthroned high up in the heavens for all to see. Cassiopeia is upside down, indicating her lack of interest in worldly things. Her eyes gaze adoringly at Aries, the Lamb of God. Cassiopeia radiates self-less love, adoration for Christ, and the favor of God. In contrast, Pisces Austrinus sits in so deep in the sky it is not even visible in the northern latitudes. Pisces Austrinus signifies believers that have no witness for Christ and have become corrupted by the world. Sinfulness and worldliness is pulling them deeper into darkness. Were it not for the grace of God and the supply of the living water, the Holy Spirit, they would be disconnected from God and hopelessly lost in sin.

There is one bright star in Pisces Austrinus: 'Fom Al Haut', meaning "**mouth of the fish**". Could this star represent a dominant leader figure in the church? The star is located at the very front of the fish, and therefore as the fish swims the body of the fish follows wherever the 'mouth of the fish' leads them. As the 'mouth of the fish', this leader is himself a public speaker: the one who speaks to believers and the one who speaks for believers. The 'mouth of the fish' is the one who is swallowing the water coming down from Aquarius above. This leader is in a figurative way swallowing the water from above and thereby denying the water to the rest of the body. Consider below the picture of the hat worn by cardinals. This hat, called a Mitre, is shaped like the mouth of a fish:²



Notice that at the back of the Mitre there are two ribbons that trail down behind the cardinal. This represents the body of followers of the one wearing the hat. Notice how great the hat is and how small the ribbons are. The ribbon is divided into two. The size of the Mitre relative to the size of the ribbons signifies the importance of the leader and the unimportance of the followers. The division of the ribbons points to the role of the leader to ensure the body of followers is kept weak and defeated.

Any local assembly of Christians, whether Catholic or not, who has a leader figure who belongs to a tradition that: rules over the church, possesses its own extra-Biblical version of 'correct' doctrine, dictates church practices, and suppresses lay believers from exercising spiritual gifts would fit the description of the "**mouth of the fish**". Those who attend these 'services' soon learn their role is to

² The Philistines worshiped the fish god Dagon. The attire of the high priest was a hat in the shape of a fish's mouth with a cape trailing down behind with scales on it. The Mitre of the Catholics mimics this practice.

attend regularly, follow instructions, give money, sit quietly, listen to the priest or minister tell them what God is saying, then thank him on the way out the door. Instead of Jesus being the shepherd, the priest or minister is the shepherd. Instead of the Word of God being spiritual food, the teaching of the priest or minister is what believers need to know. Instead of Jesus being our high priest in heaven, there is a man on earth who claims to be the high priest over all the little priests who in turn are lords over their parishes. The model of one ruler over all is straight from the world. We find this model in government, in the military, and in business. This is not how the kingdom of God operates, which is opposite to the way the world operates. Jesus said:

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave.” (Matt. 20:25-26)

Much more could be said about Pisces Austrinus. The size of the star group indicates there will be many believers who are starving for spiritual food while trapped inside these worldly religious movements. This is of great concern to the Savior but by transferring spiritual authority away from Jesus to a worldly religious system, the believers have cut themselves off from the full blessings of God. There is only one solution, and that is to leave those worldly religious systems. Few believers will do that because from their perspective outside the system is darkness, death, and the fearsome enemy Leviathan. If they did leave, God would guide them to a true Christian fellowship or assist them in starting one. Few will muster that faith so the witness of the church will be suppressed and finally, in the last days, peter out.

CYGNUS – THE SWAN



Cygnus is a brilliant star formation. There is one star of 1st or 2nd magnitude, six of the 3rd magnitude, twelve of the 4th magnitude. The bright star ‘Deneb’ means “**judge**”, it is also called ‘Adige’: “**flying swiftly**”. The star ‘Al Bireo’ means “**flying quickly**”. Other stars: ‘Sadr’: “**who returns in a circle**”; ‘Azal’: “**who goes and returns quickly**”; ‘Fafage’: “**gloriously shining forth**”. Cygnus contains five double stars and one quadruple star. There is a barely visible star in Cygnus, called 61 Cygni, which has the distinction of being the star in all the skies that changes its position the most relative to our perspective. It is indeed ‘swiftly moving’.

The swan is a water bird famous for beauty. True to the tale of Hans Christian Andersen the duckling of the swan is dark but it matures into a graceful white bird. The swan mates for life and is the picture of marital fidelity. The word ‘swan’ comes from the word ‘song’. In classical literature, the swan was

noted for being demure, but upon the approach of death issues forth the most melodious song: it's 'swan song'. The Hindus revere the swan for its saintly quality: being in the world but not attracted to the world. Its feathers, though submerged in water do not become wet. The swan is one of the largest flying birds by weight, much larger than a goose, and its wingspan can be up to 3 meters (10 feet).

There is no clear reference in the Bible to a swan. In the list of unclean birds of Leviticus 11, the Authorized Version translates the Hebrew word תנשמת tanshemeth as 'swan', but the New International Version translates it as 'osprey'. Every single detestable bird in the list eats either meat or fish, so it is unlikely the swan is a detestable bird since like the goose and the duck its diet is plants and insects.

Our interpretation of Cygnus is it speaks of the rapture of the saints. Once again we rely on the star names and the position of the sign relative to other signs in the sky to give us the meaning. The shape of the bright stars in Cygnus is in the shape of the cross. The southern sky speaks of sin and death, so the star sign of the southern cross speaks of Christ's death. This sign in the northern sky speaks of liberation and spiritual life. We interpret Cygnus to be the people who are redeemed by Christ's death on the Cross. The bright star of Cygnus, 'Deneb': "judge" is at the northernmost tip of Cygnus. By this we understand Cygnus is flying upward pointed directly at the dual signs of Cassiopeia and Cephus. Cassiopeia, the enthroned Queen, signifies the spiritual body of Christ, which is hidden in Christ in the heavens. Cygnus, being a water bird, is able to swim in the water and also fly into the sky. It therefore pictures the transition of believers from their watery existence, as fish on the earth, to their heavenly state, as new creatures living in their redeemed bodies in heaven.

The star names of Cygnus tell the story of the rapture: (1) it will happen quickly, in the twinkling of an eye; (2) the Lord will come down from heaven; (3) we will rise from our graves to meet the Lord in the air, at which point he will judge our work while we dwelled in our earthly bodies, not for penalty but for reward; (4) we will return with the Lord, back to heaven from whence he came; (5) only a few short years later, we will return back to the earth after the Great Tribulation is over when the Lord establishes his kingdom at his second coming. The picture is of the swan rising up from the earth, circling, and coming back. In our new bodies we will shine gloriously forth from heaven. All these truths resonate with the star names, see previous page. Here are the Scripture references:

"According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." (1 Thess. 4:14-17)

"So it will be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." (1 Cor. 15:42-44)

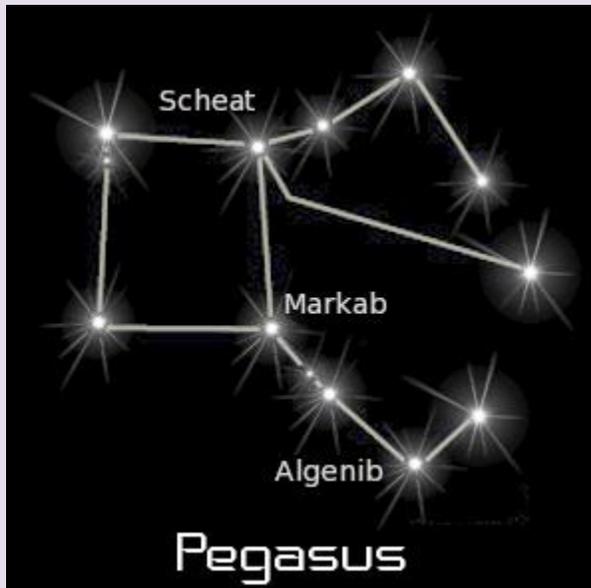
“Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep – but we will be changed – in a flash, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.” (1 Cor. 15:51)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” (2 Cor. 5:10)

“See the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone...” (Jude 14-15)

The trumpet call of God will sound. Isn't that what swan is famous for? It's parting song? Yes, the call of God will be the sweetest melody ever heard. “Where O death is your sting?” will be the lyrics.

PEGASUS



Pegasus, along with Cygnus, is another bright star sign: one star of the 1st magnitude, two of the 2nd magnitude, three of the 3rd magnitude, and four of the fourth magnitude. Pegasus is also a large sign in the northern sky, with the great square pattern clearly visible. The sign pictures a winged horse coming down from above. In the neck is 'Markab': "**returning from afar**", in the head is 'Algenib': "**who carries**", and the bright star in the nose is 'Enif': "**the nose**". The front legs attach at 'Scheat': "**who goes and returns**". The head of Pegasus is just above the sign of Aquarius, but upside down and looking back at the sign of Cygnus. To the backside of Pegasus is Andromeda.

The Scripture says when Christ returns from heaven the second time, he will be riding a white horse:

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself knows. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.” (Rev 19:11-14)

EPILOGUE

In the 1960's a pop band penned a song called the 'Age of Aquarius' in which they predicted in the coming Age "peace will guide the planets and love will fill the stars". Most of what has been written about Aquarius by Christian commentators also adopts a rosy view of this sign. They see Christ as

pouring out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost or during the Millennium. They miss the true meaning by a wide mark.

The messages of the constellation Aquarius:

1. The Lord prolongs the end of the Age of Grace [Aquarius] by supplying living water (the Holy Spirit) to believers trapped inside vain religion and [Pisces Austrinus];
2. True believers asleep in the Lord will be raptured to meet the Lord in the air [Cygnus];
3. We return with Lord as part of the army of heaven when he makes his appearance at the end of the Great Tribulation [Pegasus]. Pegasus refers to both the saints riding their white horses, and to the Lord Jesus Christ riding his own white horse. The horse is a symbol of war in the Bible. The white horse is the symbol of the conquering king.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER MAP #9 - ACQUARIUS

The following section will identify the parallels between the knowledge in the star sign Aquarius with the 9th spiritual number theme. For a complete description of spiritual numbers in the Bible, we invite you to visit our site: www.biblenumbersforlife.com

THEME 9 - THE AGE OF GRACE ENDS, THE GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS

The Age of Grace begins at the cross of Christ, and ends at the Rapture of Christians. The apostacy of the Church comes first. Mass suffering of believers brings God's wrath. The Old covenant with Jews is restored.

20th: Suffering Saints Cry Out			21st: Lawlessness Judged			22nd: Change of Guard		
Grace in Weakness	We Are Delivered	Help of Man Useless	He Loves The Needy	Vengeance Is Mine	Beginning of Wisdom	His Mercy Is Everlasting	Poor Lifted Out of Dust	New Light On Earth
<p>105 Strength in Suffering</p>			<p>109 Defender of the Poor</p>			<p>111 Fear of the Lord</p>		
<p>104 No Church Witness</p>			<p>110 Day of the Lord</p>			<p>113 Rapture of Saints!</p>		
<p>106 Believers Sinful</p>			<p>108 God Alone Can Save</p>			<p>114 Old Covenant Restored</p>		

Nine is the spiritual number of “**judgment**”. Theme 9 addresses the most serious judgment that God could ever make: when to wipe sinful man off the face of the earth, renew life on the planet, and repopulate all over again. This happened once before when God destroyed all life by bringing a flood. When God judges the world in the Great Tribulation, death will come from all sorts of wars, plagues, and natural disasters. As terrible as these woes are, they will fade into memory when the wonders of the Millennium begin.

The 20th truth triplet points to the key criteria God will use in making his decision: the suffering of the saints, and in parallel to that, the low level of spirituality and witness of the church. When Satan makes his final push for world control, he will begin a campaign not just to persecute Christians, but to martyr them. He knows they will never worship him. He also knows the presence of the church on earth holds back the man of “**lawlessness**” (21). The Bible explicitly says the Devil will prevail in his war on the saints.³ The testimony of the church on earth will smolder and die: “**no church testimony**” (104). The lives of most individual believers will be infected with sin and worldliness: “**believers sinful**” (106).

³ Revelations 13:7

There will be a great apostasy, and turning away from the faith. Those saints who remain faithful to the Lord will suffer terribly, and many will lose their lives. They will “**cry out to God in distress**” (107), realizing that “**God alone can save**” (108). Though the Lord gives them “**strength in suffering**” (105), it will not prevent the Lord from recognizing the church no longer is effective as a means to save the lost. God will put a stop to the suffering of the saints at this time and end the Age of Grace. The fullness of what this means is explained later in the number theme.

In the 21st truth triplet, God turns his attention to the sinfulness and lawlessness of men. The central number of the 21st truth triplet is also the central number of the entire 9th number theme: “**the day of the Lord**” (110). This phrase has specific meaning in prophecy to the time in the last days when the Lord will take vengeance on his enemies. Woe to the world in those days! Those who live in this time will understand “**the fear of the Lord**” (111). God will bring judgment after judgment upon the earth. In spite of their fear, the people will not repent but will grind their teeth in anger against God. There are some who believe great numbers of people will be saved in the Great Tribulation. Where they get this idea is mysterious. The Great Tribulation will be like Sodom and Gomorrah. People will be busy dying, not going to gospel meetings. [Please forgive the writer if this sounds irreverent: the death of billions of people is no laughing matter].

In the final 22nd truth triplet in this number theme we see the fulfilment of God’s promise to believers: the rapture of the saints! The Age of Grace ends when God takes his saints out of the world, which he will accomplish with the rapture. He will show his “**generosity to the poor**” (120) by “**lifting them out of the dust**” (113). At the moment the Age of Grace ends, Daniel’s 70th week begins. The “**Old Testament covenant is restored**” (114). The number 22 means “**light**”, it is a number that is associated with Jews because there are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet. The saints of the Lord will be gone, the only light left to the world will be the temple in Jerusalem, the sacrificial system, and the Old Testament scriptures. It is a dim light, and it will shine at a dark time: the Great Tribulation.

CONNECTION TO THE STAR SIGN AQUARIUS

The number theme fits very well with the interpretation of Aquarius laid out in this document. The number theme fills in one gap: the judgment that will come in the Great Tribulation. Truth triplet 20 corresponds to Pisces Austrinus, the decline of Christianity into the salt sea of sin, man’s religion, and the world system. Truth triplet 22 corresponds to Cygnus – the rapture of the saints.

Aquarius himself will transform from the humble servant in heaven stooping to wash the feet of the saints and forgive their sins into the Lord high and exalted who will pour judgment upon the world. The living water that sustained the saints becomes the water of death and judgment upon the earth. This is clearly brought forth in truth triplet 21 – The Day of the Lord. Contrary to popular interpretation, Aquarius does not signify “love and peace”, it signifies horrifying judgment and death.