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NEW MOON REPORT

Nehemia Gordon from Jerusalem, Israel compiled the following New Moon Report for the month of June 2010 and the beginning of the Fourth Biblical Month.

“On June 13, 2010 the new moon was sighted from Israel. The moon was first sighted: from Jerusalem by Terry Telligman at 7:57pm; from elsewhere in Jerusalem at 8:02pm by Willie Ondricek, Nehemia Gordon, Yoel HaLevy, and Devorah Gordon; from another location in Jerusalem at 8:05pm by Paul Beattie; from Ariel at 8:11pm by Amanda Boyd, Ruth Burcham, and Deborah Leslie; from Bar Giora at 8:20pm by Tzvi ben Daniel; from Ramat Gan at 8:22pm by Isaac Kight.”

The next New Moon is expected to be visible from Jerusalem near sunset on July 13, 2010 when the moon will be 4.98% illuminated and 13.8⁰ above the horizon at 5 minutes past sunset.

MARS AND REGULUS IN CONJUNCTION

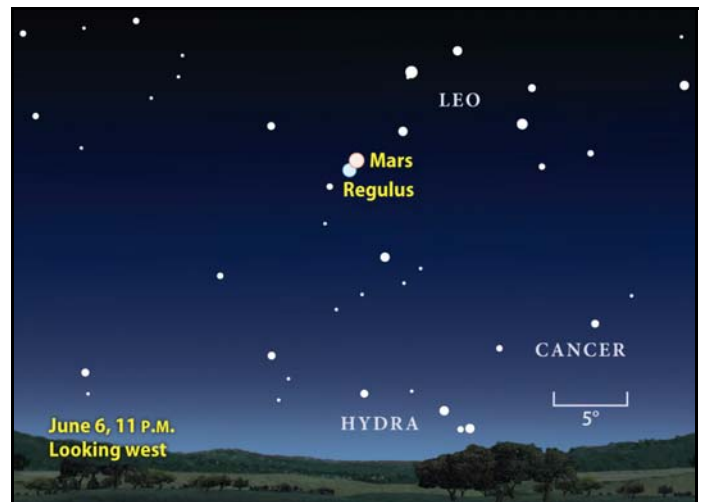
On June 6, 2010 the planet *Adom* (*Mars*) came into a close conjunction with the star *Regulus* in the Sign and constellation *Arieh* (*Leo*).

Mars can either represent Michael the warrior angel, or blood and war, or the atoning blood of Messiah, depending on the circumstance. *Regulus* is not only the king star of *Arieh* the Lion, but has been known from ancient times as the King star of all the stars, or the King of the Universe. The name *Regulus* means *treading under foot*.

It is Michael with his angels who goes to war against the dragon and his angels in Revelation 12:7-12 and casts the dragon and his cronies to the earth.

The Lion is pouncing on the head or heads of Hydra the water serpent who in ancient times had seven heads. It is a sea beast or a beast from the sea with seven heads. The Lion is about to tear it to pieces. This portrayal is of the serpent or dragon when he is finally destroyed after being bound for 1,000 years and at the end of the Millennial Kingdom of Messiah. See Chart 517 in the March/April 2010 issue of *Biblical Astronomy* for the portrayal of the lion and the serpent. That picture is not exact, for the lion's feet should be much closer to the heads of the serpent as seen in earlier planispheres.

The simulation below from Astronomy.com shows the conjunction of Mars and Regulus as they come within 9/10^{ths} of a degree from one another on June 6, 2010.



COMET MCNAUGHT (C/2009 R1)

Comet McNaught became visible to the unaided eye around mid June and is now shining at a magnitude of 5.1. The comet should remain a 5th magnitude comet through the first week of July before it begins to dim beyond unaided eye visibility. Though it is visible to the unaided eye, it

is still somewhat difficult to find without binoculars and you need to know where to look. I have not yet had the opportunity to see it because of cloudy weather for the past two weeks. The sky is now beginning to clear here in Oregon City and I hope to see the comet soon for myself. Below is a telescopic photo of the comet taken by Michael Jaeger from Austria on June 10.

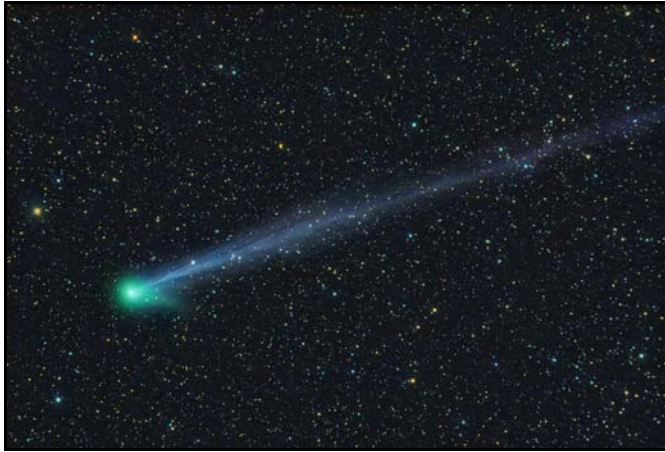


Chart 524 shows the path of Comet McNaught from June 7, to July 14, 2010. The comet should still be about a 5th magnitude object as it enters the constellation Gemini around July 3rd.

The chart shows the path of the comet as it goes through the constellations *Perseus*, *Auriga*, *Gemini* and *Cancer*. It was in the constellation *Perseus* when it first became visible to the unaided eye. At this writing, the comet is in *Auriga* and is holding steady at its current brightness. It is doubtful that will get any brighter before it fades unless it has an outburst. The comet will most likely be too dim to see with the unaided eye after it leaves *Gemini* and heads into *Cancer*.

The light of the full moon filling the night sky over the latter days of June will make it most difficult to spot the comet without binoculars or a small telescope.

The main portrayals of the four constellations in the chart that the comet is passing through are: ***Perseus*** – “*The Breaker*” *delivering the redeemed*; ***Auriga*** – *Safety for the redeemed in the day of wrath*; ***Gemini*** – *Messiah’s reign as Prince of Peace*; ***Cancer*** – *Messiah’s redeemed possessions held fast, or a shelter, refuge or hiding place for Messiah’s people in a time of great tribulation*.

No matter what happens, our Father is always watching over us. Trust in Him.

PARTIAL LUNAR ECLIPSE

There will be a partial lunar eclipse on June 26, 2010. This eclipse will not be visible from Israel but will be visible from western North America and parts of the Pacific. This will be the first lunar eclipse visible from the United States since February 2008.

Chart 525 shows the position of the moon in the constellation *Sagittarius* at the peak of the eclipse as seen from Portland, Oregon at 4:30 a.m. PDT.

The main theme of the Sign and constellation *Sagittarius* is *The Redeemer’s Triumph*.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

The sun will be totally blacked out on July 11, 2010. This will occur over sparsely inhabited areas such as the Pacific Ocean and parts of Chile and Argentina where it will be seen from a handful of small towns and villages.

Chart 526 shows the positions of the sun and moon in *Gemini* at the peak of the eclipse as seen from the southeastern Pacific Ocean. Comet McNaught is just to the east or left of *Gemini* and may be visible when the sky darkens over those areas where viewers will see the total covering of the sun by the moon’s shadow.

The main theme for the Sign and constellation *Gemini* is *Messiah’s reign as Prince of Peace*. See the May 2010 newsletter for more info.

Chart 527 shows the path of the sun (the dark blue lines where it will be seen totally eclipsed as viewed from earth. The lighter blue lines show where it will be seen as a partial eclipse. The first light blue line away from the dark blue path is where the sun will be 80% eclipsed; the second lighter blue line where it will be 60%; the third 40%, the fourth 20 percent, etc.

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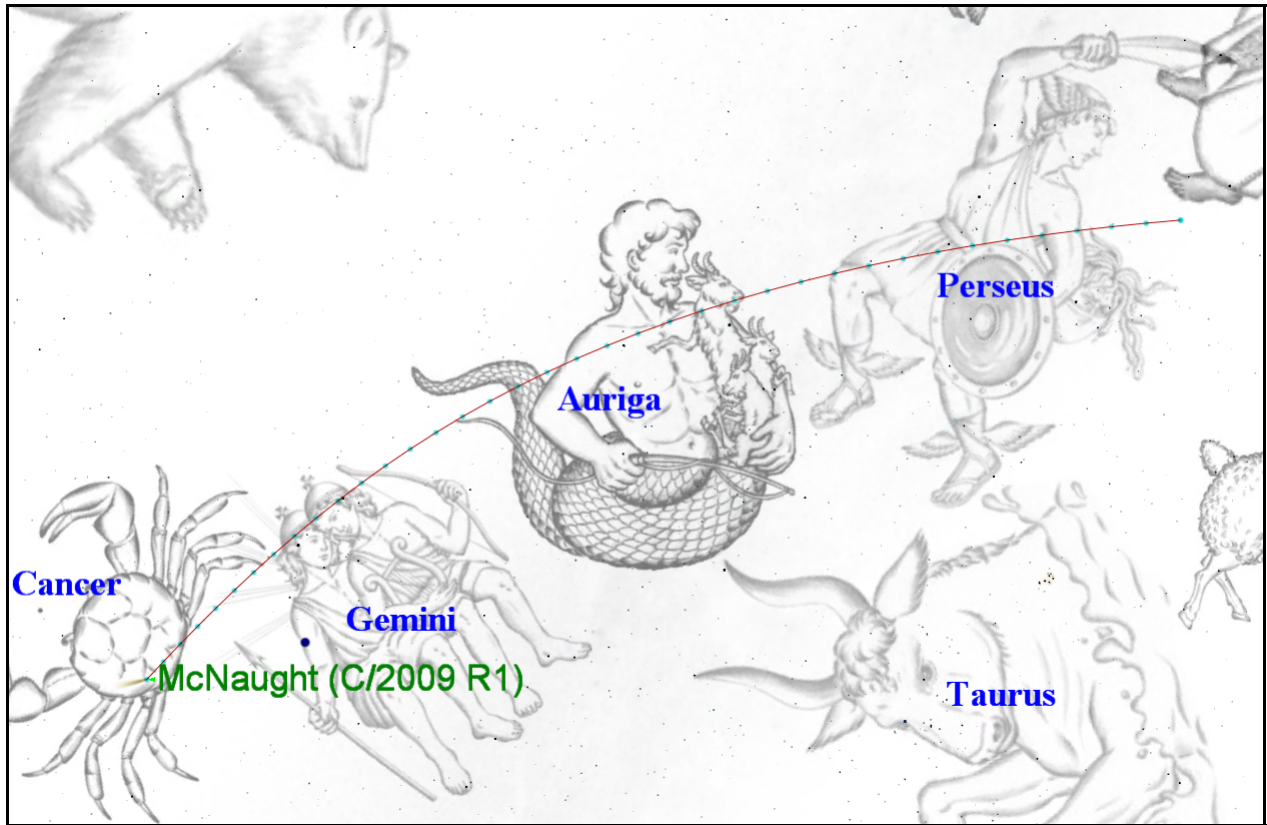


Chart 524 – Path of Comet McNaught 2009 R1 from June 7, to July 14, 2010. Each green dot on the path represents one day. The first dot is June 7 and the last dot is July 14.

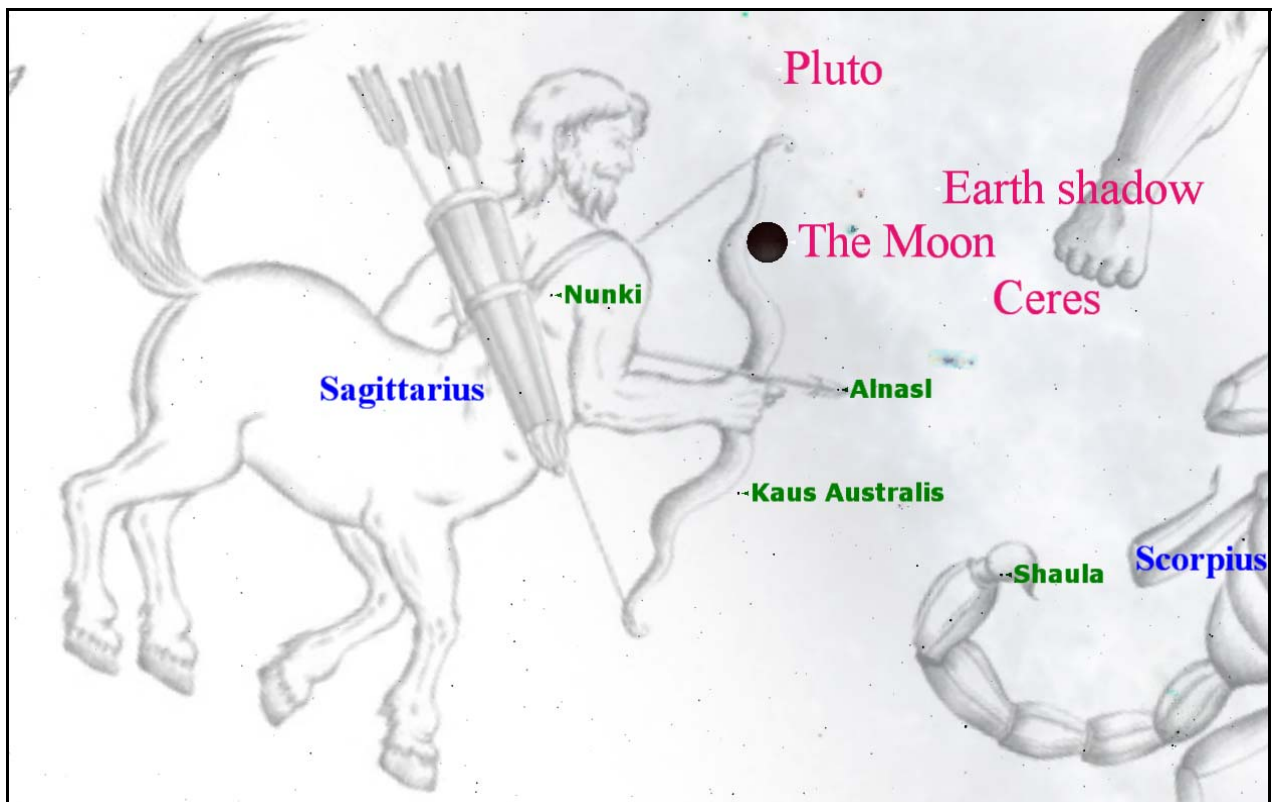


Chart 525 – Position of the moon in Sagittarius at the peak of the Partial Eclipse at 4:30 am PDT as seen from Portland, Oregon. Not seen here, but only the upper half of the moon is covered with the dark shadow of the earth as it is partially eclipsed.

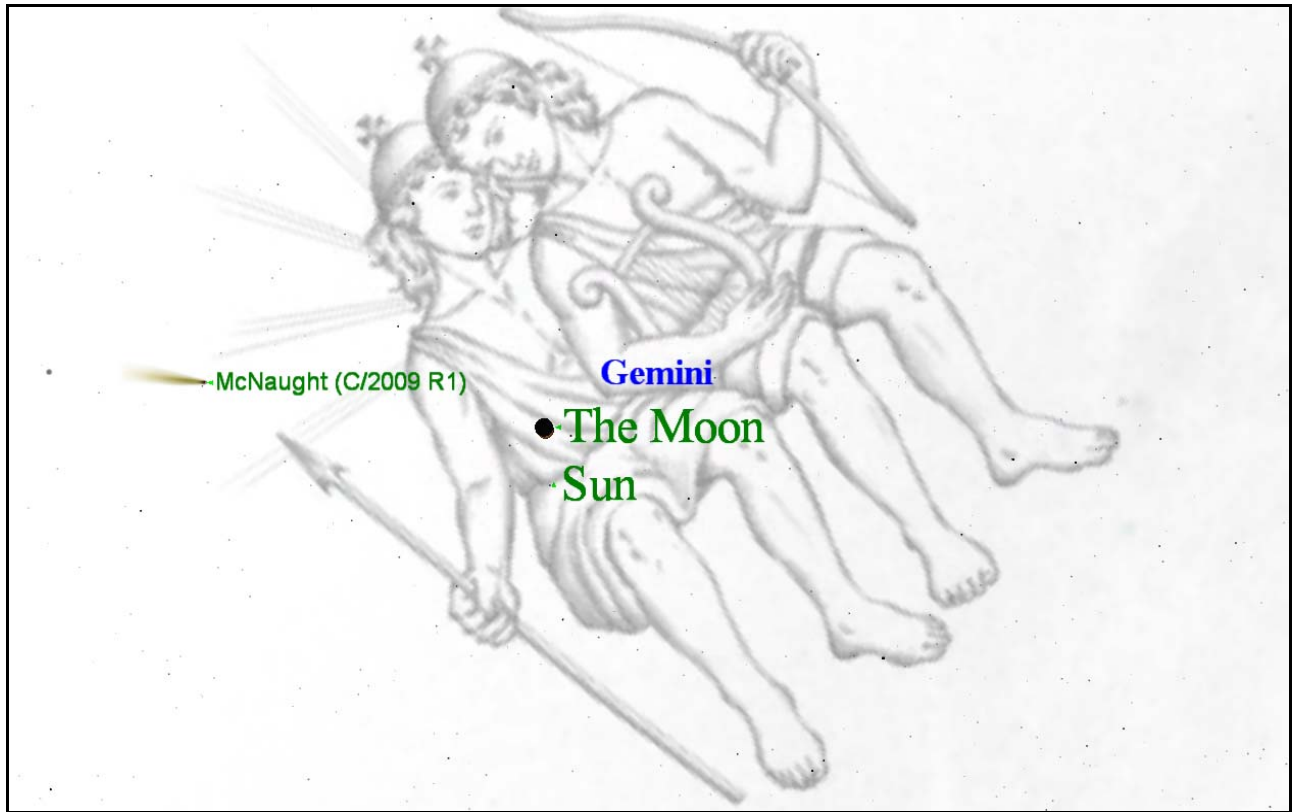


Chart 526 – Position of the sun and the moon in *Gemini* during the Total Solar Eclipse

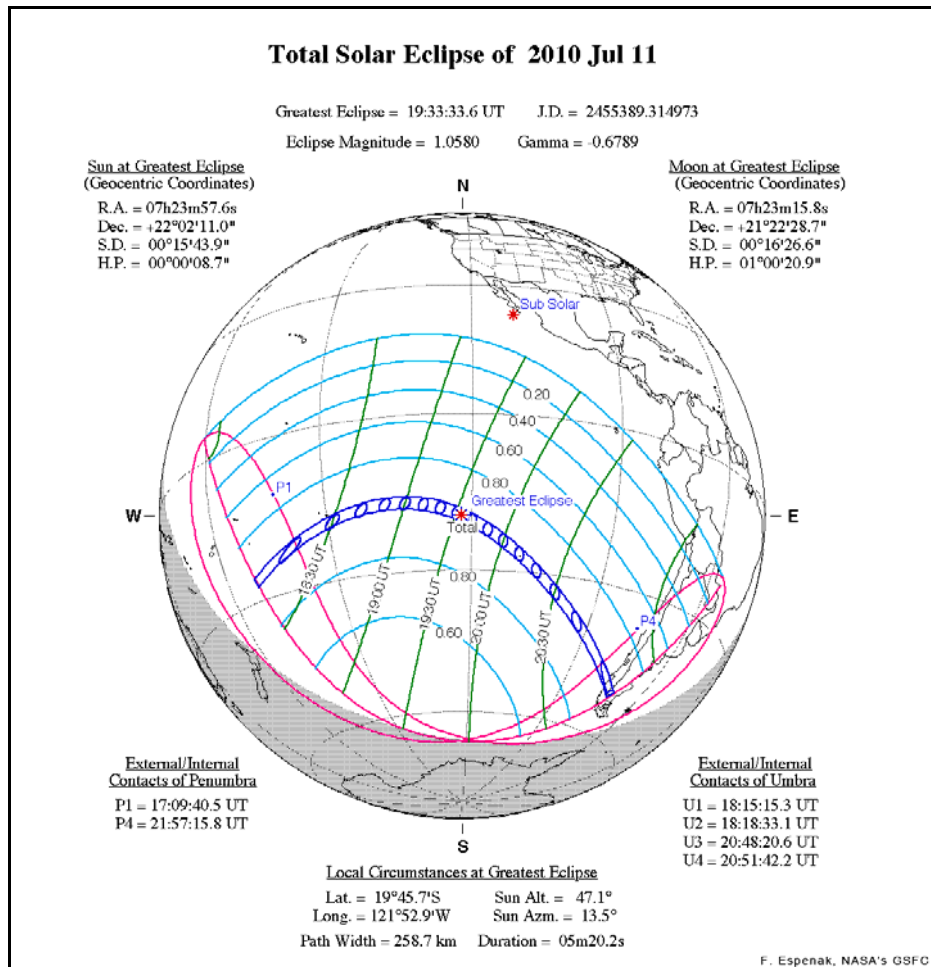
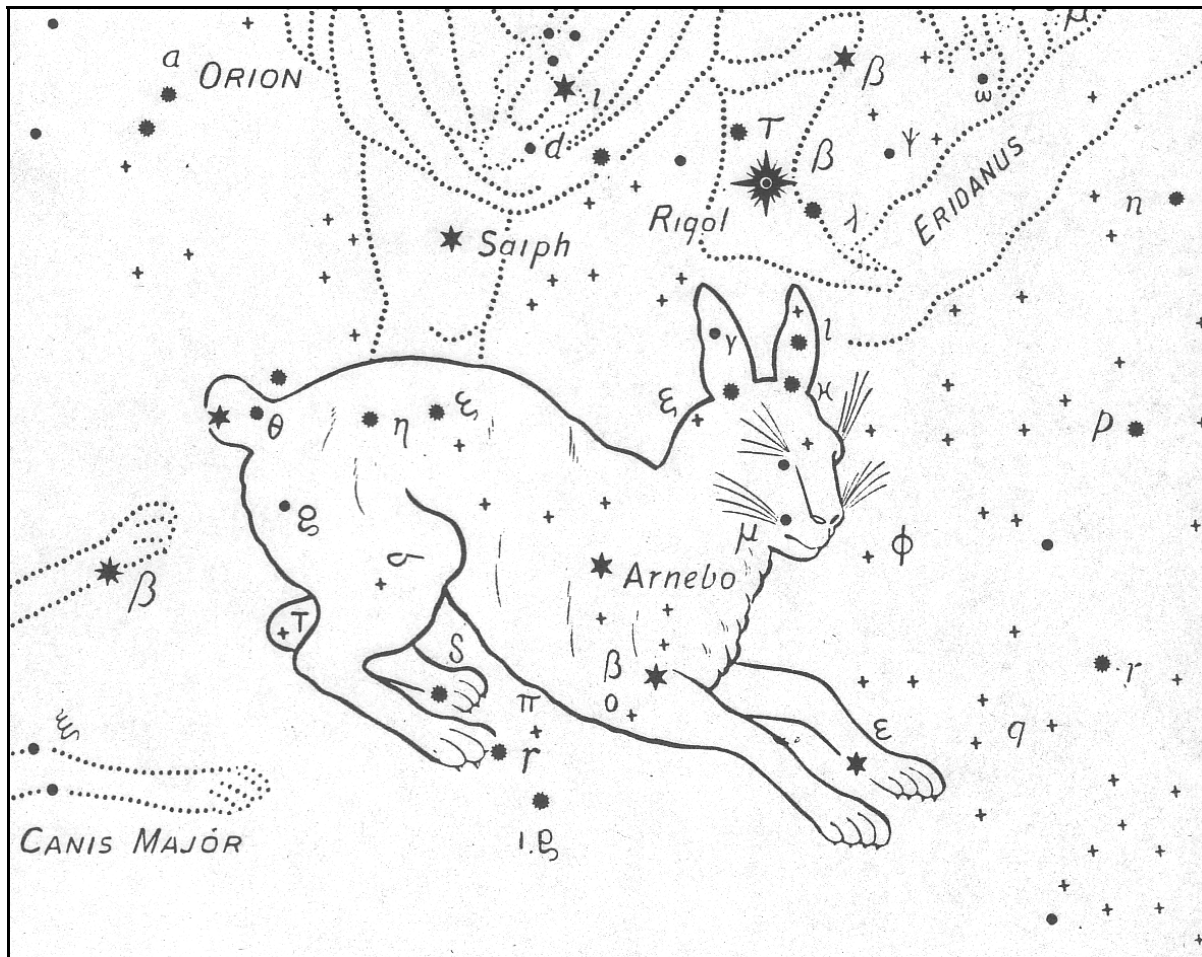


Chart 527 – Path of Total Solar Eclipse on July 11, 2010



LEPUS (the Hare) or ENEMY

The enemy trodden under foot

Lepus is a decan constellation to the Sign *Gemini*.

Ancient Names for this constellation

Bashti-beki (Denduran) – *confounded and failing*.

Lepus (Lat.) – *the hare, treading under feet*.

Complementing scriptures to this constellation picture

Psalm 60:12 (NKJV) – “Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.”

Isaiah 63:3, 4 – “...for I will tread them in Mine anger, and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all of my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.”

Also see Malachi chapter 4.

Stars in *Lepus* and the meanings of their names

Arnebo (Heb.) – *the enemy of Him that cometh.*

Nibal (Heb.) – *the mad*

Rakis (Heb.) – *the bound (Arab., with a chain).*

Sugia (Heb.) – *the deceiver.*

Arnebeth (Arab.) – *the hare, enemy of what cometh, pluck.*

The following is from E. W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars* pertaining to the three decan constellations of Gemini and then particularly speaking of Lepus.

“The names of the three constellations of this Sign, as well as the pictures, are all more or less modern, as is manifest from the names being in *Latin*, and having no relation to the ancient names of their stars. To learn their real meaning, therefore, we must have recourse to the ancient Zodiacs. In the Persian planisphere the first constellation was pictured by *a serpent*. In the Denderah (Egyptian) Zodiac it is an unclean bird standing on the serpent, which is under the feet of Orion. Its name there is given as *Bashti-beki*. *Bashti* means *confounded*, and *Beki* means *failing*. “

The print below is that of Lepus from the Denderah Zodiac which E.W. Bullinger is referring to above. The legs and feet belong to Orion, and below his feet is the unclean bird standing on the head of the coiled serpent. His foot as seen crushing the hare's head in the picture above or previous page should be seen crushing the head of the serpent.



“There can be no mistaking the voice of this united testimony. For this enemy is under the down-coming foot of Orion, and it tells of the blessed fact that when the true Orion, "the Sun of Righteousness, shall arise," and "the true light" shall shine over all the earth, He "shall tread down the wicked" (Mal 4), and every enemy will be subdued under His feet. "It is He that shall tread down our enemies" (Psa 60:12), as He has said: (Isaiah 63:3, 4.”