

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST September 11, 3 B.C.

Astronomy – Revelations 12:1-5

The Bible and Astronomy

God in the beginning numbered and named the stars. He has set them in order to reveal His marvelous plan of redemption.

Psalms 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

Revelations 12:1-5:

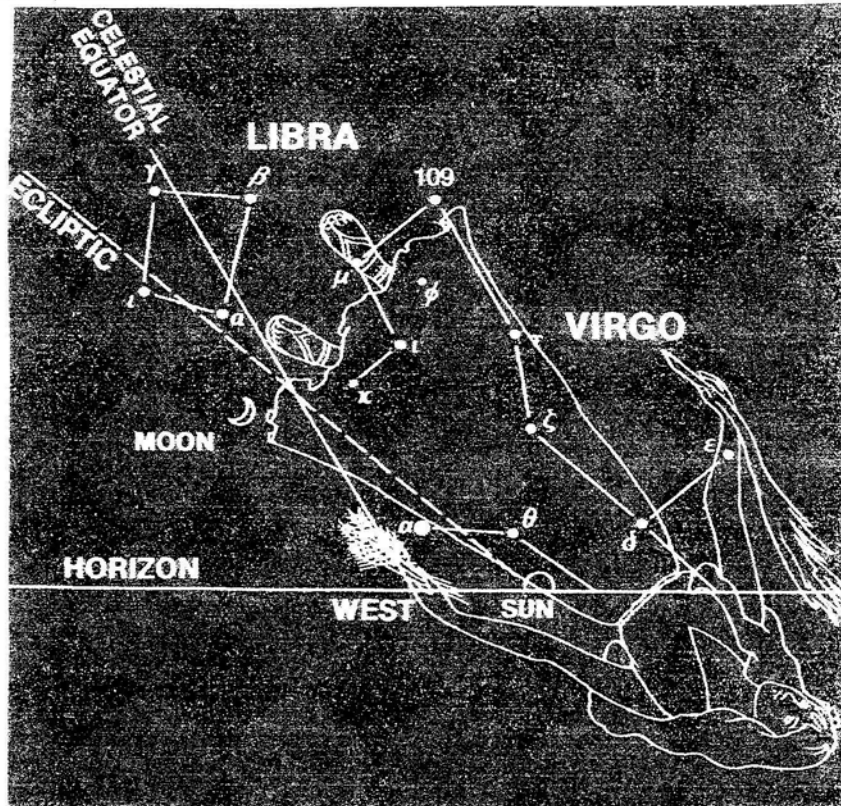
And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.



The "Great Wonder" of Revelation 12:1. The stars of the heavens at sunset, 6:18 PM, Sept.11, 3 B.C. The diagram above shows the sun half-way set. At this point, the first thin crescent of the moon appears, marking the first of the new moon, Tishri.

Virgo was the constellation signifying the woman and her seed as prophesied in Genesis 3:15. And on September 11, 3 B.C., the sun was positioned in the midst of Virgo while the new moon was directly under Virgo's feet – This configuration corresponding exactly to the description in Revelation 12 regarding the Messiah's birth. This stellar arrangement was visible in Palestine from sunset at 6:18 PM until moon set at 7:39 PM. Thus it was during this 81 minute period on the night of September 11, 3 B.C. that Jesus Christ was born in a stable in Bethlehem.