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## NEW MOON REPORT

Nehemiah Gordon from Jerusalem, Israel compiled the following New Moon Report for the months of May and June 2013 and the beginnings of the Third Month and Fourth Month on the Biblical Calendar.

**May** - “On Saturday May 11, 2013 the new moon was sighted from Israel. The moon was first sighted from Kefar Eldad by Yoel Halevi at 7:29pm; from Ramat Hashayarot by David Cachicas at 7:31pm; from Jerusalem by Willie Ondricek at 7:34pm; from another location in Jerusalem by Devorah Levine at 7:39pm; from Ezuz by Armando Varela and Briana Varela at 7:41pm; from the Beth Shean valley by Victor Marquis at 7:43pm.”

Yoel Halevi's photo of the new moon from Kefar Eldad is posted at:

<https://www.facebook.com/NehemiaGordon>

**June** – “The new moon of the fourth Biblical month has been sighted in Israel!

David Cachicas and his daughter sighted the moon in the Old City of Jerusalem at 7:35; Yoel Halevi sighted the moon at 7:43 from Talpiot, another location in Jerusalem and posted a picture here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=518329038222603&set=a.291190204269822.77635.277694812286028&type=1&theater>

Willie Ondricek heard the shofars blowing from the Old City at 7:36 but did not actually sight it until about 8:40 from another location in Jerusalem.”

Photos of the new moon from Jerusalem are also posted at:

<https://www.facebook.com/NehemiaGordon>

The next New Moon is expected to be visible from Jerusalem, Israel near sunset on July 9, 2013 when the moon will be 1.88% illuminated and 5.44° above the horizon at five minutes past sunset.

I finally figured out how to use my laptop to write the newsletters. It is a great help and it is much less painful to write sitting in my recliner, especially when I have flare-ups in my physical condition, which occur

more frequently in summer months when the temperature soars. Thank you for all of your support, patience, understanding and prayers.

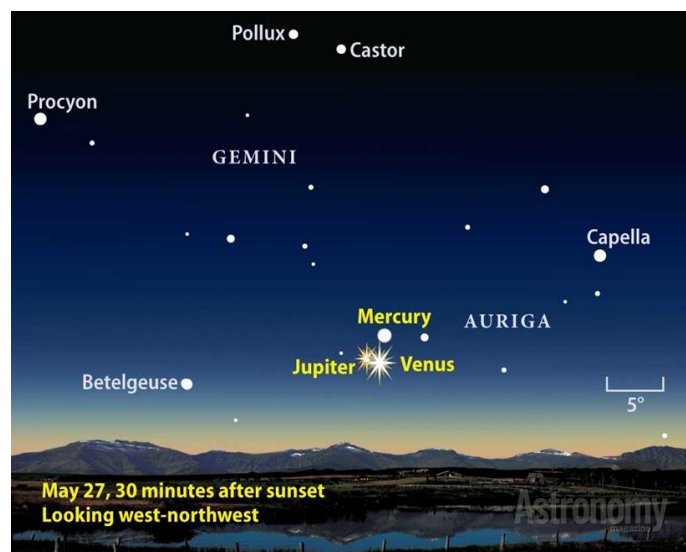
## DANCE OF PLANETS

In late May there was a nice display of planetary massings and conjunctions in the Sign and constellation *Taurus*.

**Chart 610** shows *Venus* and *Mercury* close to conjunction between the horns of *Taurus* as seen from Jerusalem about 30 minutes past sunset on May 24, 2013. *Jupiter* is nearby and *Mars* is in the body of the bull.

**Chart 611** shows a close triangular massing of the *Jupiter*, *Venus* and *Mercury* as seen from Jerusalem in the early evening of May 26, 2013.

The simulation below shows the close massing of the planets *Jupiter* (*Zedek*), *Venus* (*Nogah*) and *Mercury* (*Catab*) in the Sign and constellation *Taurus* at 30 minutes after sunset on May 27, 2013 as seen from the eastern United States.



*Jupiter* (*Zedek*) can represent either Yehovah or Messiah the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. *Venus* (*Nogah*) is the Bright and Morning Star and represents Yahshuah. *Mercury* (*Catab*) represents Gabriel the messenger archangel.

The main theme for the Sign *Taurus* is *Messiah, the coming Judge of all the earth*. This reem is a fit portrayal of the coming judge. Joseph A. Seiss writes the following of him in his *Gospel in the Stars* (1882).

“It has long been a question what animal is meant by the *Reem*, which is so often referred to in the ancient Scriptures, and which translators have generally called the *unicorn*. But modern research and discovery have served to clear up the subject in a manner entirely satisfactory. The reem is not a one-horned creature, like the rhinoceros, as has generally been supposed, but a pure animal of the ox kind, though wild, untamable, fierce, and terrible. Two passages prove that it was a great two-horned and mighty creature, now, so far as known, entirely extinct, but once common in North-western Asia, Assyria, and Middle Europe. Remains of it have of late years been discovered in the north of Palestine, and Caesar, in the account of his wars, describes it as being hunted in the Hercynian forest in his day. It was known as the primeval ox, or wild bull, different altogether from the bison or the great antelope, sometimes taken for it. It was a formidable animal, “scarcely less than the elephant in size, but in nature, color, and form a true ox.” Its strength and speed were very great, and it was so fierce that it did not spare man or beast when it caught sight of them. It was wholly intractable, and could not be habituated to man, no matter how young it was taken. This fact is set out in the book of Job (39:9-12), where it is said: “Will the reem be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib? Canst thou bind the *reem* with his band in the furrow? Or will he harrow the valleys after thee? Wilt thou trust him because his strength is great? Or wilt thou leave thy labor to him? Wilt thou believe him that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?”

This animal was particularly distinguished for its great, outspread, sharp, and irresistible horns, to which the horns of ordinary oxen were not to be compared. Hence Caesar says, when a hunter succeeded in killing one, pitfalls being the chief means of capture, he made a public exhibition of the horns as the trophies of his success, and was the wonder and praise of all who beheld. Joseph (Deut. 33:17), in his superiority of power, is likened to the *reem*, of his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, were the two great horns which were to push the people to the ends of the earth. And to this mighty, untamable, and invincible primeval ox the Messiah compares himself in connection with the great judgment upon the wicked world; for then His horn shall be exalted like the horn of the reem. Toward His Church He is the Lamb, but toward the unsanctified world He finally becomes the terrible *reem*.” (My note: In the constellation pictures of Aries and Taurus, the reem is shown coming out of the lamb). See the November 2009 issue of *Biblical Astronomy* for a good picture of *Taurus*, where it is the feature constellation shown on

the last three pages. The following is an excerpt from that article.

In mythology this bull was always accounted **snow-white**, the color of righteousness and royal judgment.

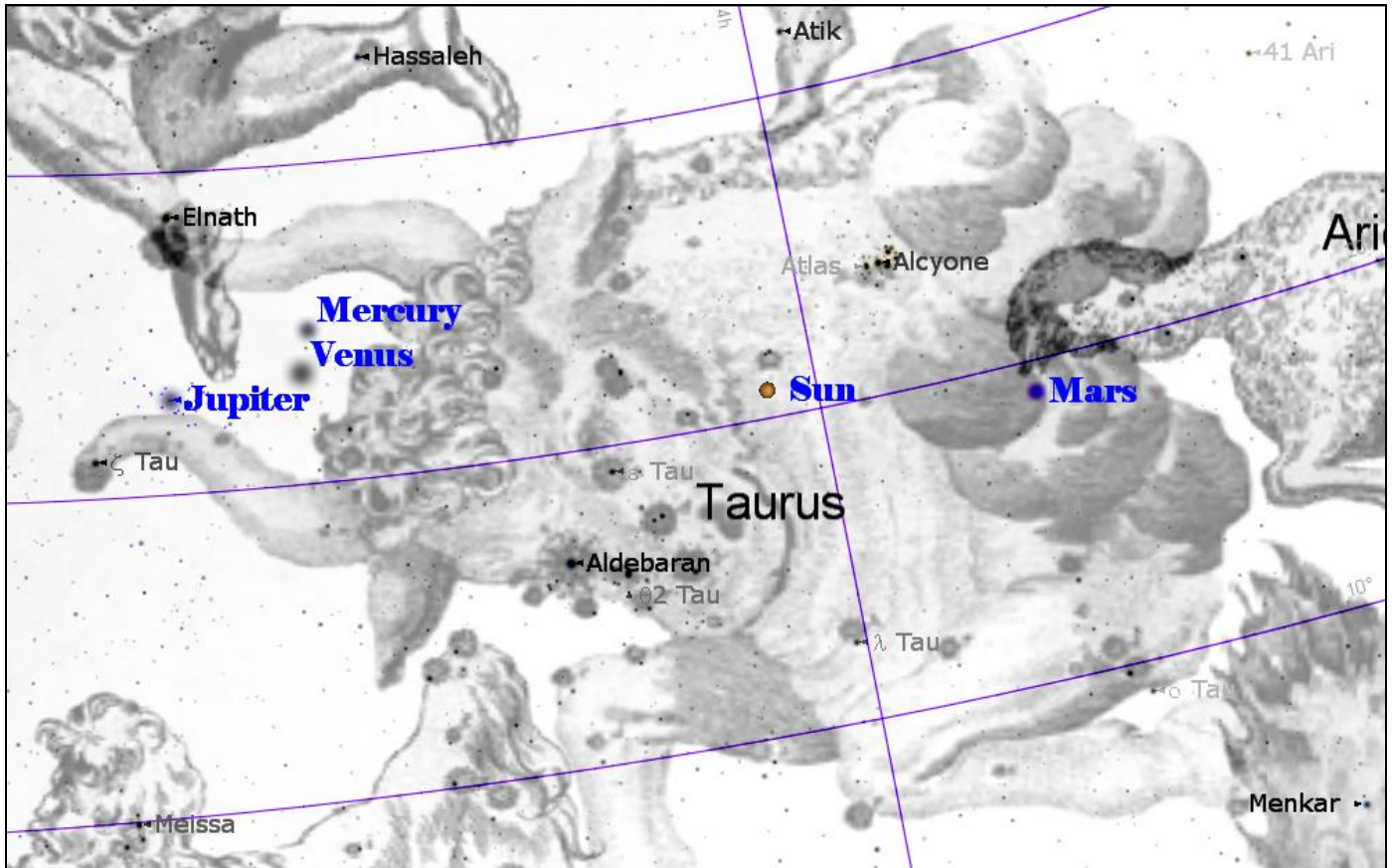
The reem in this constellation picture represents Messiah coming to the earth in royal judgment and pouring forth his wrath on his enemies. The color of the reem's hair has always been accounted snow-white. The star *Aldebaran* in the left eye of the reem is a bright **flaming** red giant star. The star cluster the Pleiades in the shoulder of the reem was in ancient times known as *the seven stars*, and have been connected to the seven stars that represent the seven angels of the seven congregations of Revelation 1:16, 20. The following scriptures describe how Messiah appeared to John just prior to Messiah passing judgment on Earth.

Revelation 1:12-14, 16, 20 (KJV) – “And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks: And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and *His* Hairs *were* white like wool, **as white as snow**; and **His eyes were as a flame of fire**... and He had in His right hand **seven stars**... The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”

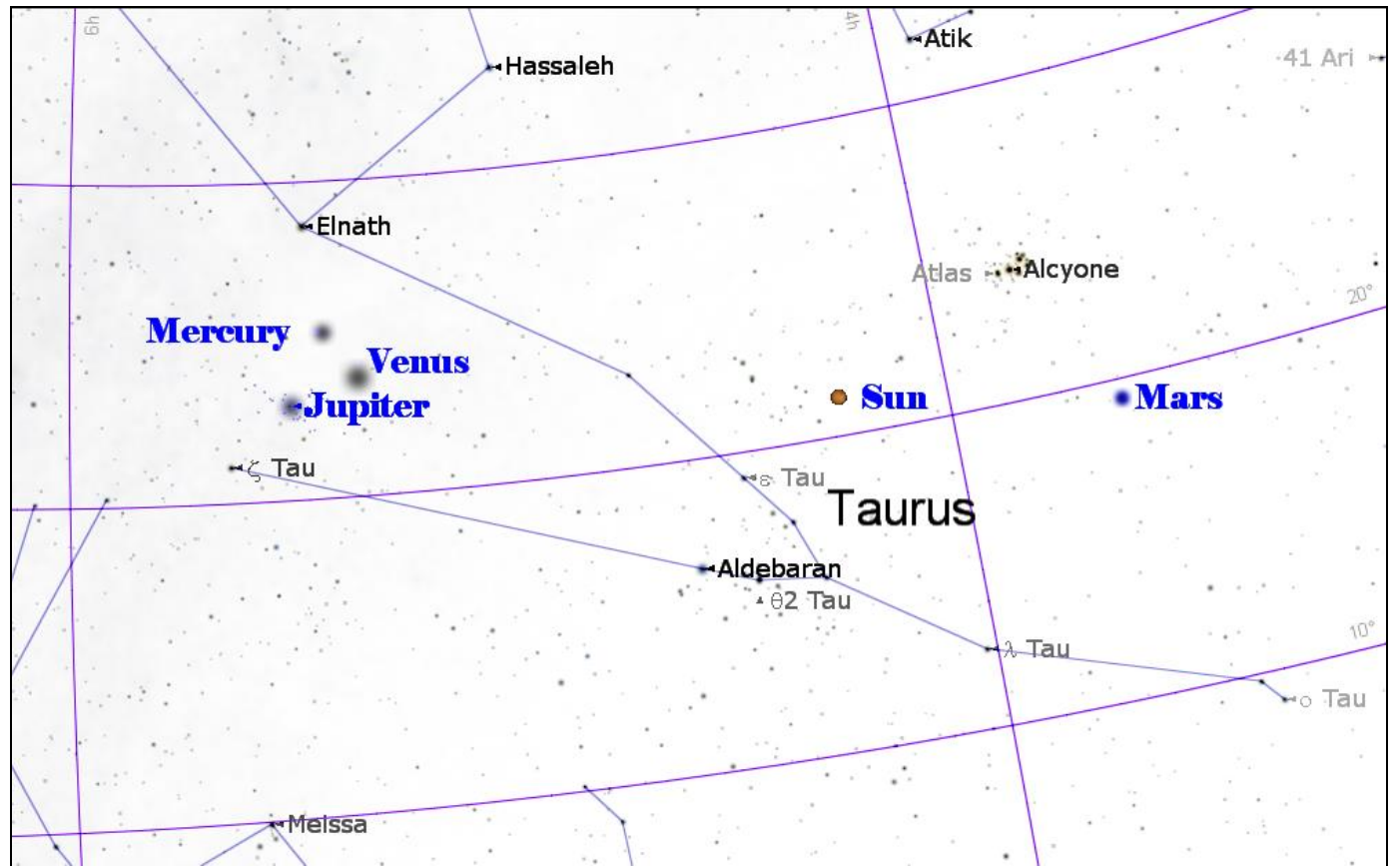
This was the description that John gave of *Messiah, the coming Judge of all the earth*, which is also seen in part in this constellation sign. The bull is seen springing forth from *Aries* the ram, which represents Messiah the Lamb who was slain as a propitiation for our sins and whose blood has saved us from the wrath to come and has redeemed us to God by that blood and by it is also found worthy to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof in Revelation 5:1-14 and following.

The top horn in this constellation picture is seen piercing a foot. The bright star at the end of that horn is *El Nath*, which means *wounded* or *slain*. The foot that the horn is piercing belongs to *Auriga, the Great shepherd*. This is a picture of Messiah taking the wrath of God that is meant for his enemies upon himself for those who believe in him and are born from above. For those who are saved through and by his name. For those who have confessed and believed Romans 10:9, 10. For all who are in the body of Messiah, are no longer His enemies and we are no longer appointed to the wrath to come (I Thessalonians 1:10 and 5:9). Praise Yahweh and Praise Yahshuah!!!

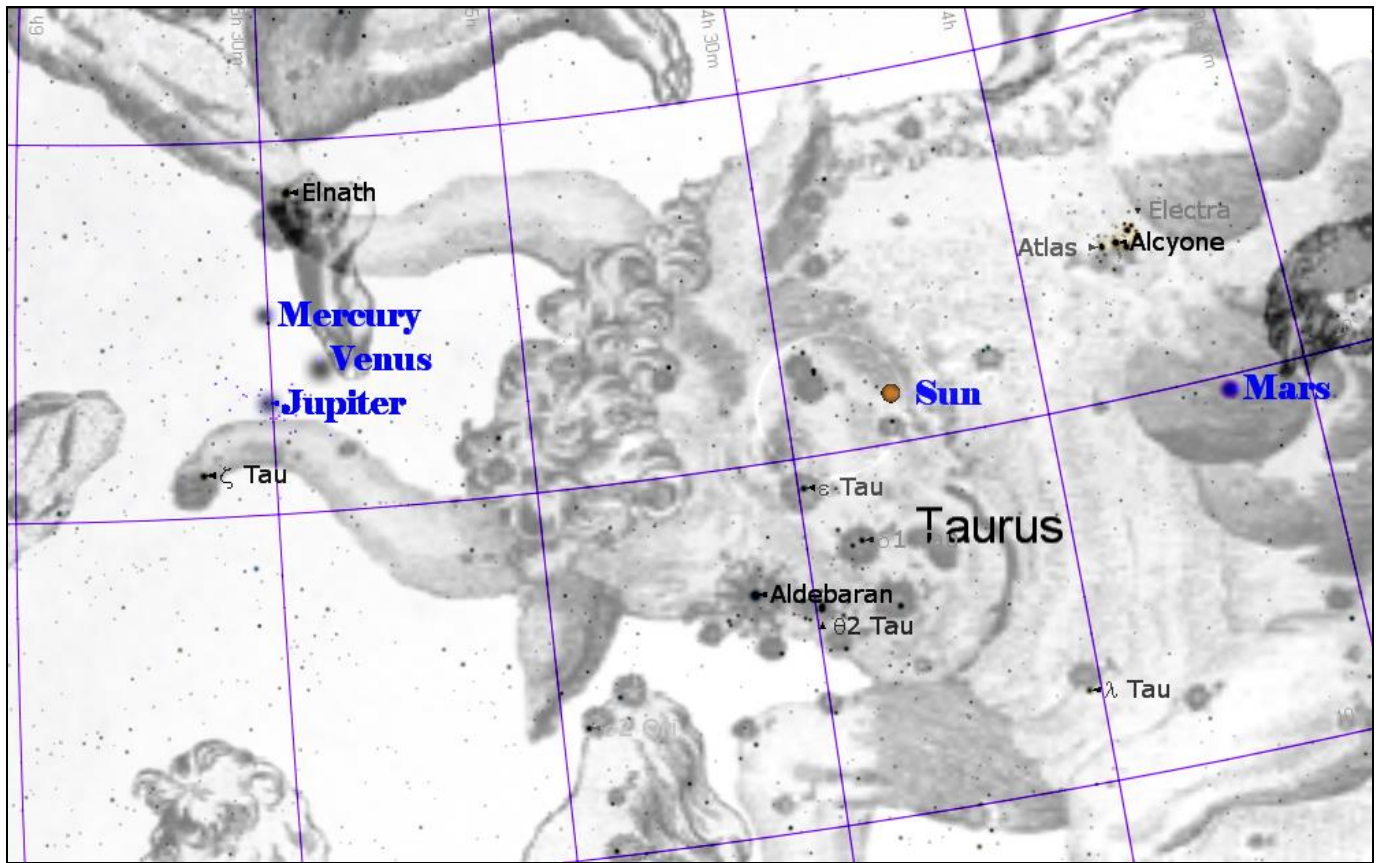
**Chart 612** shows Jupiter and Mercury in conjunction in the constellation *Taurus* at the actual time when they came into conjunction.



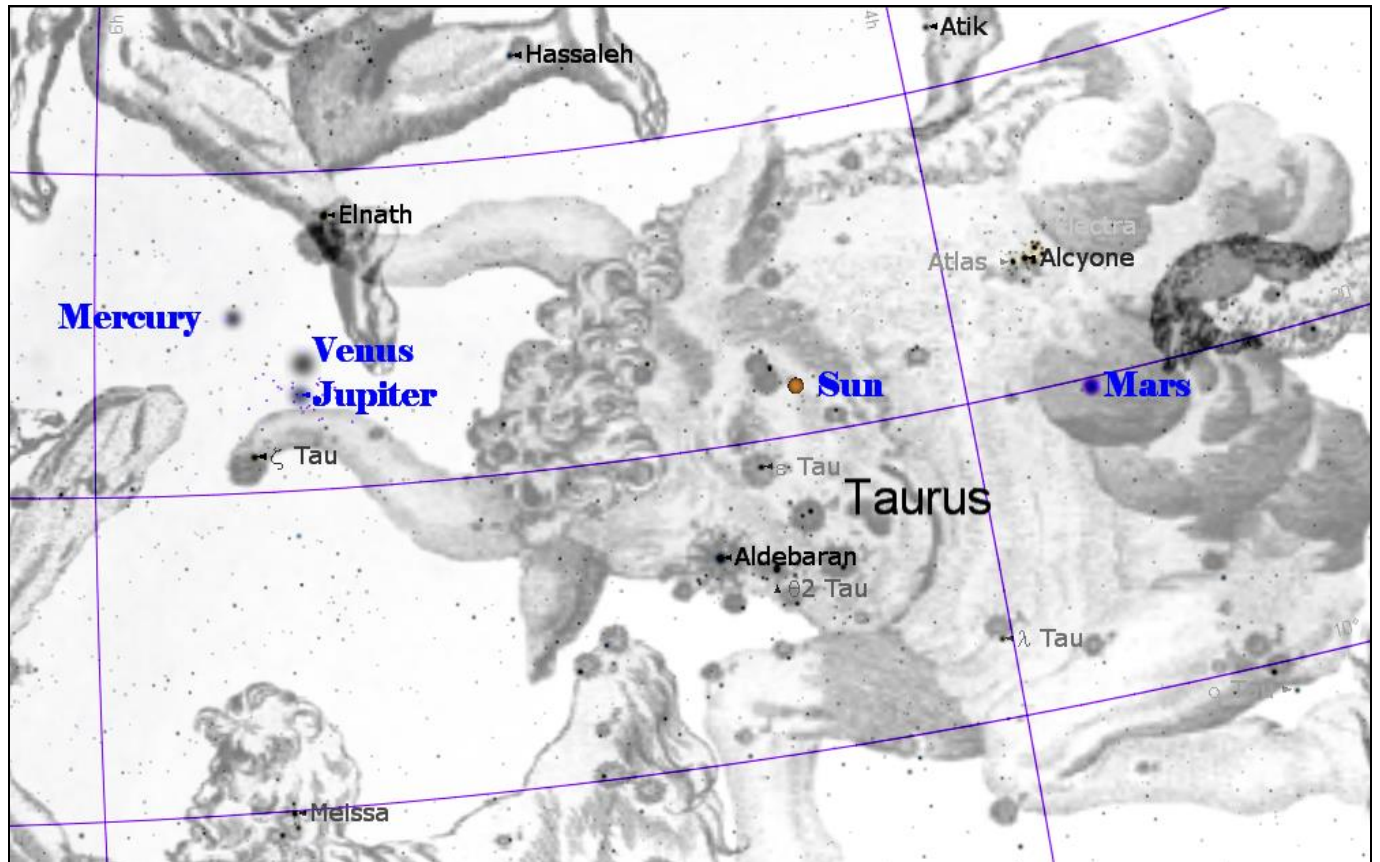
**Chart 610** – Venus and Mercury very near conjunction as seen from Jerusalem about 30 minutes past sunset on May 24, 2013.



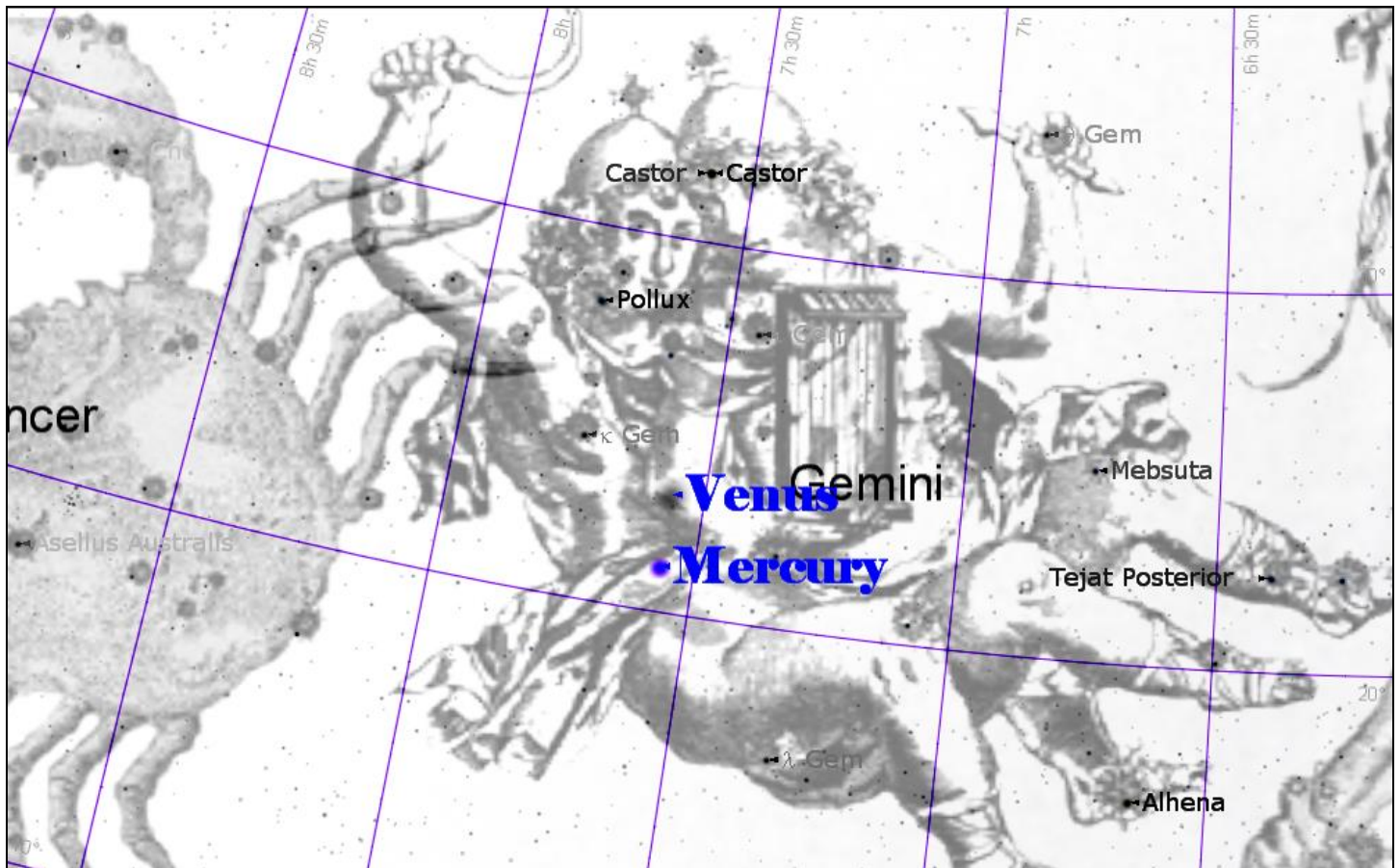
**Chart 611** – Jupiter, Venus and Mercury in a close triangular massing as seen from Jerusalem about 30 minutes after sunset on May 26, 2013.



**Chart 612** – Jupiter and Mercury in conjunction at 12:36 pm Jerusalem Daylight Savings Time on May 27.



**Chart 613** – Jupiter and Venus close to conjunction as seen from Jerusalem about 30 minutes past sunset on May 28, 2013.



**Chart 614** – Venus and Mercury in conjunction in the constellation Gemini on June 20, 2013 as seen in Ecliptic Mode.

**Chart 613** shows Jupiter and Venus in conjunction in the early evening of May 28, 2012 as seen from Jerusalem in the early evening sky. This is the last in a series of conjunctions in Taurus in May and June 2013. The planet *Mars (Adom)* was in Taurus throughout all of the massings and conjunctions of *Jupiter, Venus* and *Mercury* in May and June. The planet *Mars* represents Michael the warrior archangel. It can also represent blood and war, or, the atoning blood of Messiah.

**Chart 614** shows a conjunction of Venus and Mercury on June 20, 2013.

The main theme of the Sign and constellation *Gemini* is Messiah's reign as Prince of Peace. There are a number of portrayals for Gemini, including, Messiah with his bride, Yahweh with Yahshuah seated next to him, and the two-fold nature of Messiah, coming the first time to labor and present himself as a sacrifice, and coming the second time to defeat the adversary and begin His Millennial reign on Earth.

These were very unique massings and alignments, particularly the events in latter May. These types of events occur a bout every five or so years. Some are more elaborate in nature. Here we had the massings and conjunctions of three planets. The last time these type of events occurred, there were four planets involved. That is a more rare event. And the

rarest of such events is when all five bright planets are involved, such as will happen during the fall feasts in 2040. When such events occur of feast dates they are even more spectacular.

Many of the times when certain prophecies unfold on Earth, such events occur in the heavens in the Signs and constellations representing such events. But, not every time that such events occur, do certain Biblical events occur on earth. At times such events serve as memorials to times past. Though there is also the possibility that they occur preceding certain events that are to occur on Earth. I still get excited when such events occur and wait to see what happens. They are also a neat sight to behold. They also serve in giving hope to the soon return of Messiah. He is on schedule and there is nothing anyone except His father can do to change that schedule. We are asked to have patience in such matters. If nothing else, let these signs serve as hope of things to shortly come to pass.

I do plan on going ahead with the newsletter for at least another year. I will endeavor to get the newsletters out in a more timely fashion, but at times there is nothing I can do to make things go faster. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I will now be doing the newsletters on a bi-monthly schedule, at least for the upcoming year. Thank you all for your support and patience.



Hercules and Hydra in battle

The chart above shows Hercules and Hydra in fierce battle. I found this picture in the April 2013 issue of Sky & Telescope. Willy Pogany drew the illustration. I like this particular illustration because it shows Hydra the water serpent with the correct number of heads, which are seven. Here in the myth we see Hercules fighting this “beast from the sea, but this is surely representative of Messiah doing battle with the beast that is identified in Revelation 13:1-10 and 19:17-21. Both the first beast, the beast from the sea, and the second beast, the beast from the earth who I believe is also the false prophet, end up in the lake of fire in Rev. 19:20. This is a nice portrayal of the women’s seed in conflict with the serpent’s seed.

### **TIME FOR SUBSCRIPTION RENEWELS**

It is that time of the year again for subscription renewals. This is the last newsletter for the July 2012 to June 2013 subscription year. The subscription fee for the online version of the newsletter is \$12.00. I still need to charge this fee to cover the cost of doing business. I will begin sending out passwords in early to mid-July. For online subscribers, if you subscribed in January 2013 or later, your subscription will automatically be extended through June 2014. You need

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