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REUBEN AND THE SIGN OF AQUARIUS

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Thus far we have considered the three tribes with their respective ensigns as located on the east side of the Tabernacle. Now, we come to the south side of the Tabernacle where Reuben is located. "On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of REUBEN according to their armies; and the captain of the children of REUBEN shall be ELIZUR the son of SHEDEUR." Num. 2:10

It has already been established that each tribe had an ensign or particular sign signifying that particular tribe, and each of these signs is found in the heavens among the signs of the Zodiac. Thus the heavens declare the glory of God! The zodiacal sign of REUBEN can be none other than AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) which sign is much talked about in these days, and even referred to in songs. People are freely talking about the Aquarian Age for every 2000 years approximately the sun moves into another sign in what is called "the precession of the equinoxes", and we are now entering the Sign of Aquarius which would indicate a new age. It is interesting to note that Aquarius is the sign of Reuben, and REUBEN means BEHOLD A SON, which in turn indicates that we are entering the AGE OF SONSHIP. In other words, the Aquarian Age which will last for approximately 2000 years will manifest forth the blessedness of the SONS OF GOD as they are unveiled to release all of groaning creation.

Reuben was the firstborn son of Israel, but he forfeited the right of the firstborn due to his folly, and the right of the firstborn was given to Joseph. Nevertheless, this does not mean that Reuben lost his sonship by any means, for you will find 12,000 of Reuben sealed in Rev. 7 as among the firstfruits. And, the position that Reuben held on the south side of the Tabernacle is quite unique. In Hebrew the south means the RIGHT HAND because the Hebrews always pictured themselves as standing facing the east which would put the south on the right hand. As for the right hand, that speaks of POWER, and certainly it is known that Reuben is characterized by power and strength. His name meaning BEHOLD A SON also carries the thought of strength and power, for to SONSHIP is granted the ability

and strength to carry forth the purposes of God in the earth. Listen to Jacob's words to Reuben regarding this strength: "Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my MIGHT, and the beginning of my STRENGTH....." Gen. 49:3. This surely connects Reuben with power and strength as well as sonship.

How can we ascertain that Aquarius is the sign of Reuben? Aquarius is the man with the water pitcher pouring out water, so somewhere Reuben must be affiliated with water. Listen to this: Jacob says of Reuben, "Unstable as WATER....." Gen. 49:4. Reuben is here likened unto WATER, and is not Aquarius connected with WATER?? You likely will wonder about being as UNSTABLE as WATER, but the word UNSTABLE in the Hebrew means to BUBBLE UP or FROTH as water is capable of doing. Reubenites carry this ability in them which would appear to be instability unto many, but it must be remembered they are bearers of water nevertheless, and when God has perfected them, they will wonderfully pour out the refreshing water of life without any frothiness therein.

There are two bright stars in Aquarius that we want to consider. The first is SA'AD AL MELIK and which means THE RECORD OF THE POURING FORTH, not just THE POURING FORTH but rather the RECORD OF THE POURING FORTH. This indicates there is an accounting or a recording of what is poured forth. Reubenites do not just pour forth water, living water, indiscriminately, but rather they take into consideration the continuity and the purpose of God in the pouring forth of the water of life and truth. There is an orderliness and system about the ministry of Reubenites--- and which is commendable. In fact, Aquarius is represented as pouring water into the mouth of a fish, not just any mouth, but a fish's mouth. Israel is seen as a fish in the scriptures, and Reuben pours truth and blessings into Israel thus refreshing God's people.

The second bright star of Aquarius is SA'AD AL SUND which means GOING AND RETURNING. Reubenites have the tendency to overshoot themselves or go beyond what is proper for the present time which often means time involved in returning again to their proper position and calling, but the fact remains, they do return. They are very much like a pendulum that swings too far in one direction and must be balanced by going in the other direction until they find their proper balance in God. Then it is they RETURN into His rest.

There are three associate constellations of Aquarius which are most interesting and strengthen indeed

the truth concerning the Tribe of Reuben and his ensign. The first one is PISCIS AUSTRALIS meaning THE SOUTHERN FISH. In Arabic this constellation is called FOM AL HAUT, the MOUTH OF THE FISH. In the Zodiac of Denderah it is called AAR meaning A STREAM. At any rate, the various aspects of meaning all add up to one thing: it is a stream of living water that flows from Aquarius into the mouth of the fish, or it is Reuben pouring out blessings into the mouth of Israel, a proper recipient of the truth of God. All of this can be summarized in one word, REFRESHING.

The second constellation is PEGASUS which is the WINGED HORSE. The winged horse speaks of SPEED, and it is with speed and alacrity that Reuben accomplishes his divinely appointed task.

And, the third constellation is CYGNUS or the SWAN. The Cygnus is pictured as a mighty bird flying in midheaven and not falling dead like Aquilla. Does this not remind us of what Moses said in Deut. 33:6 of Reuben? "Let Reuben live and not die!" This can be summated in one word, LIFE.

Thus the three associate constellations of Aquarius further bear out the import of Reuben and his ensign. They speak of REFRESHING, SPEED and LIFE. Even those born under the Sign of Aquarius will find these same traits in themselves even though they may not be a Reubenite.

In every tribe God is picking out a handful as a spearhead company, or as "the first of the first-fruits", and this is signified by the captain of the Tribe. In the case of Reuben, the Captain was ELIZUR which means GOD IS HIS ROCK. This typifies those of Reuben who have found their only place of strength, safety and refuge is God Himself, the ROCK OF THEIR SALVATION. They have without reservation turned completely away from all their natural strength and ability and turned only unto God as their all in all. Reubenites are naturally very strong and active people, but through the processes of perfection they have been brought to the end of themselves where they realize they have nothing without HIM. Thus the first of the firstfruits of Reuben are brought through testings, weaknesses, trials, debasings, etc. until their only confidence is the Lord, their Rock.

Elizur was the son of SHEDEUR which means SHEDDER OF LIGHT. Thus it is that Elizur typifying those who have found God as their only Rock of strength are born out of the SHEDDING FORTH OF LIGHT. Light symbolizes wis-

dom, knowledge, understanding and revelation, and so it is that the first of the firstfruits of Reuben are birthed through the unfolding of light. Then this breaking forth of light leads into the pressures where all natural ability is brought to nought and where God is indeed the Rock of Strength. Light leads to pressures, and pressures lead to further light.

The true earmarks of Reuben are found in the scriptures and corroborated with the Sign of Aquarius in the heavens which is also the ensign of the Tribe of Reuben. Therefore there is a double witness to this facet of truth, and in the mouth of two or three witnesses is every word established.

In concluding this article we would encourage you true Reubenites to be stabilized in God in spite of your pressures that you might indeed pour forth living waters into thirsty souls.

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