

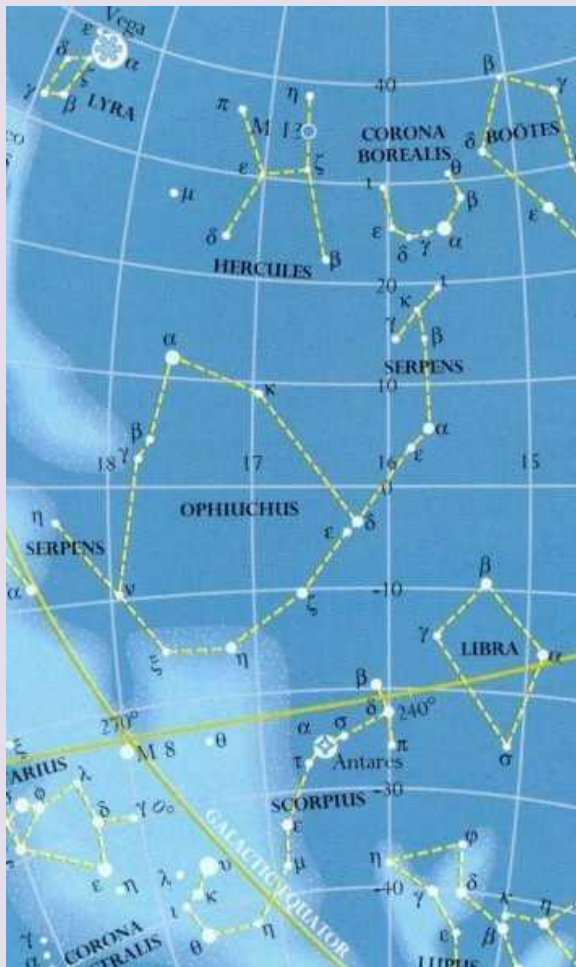
SCORPIO – THE SEED OF SATAN

SUMMARY

The Cross of Christ is an event which occurred over 2,000 years ago on the hill of Calvary just outside Jerusalem. Few suspected this event would change world history. Here we see a bold example of how events of significance in the spiritual realm impact events in the physical realm. The Cross defeated Satan in the spiritual realm: the blood of Christ permitted the forgiveness of sins. Before Jesus came to earth people everywhere lived in spiritual darkness and bondage to sin. Through faith in Jesus' shed blood on the Cross, his believers became cleansed of their sins, entered into a new life as his spiritual sons and daughters, and were empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow his ways: doing justly, showing mercy, and walking humbly with God. Satan continues to control the world through the sinful desires of the flesh and through evil in high places. The spiritually dead thing will become even more rotten. But, Satan's complete defeat in the world is in sight, signified by the arrow of Sagittarius pointed at Scorpio's hard heart.

POSITION OF THE SIGNS

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The Messiah came meek and lowly - like a lamb to the slaughter in [Libra](#); Christ died on the Cross. How Satan must have gloated when the Son of Man was crushed. But, when Christ rose from the dead, the tables were turned – it was Satan who was defeated. Satan destroyed Christ but now thousands of 'little-christs', Christians, spread out over the whole world.

With Christ removed from the world – the Holy Spirit living in Christians endues them with power to restrain evil. Christ had paid the penalty of sin on the Cross, but through the Holy Spirit Christians overcome the power of sin. This is portrayed in the stars as [Ophiuchus](#) straightening and overcoming the power of the coiling snake [Serpens](#). The foot of [Ophiuchus](#) is firmly planted on the head of [Scorpio](#).

[Scorpio](#): the scorpion represents the control of evil over people in the world in bondage to sin. Scorpio desires to strike Christians with his stinger but he is prevented because the foot of [Ophiuchus](#) is on his head and the stinger is snared in the stars of heaven.

[Hercules](#): Christ coming down from Heaven to collect his Bride at the rapture: the resurrection of believers.

SCORPIO – PEOPLE OF THE WORLD – SEED OF SATAN - UNDER THE CONTROL OF EVIL



Scorpio poises threateningly with its face set against the Lord Jesus upon the Cross in **Libra**. This pictures the ancient and visceral antagonism between the **Seed of the Woman** (Jesus Christ) and the **Seed of Satan** (people of the world who hate the true God and his Son).

There are 44 visible stars in Scorpio. The star **Antares** in the heart of Scorpio means “The Wounding”. It is 604 light years from earth. Marking the tip of his tail is the star **Lesath** which means “Sting”. It is 518 light-years from earth.

The stars at the front of Scorpio are not the claws, they are either the mouth parts, the eyes, or the fangs of the scorpion. The claws are extended and surround Libra (see our paper on that sign).

God has chosen the scorpion, a member of the spider family, to be a picture of the people of the world who hate Christ –who are under the control of the Evil One. Does the analogy fit?

INSECTS – A Type of Man Not Under the Control of Evil

- Six legs, two antennae
- Three parts of the body: Head, Thorax, Abdomen
- Make noise; has a sense of hearing
- Communal in lifestyle

SPIDERS & SCORPIONS – A Type of Man Controlled by Evil

- Eight legs, no antennae; spiders spin silk for traps, scorpions have two extra claws
- Carnivorous: lives by eating insects (no love here: female spiders often eat male spiders)
- No head: the mouth and eyes are fused to the thorax
- Hard shells: no skin flexible enough to vibrate with sound waves – no sense of hearing
- Reclusive in lifestyle: scorpions avoid daylight; spiders compete with each other for prey

Most of us would not evaluate ourselves as being ‘under the control of the Evil One’, most would rather think of ourselves as more like unsuspecting insects – going through our daily lives not trying to hurt others, minding our own business. In society we display our best behavior.

What is our basic nature? The true nature of a thing is proven by a test. When put to a test with our survival at stake, will we cast aside our ‘common’ decency and ‘fight like the devil’?

In our study of Libra we identified two parts of the scorpion which are extreme examples of the capacity of human nature for doing evil: the North Claw (outwardly pious religious men that inwardly are full of hatred, jealousy, and murder) and the South Claw (soldiers trained in the art of torture, violence, and killing; having no sensitivity to the pain of others; brutal cold blooded killers). Let there be no doubt – man is capable of great evil.

But setting aside religious fanatics calling for holy wars and death to infidels and blasphemers, and with them the hardened killers who perpetrate those acts, are the rest of us really that bad? One of the characteristics of spiders and scorpions is they have no heads, their mouths and eyes are fused directly to their thorax (or chest). The thorax would be a type of what the Bible calls ‘the flesh’: our carnal drives. Spiders and scorpions are an illustration of behavior driven by base desires, not according to any spiritual influence. Scripture defines what is ‘worldly’, ‘fleshly’ - what is the expression of man’s sinful nature:

“You are still **worldly**. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not **worldly?**” (1 Cor. 3:3-5)

“...people of this **world**, who are immoral, or greedy, or swindlers, or idolators.” (1 Cor.5:10)

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.” (Galatians 5:19-21)

The carnivorous behavior of spiders and scorpions can be likened to biting and devouring our fellow man: not only through killing but also destroying them through gossip, accusations, etc.

Scripture defines what fruit to expect in the life of a spiritual person: one who lives according to the power of the Holy Spirit, not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh or walking in worldly ways:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” (1 Cor. 13:4-8)

The communal behavior of insects, bees and ants, is the opposite to the ways of spiders and scorpions. See how insects serve one another. See how they protect one another. How hard they work for no recognition. There are no divisions among them. There are no battles among them. They don’t bite and devour one another. This is the picture in nature of love.

THE HORSE AND THE RIDER

If you have not confessed your sins to God in the name of Jesus you are under the control of the evil one. Your flesh is the horse and evil is riding you, or ruling your life.



Source: unknown.

As an unsaved person, you would naturally think: ‘that is ridiculous!’ The basis for your logic is (1) you barely notice evil pulling on the traces of your life – you think you are in control, and (2) you don’t feel the weight of a rider – everything feels normal to you.

A water molecule does not have a very great gravitational attraction to the Moon. In the same way, most of us don’t think we are under the control of the evil one. Yet, when we look at the oceans we see the gravitational attraction of the Moon is strong enough to cause great tides: heaping and frothing of the seas. In the same way, when we look at behavior in society, of large numbers of unspiritual men and women controlled by the evil one we see all kinds of sin: murder, theft, rape, beatings, threats, intimidation, and oppression of all kinds. These are the manifestations of the sinful nature – proof evil is at work in men’s souls.

The Scripture agrees:

“When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.” (James 3:3-4)

We think we are in control – but we are not. We are being steered, piloted, by the evil one. Look at a picture of a scorpion and you will notice: its back looks an awful lot like a saddle!

Those who have confessed our sins to Jesus know this to be true. When we were saved we felt a great weight lift off us. We looked back at our life and saw when we did evil and hurt other people. We realised evil had been riding us our whole life. We had become so comfortable with our rider we didn’t notice him. Now we live in obedience to the Holy Spirit, no longer to our flesh. We are free from the control of the evil one.

SPIRITUAL NUMBERS IN SCORPIO

The bright star [Antares](#) in the heart of Scorpio lies 604 light-years from earth. The number 604 is equal to 4×151 which has the spiritual meaning: WORLD (4) of MAN'S POSSESSIONS (151). The philosophy of the world is man possesses everything. This is the basis for competition and striving with other men to own things. This is not the teaching of the Bible. In truth God owns everything. According to Scripture we are merely stewards who take care of his belongings.

- Our bodies belong to him: “**Your body is a temple ... you are not your own**” (1 Cor. 6:19)
- All land belongs to him: “**the land is mine...you are my tenants**” (Lev. 25:23)
- All living creatures belong to him: “**every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle on a thousand hills**” (Psalm 50:10)
- The whole earth belongs to him: “**For God is the King of all the earth: sing praises with understanding.**” (Psalm 47:7)

The worldly philosophy of man possessing things leads to scorpion-like behavior in the flesh:

“**What causes fight and quarrels among you? [Scorpion behavior] Don't they come from the desires that battle within you? [the flesh – the thorax] You want something [[Antares](#): philosophy of man's possessions] but don't get it. You kill and covet [[Antares](#): The Wounding], but you cannot have what you want. ... You adulterous people don't you know that friendship with the World [[Scorpio](#)] is hatred toward God? If anyone chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God [[Scorpio](#)]**” (James 4:1-4)

The two stars in the tip of the stinger of Scorpio are [Shaula](#) (703 light-years from earth) and [Lesath](#) (518 light-years from earth). The number 518 is equal to 2×259 which has the spiritual meaning: DIVISION (2) of BELIEVERS HUNTED RELENTLESSLY (259). The number 703 is equal to 19×37 which has the spiritual meaning: FAITH (19) of the CHOSEN SERVANT (37). These seem like very odd names to find in Scorpio, the sign of the merciless killer and enemy of God, the one whose face is set against the Son of Man on the Cross – lusting to crush him with his claws.

The stars of [Shaula](#) and [Lesath](#) guide us to a most welcome truth presented to us in the sign of [Scorpio](#): the mighty [Ophicus](#) who stands high above [Scorpio](#) is not only able to wrestle the coiling snake [Serpens](#) he also has his foot planted firmly on the head of [Scorpio](#). Although the evil one controls the fleshly people of the world, the Holy Spirit restrains the evil one! The evil one is not able to unleash all that is in his evil heart to do because God restrains him. So long as God's Chosen Servant on earth, the church of Jesus Christ, continues to have faith [FAITH (19) of the CHOSEN SERVANT (37)] Satan is restrained from persecuting and hunting believers to death [DIVISION (2) of BELIEVERS HUNTED RELENTLESSLY (259)].

Another visual clue of this truth is the position of the stinger of Scorpio in the clouds of the Milky Way. The bright star rich Milky Way represents Heaven. The stinger of Scorpio is snared in heaven – it cannot strike because it is being restrained by a spiritual force [the stars in heaven signifying faith in God].

Another solemn reality portrayed in the sign of Scorpio. Should the people of God lose their faith, the restraint of the Holy Spirit will not hold, and the stinger of Scorpio will lash out!

SERPENS – THE ENFOLDING SNAKE – BROKEN BY OPHIUCHUS



Serpens is the line of stars – separated by the leg of **Ophiuchus** which is stepping over **Serpens** to place his foot on **Scorpio's** head.

The star **Unuk** in the neck means 'encompassing'. The star **Alya** in the tail means 'the accursed'. The star **Al Hay** means 'the reptile'. The star Chelebalrai (or **Chow**) in the jaw means 'the serpent enfolding'. *Caput* means 'head', *Cauda* means 'tail'.

Distance in light-years to earth, in order: In *Caput*: Mouth [**Iota** (192), **Kappa** (348), **Gamma** (36)] **Chow** (153), **Delta** (210) **Unuk** (73), **Epsilon** (70), **Mu** (156). In *Cauda*: **Xi** (105), **Al Hay** (62), **Alya** (132).

The brightest star in Serpens is **Unuk**. The distance from **Unuk** to earth in light-years is 73. The spiritual number 73 means **BABYLON** (73). The name Unuk means 'encompassing'. This will be the feature of Babylon in the Last Days in two ways: (1) it will be all-encompassing – the whole world will be under its control; (2) it will use pressure, the squeezing power of the coils of the snake, to cut off the breath of its victims, choke them to death. They will then be swallowed whole and digested.



The python is an example of a constricting snake. It has six rows of teeth in its jaws (four on top; two on the bottom) which slant inward. The python hides in waiting for the passer-by, darts out its jaws, bites its prey, quickly coils its body around the victim, and squeezes so hard it cannot breathe. Once the prey is dead, the snake swallows it whole. Digestion can take up to a week. Pythons and constrictor snakes are found in Asia, India, Micronesia, Central and South America. Like many large reptiles, they thrive in tropical conditions. Some climb trees.

In the mouth of **Serpens**: **Iota** (192), **Kappa** (348), **Gamma** (36) and one at the root of the jaw: **Chow** (153). The meaning of the spiritual numbers of the distances in light-years to these stars:

- **Iota**: $192 = 64 \times 3$ which means **FELLOWSHIP BROKEN** (64) with **GOD** (3)
- **Kappa**: $348 = 58 \times 6$ which means **WORLDLY LIFE** (58) of **MAN** (6)
- **Gamma**: 36 which means **MAN EXALTED** (36)
- **Chow**: 153 which means **TRIBE OF FAITH** (153)

The stars in the mouth of **Serpens** picture the swallowing of the Tribe of Faith (153) – the Church of Christ. This is a perfect match to the position of the head of **Serpens** (see page 1), which is directly below the sign **Corona**, which is the tiara of glory to Jesus resting upon the head of the Bride of Christ! (See our paper on LIBRA – The Cross of Christ for further explanation). The Serpent has swallowed the Bride from her toes all the way up to her head.

The picture is a startling reminder of the subtle way in which worldliness creeps into the life of a Christian: **WORLDLY LIFE OF MAN** until it suffocates the spiritual life. It begins with a fondness for worldly distractions, then increases (as each coil wraps around) to the point we place more of our faith, hope, and admiration upon men: **MAN IS EXALTED**. Finally the Holy Spirit (the ‘breath’) is squeezed out completely: **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BROKEN**. At that point our life would be indistinguishable from people that have never known Christ. Our mind, our strength, our will would be given over to worldly pursuits and ambitions. We would love everything in the world, and have lost our love for the Lord. Wrapped in the coils of the snake we would be in darkness and at the same time every part of our body would be touching his clammy scales.

Scorpio is a picture of the people of the world under the control of the Evil One.

Serpens is a picture of the people of God coming under the control of the world.

Much attention is paid in the last epistles in the New Testament to warn Christians against loving the world. The love of the world is the besetting sin of the people of God:

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world.” (1 John 2:15-16)

We continue with the next four stars in **Serpens** all located in the *Caput*, the head of the snake:

- **Delta**: $210 = 10 \times 21$ which means **TESTIMONY** (10) of **LAWLESSNESS** (21)
- **Unuk**: 73 [31st prime] which means **BABYLON** [73]

- **Epsilon**: 70 which means **DIVISION** (2) of **SUFFERING SERVANT** (35)
- **Mu**: 156 which means **MAN'S LEADERSHIP** (156)

These star truths explain what happens when the Bride of Christ comes under the control of the world: the church morphs from the body of Christ into a rotten carcass of unbelief - **Serpens**:

- (1) Lawlessness – Saints start to do whatever they please whenever they please; they become worldly, following the cravings of sinful flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, etc. This is most often witnessed in large cities where temptations abound.
- (2) Man's Leadership – The church comes under the authority of men, who make laws to govern the church in such a way to ensure their power is supreme over her and unassailable. An example of this would be a system in which one man becomes the supreme arbiter of the church's affairs, the sole speaker on matters of faith and practice, and administrator of all offices of the church – determining which leaders in the church may minister, how they may minister, and what they may say.
- (3) Division of Suffering Servant – The church persecutes the true believers in Jesus. When the true believers in Jesus will not submit to the 'authority of the church' or when they protest at the worldliness of the church – they are oppressed – struck down, even killed!

We propose the Church of Rome fulfilled the prophecy of the head of **Serpens**. Specifically, it refers to the period of history when the church allowed a single Pope to rule over it with man's authority up until the time when the Church of Rome persecuted believers and dissenters during the Inquisition and the wars against the Protestants. When the Church of Rome began killing believers in large numbers the Holy Spirit departed from them and resettled in the hearts of believers in the Protestant Church. The breaking up **Serpens** into two parts signifies this transition.

The space where no stars in **Serpens** appear in the heavens corresponds to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in the revivals of the 1800's and the wave of world missions in the 1900's. Thus, the fulfillment of the **Serpens** prophecy, the tail of **Serpens**, will appear in the line of churches descended from the Protestant Reformation. It cannot apply any longer to the Church of Rome because that institution ceased to be a communion of believers long ago and the **Serpens** prophecy pertains to the Church of Christ. Believers are defined as those who put faith in the atoning work of Jesus' death on the Cross to pay for sins. The Church of Rome is the prime example of how the world can squeeze the breath (the Holy Spirit) right out of the Church of Jesus Christ, until it becomes a spiritually dead thing.

Prophetic Clarification 1 – Babylon is the system of world trade and wealth that encompasses the world in the last days. **Serpens** is not Babylon – **Serpens** is Babylon in the Church

Prophetic Clarification 2 - The Harlot of Revelations signifies the Jewish nation who forsakes the Lord and allies herself to the Evil One (the Dragon) who is the spiritual power behind the world system (Babylon). There are similarities to the Church of Rome, but the Harlot is not the same.

We continue with the last three of the brightest stars of **Serpens**: in the *Cauda*, the tail:

- **Xi**: $105 = 7 \times 15 = \text{THE END (7) of PEACE (15) = STRENGTH IN SUFFERING (105)}$
- **Al Hay**: $62 = 2 \times 31 = \text{DIVISION (2) of FAMILY OF GOD (31) = JERUSALEM (62)}$
- **Alya**: $132 = 33 \times 4 = \text{SCATTERED REMNANT (33) in WORLD (4) = ANNOINTING (132)}$

The star **Xi** is the first star of the tail part of **Serpens**, where it reappears from under the leg of **Ophiuchus**. **Xi** is 105 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 105 is the first number in Theme 9 – The End of the Age of Grace. The number 105 signifies the persecution of the Church by the one-world government, which is the ten nation confederacy.

Here is the reason why Christians are called not to love the world: The world system will one day be turned on us to wipe us out! Even in the present day the persecution of Christians is accelerating around the world. We see churches being burned and Christians beaten and killed. The star **Xi** is the most Southern star of **Serpens**. Is this a clue the persecution of Christians will begin in the Southern nations of the world? In Africa? Today we see Christians persecuted in Sudan, Nigeria, and Egypt. And the persecutions are not sporadic – they are systematic.

The star **Al Hay** is in the middle of the tail part of **Serpens**. **Al Hay** is 62 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 62 means Jerusalem, but not in a positive connotation. Jesus said “... **surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you...**” (Luke 13:33-34) The spiritual components of Jerusalem (62) are: Division (2) of the Family (31) of God. The star **Al Hay** tells us in the Last Days the Church of Christ will be divided into sects or denominations – which will oppose one another. The victim of this strife will be the truth of the unity of the body of Christ.

Finally, at the very tail of **Serpens** is the star **Alya** which means Remnant Scattered in the World. What begins as division in the Church of Christ along denominational lines leads to the division of Christians one from the other. The scorpion-like behavior of religious fighting, and other worldly man-centered behavior, grieves the Holy Spirit. Believers leave and have no place to go – they become scattered. When the community of Christians perishes, and Christians are swallowed up by the world, the return of the Lord will be near (see our paper on the next constellation: Sagittarius – The Heavenly Jerusalem).

Conclusion: Christians, do not love the world and do not permit the world into the church. For the world is at enmity with God, and it will destroy the church from the inside out. How does **Serpens swallow the Church of Christ? By the Church of Christ swallowing the world!**

OPHIUCHUS – THE MIGHTY MAN – BELIEVERS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Hebrew name is **Afeichus** which means ‘**the serpent held**’.

Stars in descending order of their brightness (Light-Years from earth):

In the head is **Ras Al Hagus** (47 LY) which means ‘**the head of him who holds**’; in the right knee is **Sabik** (88 LY) which means ‘**preceding one**’; in the left knee is **Zeta** (366 LY); in the left hand **Yed** (171 LY); in the right shoulder **Cebalrai** which means ‘**heart of the shepherd**’ (82 LY); in the right foot is **Theta** (563 LY); in the right hand is **Veta** (153 LY).

Hebrew names for stars, not identified, include: **Trophias** which means ‘**treading under foot**’; **Saiph** which means ‘**bruised**’; **Carnebus** which means ‘**the Wounding**’; and **Megeros** which means ‘**contending**’.

The path of the Sun passes just above **Theta** – the right foot. This means the great bulk of stars in **Ophiuchus** are north of the Ecliptic.

Ophiuchus is the only non-Zodiac sign that crosses the path of the Sun.

As we saw in the last section, **Serpens** represents Christians under the control of the world. The sign **Ophiuchus** represents Christians under the control of the Holy Spirit. How do we know? The brightest star in **Ophiuchus** is **Ras Al Hagus** which is 47 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 47 means **HUMILITY**. The star Cebalrai is 82 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 82 means **THRONE OF GOD**. The star Veta is 153 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 153 means **TRIBE OF FAITH**. The star Zeta is 366 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 366 means **BINDING TRUTH** (3) of **BROTHERLY LOVE** (133). The star Sabik is 88 light-years from earth. The spiritual number 88 means **SAINTS AFFLICTED** (88). The star Theta is 563 light-years from earth. 563 is the 103rd prime number, which means **NAME OF GOD** (103).

As the following verses show, the teaching of Christ regarding the work of the Holy Spirit follows the spiritual meaning of the stars in Ophiuchus. Notice sharp the distinction Jesus makes between the world and the work of the Holy Spirit:

“But when the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send [Throne of God] in my Name, [Name of God] will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

“If you love me [Tribe of Faith], you will obey what I command [Humility]. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor [Holy Spirit] to be with you forever – the Spirit of Truth. The world [Scorpio] cannot accept him, because it neither

sees him nor knows him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world [Scorpio] will not see me any more but you will see me." (John 14:15-19)

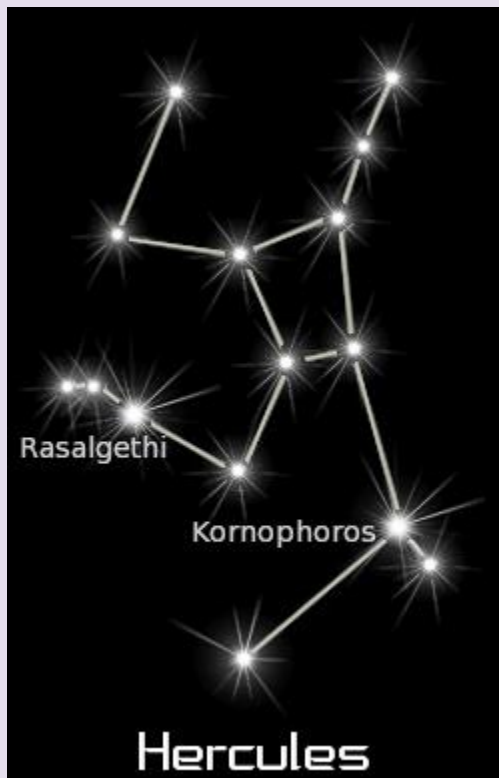
"If the world [Scorpio] hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you [Saints Afflicted]" (John 15:18-19)

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you [Tribe of Faith]. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands [humility] you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love... My command is this: love each other as I have loved you [Binding Truth – Brotherly Love]" (John 15:9-12)

When God's people are walking in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, they are walking in the blessing, the protection, and the power of God:

"Behold, I give unto you [Tribe of Faith] power [Ophiuchus] to tread on serpents [Serpens] and scorpions [Scorpio], and over all the [coiling/encompassing] power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you ." (Luke 10:19)

HERCULES – CHRIST COMES AGAIN - FOR HIS BRIDE



In the Egyptian Zodiac, the sign is called **Bau** which means 'Who Comes'. In Arabic his name means 'The Strong One'.

Hercules is pictured as a strong man upside down – as if falling down from heaven – raising a club in his right hand and holding the severed head of his enemy in his left hand. Hercules is face to face with Ophiuchus – each looking into the other's eyes!

Note: The diagram is wrong – the star Ras al Gethi should be at the very bottom, below and left of Kornophoros.

Stars in descending order of brightness (Light-Years from earth): **Kornephorus** in the right shoulder (148); **Zeta** in the back (35); **Sarin** the left shoulder (78); **Pi** in the left hip (377); **Ras al Gethi** in the head(382); **Marfak** in the left hand (where the star **Ras al Gethi** is wrongly pictured in the diagram) (27); **Eta** in the right hip (112); **Xi** in the fingers of the left hand (135); **Gamma** in the right arm (195); **Iota** in the left foot (495).

The position of Hercules adds another shining testimony to the love story of Christ for his Bride. On the right we have the **Good Shepherd** – the resurrected Christ – standing tall beside **Corona** (in the center of the picture) – the Crown of Glory – Christ’s work on the Cross – which itself rests upon the head of his (invisible) Bride.¹ On the left is **Hercules**, who is also positioned beside the Bride, but upside down. Thus, in this odd picture, the Bride is on the right hand of the **Good Shepherd** and on the right hand of **Hercules**. Thus indicating that the fellowship of Christ (symbolized by the right hand) with his Bride will be unbroken from his resurrection (Good Shepherd) to his return at the rapture (Hercules coming down from heaven).

The meaning of the stars based on the spiritual number meaning of the distance of the star from earth in light-years: **Kornephorus** (148) means **ELECT OF THE FATHER** (148); **Sarin** (78) means **MIRACULOUS SIGN** (78); **Pi** (377) means <meaning unknown>; **Ras al Gethi** (382) means 2 x 191 which means **SECOND** (2) of **AWE OF GOD** (191); **Marfak** (27) means **HOLY TRUTH** (27); **Eta** (112) means **GENEROSITY TO THE POOR** (112); **Xi** (135) means **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** (135); **Gamma** (195) means **OLD COVENANT RENEWED** (195); **Iota** (495) means 5 x 99 which means **GRACE** (5) **PERFECT** (99) (**ED**).

There are clear references here: (1) to the rapture, **GENEROSITY TO THE POOR** (112) and **MIRACULOUS SIGN** (78), and; (2) to the second coming of Jesus Christ: **SECOND** (2) **AWE OF GOD** (191). Number 112 is in the 22nd Spiritual Number Triplet – ‘Change of Guard’ in the 9th Number Theme ‘Age of Grace Ends – Daniel’s 70th Week Begins’. The 22nd Spiritual Number Triplet includes 113 **RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS** and 114 **OLD COVENANT RESTORED**. The numbers in **Hercules** reinforce the message that when the Bride of Christ – Gentile believers in him saved during the Age of Grace - are raptured, this will signal the re-introduction of God’s relationship with Israel – Old Covenant Restored.

The eyes of **Hercules** are fastened, in face to face fashion, upon the eyes of **Ophiuchus** – believers full of the Holy Spirit. This is an indication the prophetic fulfillment of Hercules is Christ coming out of Heaven to snatch his Bride. Once the Bride is in heaven, the focus of Jesus will be the end-time harvest of Jews who repent during Daniel’s 70th Week. There are stars in **Hercules** that hint at this, such as **OLD COVENANT RESTORED** (112). However, the position of **Hercules** beside the Bride – who is beneath the Crown - and the position of the eyes of **Hercules** fixed upon **Ophiuchus** – believers in the Age of Grace – all tell us: the primary fulfillment of the sign of **Hercules** is the resurrection of the Gentile believers saved during the Age of Grace. The restoration of the Old Covenant is merely the consequence of that event. End time events related to Jews saved in Daniel’s 70th week are portrayed in the signs **Gemini** and **Cancer**, much later in the prophetic time track of the Zodiac.

¹ Why is there no constellation for the Bride? Because love of Jesus is in our hearts – visible only to Him.

Although **Hercules** is commonly pictured with a club in his right hand and the severed head of his enemy in his left hand, the information in the stars do not support this picture. More investigation into the dimmer stars might turn up a pattern, but we don't think so. Christ is coming as a Bridegroom for a Bride, not as a warrior with a club. To us, the absence of stars in the right arm of Hercules suggests his right arm is behind his Bride as if to sweep her away.

The stars with the meaning **ELECT OF THE FATHER** (148) in the head of Hercules and **GRACE PERFECTED** (495) in the left foot speak of salvation by grace alone. By the position of the stars, God is saying the salvation of believers from the top of their head to the tip of their toes is by grace alone. It also pictures the degree to which Christ is full of grace regarding his love for us. We are saved and we will be raptured only because of God's love, his unmerited election, not because of our works.

In the left hand of Hercules are stars which mean **HOLY TRUTH** (27) and **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** (135). This hints at the 'bema' judgment seat of Christ, which occurs in the air, when he distributes rewards to his believers for their service to him on the earth. This is not a judgment of punishment, because our sins were already punished and cancelled at the cross. This is the judgment of rewards (or lack of rewards):

“For we [Christians] must all appear before the judgment seat [bema] 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)

So, although our salvation is the unmerited gift of God, there are further blessings which he will distribute to honor our service for him. Until we see him on that day of judgement may we examine our hearts and yield to the guiding of the Holy Spirit in order that we may serve the Lord in a way that glorifies him.

In the light of all the star knowledge we have learned from in this paper may we keep the love of the world (**Serpens**) out of our heart. In its place may we humbly (**Ophiuchus**) love and serve one another as we remember Christ's work on the Cross (**Corona**) and look forward to his soon coming (**Hercules**).

Amen.

APPENDIX – LIST OF CHIEF STARS*Visible Magnitude Less Than 4***SIGN OF SCORPIO**

Count	Name	Right Ascension	Declination	vis. Mag.	abs. mag.	Dist.(ly)
1	Antares	16h 29m 24.47s	-26° 25' 55.0"	1.06	-5.28	604
2	λ Sco	17h 33m 36.53s	-37° 06' 13.5"	1.62	-5.05	703
3	θ Sco	17h 37m 19.13s	-42° 59' 52.2"	1.86	-2.75	272
4	δ Sco	16h 00m 20.01s	-22° 37' 17.8"	2.29	-3.16	401
5	ε Sco	16h 50m 10.24s	-34° 17' 33.4"	2.29	0.78	65
6	κ Sco	17h 42m 29.28s	-39° 01' 47.7"	2.39	-3.38	464
7	β1 Sco	16h 05m 26.23s	-19° 48' 19.4"	2.56	-3.50	530
8	υ Sco	17h 30m 45.84s	-37° 17' 44.7"	2.7	-3.31	518
9	τ Sco	16h 35m 52.96s	-28° 12' 57.5"	2.82	-2.78	430
10	π Sco	15h 58m 51.12s	-26° 06' 50.6"	2.89	-2.85	459
11	σ Sco	16h 21m 11.32s	-25° 35' 33.9"	2.9	-3.86	734
12	ι1 Sco	17h 47m 35.08s	-40° 07' 37.1"	2.99	-5.71	1791
13	μ1 Sco	16h 51m 52.24s	-38° 02' 50.4"	3	-4.01	821
14	Γ Sco	17h 49m 51.45s	-37° 02' 36.1"	3.19	0.24	127
15	η Sco	17h 12m 09.18s	-43° 14' 18.6"	3.32	1.61	72
16	μ2 Sco	16h 52m 20.15s	-38° 01' 02.9"	3.56	-2.44	517
17	ζ2 Sco	16h 54m 35.11s	-42° 21' 38.7"	3.62	0.3	150
18	ρ Sco	15h 56m 53.09s	-29° 12' 50.4"	3.87	-1.62	409
19	ω1 Sco	16h 06m 48.43s	-20° 40' 08.9"	3.93	-1.64	423

SIGN OF SERPENS

Count	Name	Right Ascension	Declination	Vis. Mag	Abs. Mag.	Dist.(ly)
1	α Ser	15h 44m 16.00s	+06° 25' 31.9"	2.63	0.87	73
2	η Ser	18h 21m 18.92s	-02° 53' 49.6"	3.23	1.84	62
3	μ Ser	15h 49m 37.27s	-03° 25' 48.5"	3.54	0.14	156
4	ξ Ser	17h 37m 35.23s	-15° 23' 54.3"	3.54	0.99	105
5	β Ser	15h 46m 11.21s	+15° 25' 18.9"	3.65	0.29	153
6	ε Ser	15h 50m 48.89s	+04° 28' 39.3"	3.71	2.04	70
7	δ Ser A	15h 34m 48.19s	+10° 32' 19.9"	3.8	-0.24	210
8	δ Ser B	15h 34m 48.10s	+10° 32' 21.0"	3.8		
9	γ Ser	15h 56m 26.99s	+15° 39' 53.0"	3.85	3.62	36

SIGN OF OPHIUCHUS

Count	Name	Right Ascension	Declination	vis. Mag.	abs. Mag.	Dist. (ly)
1	α Oph	17h 34m 56.00s	+12° 33' 38.1"	2.08	1.3	47
2	η Oph	17h 10m 22.66s	-15° 43' 30.5"	2.43	0.37	84
3	ζ Oph	16h 37m 09.53s	-10° 34' 01.7"	2.54	-3.20	458
4	δ Oph	16h 14m 20.77s	-03° 41' 38.3"	2.73	-0.86	170
5	β Oph	17h 43m 28.38s	+04° 34' 00.9"	2.76	0.76	82
6	κ Oph	16h 57m 40.27s	+09° 22' 30.2"	3.19	1.09	86
7	ε Oph	16h 18m 19.24s	-04° 41' 33.4"	3.23	0.64	107
8	θ Oph	17h 22m 00.58s	-24° 59' 58.2"	3.27	-2.92	563
9	ν Oph	17h 59m 01.60s	-09° 46' 24.1"	3.32	-0.03	153
10	72 Oph	18h 07m 21.02s	+09° 33' 49.2"	3.71	1.69	83
11	γ Oph	17h 47m 53.57s	+02° 42' 26.9"	3.75	1.43	95
12	λ Oph	16h 30m 54.84s	+01° 59' 02.8"	3.82	0.28	166
13	67 Oph	18h 00m 38.72s	+02° 55' 53.7"	3.93	-4.26	1417

SIGN OF HERCULES

Count	Name	Right Ascension	Declination	vis. Mag.	abs. mag.	Dist.(ly)
1	β Her	16h 30m 13.26s	+21° 29' 22.7"	2.78	-0.50	148
2	ζ Her	16h 41m 17.48s	+31° 36' 06.8"	2.81	2.64	35
3	δ Her	17h 15m 01.92s	+24° 50' 22.5"	3.12	1.21	78
4	π Her	17h 15m 02.85s	+36° 48' 33.0"	3.16	-2.10	377
5	α1 Her	17h 14m 38.86s	+14° 23' 24.9"	3.31	-2.04	382
6	μ Her	17h 46m 27.72s	+27° 43' 21.0"	3.42	3.8	27
7	η Her	16h 42m 53.74s	+38° 55' 20.9"	3.48	0.8	112
8	ξ Her	17h 57m 45.83s	+29° 14' 52.5"	3.7	0.61	135
9	γ Her	16h 21m 55.24s	+19° 09' 10.9"	3.74	-0.15	195
10	ι Her	17h 39m 27.89s	+46° 00' 22.8"	3.82	-2.09	495
11	ο Her	18h 07m 32.55s	+28° 45' 44.9"	3.84	-1.30	347
12	109 Her	18h 23m 41.77s	+21° 46' 13.2"	3.85	0.87	128
13	θ Her	17h 56m 15.18s	+37° 15' 01.9"	3.86	-2.70	669
14	τ Her	16h 19m 44.45s	+46° 18' 47.8"	3.91	-1.01	314
15	ε Her	17h 00m 17.41s	+30° 55' 34.8"	3.92	0.43	163

Source: Wikipedia