

AD 2ND ERA (51 – 100 AD): 2ND SIGN LIBRA “TIME OF TRIAL”**STAR PROPHECY**

The pattern of the stars is reminiscent of a set of weighing scales or a Cross of crucifixion.

The scales are not level, but tipping down. The amount set on the scales is deficient, and a debt is due to be paid.

As with any debtor unable to pay the debt, the result is distress. The debtor may forfeit their land, be sold into slavery, or both.

The offering of a perfect sacrifice on behalf of the debtor makes up for the deficiency. The Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah, so they could not avail his propitiation for their sins (debts to God).

God’s justice demanded payment, so the Jews lost their land. The Romans captured Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, and kicked the Jews out.

The Hebrew name for the sign is **Mozanaim** – ‘The Scales’. The star names support the sign picture: **Zuben al Genubi** – ‘the price deficient’; **Zuben al Chemali** – ‘the price which covers’; **Zuben al Akrab** – ‘the price of the conflict’

HISTORICAL EVENTS

The time when Jesus was alive was peaceful. This fulfilled the word of the angels at Jesus’ birth: “**Peace on Earth goodwill towards men**”.

The era 51 - 100 AD was truly a Time of Trial:

54 AD Earthquake in Greece

64 AD Great Fire in Rome & Christian martyrdom

66 AD Great Revolt: Jews rebel & kill Romans

67 AD Vespasian invades Judah with 4 legions

68 AD Roman Civil War: Nero commits suicide

69 AD Romans besiege Jerusalem

70 AD Jerusalem Falls; Temple destroyed

71 AD Bastion of Herodium falls to Romans

73 AD Last Bastion of Masada falls to Romans

John the Baptist had tried to warn the Jews: “**The Ax is at the root of the Tree**”. John was aware the Time of Trial was at hand. No surprise here: Star Prophecy is on the minds of Prophets.