

I was watching the movie, The Nativity Story and the Magi in the movie seemed like they were astrologers who saw the coming alignment of three planets which would show as a star, they then said things like this, "the presence of Jupiter and the moon signified the birth of a ruler "with a special destiny." I always thought astrology was forbidden by God and was of the Devil.

The heavens were created by God (Ge 1:1) to manifest his—not man's wisdom (Prov. 8:27). 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 [מוֹעֵד appointed times] (Ge 1:14a)."¹

The Magi of old used astronomy not astrology. It is possible that they were trained by Daniel who had been taken to Babylon in 605 B.C..² When Jesus was born, the Magi arrived in Jerusalem (Mt 2:1–2) because they had had seen *his star* (Mt 2:2). "His star" may have been a celestial phenomenon or perhaps God's Shekinah Glory (Mt 2:1-12).

The Hebrews used the Mazzaroth (zodiac or constellations [Jb 38:32, 2 Ki 23:5]). Satan perverts the good things that God creates (Ps. 148:3) for his own purposes (e.g. astrology [Deut. 4:19]).

A celestial alignment involving Virgo and Leo occurred on September 23rd 2017 and a similar alignment occurred approximately 6000 years ago on August 5th 1935 BC. The first alignment involved planets: Mercury, Venus and Saturn³ and the recent alignment involved planets: Mercury, Mars and Venus in fulfillment of the Revelation 12:1-2 prophecy.⁴ These alignments have occurred only twice in earth's

¹ "The twelve signs of the Zodiac as originally ordained by God were a prophetic outline of the progressive unfolding purpose of God in creation and redemption. In order to decipher this wondrous Heavenly Scroll, we must discover just where to begin reading the names of the constellations and their starry hosts, for God is said to have both named and numbered them. This means that there is a divine order as well as naming...

...After the nations had lost the original meaning of the signs of the Zodiac, they invented a mythological meaning out of the carnal imagination of the thoughts of their own hearts. How clear that just as the truth of the Zodiac antedated the mythological interpretations of those signs, just so the truth contained in the great Sphinx lies far back beyond even the knowledge of ancient Egypt! And it is intricately connected with the truth of the Zodiac. Confirmation of this is found in one of the very old Zodiacs dating back to 2000 B.C. or before. It is called the Zodiac of Denderah and was found on the ceiling of an ancient portico in Egypt. In this Zodiac there is placed between the signs of Virgo and Leo a picture of the Sphinx. Its woman-like face gazes upon the sign of Virgo, and its lion-like body and tail point to Leo, telling us that we begin with the Virgin and end with the Lion. Furthermore, by the very formation of the Sphinx with its woman's head and lion's body; it binds together in itself the beginning and the end of the great circle of signs. The head of the Sphinx, the woman, is Virgo the virgin, whereas the body and tail of the Sphinx, the lion, is Leo the lion. The circle is thus seen to begin at the woman (Virgo) and to end with the lion (Leo). The word sphinx is taken from the Greek word spungo which means "to bind closely together." It is; therefore, designed to show where the two ends of the Zodiac were to be joined together and where the great circle of the heavens begins and ends." Iredale, Paul. The Great Heavenly Sign: The Man child and the Matrix. 20 Oct 17: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/294202174324648/permalink/307054923039373/>

² "Daniel was an influential government official in Babylon about 600 years earlier, and he foretold the coming of the Messiah (Daniel 9:24–26). Also, tens of thousands of Jews lived in Babylon during the time of the Exile (605–536 BC), and they maintained a large presence there for the following centuries." Chaffey, Tim. We Three Kings: Clearing Up Misconceptions. Answers in Genesis. 14 Dec 2010: <https://answersingenesis.org/holidays/christmas/we-three-kings/>

³ Ge 3:15: woman in labor, sealed up prophecy, marks the beginning. Prinloo, Jaco. The Rapture Pt. 5: The Parable of the Ten Virgins. Section 2. God's Roadmap to the End. 18 Jun 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kaf4O8flpr4>

⁴ Re 12:1-2: woman in labor, sealed up vision, marks the end. Ibid, Prinloo.

history and they are linked to a prophecy and a vision in the bible. Daniel sealed that vision and prophecy (Dan 9:24) and John unsealed it (Re 22:10).

The fulfillment of the Revelation 12:1-2 sign was preceded by what some believed was the return of the Star of Bethlehem in 2015 when Jupiter and Venus appeared in close proximity to one another in the night sky.

Regarding the meaning of stars and planets in the alignments, Jaco Prinloo states:

This has nothing to do with astrology; but, it takes into account what the word of God has to say about these celestial bodies. Stars are associated with specific persons in the godhead or with angels.

We have the angel Gabriel as the messenger associated with Mercury pointing to a message being conveyed (Ac 14:12). Then, we have Venus which is associated with Jesus being the Bright and Morning Star (Re 22:16). Mars is linked with Michael who is associated with war in the heavenly realms—especially fighting with Satan and his angels (Re 12:7). Saturn is associated with Satan (Ge 3:14) and Jupiter, being the king planet, with God (Ac 14:12).

[In the 6000 year old alignment] ...These three wandering stars are: Saturn, Venus and Mercury. If we look at the message that these planets convey based on the understanding that the word of God gives us, it says: *Message about Jesus and Satan*. And this is confirmed in the prophecy of Genesis 3:14-15.⁵

[In the fall alignment of 2017] The three wandering stars: Mercury, Mars and Venus in the Revelation 12 sign spell out the following: *Message about Jesus' war* and this is confirmed for us in Re 12:7-9⁶.

Is it not amazing to discover that our heavenly Father allowed us to confirm the celestial alignments as being the markers associated with the sealed up vision and prophecy and to know

⁵ So the Lord God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.” Ge 3:14–15. Ibid, Prinloo.

⁶ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Re 12:7–9). Ibid, Prinloo.

with certainty that he intended for us to discover this in the time of the end and even provided us with the means and understanding to confirm these [Dan 12:4].⁷ Prinloo, paraphrased.

Signs in the: sun, moon and stars are not for Christians (Mt 12:39); but, they may be significant for Jews once the church is raptured. The celestial sky tells a story and if one is paying attention (Re 3:3), he will realize that it is an exciting time to be a believer in the Lord Jesus (Ro 13:11, 1 Thess 5:5, Tt 2:13, Heb 10:25).

⁷ "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." Da 12:4. Ibid, Prinloo.