

Biblical Astronomy

September 2012

Editor – Robert Scott Wadsworth <> P.O. Box 2272, Oregon City, OR 97045
Phone (503) 655-7430 <> e-mail – starguy1@comcast.net <> Website – www.biblicalastronomy.com

NEW MOON REPORT

Nehemia Gordon from Jerusalem, Israel compiled the following New Moon Reports for the months of August and September 2012 and the beginning of the Sixth and Seventh Months on the Biblical Calendar.

August – “On Sunday August 19, 2012 the new moon was sighted from Israel. The moon was first sighted from Jerusalem by David Cachicas at 7:19pm followed shortly thereafter by Rick Busenbark and Aryeh Levy; from Kefar Eldad by Yoel Halevi at 7:30pm; from a second location in Jerusalem by Shiloh and Hinanit David at 7:26pm; from a third location in Jerusalem by Deborah Boer at 7:50pm.

Yoel Halevi's photos of the new moon from Kefar Eldad are posted at:”

<https://www.facebook.com/NehemiaGordon>

September –“ On Monday September 17, 2012 the new moon was sighted by numerous observers across Israel. The moon was sighted from Poriya Illit by Randy Boer at 6:48; from Jerusalem by David Cachicas at 6:48pm and shortly thereafter by Daniela Cachicas, Victor Marquis, and Rick Busenbark; from Pisgat Masuah by Willie Ondricek and Tina Ondricek at 6:48; from Kefar Eldad by Yoel Halevi at 6:52; from Mount Yoash by Nehemia Gordon at 6:54pm and shortly thereafter by Keith Johnson and Washington Sanchez; from Ariel at 6:56pm by Charlotte Mecklenburg and shortly thereafter by Frank Mecklenburg; from Sderot by Paola Manucci at 6:56pm and shortly thereafter by Yonit Nathanel, Tzvi Ben Daniel, and eight others; from Hebron by Gershom Qiprisci and Ellen Qiprisci at 7:00pm; from Beer Milkah by Tim Boer and Bruce Brill at 7:04pm and shortly thereafter by Meggy Willmann; from near Caesarea

by Ramona Frank and her husband at 7:03pm; from another location in Jerusalem by Shiloh David at 7:07pm; from Mount Gerizim by Tommy Hammer at 7:07pm and shortly thereafter Sean Lanahan and Mark Sommers.

My photo of the new moon from Mount Yoash in the Eilat Mountains is posted at:”

<http://www.facebook.com/NehemiaGordon>

I believe that the September New Moon Report has the longest list of observers from Israel since the New Moon Reports have been posted over the past 14 years. This is the New Moon that starts Yom Teruah or the Day of Trumpets.

The next New Moon is expected to be visible from Jerusalem, Israel near sunset on October 17, 2012 when the moon will be 6.33% illuminated and 14.53⁰ above the horizon at five minutes past sunset.

There isn't anything of great significance as far as foreseeable celestial events for the month of September. I am not into writing just to fill space or make up the news. So instead of continuing to tear my hair out on what to write about for the September newsletter, I will make this a four-page issue instead of the normal six pages. This does happen on rare occasion but never before during the feast months. There will be more to write about for the October newsletter. The feature constellation for this issue ends the series of the 48 constellations.

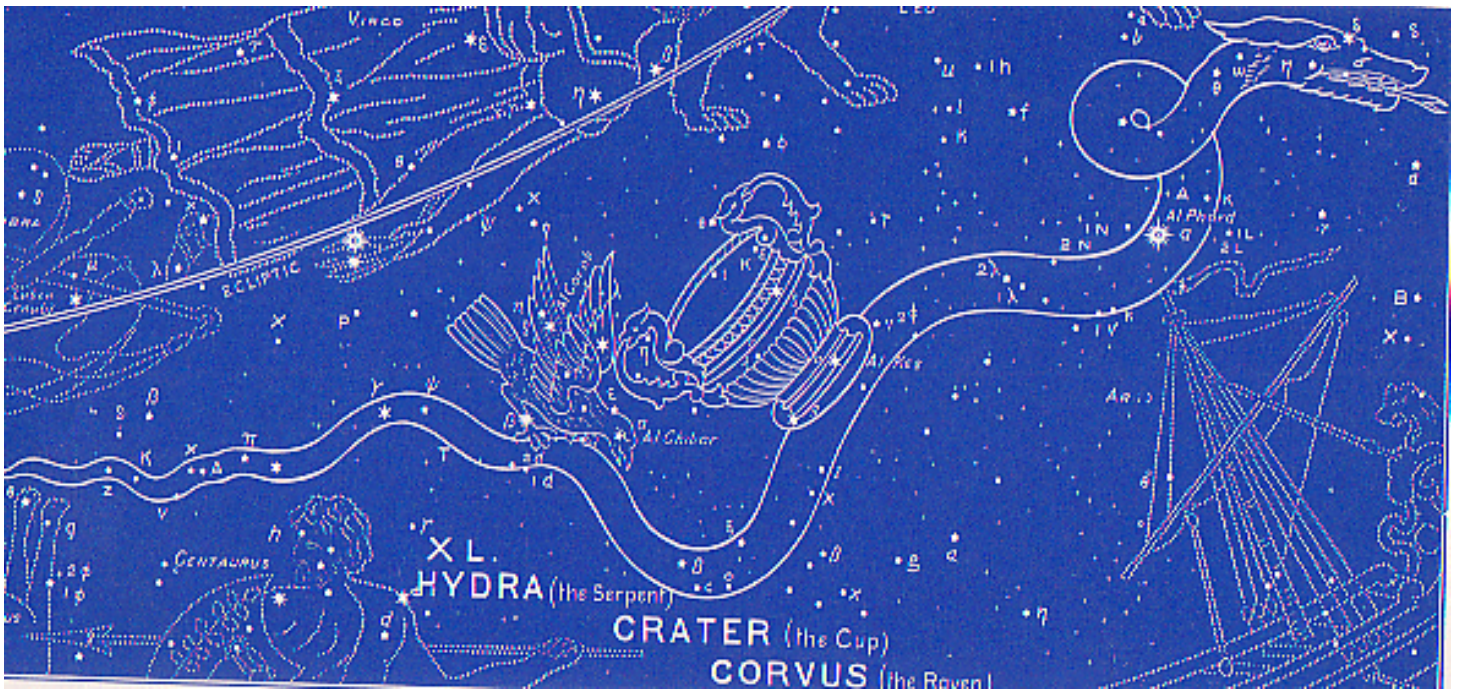
Feast Dates

Yom Teruah – sunset Sept. 17 to sunset Sept. 18.

Yom Kippur – sunset Sept. 26 to sunset Sept. 27.

Sukkot – sunset Oct. 1 to sunset Oct. 8

Last Great Day – sunset Oct. 8 to sunset Oct. 9



HYDRA (the Serpent), CRATER (the Cup), CORVUS (the Raven)

The old serpent destroyed; The cup of divine wrath poured out upon him; The birds of prey devouring the serpent.

Hydra, Crater, and Corvus are decan constellations in the Sign Leo.

Ancient names for Hydra, Crater, and Corvus

Hydra (**Heb.**) – *He is abhorred.*

Crater (?) – *the cup. Al Ches in Hebrew or Arabic, which means the cup.*

Corvus (?) – *the Crow or Raven. In the Dendurah Zodiac it is known as Her-na. Her means enemy; Na means breaking up or failing. That is to say, this scene represents the breaking up of the enemy.*

The complementing Scriptures to these constellations will be shown in the text below the stars and the meaning of their names.

Stars in these constellations and the meaning of their names

Hydra

Al Phard (Arab.) – *the separated, put away.*

Al Drian (Arab.) – *the abhorred.*

Minchar al Sugia (Arab.) – *the piercing of the deceiver.*

Crater

Al Ches (Arab.) – *the cup*

Corvus

Al Chibar (Arab.) – *joining together*, from the Hebrew *Chilba* (Num. 23:8), which means *accursed*. This star, then, tells of *the curse inflicted*.

Al Gorab (Arab.) – from the Hebrew *Oreb*, *the Raven*.

Minchar al Gorab (Arab.) – the Raven tearing to pieces.

The following text concerning these three decan constellations is from E. W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars*.

Hydra - The time has at length come for the fulfillment of the many prophecies pictured in the heavens: and in its three final constellations we see the consummation of them all in the complete destruction of the Old Serpent, and all his seed, and all his works.

It is the special work of the Messiah, as "the Lion of the tribe of Judah," to trample it under foot.

It is pictured as *the female serpent (Hydra)*, the mother and author of all evil. *Hydra* has the significant meaning, *he is abhorred!*

It is an immense constellation extending for above 100 degrees from east to west, beneath the Virgin, the Lion, and the Crab. It is composed of 60 stars; one of the 2nd magnitude, three of the 3rd, twelve of the 4th, etc.

The brightest star, **a** (in the heart of the Serpent), is sometimes called by the moderns *Cor Hydrae* on that account. Its ancient name is *Al Phard* (Arabic), which means *the separated, put away*. Another is called *Al Drian*, *the abhorred*. Another star is named *Minchar al Sugia*, *the piercing of the deceiver*.

There can be no doubt as to what is taught by the constellation of Hydra, nor is it necessary to quote the Scriptures concerning the destruction of the Serpent. We pass on to consider the second.

Crater – Pertinent Scriptures.

"God is the Judge.

He putteth down one, and setteth up another,
FOR IN THE HAND OF THE LORD THERE IS A CUP,
And the wine is red; it is full of mixture,
And He poureth out of the same:

But the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out and drink them."

Psalm 75:8

"Upon the wicked he shall rain snares,
Fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest:
THIS SHALL BE THE PORTION OF THEIR CUP."

Psalm 11:6

This is no fabled wine-cup of Bacchus; but it is "The cup of His indignation" (Rev 14:10); "The cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath" (Rev 16:19). This is what we see set forth in this constellation. The Cup is wide and deep, and fastened on by the stars to the very body of the writhing serpent. The same stars which are in the foot of the Cup form part of the body of Hydra, and are reckoned as belonging to both constellations.

This Cup has the significant number of *thirteen* stars (the number of Apostasy). The two--*Al Ches* (**Alpha**), which means *the Cup*, and (**Beta**)--determine the bottom of the Cup.

Corvus - Here is the final scene of judgment. We have had *Zeeb, the Wolf*; now we have *Oreb, the Raven*. *Her-na* is its name in the Denderah Zodiac. *Her*, means *the enemy*; and *Na*, means *breaking up or failing*. That is to say, this scene represents *the breaking up* of the enemy.

There are nine stars (the number of *judgment*) in this constellation. The bright star **Alpha** (in the eye) is called *Al Chibar* (Arabic), *joining together*, from the Hebrew *Chiba* (Num 23:8), which means *accursed*. This star, then, tells of *the curse inflicted*. The star **Beta** (in the right wing) is called *Al Goreb* (Arabic), from Hebrew *Oreb, the Raven*. A third star is named *Minchar al Gorab* (Arabic), and means *the Raven tearing to pieces*.

This brings us to the end. There is nothing beyond this. Nothing remains to be told. We know from the Word of God that—

"The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother,
The ravens of the valley shall pick it out."
Proverbs 30:17

We remember how David said to the Giant Goliath--a type of this enemy of God's people--"I will smite thee, and take thy head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth" (1 Sam 17:46).

When the great day of this judgment comes, an angel standing in the sun will cry "to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come, and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great" (Rev 19:17,18).

And after these awful words shall be fulfilled, in the closing words of the prophecy of Isaiah, Jehovah foretells us how--

"They shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against Me;
For their worm shall not die,
Neither shall their fire be quenched;
And they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

This is the teaching of the whole Sign of LEO! It is all summed up in Jeremiah 25:30-33

"Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say unto them,
The LORD shall roar from on high,
And utter His voice from His holy habitation;
He shall mightily roar upon His habitation;
He shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes,
Against all the inhabitants of the earth.
A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth;
For the LORD hath a controversy with the nations,
He will plead with all flesh;
He will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.
Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation,
And a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth
Even to the other end of the earth;
They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried;
They shall be dung upon the ground."

Here is the conclusion of the whole matter! Here is the final triumph of the Son of Man in the consummated victory of the Seed of the woman: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev 5:12).