

# Saturn and Regulus – Signs of the Messiah

How close are we to the END of this age, when the Messiah will come and set things straight and deliver mankind from its self-imposed doom and annihilation of all life on earth? Do signs in the heavens speak to this issue? What do the “stars” have to say on this tantalizing topic? What lessons can we learn from the stars?

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God Himself said that the stars are arranged in such a manner as to provide "signs" to mankind. We read in Genesis, chapter 1; "Then God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for SIGNS and seasons, and for days and years" (Gen.1:14). The word for "sign" here, in the Hebrew, is *owth*, and means "a signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence," etc.

Does God often send mysterious "signs" in the heavens before He performs mighty works in the earth? What do the Scriptures say about this?

## *"A Star Out of Jacob"*

In the book of Numbers we read of the coming Messiah of Israel, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world, this mysterious prophecy:

“I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a *star out of Jacob*, and a *sceptre* shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth” (Num.24:17).

All commentators see this as a prophecy of the coming Messiah figure of Israel. But few have noted that it seems to be speaking of a Messiah who comes *twice* -- the first time, as a "star" out of Jacob, and a second time as a “scepter” – that is, as a ruling king, who will subdue His enemies, smiting the Moabites, and destroying all who oppose Him.

Dr. Alfred Edersheim, a famous Bible scholar of the nineteenth century, points out that there is one illustrative Jewish statement which, “though not astrological, is of the greatest importance, although it seems to have been overlooked.” In his book *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*, Edersheim mentions the well known Jewish

commentator Abarbanel, who writes of the *importance of the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn* in the constellation of Pisces, in his Commentary on the book of Daniel. Says Edersheim:

“In his Commentary on Daniel, that Rabbi laid it down, that the conjunction of *Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation of Pisces* betokened not only the most important events, but referred especially to Israel (for which he gives five mystic reasons). He further argues that, as that conjunction had taken place *three years before the birth of Moses*, which heralded the first deliverance of Israel, *so it would also precede the birth of the Messiah*, and the final deliverance of Israel” (p.211).

Edersheim points out that one of the smaller *Midrashim*, called the ‘Messiah Haggadah’ (*Aggadoth Mashiach*) begins as follows:

“A star shall come out of Jacob. There is a Boraita in the name of the Rabbis: The heptad in which the Son of David cometh -- in the *first year* there shall not be sufficient nourishment; in the *second year* the arrows of famine are launched; in the *third*, a great famine; in the *fourth*, neither famine nor plenty; in the *fifth*, great abundance, and *the Star shall rise forth from the East, and this is the Star of the Messiah*. And it will shine from the East for fifteen days, and if it be prolonged, it will be for the good of Israel; in the *sixth*, sayings (voices), and announcements (hearings); in the *seventh* wars, and at the close of the seventh Messiah is to be expected” (quoted by Edersheim, p.211-212).

This “heptad,” or period of “seven,” undoubtedly refers to the final “WEEK” of Daniel 9:24-27 – the final seven years leading up to the coming of the Messiah – the final seven years of this present age of misrule and misconduct. Notice that at the end of this “week” of seven years, the Messiah is to be “expected.”

Notice ALSO that the “star” of the Messiah is predicted to rise in the East, in the fifth year – that is, two or three years before His final coming!

### *Jacob’s Prophecy*

On his deathbed, Jacob gave an amazing prophecy about the coming Messiah. He declared:

“Judah is a lion's whelp [Leo, the lion!]; from the prey, my son, you are gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a LION; and as a LION who shall arouse him? The SCEPTER [royal symbol of kingship -- margin] shall not depart from JUDAH, nor a lawgiver from *BETWEEN HIS FEET, until Shiloh [Christ] comes*; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people. . . .” (Gen.49:9-10, NKJV).

Notice this remarkable passage! It refers to the tribe of JUDAH, from which Christ sprang (Hebrews 7:14). The sceptre, kingship, belongs to Judah. The kingship is fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Luke 1:32).

Now notice, further: Christ is also the great Lawgiver, “between his feet,” that is,

the feet of Leo – Judah. The star Regulus (which means regal, royal, or kingship) lies between the feet of Leo, the lion, of the constellation Leo! The Hebrew expression “between his feet” is literally *reglaiv* – רגליו – which is very similar to the Latin word, "Regulus."

Regulus is known as the "king star."

### *The Revelation from the Zodiac*

E. W. Bullinger, in his amazing book *Witness of the Stars*, tells us that the original Zodiac, mentioned in the book of Job, perhaps the oldest book of the Bible, was the great sign given by God to preach the gospel in the heavens. God asked Job, “Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades [or, the Seven Stars], or loose the belt of Orion? Can you bring out Mazzaroth [the Zodiac, or Constellations] in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear [or, Arcturus[ with its cubs?” (Job 38:31-32).

Psalm 19 tells us more about this mystery: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. *There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard*” (vs.1-3). The first part of this Psalm clearly speaks of the witness of the stars in the heavens and their testimony of the plan of God (verses 1-6). This was the sole witness to countless generations of God's great Plan, before God prepared His written Word to also bear testimony! The second part of this Psalm speaks of the *written Word of God – His law* (verses 7-14).

E. W. Bullinger relates that the 12 signs or constellations of the Zodiac are divided up into three parts, with four signs in each. The first part deals with the first coming of the Messiah -- Virgo (the Virgin), Libra (Judgment), Scorpio (the Serpent), and Sagittarius (the Archer). Christ was born of the virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, and gave His life on the stake, thus judging Satan the serpent, and replacing Him as future ruler of this world. Satan (Scorpio) opposed Him at every turn, but Christ emerged victorious (Sagittarius).

The second grouping of constellations deals with the age of the Church, from Christ to the present – these Zodiacal signs are Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, and Aries. It begins with Capricorn, the atoning sacrifice (a sacrificial goat – chosen by the Lord – see Lev.16:8-9 – representing Christ), beginning the Church age. Aquarius, the Water-bearer, pictures a Man – the Church – with a bountiful supply of water (God's Holy Spirit), being poured out. The sign of Pisces, again, is the sign of God's people, associated with “Israel.” It pictures a teeming multitude of fish – a bountiful number – again, picturing the Church, which is “the Israel of God” (Galatians 6:16). The Hebrew name is *dagim*, “the fishes,” which is closely connected to “multitudes” (Gen.48:16), in the sense that fishes grow into a multitude.

The constellation Andromeda, in Aries, shows a chained woman – a picture of the Church itself in prison, in bondage at the end of this age. In Hebrew, her name is *Sirra*,

“the chained,” and *Persea*, “the stretched out” (Bullinger, p.101). This section of the Zodiac finishes with Aries, the Ram, or Lamb). This Ram is vigorous and full of life – not pictured as being slain. In this sign we also see Cassiopeia, the woman, only this time she is enthroned – delivered – and preparing for her Husband, the Redeemer. This constellation, which also pictures the Church, was called by the ancients, “the daughter of splendor.”

Psalm 45 speaks of this Heavenly Groom and His Bride, or Queen. We read:

“You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty . . . .

“At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. Listen, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father's house; so the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him. . . . The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; her clothing is woven with gold. She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; the virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. . . .” (Psa.45:2-14).

The Messiah is coming soon, and it behooves the Church to “make herself ready” (Rev.19:7-9). Perseus, the “Breaker,” our Redeemer, in this sign of the Zodiac, defeats Cetus, the sea monster (Satan).

Now we come to the third and last division of the Zodiac. Bullinger tells us:

“In this Third and Last Book we come to the concluding portion of the Heavenly Revelation. Its subject is Redemption completed, and consummated in triumph. No more sorrow, suffering, or conflict; no more bruising the head of the Redeemer. We have now done with the prophecies of ‘the sufferings of Christ,’ and have come to those that relate to ‘the glory that should follow’” (Bullinger, p.119).

The Third Book consists of the signs of Taurus, the Bull, Gemini (the Twins), Cancer (the Crab) – but actually the Hebrew meaning of this sign is “to hold or bind together” – see Gen.49:11, the word “binding” – and the final and most powerful sign, Leo, the Lion.

Let’s notice the meaning of Taurus. Taurus pictures a bull, rushing forth with mighty energy and fury, his horns set so as to push his enemies and pierce them through, and destroy them. This symbolizes Christ who is coming as a mighty warrior, to crush His enemies and to judge the earth (Rev.19:11-15). God spoke of Joseph, a type of Christ: “His glory is like a firstborn bull, and his horns like the horns of a wild ox; together with them he shall *push the peoples to the ends of the earth*” (Deu.33:16-17).

Jeremiah describes the scene in these similar terms:

“A noise will come to the ends of the earth -- for the LORD has a controversy with all nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those who are wicked to the sword, says the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Behold, disaster will go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the farthest parts of the earth. *And at that day the slain of the LORD shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth.* They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become refuse on the ground” (Jeremiah 25:31-33, NKJV).

In the neck of the bull are the seven sisters, the stars known as Pleiades. This word means “the congregation of the judge” or “ruler.” The brightest of them is in Arabic, *Al Cyone*, and means “the center.” It has caused some astronomers to think of it as lying at the center of the Universe. Perhaps it pictures the Philadelphia Church, which is the outstanding church of love and obedience (Rev.3:8-10), which will rule with Christ from the Temple, as “pillars” (Rev.3:11-12). They will indeed be “at the center.”

Says Bullinger, “The Syriac name for the Pleiades is *Succoth*, which means *booths*” (p.121). booths are “sukkot” in Hebrew, a reference to the “booths” or “tabernacles” the Israelites dwelt in when they left Egypt and crossed the wilderness. God’s people celebrate the Feast of “Tabernacles” every year, as God commands (Lev.23:33-43). See our articles on the “The Deep Meaning of the Festival of Tabernacles!” and “Secrets of the Sukkah.”

In the constellation Taurus lies the constellation of Orion, “The Coming Prince.” Orion is the most brilliant of all the constellations. His name, in the Denderah Zodiac, is *Ha-ga-t*, meaning “*this is he who triumphs.*” Says Bullinger, “Orion was anciently spelt *Oarion*, from the Hebrew root, which means *light*. So that Orion means *coming forth as light*” (p.125). The constellation of Orion is mentioned in Job 9:9, 38:31, and Amos 5:8. The Hebrew word for this constellation is *Chesil*, which means “*a strong one, a hero, or giant.*”

Issuing forth from the feet of Orion – picturing Christ the Messiah returning in power – is “Eridanus” – meaning “the river of the Judge.” This sign is an immense constellation, consisting of 84 stars, running in a serpentine (river-like) course, bending, and twisting down till it is out of sight. It speaks of judgment and of fire. It is a fiery river. It is interesting that when Christ returns, and fights against the armies that oppose Him outside the city of Jerusalem, He will trample them like grapes in a winepress, “outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs” (Rev.14:20). That is, a distance of 184 miles – a river of blood flowing from the Kidreon valley, or Valley of Jehoshaphat (“Valley of Judgment” – see Joel 3:12-14), down to the Dead Sea, and thence to the Gulf of Aqaba.

### ***Gemini -- the "Twins"***

Gemini, the next sign in the Zodiac, pictures “the Twins.” But who are these twins, so depicted in the night sky? The old Coptic name was *Pi-Mahi*, meaning *the united*, as in brotherhood. Not necessarily being born at the same time, but united as

brothers in brotherhood. The Hebrew name is *Thaumim*, which literally means “united.” The root is used in Exodus 26:24, “They shall be coupled [literally, “doubled”] together at the bottom and they shall be coupled [“doubled”] together at the top by one ring.”

Who, then, does Gemini picture? Why none other than the Bridegroom AND THE BRIDE – Jesus Christ and the Church, wed in holy matrimony at His Coming! They twain shall become “ONE” in perfect unity and harmony (Gen.2:24). As Paul wrote, “But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him” (I Cor.6:17). “For we, though many, are ONE BREAD and ONE BODY; for we all partake of that one bread [Christ – John 6:48]” (I Cor.10:17).

Gemini, the Twins, then pictures Christ and the Church! As God’s true people, we are come to “the general assembly of the *church of the firstborn [first-fruits!]* who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect” (Heb.12:22-23).

Interestingly, it appears that at one time, aeons ago, Lucifer was created about the same time as the Logos, who became Christ, and at one time they were both “bright morning stars” (Isaiah 14:12; Rev.22:16). In other words, Lucifer, the “anointed cherub that covered” the throne of God (Ezek.28:14), was also “the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty” (Ezek.28:12). He was like a “twin” of the Logos, (not an “identical” twin but more of a “fraternal” twin), and had the *potential*, at least, to become a “son of God,” even as the Logos was, and perhaps to become the “third” member of a divine “Trinity.” But he disqualified – he became filled with pride, anger, rebellion, lust and violence (Ezek.28:15-18). His fate is to be destroyed forever (Ezek.28:18-19; Isa.14:12-15; Heb.2:14; Rev.20:10). See our article on “Satan’s Fate – Will He Be Tormented Forever?”

It will instead be the CHURCH of God, the “Firstfruits,” who will have this wonderful opportunity, and who will join God the Father, and Christ, as spiritual Israel – the Bride of Christ – and become in effect the *third member* of the divine ruling “Trinity” of God! For more insight on this matter, read our articles, “Lucifer and the Logos – Their Origin,” “Who Created Lucifer and the Logos?,” “Who Or What Was Jesus Christ Before His Human Birth?,” “Who Is the Only True God?,” and “Was Christ Created?”

### ***“The Encircling Arms”***

The next constellation in the sign of Leo is Cancer, the “Crab,” but this sign is not really a crab at all. The Arabic name is *Al Sartan*, or “who binds” or “holds,” and may derive from the Hebrew “to bind together” (Gen.49:11). The Hebrew word for “binding” in this verse is *awsar*, a primitive root meaning “to yoke, or hitch; by analogy, to fasten in any sense; bind, fast, harness, gird, hold, keep, make ready, prepare, prison, put in bonds, set in array, tie.” It signifies “binding” or “holding together.” The Syriac *Sartano* means the same thing. The Greek name *Karkinos*, meaning *holding* or *encircling*. The Latin “Cancer” has the same meaning. (The crab, with its claws, seems to “encircle” its prey.)

In the ancient Denderah Zodiac, this constellation is represented as a “scarab” or

“sacred beetle,” used by the ancients as an identifying sign or seal of its owner. It was also a symbol of the resurrection, to the ancient Egyptians. The Denderah name is *Klaria*, or “the cattle-folds.”

This sign is connected to the tribe of Issachar. Two stars in this constellation are *Asellus Boreas*, meaning “the northern Ass,” and *Asellus Australis*, meaning “the southern Ass.” The tribal standard of Issachar was two asses. Jacob said of his son Issachar, “Issachar is a strong ass, couching down among the sheep-folds” (Gen.49:14).

Thus this sign pictures Christ as encircling and protecting His Flock, and holding them safe and secure from the predatory actions of Satan and his coterie of agents. Moses wrote of God’s love for His people, His flock: “He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He *encircled* him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the LORD alone led him” (Deut.32:10-12).

Moses continued the same theme in Psalm 91: “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. . . . He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge” (Psa.91:1-4). During the “Day of the Lord,” Christ will protect and securely safeguard His beloved servants, His flock (Rev.12:14-17; 3:10; Luke 21:36), those who sincerely obey Him and trust in Him!

### *The Sign of Leo*

The sign of Leo, the final sign of the Zodiac, pictures Christ the Redeemer as a great lion, who will destroy all His enemies and put them under His feet. Christ is, in Scripture, the “Lion of the tribe of Judah” (Rev.5:5-6). The Hebrew name for “Leo” is *Arieh*, which means “the Lion.” There are six Hebrew words for “lion,” and *Arieh* is used of the Lion *hunting down its prey*. The Syriac name is *Aryo*, “the rending lion,” and the Arabic is *Al Asad*, and both mean a lion coming vehemently, leaping forth as a flame!

The brightest star, on the ecliptic, marks the heart of the Lion. It is the star *Regulus*, which means “treading under foot.” It is the word from which we get “regal,” “royal,” “regulate,” or “rule.” Another star in the lion's mane is *Denebola*, “the Judge” or “Lord who cometh.” On the back of the lion is *Al Giebha*, “the exaltation,” and another is *Minchir al Asad*, “*the punishing or tearing of the lion.*” Another is *Deneb Aleced*, “*the judge cometh who seizes.*” Still another is *Al Dafera*, “*the enemy put down.*”

Clearly, this Lion is Christ the rampant Lion, the returning Conqueror, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev.17:14; 19:16). In a prophecy of Christ, Jacob declared, “Judah is a lion’s whelp: from the tender plant, my son, thou art gone up, having couched thou liest as a lion, and as a whelp; who shall stir him up?” (Gen.49:9, Septuagint). Balaam also prophesied of this rampant lion: “There shall come a man out of his [Jacob’s] seed, and he shall rule over many nations. . . God led him out of Egypt; he has as it were the glory of a unicorn: he shall consume the nations of his enemies, and he shall drain their marrow, and with his darts he shall shoot through the enemy. He lay

down, he rested as a LION, and as a young lion; who shall stir him up? they that bless thee are blessed and they that curse thee are cursed” (Numbers 24:7-9, LXX).

Solomon wrote of the “lion’s whelp, stronger than all other beasts, which turns not away, nor fears any beast” (Proverbs 30:31, LXX).

In the sign of Leo, are other constellations. Hydra, the Serpent, represents the old serpent – Satan the devil – destroyed. Hydra is pictured as the female serpent, the mother and author of all evil (mother “Babylon,” “Queen of heaven,” Lucifer – compare Ezek.28:17). Hydra has the significance also of “he that is abhorred.” It is a long, serpentine constellation, extending over 100 degrees from east to west, under the Virgin, the Lion, and the Crab. The brightest star in the heart of the serpent is called *Al Phard*, “the separated,” or “put away.” Another is called *Al Dreian*, “the abhorred.” Still another is *Minchar al Sugia*, “the piercing of the deceiver.”

Another constellation in Leo is “Crater,” or “The Cup.” What does it refer to? “For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed, and He pours it out; surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down” (Psa.75:8, NKJV).

John tells us in the book of Revelation about this “cup” of the Lord which the nations shall drink. It is the cup of “the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation” (Rev.14:9-10). “And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the *cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath*” (Rev.16:19). “Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her” (Rev.18:6).

Finally, there is constellation of Corvus, “The Raven,” a type of all the birds of prey which will feast on the bodies and corpses of the wicked, sprawled over the face of the earth, after the furious battles of the “Day of the Lord,” or “Armageddon.” This constellation is *Her-na*, in the Denderah Zodiac, meaning *Her*, “the enemy,” and *na*, “breaking up” or “failing.” The scene pictures the breaking up of the enemy, the final defeat and judgment of Satan and all those who resist and fight against the returning Christ. A star in the right wing is *Al Goreb*, “The Raven,” in Arabic, from the Hebrew *Oreb*, “The Raven.” Another star is *Minchar al Gorab*, meaning “the Raven tearing to pieces.”

We read of this prophetic scene in Revelation 19: “Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, ‘Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great’” (Rev.19:17-18). “And all the birds were filled with their flesh” (verse 21).

Isn’t it fascinating how these ancient “signs” of the Zodiac, and their constellations, all depict significant events in Biblical prophecy – especially prophecy for



these "latter days"?

### ***Regulus and Saturn***

Saturn, in ancient mythology, was known as the Reaper. He carried a sickle with him, and harvested the earth. He was also known as the "Grim Reaper."

When Christ returns, He will carry a sickle, with which He will harvest the grapes of the earth -- the blood of the wicked. John writes: "Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, Thrust in Your sickle, and reap: for the time has come for You to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. So he who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped" (Rev.14:14-16).

John goes on: "Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the cluster of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.' So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God" (Rev.14:17-19).

The One with the sickle, who will harvest the earth, is Jesus Christ – Leo the Lion, the "Lion of the tribe of Judah"!

The Jewish people call "Saturn" by the name of *Shabbatai*, relating to the seventh day Sabbath, or Day of Rest. Saturn is the Messianic planet. It pictures Christ the Messiah. Christ is our true "Sabbath Rest." He came to give us "rest" (Matt.11:28-29). Saturn therefore pictures Christ, and it also pictures the Sabbath Day, or the Great Sabbath – the Millennial Sabbath of Rest of 1,000 years (Heb.4:4-9; Rev.20:4-6).

Saturn is always shown with a sickle. Leo also has a sickle extending from his mouth. In fact, Regulus, the king star, is located at the beginning of the handle of a *sickle which starts at the mouth of Leo*, the point of the sickle protruding from the Lion's mouth. Actually, John mentions TWO sickles in Revelation 14 – just as there are TWO sickles pictured in the heavens – one connected with Saturn, and one with Leo the Lion – both picturing Christ with the sickle of reaping!

Does this picture, then, Christ, who will reap the harvest of the earth? And is the sickle His very own sickle, which He uses to cut down the wicked?

### ***The Time of the End***

What does the testimony of the stars tell us? This is NOT "astrology," but Bible-based study of the "signs" of the heavens (Gen.1:14).

In May 2000, the planet Saturn entered the constellation of Taurus, the Bull, the

sign of Ephraim and Manasseh (the United States and Great Britain, primarily – see our book *America and Great Britain – Our Identity Revealed*). It then went through Cancer and Gemini.

Around August 29, 2007, the planet Saturn was proceeding toward a conjunction with Regulus, the king star, between the feet and at the heart of Leo, the Lion. It came close to its conjunction with Regulus as the Jewish new year began with Rosh Hashanah on September 14, 2007 (according to the Biblical New Moon calendar).

The conjunction of the Messianic planet with the Messianic king star, in the Messianic sign of Leo, is very significant!

Does this conjunction signify that the FINAL COUNTDOWN TO THE MESSIAH HAS BEGUN? Could this year – 2007 – be the beginning of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week – the final seven years which will herald the coming of the Messiah? Could the year 2007 picture the beginning of the final countdown to the approaching footsteps of the coming Messiah? Could the final week of “woes” – the final seven years – Daniel’s 70th week – the final “seven times” of Leviticus 26 – begin with Tishri 1, of the Jewish year 5768 – September 14, 2007?

Or could it signify the beginning of the TEN DAYS OF AWE – symbolized by the ten days from Rosh Hashana to Yom Kippur ? These “ten days” picture the final TEN YEARS of this age! (A “day” equals a “year” in prophetic fulfillment – Numbers 14:34; Ezek.4:4-6).

If the “7 years” scenario is correct, then Christ would return sometime in 2014 A.D.! If the “10 days of awe” scenario is correct, then He would return sometime in 2017 A.D.! Either way, time is drawing very, very short! As the apostle John was inspired to write in the book of Revelation:

“The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, *that there should be delay no longer.*

“But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, *the mystery of God would be finished*, as he declared to His servants the prophets” (Revelation 10:5-7, NKJV).

Halleluyah! Even so, Come, Lord Yeshua, our Moshiach! Christ declared:

“*Now when these things BEGIN to happen, LOOK UP and LIFT UP your heads, because your REDEMPTION draws near*” (Luke 21:28).

