

JUDAH AND THE SIGN OF LEO

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Having ascertained that God has set the stars for SIGNS and that the twelve signs of the Zodiac represent ~~the twelve tribes of Israel~~, let us proceed to the individual tribes with their individual ensigns. We are not taking the zodiacal signs in sequence but rather basing our remarks upon the order of Israel's encampment in the wilderness. This account is given in Num. 2, and as you read it, you will find that three tribes are located on each of the four sides of the Tabernacle. Furthermore, every man was to pitch or camp by his own standard with the ENSIGN of his father's house. This word ENSIGN is the same word as is translated SIGNS in Gen. 1:14 referring to the stars or constellations. The reckoning of the camp was from the east side, so we shall begin there.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ENSIGN of their father's house.....And on the EAST SIDE toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of JUDAH pitch throughout their armies: and NAHSHON the son of AMMINADAB shall be CAPTAIN of the children of JUDAH....." Num. 2:1-3. One cannot arbitrarily say that such and such a sign belongs to such and such a tribe without the corroboration of the scriptures. Why therefore do we say the zodiacal sign of Leo is the sign of Judah? Leo is the sign of the lion, and according to Gen. 49:8-12 where is given the prophecy of Judah, he is referred to as a LION'S WHELP, a LION, and an OLD LION. Furthermore, our Lord is called "the LION of the tribe of Judah" which further connects the lion with Judah as that tribe's particular ensign. Perhaps the zodiacal sign of Judah is the easiest to determine because the references are so clear.

The dates of the sign of Leo are from July 24 to Aug. 23, and a person born under Judah's sign will bear some of the marks of Judah, but that does not mean such a person is of the tribe of Judah. Many are confused thinking they can determine their tribal lineage in Israel by their natural birthdate, but this can be no more done than you can determine whose son you are by the date you were born. Being born during the power of Leo's sign will influence you, but be sure you know your tribal lineage by the Spirit of God who can reveal it to you indeed

if there is no way to trace it otherwise. Some have been fortunate enough to be able to trace their lineage back through the centuries and discover their tribal genealogy, but the vast majority have no way of doing this. Thus they are left to the revelation of God to make it plain which is precious knowing that He knows who we are and can reveal it in such a wonderful way. Occasionally someone is born under his particular tribal sign, and that is grand, but be it known: those who are usually do not have as severe conflicts within themselves as those who are born naturally under one tribal sign and yet belong to another tribe. Thus the two signs cause inner battles to bring forth the perfection of God that might not otherwise be accomplished.

In the Syrian language Leo is THE RENDING LION, and in the Arabic it is THE LION LEAPING FORTH AS A FLAME. So even the ancient languages bear out the truth concerning Leo the lion. In the constellation of Leo there are some bright stars whose names are indicative of Judah and his characteristics. These we want to briefly consider:

(1) REGULUS, one bright star, means TREADING UNDERFOOT. This speaks of conquering, and Judahites are a conquering people, but they cannot conquer nor tread underfoot without the battles. Judahites are battlers, and they battle until they conquer. They are warriors of undetermined fortitude and strength. In Gen. 49:9 Judah is referred to as a lion's whelp going up from the prey, or conquering and taking the prey. Judah's spiritual battles are great and many, but he needs to be reminded that having begun in the Spirit he should never end up in flesh fights.

(2) DENEBOLO, meaning THE LORD WHO COMETH, is another bright star in Leo. Judah's vision is ever upon the coming of the Lord knowing that He is the LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH who shall come and shall not tarry. He knows that "the sceptre shall not depart from Judah..... until SHILOH comes." The vision of Judah is what sustains him in the battles.

(3) AL GIEBA means EXALTATION and is another lovely star in Leo. The name JUDAH means PRAISE, and in this manner does Judah EXALT the Lord. He shall continue to exalt Him in praise until the Lord comes. Praise is a great weapon of the Judahites.

(4) And, ZOSMA, another bright star in Leo, means SHINING FORTH. How apt this is in view of the fact that Judah was placed on the EAST of the Tabernacle, the

position of the rising sun, or the SHINING FORTH of the light. Judah cannot help but shine forth, for the light of the breaking day fills him, and though battles are his lot, still the light of revelation thrills the inner being with glory.

In these four bright stars of Leo we can see some of the characteristics of Judah. Let us compile them in one sentence thus: Judah, the warrior, fights because his vision is fixed upon the coming of the Lord whom he exalts in praise while the light of revelation shines forth. Isn't that precious!

There are three constellations associated with Leo, and they also are indicative of Judah's traits. They give a picture of Judah's enemy and the conflict that ensues.

(1) HYDRA meaning the ABHORRED SERPENT. Judah's battle is not against flesh and blood but against the serpent, the deceiver. He sees deception perhaps quicker than others, and he recognizes what is back of it.

(2) CRATER, another constellation associated with Leo, means the CUP OF WRATH OUTPOURED. Judahites are not satisfied with a simple battle without meaning, rather they must fight until the cup of wrath is outpoured which in its outpouring destroys the evil but not the people in whom the evil is found. If there is one thing Judah cannot stand, it is unrighteousness with inequality, and Judah will fight this "tooth and toenail", until the wrath outpoured burns out such things.

(3) And, CORVUS, another constellation associated with Leo, means RAVEN, or BIRDS OF PREY DEVOURING. Judah must see the destruction of evil and the exaltations of righteousness. This is why Judahites are often bombastic in their words and actions. They cannot bear that unlike the nature of God. Sometimes they try to fight it in themselves to their own sorrow, but they learn in time to only do it in the Spirit and thus conquer through Christ the Lord.

Now, we want to consider the prince or captain of Judah, for the meaning of the name bears import in this study. God is not gathering all of Judah at this time but is preparing a remnant or the "first of the first-fruits" which this prince or captain represents. I say this because the scriptures teach us about a special gathering of the princes of the people. The Lord told Moses to make silver trumpets for a specific purpose, such as, the journeying of the camps, the going forth to battle,

etc. But, one thing was specifically given, that when one trumpet sounded, the princes were to gather themselves unto Moses to receive whatsoever instruction the Lord had to impart to them. We are in that time of the sounding of a single trumpet, which trumpet speaks of a fresh revelation, and this is not to be given forth generally to all of Israel but to specially prepared vessels, the princes or captains of God's people. Thus these princes represent "the first of the firstfruits" who are to be gathered together unto Him for further enlightenment. According to Num. 1:3 the prince of Judah was NAHSHON which means ORACLE, and he was the son of AMMINADAB meaning WILLING PEOPLE. In other words, God is not just looking for Judah's warriors at the present moment, but He is preparing those of Judah who indeed shall "speak as the oracles of God", or better yet, who shall be the oracles of God. An oracle is never heard until first God speaks, and the princes of Judah are being taught to hold their peace until the voice within speaks first that the truth might be issued forth by His decree. These Nahshons, or princes of Judah, are born of Amminadab, or born out of willingness, a will submitted wholly to the will of God. Such is the nature of the princes of Judah who pitch under the ENSIGN OF LEO, and who are fulfilling that portion of Judah's prophecy, "As an old lion, who shall rouse him up?" Through battles and preparations the princes learn to abide God's time and move not at every rustle of activity, but only at God's direction, speak at His speaking, and live in the realm of a surrendered and obedient will.

All you of Judah, and especially you who are being prepared for the princely company, recognize you are assuredly affected by the force of the constellation that represents Judah, even Leo, and in its mysteries will you find unfolding truths concerning your own lineage. Remember the stars speak their glorious message, and he who has an ear to hear will hear! (To be continued)

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