

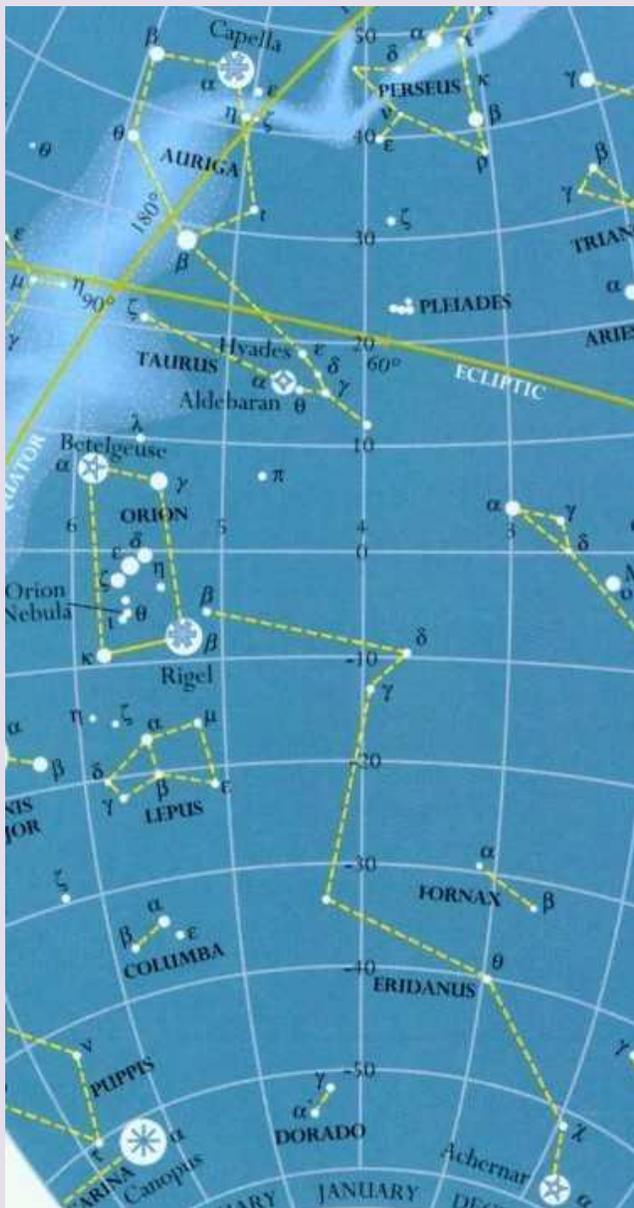
TAURUS –THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

SUMMARY

Taurus attracted great interest among ancient nations because it symbolizes unsurpassed power and strength. **Taurus the Bull speaks to the balance of world power in the Times of the Gentiles**, making it a fascinating study. The epoch of prophetic history represented by Taurus begins with the exile of Jews from the Promised Land and ends with the return of Jews to the Promised Land. At the present time a remnant of Jews have returned to the nation of Israel (Eze. 37:11-12) but in the last days Scripture clearly announces that the Lord will bring all Jews everywhere in the world back to Israel (Eze. 38:21-29).

POSITION OF TAURUS

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The main feature of **Taurus** are the two horns: the right, whose tip rises above the Ecliptic in the righteous 'Land' part of the sky, and the left, whose tip lies below the Ecliptic in the sinful 'Sea' part of the sky.

The bull represents Gentile nations who rule the earth after the exile of the Jews to Babylon. The right horn of Taurus represents Gentiles who are heavenly minded, who believe in Jesus. The left horn represents the Gentiles who are worldly minded, who ultimately come under the control of the one-world ruler (**Al Debaran**) of the ten nations (**Hyades**)

Ruler after ruler in history has strived to take control of the world but has been thwarted by **Orion**, representing the Lord battling in the spiritual realm on behalf of his people on earth. Orion's sword is lifted above his shoulder (**Betelgeuse**) into the clouds of heaven (Milky Way). The tip of the sword sits opposite the tip of the left horn of Taurus, restraining him.

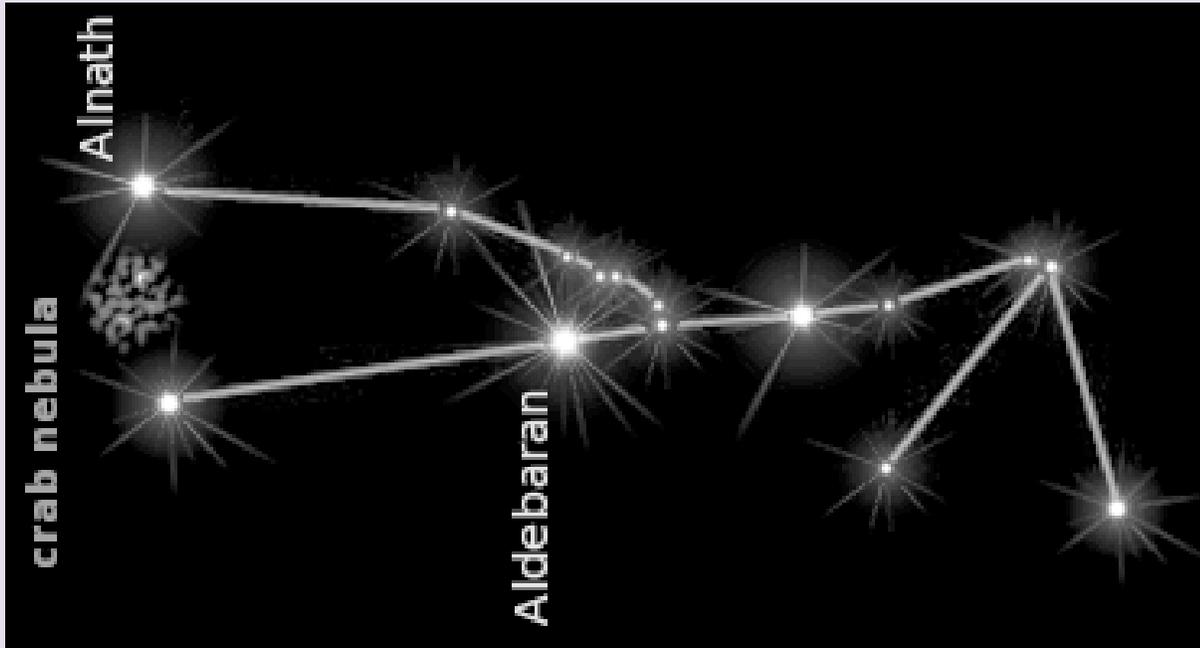
The foot of Orion (**Rigel**) stomps the enemy and sends him by the river of fire (**Eridanus**) to hell (**Achenar**).

Auriga pictures a shepherd with a goat and two kids in his lap, signifying the third restoration of Israel.

Capella, the she-goat, rests her feet upon the shoulder of the Shepherd – signifying that she was the one who trodded down the shepherd, who killed the Lord Jesus. Despite this he cradles her two daughters in his lap.

TAURUS / BULL

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The two horns point West. The Sun passes between the two horns and above Al Debaran.

Below the ecliptic we find a bright red star at the root of the left horn called **Al Debaran** which means "**The Leader**". Near the tip of the left horn also below the ecliptic is the 'Crab Nebula' – the remnants of a supernova star (1054 AD): suggesting the left horn will bring destruction.

In the head of the Bull, close to Al Debaran, and also below ecliptic are a group of stars (pictured in the diagram) shaped like a "V". These are **The Hyades** which means "**The Congregation**".

The star at the tip of the right horn is **Al Nath** which means "**Wounded**" or "**Slain**". There is a group of stars (not pictured in the diagram) that are above the ecliptic North of Al Debaran. This cluster of seven stars, or seven sisters, is called **The Pleiades** which means "**The Congregation of the Lord**". The brightest star in the Pleiades is **Al Cyone** which means "**The Center**".

Taurus has three decan signs:

- **Orion** "Mighty Prince" – the most brilliant of all constellations which lies beneath Taurus
- **Auriga** "Goatherd" – the foot of the Goatherd rests upon on the right horn of Taurus
- **Eridanus** "River of Fire and Judgment" – which touches Orion's left foot then floods Southward

THE RIGHT HORN OF TAURUS

The galactic equator, or the line through the center of the Milky Way, crosses the ecliptic just beyond the two horns of Taurus. **The crossing of the two equators, the galactic and the ecliptic, signify a transition in world and/or divine affairs.** The horns of Taurus literally and figuratively point to a momentous occasion in secular history and in divine history.

The other side of the galactic equator from Taurus is the constellation of Gemini, which is symbolic of the two witnesses who stand for God in the first half of the Great Tribulation¹. Past Gemini is Cancer, which represents the last half of the Great Tribulation. Following the time line backwards, **Taurus represents world history prior to the Great Tribulation: The Times of the Gentiles.**

The stars of the Milky Way represent the holy angels and the saints of God in Heaven. It looks like Taurus is just short of touching the stars of heaven with its two horns. The right horn of Taurus, the one above the ecliptic, represents a righteous king and his people. The left horn of Taurus, the one below the ecliptic represents a sinful king and his people.

Our interpretation is this: the right horn of Taurus represents the resurrection of Gentile believers in Jesus Christ. The tip of the right horn is at the very border of heaven. This pictures how the Lord will meet the saints in the air and escort them back into Heaven:

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, and 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. 4:16-17)

The Greek word used for “to meet” in this passage is *apantesis* which means to go out to meet, as if to greet arriving guests, then to return in the direction from whence you came.

The key to this interpretation is to understand that the bull in Scripture represents Gentile believers.

Various animals were used as sin offerings upon the altar of the Tabernacle: sheep, goats, and young bulls. When the young bull was sacrificed as a sin offering on the altar only its inner parts were burned upon it: **“the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the liver, and both kidneys with the fat around them”** (Exodus 29:10-14). The flesh of the bull and its hide and its offal were burned outside the camp. In contrast, the flesh of male sheep and male goats were burned on the altar (Exodus 29:26 & 31). **The inner part of the bull burning on the altar speaks of the inner faith of the Gentiles being an acceptable offering to God.** The rest of the bull, representing the sinful life of Gentiles, was unacceptable to God.

Hebrews confirms the burning of the young bull outside the camp speaks of a new relationship outside the special relationship God had with the children of Israel. Specifically, it speaks of the new covenant God established through Christ with people from every nation (outside the camp of Israel) who put their trust in Him:

¹ See our papers: “Gemini – Two Witnesses” and “Cancer – Last Days Harvest” on the website.

“And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate [Jerusalem] to make the people [the world’s tribes and nations] holy...for here we do not have an enduring city [communion with Israel], but we are looking for the city to come [Heaven]” (Heb. 13:12-14)

The star Al Nath at the tip of the right horn means “**Wounded**” or “**Slain**”. Ordinarily, we would naturally associate such a word with the Lord Jesus and his death on the cross. However, other constellations and signs in the night sky point to this event. With respect to Taurus our interpretation is: **the righteous remnant of believers in Jesus on Earth will undergo severe persecution and martyrdom just prior to the end of the Age of Grace.** The persecution that will come at the end of the Age of Grace will be like unto the persecutions suffered at the beginning of the Age of Grace:

“Among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God’s judgement is right, and as a result you are counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.” (2 Thess. 1:4)

The difference between the two persecutions is the church in the last days will not survive. **The remnant will be resurrected together with the dead in Christ and the Great Tribulation will follow.**

Leviticus chapter 4 presents the regulations for the sin offering. **In the sin offering the blood of the sacrifice is sprinkled on the tips of the horns of the altar!** This is not done in any of the other sacrifices made on the altar: the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, and the guilt offering. God’s witness is the ‘wounded’ or ‘slain’ persons represented in the sin offering are symbolically the “tip of the horn”. A horn starts thick where it is attached to the head. It then narrows until it reaches the tip. This is a picture of God’s holy people, who start strong but over time lose strength until they become but a remnant. At that time, represented by the tip of the horn, the evil enemies around the saints persecute and kill them. Although these martyrs are last in the history of the church, they are the first to meet Jesus in the air. Fittingly, the horns form the part of the altar that is highest in the air and closest to heaven.

Are you one who believes that the sacrifices on the Tabernacle altar can only represent the death of Jesus on the cross? Consider where the souls who are slain for the testimony of Jesus reside:

“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God [Jesus] and the testimony they had maintained...Then each was given a robe and they were told to wait a little longer [to the resurrection] until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.” (Rev. 6:9-11)²

² Our interpretation is the resurrection of the saints occurs in Revelations 7:9 “After this I looked and there before me stood a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, tribe, people and language”. That means the wars, famine, death, great earthquake and mass martyrdom described in Revelation 6 all occur prior to the resurrection of the saints (7:9) and therefore prior to the beginning of the Great Tribulation (8:1).

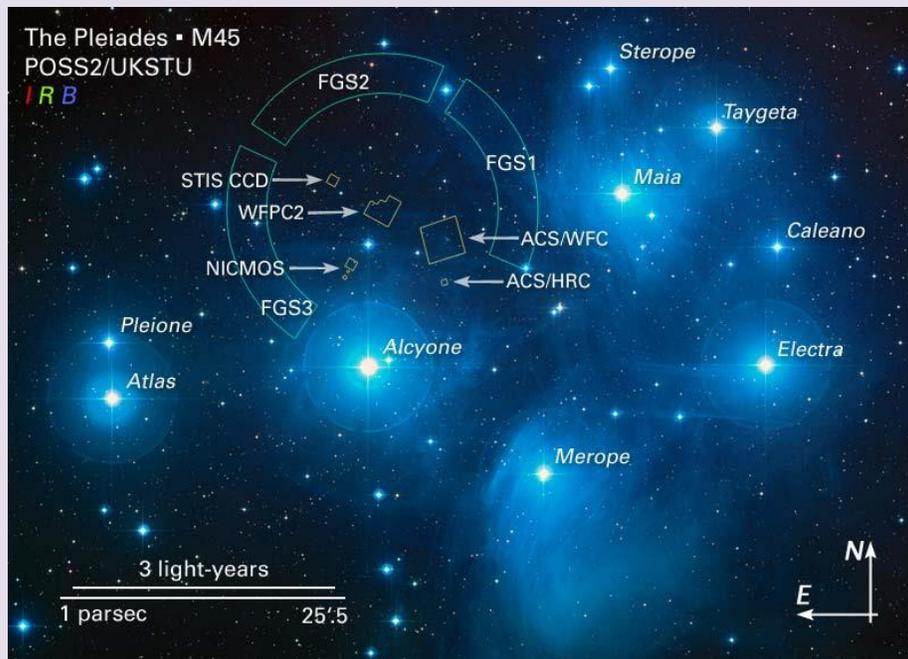
THE PLEIADES

The tight cluster of stars slightly behind the top of the head of Taurus is called the Pleiades, or seven sisters. Pleiades means **“The Congregation of the Lord”**. The brightest star in the Pleiades is “Al Cyone” which means **“The Center”**. Our interpretation is the seven stars of Pleiades are the angels of the seven churches of Revelations chapter 1 to chapter 3. As Scripture says:

“Write therefore what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later. **The mystery of the seven stars** that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden candlesticks is this: **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.” (Revelations 1:19-20)

What is the meaning of Al Cyone **“The Center”**? Listen to what Scripture says:

“I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden candlesticks, and **among the candlesticks was someone ‘like a son of man’** dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ” (Rev. 1:12-15)



A photograph shows four of the brightest stars of the Pleiades (Maia, Electra, Merope, and Atlas) in **the shape of a cross**. The star Al Cyone is at **“The Center”** of the cross, the place we would expect to find our savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Note the halo and cross effect in the light around these stars!

The one at the center of the seven churches is the Lord Jesus Christ. Not an angel, not a pope. The One who is the object of worship and the ruler of the churches is the Living God!

The shrewd reader might observe that if Al Cyone is the Lord in the midst of the candlesticks then there are only six stars (six churches). That would be true, except Al Cyone is a double star! So, there are seven sisters (seven churches). One of the churches is closest to Jesus' heart (Philadelphia).

This fits our prophetic interpretation of Taurus as the Times of the Gentiles since the seven churches of Revelations represent seven epochs of church history from the time of Christ to the Last Days before the rapture: (see Revelations chapter 2 and chapter 3)

Ephesus	"Hate Practice of Nicolatians"=Believer Priests	33AD - 64AD (Nero Persecution)
Smyrna	"Suffer Ten Days"= Roman Persecutions	64AD - 313AD (Edict of Milan)
Pergamum	"Teaching of Nicolatians"= Clergy Rule Laity	325AD (Council of Nicea)
Thyatira	"Jezebel"= Roman Church Mary Worship	1050AD (praying Ave Maria)
Sardis	"Escaping Ones"=Protestants	1517AD (Luther's Theses)
Philadelphia	"Little Strength"=Puritans & Missions	1630 (Winthrop sails for New England)
Laodicea	"I am Rich"=1 st World Believers	20 th Century Plenty

Revelations is the only apocalyptic book of the New Testament and it is filled with references to the stars and the signs of the Mazzaroth (Zodiac). The prophecies of Jacob, Moses, and other prophets are also steeped in references to the constellations. If you are a student of prophecy and you do not know the meaning of the signs in the stars, you will most surely miss the riches of what God is saying.

THE LEFT HORN OF TAURUS

The bull which the right horn of Taurus represents is the tame variety, i.e. from the domesticated herd, which would be suitable for sacrifice and offering. The name for this bull is the Hebrew word 'bullock' (פר). It is a picture of the peaceful law abiding Gentile believers in Jesus.

The left horn of Taurus represents a bull of the wild variety: untameable, hot tempered, and dangerous. The name for this bull is the Hebrew word 'wild ox' (אור). To understand prophecy concerning bulls in Scripture it is essential to distinguish between the domesticated (right horn) and the wild (left horn).

At the root of the left horn of Taurus is the star Al Debaran which means "**The Leader**". This star is a red giant located 65 light years from Earth. It is the 13th brightest star in the sky, but only the 5th brightest star in the group of Taurus and its three decans. Orion has two stars brighter (Betelgeuse and Rigel), Auriga has one star brighter (Capella), and Eridanus has one star brighter (Achernar). The relative brightness of the stars is important. Taurus represents the Times of the Gentiles which includes mighty leaders upon the Earth, represented by Al Debaran, but these **people with earthly authority are not as powerful as the spiritual realities which constrain them** (Orion in particular).

Al Debaran represents the Leader of the Bull - the man who rules the most powerful nation on Earth

during the Times of the Gentiles. The 'Times of the Gentiles' began with the exile of the Jews, therefore the

first person to fill the Al Debaran prophetic description was Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. After Nebuchadnezzar came other kings and other kingdoms weaker than his own. According to the prophet Daniel:

“You, O King, are the King of Kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the power, the strength, and the glory; and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them all into your hand and caused you to rule over them all...And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you...” (Daniel 2:37-39)

Although the kings after Nebuchadnezzar declined, in the last days Daniel prophesied the Anti-Christ will come and will rule over all kings of the Earth in the power and splendor of Nebuchadnezzar:

“The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different than from all other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise, and another will arise after them and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue these kings.” (Daniel 7:23-24)

Like Nebuchadnezzar the little horn will successfully wage war on the holy people of God:

“As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them.” (Daniel 7:21)

Finally, like Nebuchadnezzar he will set up an image and cause the people to bow down to the image:

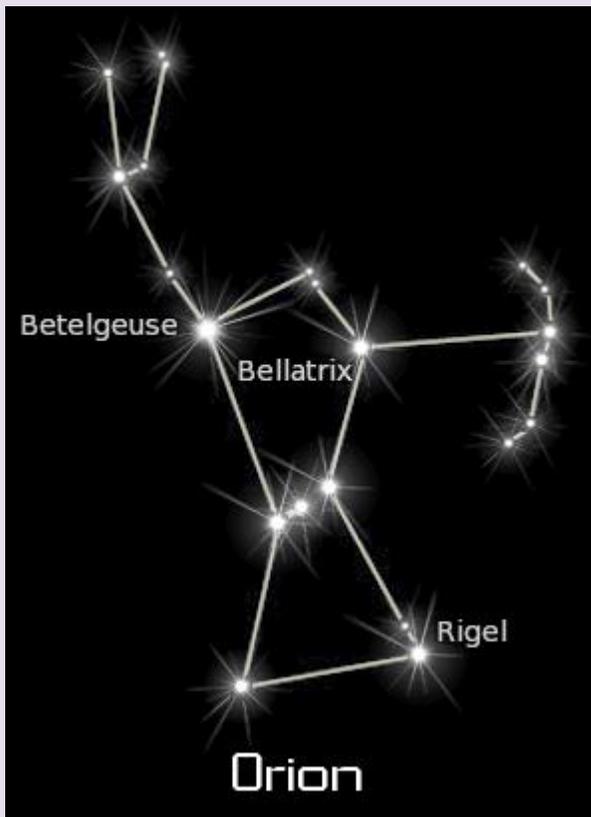
“...and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end will come like a flood, even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. And he will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offerings; he will place abominations on a wing [of the temple] until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” (Daniel 9:26-27)

Fortunately for humanity, these tyrannical genocidal monsters face a power greater and strong than themselves. History attests that ruthless warrior kings have risen up and asserted their dominance over the rest of the nations, but each time they have been turned back from complete world domination. How is it that these mighty rulers have fallen? Why have they not succeeded up to now in conquering everything? It is because they fail to see it is the Lord who appoints them, it is the Lord who grants them victory, and it is the Lord who brings them down. When they fail to give him glory and their hearts become proud because of their deeds, the Lord lays them low:

“Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon, with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest [the most powerful nation among nations]; it towered on high, its top above the thick foliage. The waters [blessing of God] nourished it, deep springs [unseen spiritual help] made it grow tall...so it towered higher than all the trees of the field...Therefore this is what the LORD says: Because it towered on high, lifting its top above the thick foliage, and because it was proud because of its height...I cast it aside and the most ruthless of foreign nations cut it down and left it.” (Ezekiel 31)

ORION

Just South and slightly East of Taurus is the constellation of Orion – the brightest group of stars in the night sky. The **double-edged sword** raised up in the right hand of Orion appears in the sky just in front of the tip of the left horn (**Anti-Christ**) of Taurus (**Times of the Gentiles**). The torso of the warrior sits below the length of the left horn. The **de-capitated head** held in the left hand of Orion is directly below the star Al Debaran (**The Leader**) in the sign Taurus.



The star **Betelgeuse** in the right shoulder means "**The Coming of the Branch**"; the star **Rigel** in the left foot means "**The Foot That Crushes**"; the star **Bellatrix** in the left shoulder means "**Quickly Coming**"; the star **Saiph** in the right foot means "**Bruised**" (same word in Genesis 3:15).

In the belt there are three stars, starting from the left the star **Al Nitak** which means "**The Wounded**"; then the star **Al Rai** which means "**Bruised**"; then the star **Mintaka** which means "**Divided**".

The word **Orion** means "**Light**". The dark sky which surrounds it only heightens its brilliance.

The stars in the left hand of Orion do not have names. They are pictured either as a shield or as the hairy head of a de-capitated enemy.

At the right heel of Orion bites the dog (Canis Major). The left foot of Orion rests upon a river of fire (Eridanis).

The stars in Orion portray **A Mighty Man in Battle**. In his incarnation on the Earth Jesus came as a lamb to the slaughter, to die for our sins. While he was here he warned against shedding blood:

"Put your sword back in its place" Jesus said to [Peter], "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." (Matthew 26:52)

But let not the self-denying suffering of Jesus lull you into thinking the Lord is weak. The Lord is a fierce warrior and the commander in chief of heavenly host:

"Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than ten legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:53)

In the context of Taurus, and the left horn of Taurus which represents world rulers in the Times of the Gentiles: **Orion pictures the Lord battling on behalf of his holy people in the spiritual realm.**

As it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before God, your words were heard, and I [Lord of Hosts: Orion] have come in response to them. **But the prince of the Persian kingdom** [a spiritual power, not a man] **resisted me** twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes [angel who protects Israel], came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.” (Dan. 10:12-13)

This is confirmed in the New Testament:

“For **our struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and **against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**” (Eph. 6:12)

What is this struggle? It is the battle for world supremacy: the forces of darkness working to advance the ancient agenda of Nimrod – subjection of all people under one dictator and one anti-God religion. In the heavenly realm the upraised double edged sword of Orion [Word of God] is in-between the tip of the left horn [Anti-Christ world ruler] of Taurus and heaven [worship]. As on Earth: so in Heaven. If the Anti-Christ is successful in subjecting all people on Earth to worship him, he will extinguish spiritual offerings to God in Heaven as well. He is prevented from doing so by the Word of God [sword of Orion]. So long as there are people on Earth exercising faith and obeying the Bible, evil powers must remain in subjection and their goal of an Earthly kingdom will be held from them.

The Lord successfully battles for the church in the spiritual realm so long as the church stays obedient to him and the Word of God in the temporal realm. We can individually count on our sins being forgiven and going to heaven no matter what, but the staying power of the corporate church on Earth depends on obeying Jesus’ commands.

“**You [the church] are the salt of the Earth** [i.e. agent of preservation]. **But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men** [i.e. staying power of church is not guaranteed if its life becomes no different than worldly life]. **You [the church] are the light of the world.** A city on a hill cannot be hidden. **Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine** [moral upright living and testimony for Jesus] **before men, that they might see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**” (Matt. 5:13-16)

The little group of stars called the **Pleiades** means the “**Congregation of the Lord**”. It sits above all other stars in the constellation Taurus. This position fulfills the teaching of Jesus that the testimony of the Christian church should be “**a light... on a stand, for everyone to see**”.

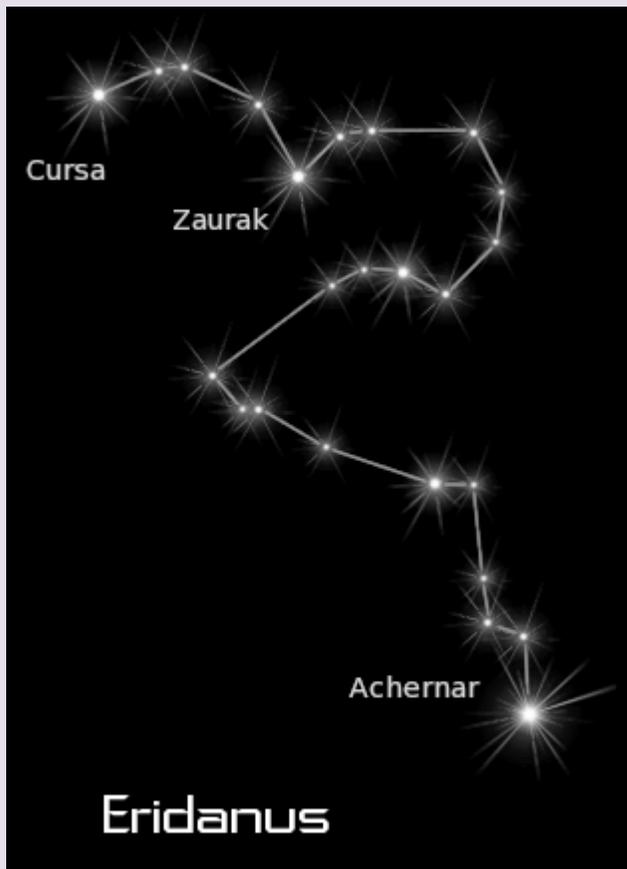
We can view the constellation of Taurus as the young bull killed on the Altar for the sin offering. According to the Law:

“**Season all your offerings with salt.** Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out” (Leviticus 2:13)

From this perspective, the little star cluster of **the Pleiades appears in the sky above the constellation Taurus like a pinch of salt atop a sacrifice.**

It is so hard for people from scholastic centered Western thinking to appreciate this, but Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount was using an illustration from the stars to make his point. In many other instances Jesus used references to star pictures to assist the people to understand and remember his teaching. Why not? The stars, star names, and the sign pictures that go with them were put there by God to glorify His Son and be a perpetual witness of the Lord to the people on Earth.

ERIDANUS



The constellation of **Eridanus** covers a big area, extending from the left foot of Orion towards the Sea monster Cetus then from there all the way down to the Southern-most region of the sky.

The brightest star (1st magnitude) at the very bottom is **Achernar** "**the after part of the River**". The next brightest star at the beginning of the River is **Cursa** "**Bent Down**" and not far past it is **Zourac** "**Flowing**".

There is a loop where the River appears to be pulled to the East by the foot of Cetus the Sea monster in the neighboring constellation. Satan wishes to restrain the River, to hold back the judgement of fire, but he is not successful because the River keeps on its journey down, down to the nether realms of darkest lost eternity.

Other stars: **Ozhah** "**Coming Out**" and **Pheat** "**Mouth of the River**" from the Egyptian ***Phe-Ta-T*** (same meaning).

Eridanus pictures the judgment fire proceeding from the feet of the Lord. Why does the fire proceed from the feet of Orion? Why not some other body part? The reason is the judgment fire of God will come at the end of the Time of Orion. Since Orion is a decan sign of Taurus, this time is the same as the Time of the Taurus, i.e. the Time of the Gentiles. From the exile of the Jewish people from the Holy Land until now, world rule has been in the power of Gentile kings and peoples. The transition of power back to the holy people of God will occur in the second half of the Great Tribulation. At end of that period Scripture explicitly says:

"But the Beast [Anti-Christ] was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of

the Beast and worshipped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the **fiery lake of burning sulfur [Eridanus]**" (Rev. 19:20-21)

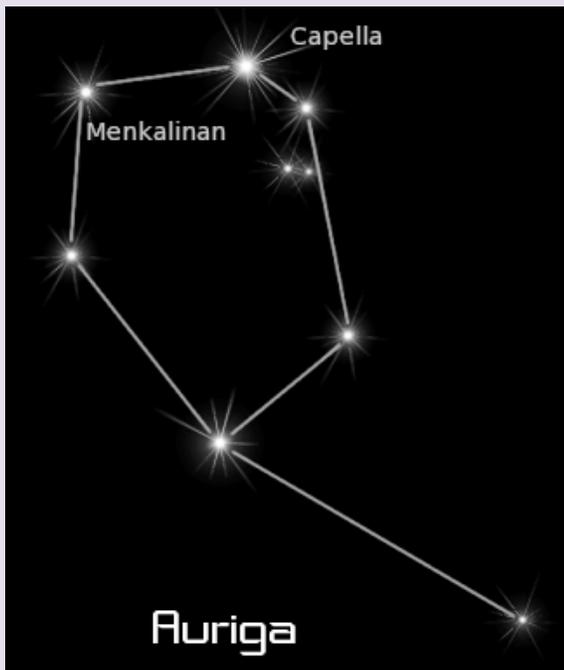
The Bible describes this fire in other places in the Bible, coming out from the Lord. This is the testimony of Daniel, the prophet who was chosen to reveal the most details concerning the Time of the Gentiles:

"...thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days **took his seat [for Judgment]**...**A river of fire [Eridanus] was flowing [Zourac] coming out [Ozhah] from before him.**" (Dan. 7:9-10)

In the Psalms:

"**Our God comes [Return of Christ] and will not be silent; a fire devours before him [Eridanus], and around him a tempest rages**" (Psa. 50:3) "**And the heavens proclaim [witness in the stars] his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**" (Psa. 50:6)

AURIGA



The constellation of **Auriga** sits above the ecliptic, path of the Sun. This area of the sky is symbolic of 'The Land' or the dwelling of the righteous.

The brightest star (1st magnitude) is **Alioth** (Hebrew) "**She-Goat**" which is also known as **Capella** (Latin Name). Another bright star (1st magnitude) is **Menkilion** "**Chain of the Goats**". This name would describe a flock of goats tethered to their master.

Under the right foot of the Goatherd is the star **El Nath** "**Wounded**" from the right horn [resurrected saints] of Taurus. Altogether there are five very bright stars in Auriga roughly in the shape of a circle, or goat pen. Other stars include **Maaz** "**Flock of Goats**", **Gedi** "**Kid Goats**", and **Aiyuk** "**Wounded**" (in the foot of the Goatherd).

The sign pictures a seated Goatherd with a female goat upon his left knee clasping his neck with her two forefeet. In his lap are feeble newborn baby kid goats. The female goat is terrified, looking at the Bull.

Our interpretation is **Auriga pictures the third return of the Jews to the Holy Land**, which occurs prior to the Great Tribulation. We believe it is the third return because there are three goats in the embrace of the Goatherd. **The goat is the Biblical symbol of the Jewish people** as pictured in the offering of goats on the Day of Atonement:

"Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household [the priests]. Then he is to take the **two goats** and present them before the Lord at the entrance to

the tent of the meeting. He is to cast lots for the **two goats** – one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat...He shall then slaughter **the goat for the sin offering for the** [Israelite] **people**...because of **the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites** whatever their sins have been...When Aaron is finished...he is to lay both hands upon the head of **the live goat** and confess over it all **the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites** – all their sins – and put them **on the goat's head.**" (Leviticus 16)

Anyone who has raised goats (and the author is one of them) will tell you the goat is an intelligent but willful ungulate that resists being restrained and will attempt to escape from any enclosure. Put them in a pen and they will immediately investigate all opportunities to escape. **A goat is a rebellious animal who despises authority** and is an excellent fence jumper! This is in contrast to sheep, who are content to be together with their flock mates in one place and have no care to escape unless their food diminishes and they are forced by necessity to seek a supply elsewhere. The Lord identifies the goat nature of rebellion with the Israelite people. **Those who are obedient to the Shepherd and who have repented of their sins would be typical of the sheep nature.** The most submissive and obedient of all would be the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the Lamb of God – the most holy and pure person who has ever lived in the flesh.

On the **Day of Atonement there were two goats, just as there will be two groups of Israelites in the Great Tribulation.** One group are the Israelites who love God, the other are Israelites who love their religion and customs but care little about God and probably don't even believe He exists³. The two groups are never the same in God's eyes. At the mid-point of the seven years of the Great Tribulation there will be a test which will separate the two groups of Israelites: an image will be set up on a wing of the Temple and all Israelites will be forced to bow down to it. Those who flee are represented by the righteous goat of the sin sacrifice. Those who bow down to the image are the scapegoat who is let loose in the desert to die. Prophetically, the people represented by each of the goats both die. The sacrificial goats will be pursued and many will be slain by the Anti-Christ (the 144,000 witnesses will not be slain). The scapegoats or unbelieving Israelites who bow down to the image of the Beast will fall under the judgments of God and will die from those punishments in the last half of the Great Tribulation.

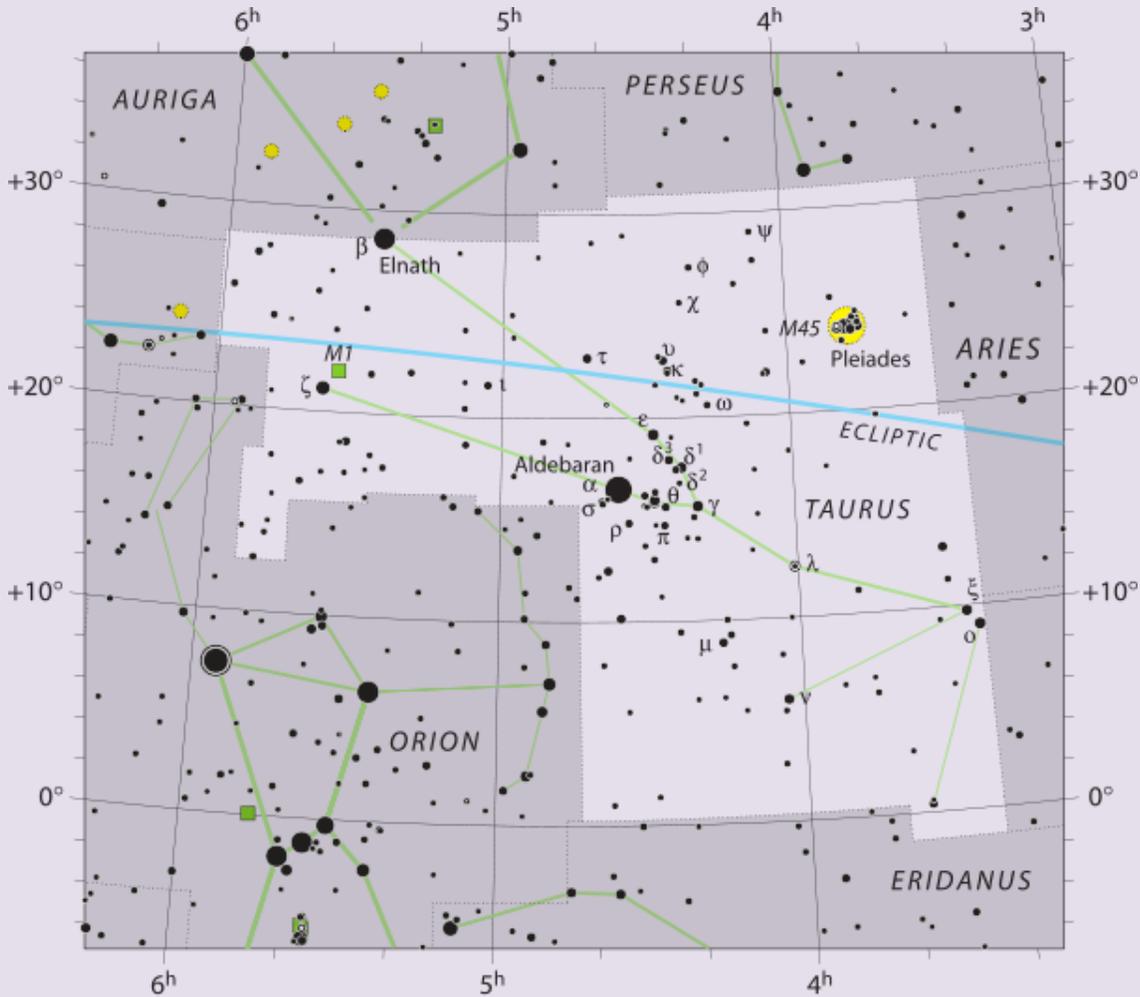
The believing Israelites represented by the righteous goat will not die in vain. Their Lord will most certainly raise them up at the end of the Great Tribulation to rule and reign with him in the Millennium.

Thus, the placement of the constellation Auriga with the right foot of the Goatherd [Lord Jesus] upon the right horn of Taurus [resurrection of the saints], tells us **the fulfillment of the prophetic imagery of Auriga refers to the time immediately following the Rapture**, i.e. the seven year period of the Great Tribulation. The next two constellations along the path of the Sun after Taurus pertain to the Great Tribulation: Gemini [two witnesses – first half of the Great Tribulation] and Cancer [judgments and Last Days Harvest]. Our papers on Gemini and Cancer will provide more details into those events.

³ The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. Today there are millions and millions of secular Jews.

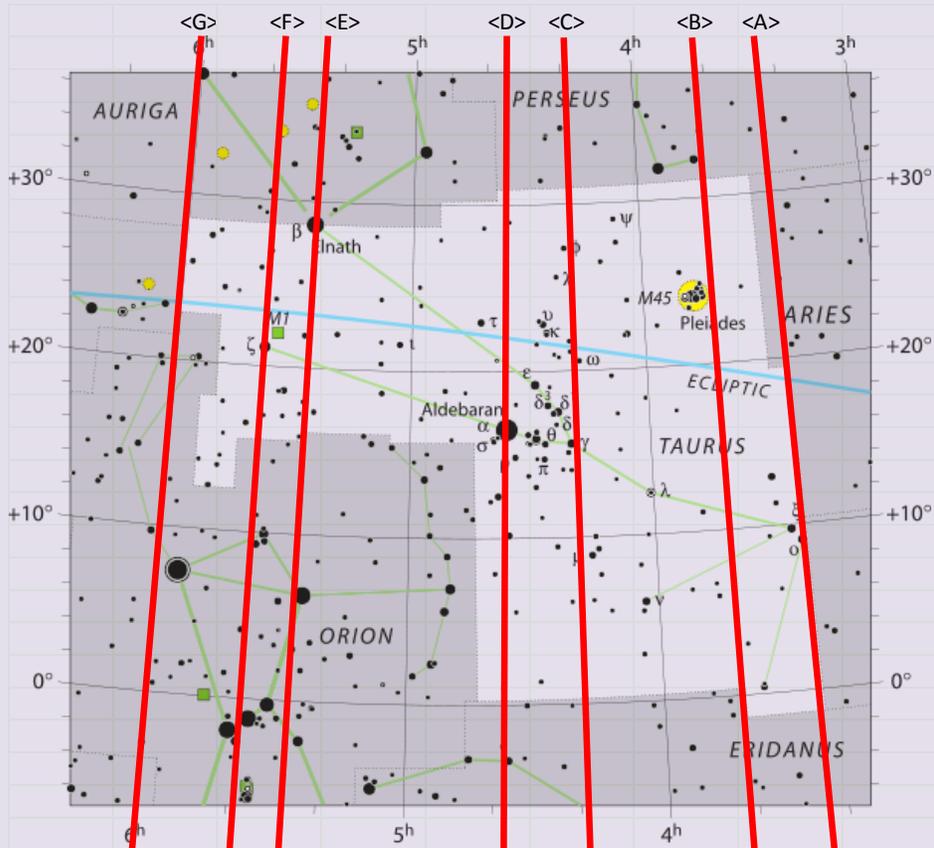
TIMES OF THE GENTILES – STAR POSITIONS IN TAURUS – IN PROPHETIC ORDER

The diagram below illustrates the sequence of prophetic events described in the constellation Taurus:



STAR	POSITION	PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT	START DATE
First Star in Taurus: [o Tau]	03h 24m 48.84s	Exile of Jews	556 BC
First in PLEADES: [Electra]	03h 44m 52.52s	Church Age (7 epochs)	33 AD
First in HYADES: [gamma Tau]	04h 19m 47.53s	10 Nation Confederacy	{Soon?}
AL DEBARAN: [alpha Tau]	04h 35m 55.20s	One-World Government	{Soon?}
TIP OF RIGHT HORN: [beta Tau]	05h 26m 17.50s	Rapture of Saints	{Soon?}
TIP OF LEFT HORN: [zeta Tau]	05h 37m 38.68s	Anti-Christ Revealed	{Soon After}
End of Taurus Sign	06h 00m 00.00s	Great Tribulation Begins	{Soon After}

MEASUREMENT BETWEEN KEY STAR POSITIONS IN TAURUS



EPOCHS IN TIME OF GENTILES: GAPS BETWEEN STARS

Line	STAR	ARC-SECONDS		% WIDTH	
		POSITION	GAP	Round	1 Decimal
<A>	o Tau	12,289			
	Electra	13,493	1,204	13%	12.9%
<C>	γ Tau	15,588	2,095	22%	22.5%
<D>	Aldebaran	16,555	968	10%	10.4%
<E>	El Nath	19,578	3,022	32%	32.5%
<F>	ζ Tau	20,259	681	7%	7.3%
<G>	End Tauru	21,600	1,341	14%	14.4%

Width of Taurus: 9,311 = <G> - <A>

SPIRITUAL NUMBER APPLICATION TO GAP DISTANCES BETWEEN KEY STARS

Each of the Key Stars corresponds to a critical event during the Times of the Gentiles (see page 12). The distance or gap between the Key Stars taken as a percentage of the width of Taurus provides numbers relating to the Epoch that begins with each Key Star.

<u>KEY STAR / EVENT</u>	<u>% WIDTH OF TAURUS</u>	<u>SPIRITUAL NUMBER MEANING & APPLICATION</u>
<u>Exile of Jews</u>	13% (rounded)	The number <u>13</u> means " <u>Rebellion</u> ". The Jews were exiled from the Promised Land because of their rebellion to God.
<u>To Babylon</u> (<u>o Tau</u>)	12.9% (1 decimal)	The number <u>129</u> means " <u>Back-biting</u> " or a complaining spirit.
<u>Church Age</u> (<u>Electra</u> : first star In <u>Pleiades</u>)	22% (rounded) 22.5% (1 decimal)	The number <u>22</u> means " <u>Light</u> ". Jesus was 'the light of the world', and with him departed the church is now the <u>light of the world</u> . The number <u>225</u> means " <u>Spirit</u> " (9) of " <u>Payment For Sin</u> " (25). Note: 225 = 9 x 25. The church teaches sin requires payment and Christ made that payment for us.
<u>10 Nation Confederacy</u> (<u>y Tau</u> : first star In <u>Hyades</u>)	10% (rounded) 10.4% (1 decimal)	The number <u>10</u> means " <u>Testimony of Law</u> ". The <u>10 nation Confederacy will rule the world</u> . (<u>10 toes</u> of the feet of the statue: Daniel 2:33) (<u>10 horns</u> of the fourth beast: Daniel 7:7) The number <u>104</u> means " <u>No Church Witness</u> ". During the days of this 10 nation confederacy persecution of the Church will begin in earnest.
<u>One World Ruler</u> (<u>Al Debaran</u> : the	32% (rounded)	The number <u>32</u> means " <u>Fellowship</u> " and it means " <u>Division of Sacrifice</u> ". The One World

Eye of the Bull)

Government will be united (in fellowship) in their opposition to grace by faith through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

32.5% (1 decimal)

The number 325 means “**Rebellion**” (13) to “**Payment of Sin**” (25). Note: $325 = 13 \times 25$.

This time will be lawlessness: when sin will not be reckoned nor payment required for it.

Rapture of the Saints

7% (rounded)

The number **7** means “**The End**”. It will be the End of the body of Christ on Earth. Whoever is left alive after the great persecution will be translated together with the resurrected dead in Christ to meet the Lord in the air.

(**Al Nath**: tip of the Right horn of Taurus)

7.3% (1 decimal)

The number **73** means “**Babylon**”. The removal of the saints from the Earth, similar to the exile of Jews from the Promised Land, introduces the ascendancy of Babylon as world ruler once again.

Anti-Christ Revealed

14% (rounded)

The number 14 means “**Righteous**”. The Anti-Christ will appear to be a holy person and faultless in the eyes of all the people. This will set the stage later for them to worship him.

(**ζ Tau**: tip of the left horn of Taurus)

14.4% (1 decimal)

The number 144 means “**Liar**”. The Bible says “The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of **counterfeit** miracles, signs, and wonders, and in every sort of **evil that deceives**”

those who are perishing.” (2 Thess. 2:9-10)

Great Tribulation Begins

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The sign of Taurus ends and the sign of Gemini begins.