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## BARLEY AND NEW MOON REPORT

Nehemia Gordon from Jerusalem, Israel compiled the following Barley Report and New Moon Report for the month of March 2011 and the beginning of the Thirteenth Month on the Biblical Calendar.

### No Aviv Barley, New Moon of Thirteenth Month Sighted

“On March 6, 2011 the barley we examined in the Judean Desert and Jordan Valley was nowhere near Aviv. These are locations the barley is known from previous years to ripen earliest. The barley was mostly in the vegetative state but we also found large amounts of barley that had just flowered (cotton-stage). This is consistent with our findings on Friday March 4, 2011 in the northern Negev. The lack of Aviv barley means the new moon on April 4, 2011 will be the beginning of the Hebrew year and Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) will begin at sunset on April 18, 2011.

The new moon of the Thirteenth Biblical Month was sighted on March 6, 2011. It was first sighted from Kefar Eldad by Bruce Brill at 6:03pm and then from Jerusalem at 6:11pm by David Cachicas followed shortly thereafter by Willie Ondricek, Keith Johnson, Nehemia Gordon, Devorah Gordon, Daniella Cachicas, Yoel Halevi, Pat Skewes, and Miri Burgin.

Pictures of the barley are posted on my Facebook page at:

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

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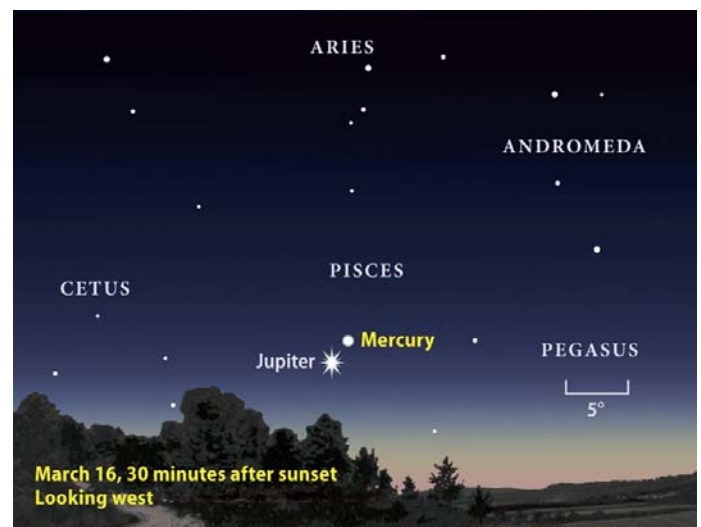
Bob Jaffee, Catherine Bodenstein, Margie Shearer, and Pat Skewes.”

The next new moon is expected to be visible from Jerusalem, Israel near sunset on April 4, 2011 when the moon will be 1.01% illuminated and 9.69° above the horizon at five minutes past sunset.

## ZEDEK AND CATAB IN CONJUNCTION

The planets Jupiter (Zedek) and Mercury (Catab) will come into conjunction with each other in the constellation *Pisces* on March 16, 2011.

Below is a simulation of the conjunction from Astronomy.com as seen from the United States at 30 minutes after sunset.



**Chart 549** shows the position of the planets in *Pisces* at the time of the conjunction in the early evening sky as seen from Jerusalem. The chart is showing the ecliptic view. To see the local view, just tilt the chart so the sun is below the planets. The horizon is above the sun in that view though not shown on the chart.

*Zedek* represents Yahweh and/or Yahshuah, and *Catab* represents Gabriel the messenger angel. The constellation *Pisces* represents the nation of Israel with the two fishes representing both houses of Israel. The fish that is horizontal with the celestial equator represents the House of Judah. A large portion and perhaps most of Judah now reside in the nation or country of modern day Israel. Below the constellation *Pisces*, is the constellation *Cetus* (the beast from the sea) who is the archenemy of Israel. In ancient times this beast represented Egypt, Syria Babylon, and Persia. In modern times it represents nations in the same geographical area as the fore mentioned, which are Iran, Iraq, Syria, and most likely Egypt again as it is now under new leadership not friendly to Israel.

This particular conjunction is the first in a series of seven planetary conjunctions to take place in *Pisces* between mid-March 2011 and late May 2011. Five of the conjunctions occur in May. This is an extraordinary amount of activity. And this is of particular interest, which will become apparent when I show you the celestial activity that occurred in *Pisces* at the beginning of World War II. At that time, the beast was Hitler and the Nazis. Also at that time there were eight conjunctions in *Pisces* which occurred over a two year period in the months of April and May in 1939 and between the months of January and May in 1940.

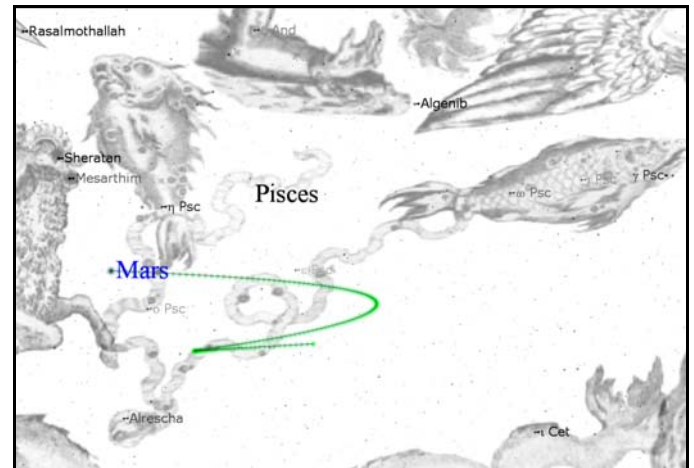
**Chart 550** shows the planets Jupiter and Venus in a very close conjunction and also the planets Mercury and Saturn lined up in the constellation *Pisces* on April 22, 1939.

**Chart 551** shows the planets Jupiter, Venus, Mercury and Saturn lined up in *Pisces* on March 1, 1940.

During those time periods there were eight planetary conjunctions in the constellation *Pisces*. They were the Jupiter/Venus conjunction on April 22, 1939; the Mercury/Saturn conjunction on May 11, 1939; the Venus/Saturn conjunction on May 17, 1939; the Jupiter/Mars conjunction on January 7, 1940; the Mars/Saturn conjunction on February 12, 1940; the Jupiter/Venus conjunction of February 21, 1940; the Venus/Saturn conjunction of March 8, 1940; and the Jupiter/Mercury conjunction of May 5, 1940.

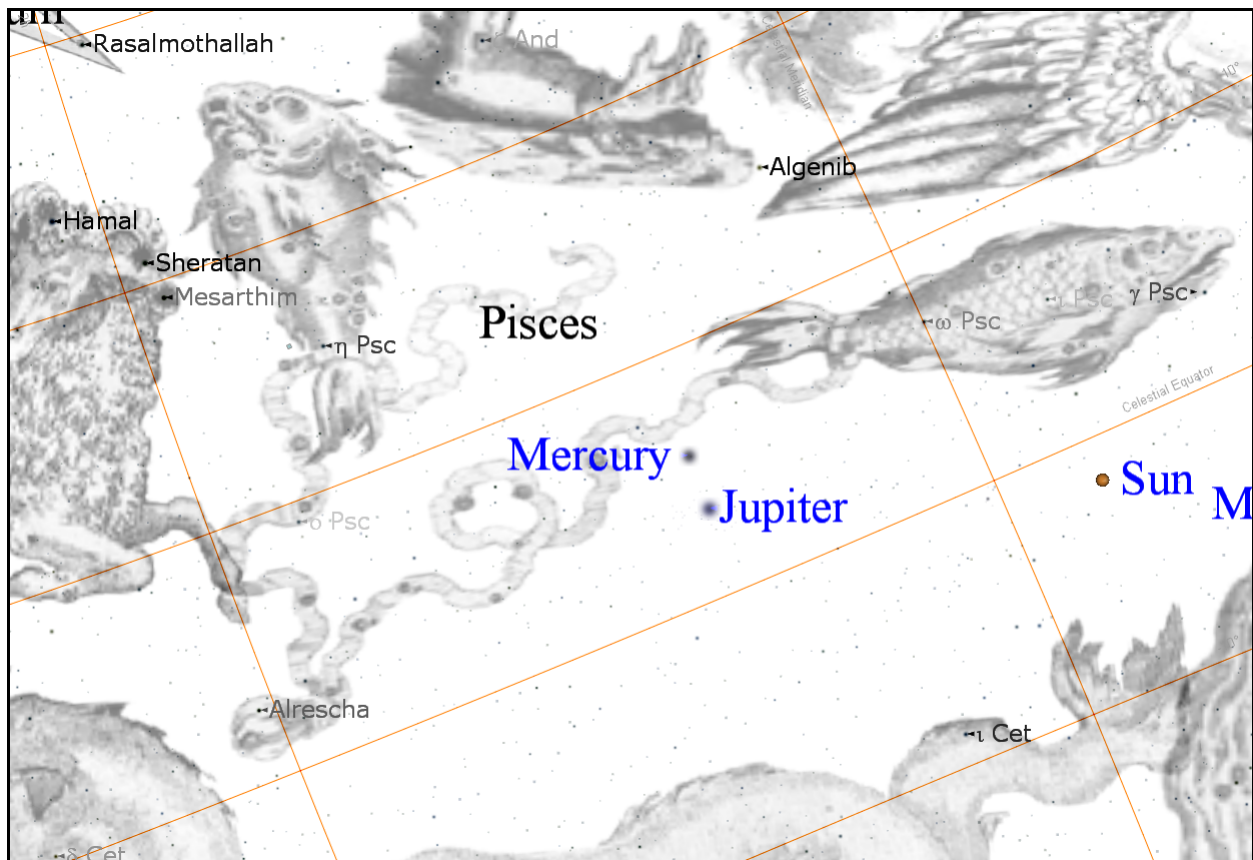
Mercury (*Catab*), representing Gabriel the messenger, did a retrograde loop through *Pisces* from early March to mid-May. **Chart 552** shows the path of Mercury from March 3 to May 10, 1939. Some of Judah did escape the persecution to come.

The planet *Adom* (*Mars*), which represents Michael the warrior angel, did a retrograde loop in *Pisces* from early August 1941 to January 12, 1942 as shown in green in the chart below. The United States entered the war after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I think it was on December 8, 1941 that we were in a declared war with Germany. The population of the United States and England consisted in large part of the other Ten Tribes of Israel and many from Judah as well. Michael the warrior angel was there to guide the troops of Israel who overcame and destroyed the beast of that time in April of 1945. Japan was defeated a little less than four months after.

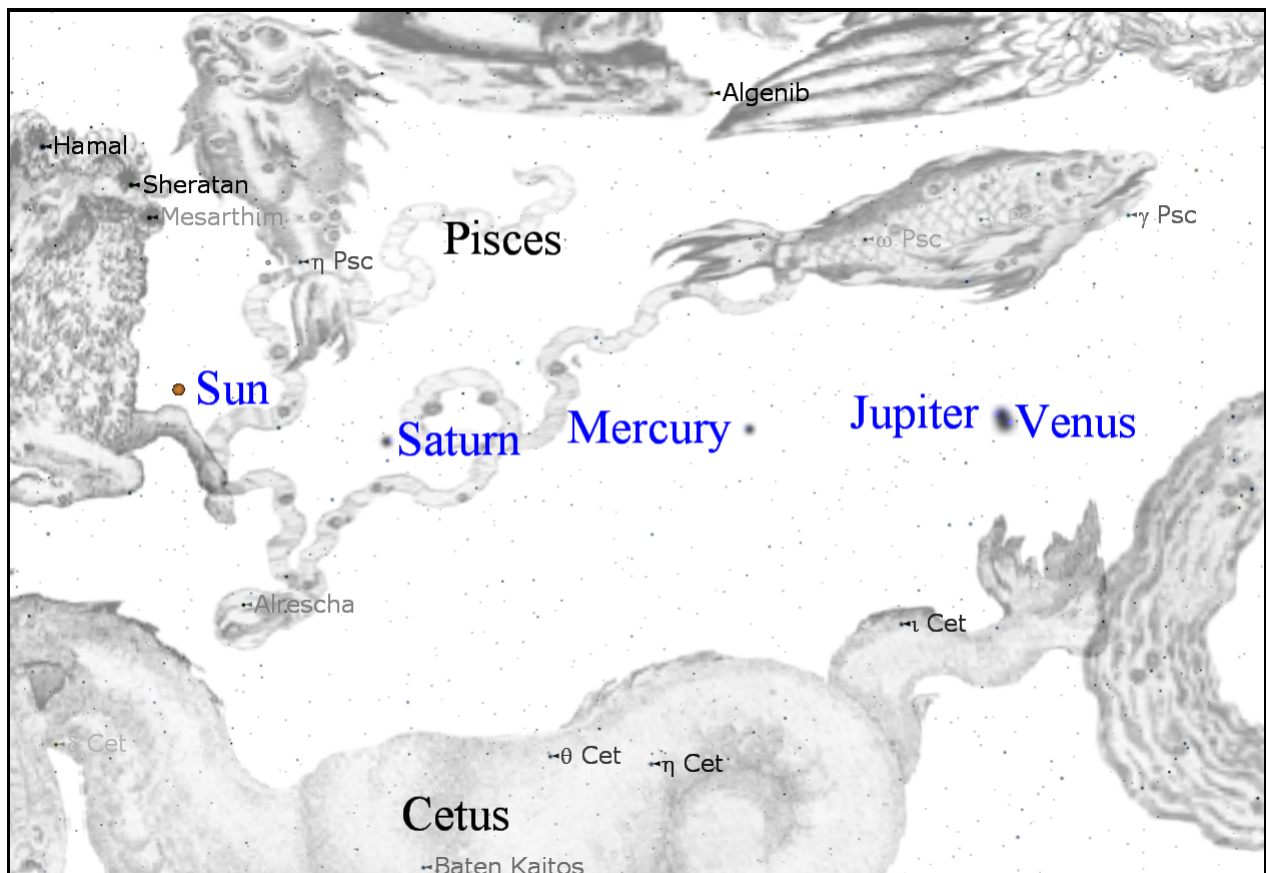


There were also some other celestial events that occurred in World War II that are of interest. There was the massing of *Jupiter*, *Mars* and *Saturn* in *Pisces* in January of 1940, though it was not a tight triangular massing. The massing of those three planets portray war, either physical or spiritual. There was also a triple conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation *Aries*, which took place on August 15, 1940; October 14, 1940; and February 19, 1941. According to the Jewish sages a triple conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn always betokens a crises in the affairs of Israel (see E.W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars*, pp. 96,97 and Richard Hinkley Allen's *Star Names: Their Lore and Meaning*, p341).

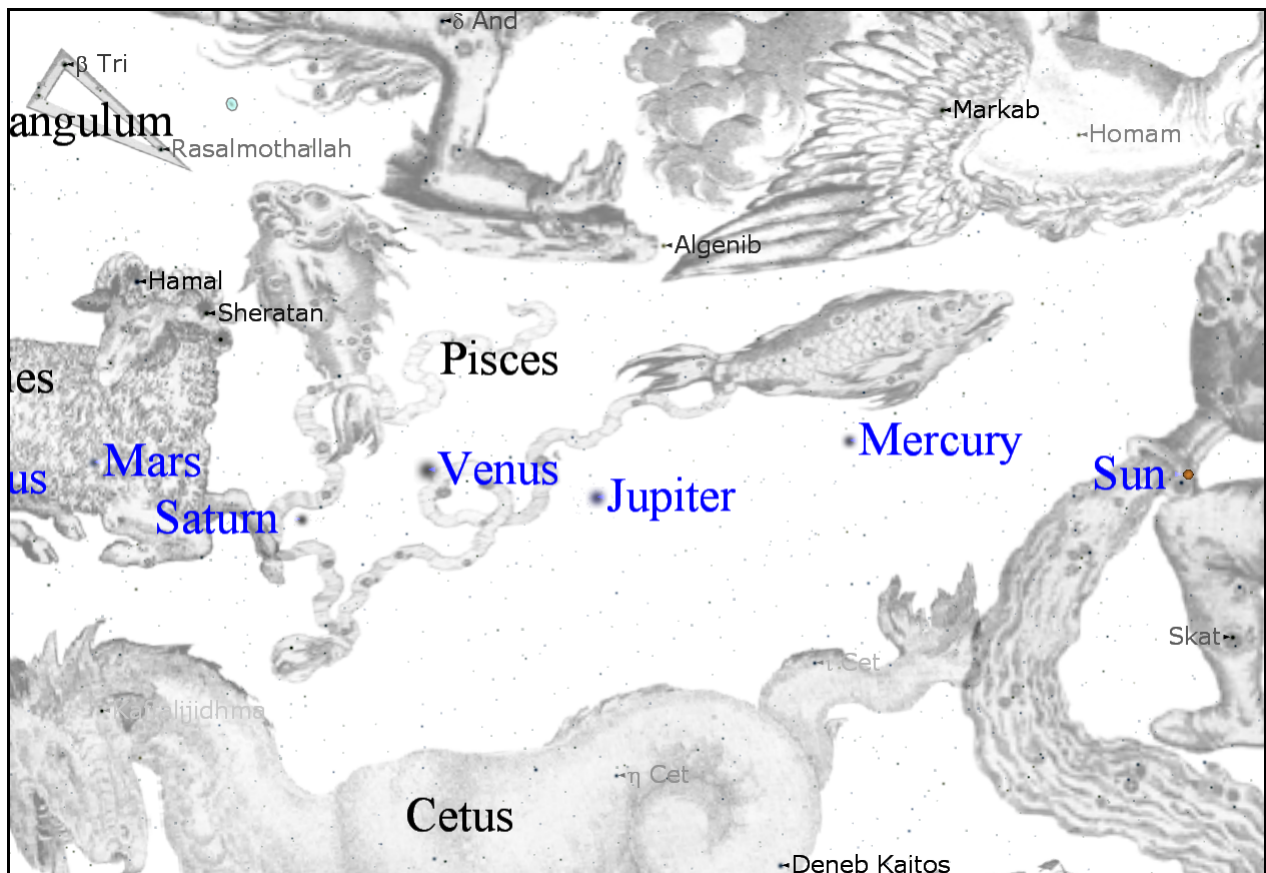
It appears that there is a good chance that trouble is brewing for Israel. This may be the beginning of the "Great War" that is to take place preceding the Great Tribulation, where Israel will be triumphant. The Great Tribulation could take place any number of years after this war. The celestial events warrant our attention. We will see what happens. Be prepared in any event.



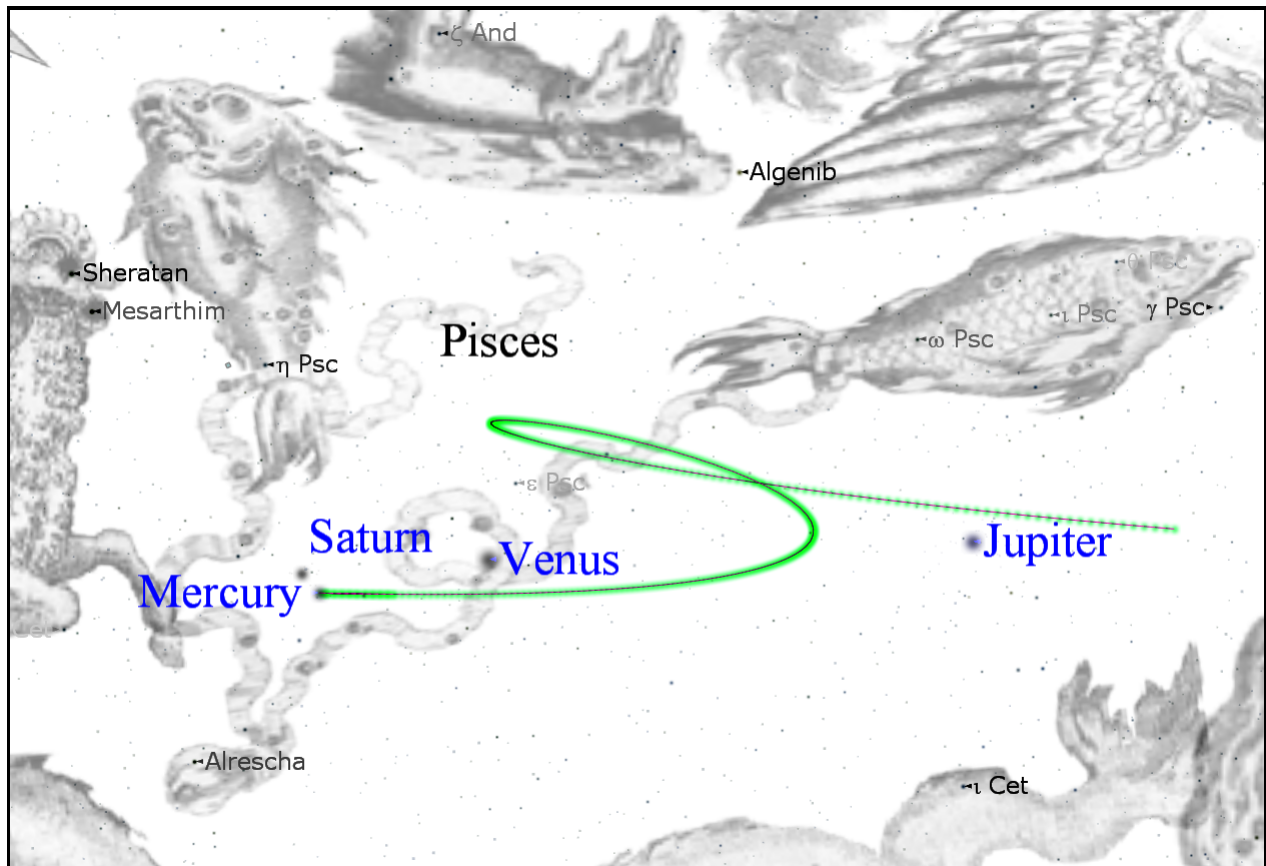
**Chart 549** – *Jupiter (Zedek) and Mercury (Catab) in conjunction in Pisces on March 16, 2011*



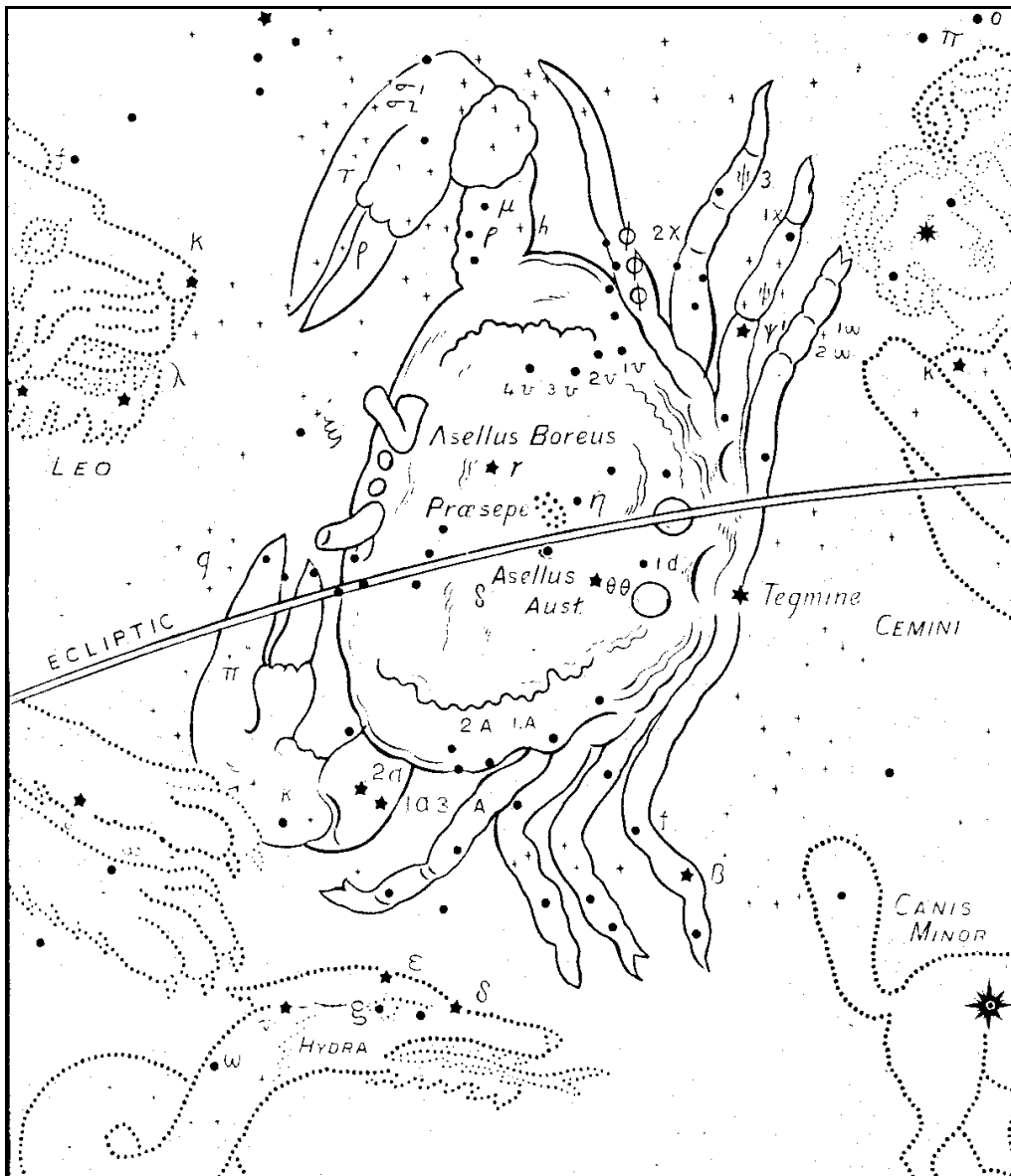
**Chart 550** – Very close Jupiter/Venus conjunction and Mercury and Saturn in the constellation *Pisces* on April 22, 1939



**Chart 551** – Planets Jupiter, Venus, Mercury and Saturn in Pisces on March 1, 1940



**Chart 552** – Retrograde loop of Mercury through Pisces from March 3 to May 10, 1939



## CANCER (Klaria)

*Messiah's redeemed possessions held fast*

*Cancer* is the main constellation in the Sign *Cancer*.

### Ancient Names for this constellation

**Klaria** (Denduran) – *the cattle-folds*.

**Al Sartan** (Arab.) – *who holds or binds*. May be from the Hebrew *asar*, *to bind together* (Gen. 49:11).

**Sartano** (Syriac) – *who holds or binds*.

**Karkinos** (Gr.) – *holding or encircling*.

**Cancer** (Lat.) – *holding or encircling*.

In the word Khan we have the traveler's rest or *inn*; while *Ker* or *Cer* is the Arabic for *encircling*. The ancient Akkadian name of the month is *Su-kul-na*, *the seizer or possessor of seed*.

### **Stars in Cancer and the meanings of their names**

***Tegmine*** (Arab.?) – *holding*.

***Acubene*** (Heb. and Arab.) – *the sheltering or hiding place*.

***Ma'alaph*** (Arab.) – *assembled thousands*.

***Al Himarein*** (Arab) – *the kids or lambs*.

***Praesepe*** (Heb.) – *the multitude, offspring, also manger*. *Praesepe* (pronounced Pree-SEE-pee) is a bright cluster of close to 200 stars. This cluster, also known as the *Beehive*, can be seen with the unaided eye. It has at times been mistaken for a comet.

***Asellus Boreas*** (Lat.) – *the northern Ass*.

***Asellus Australis*** (Lat.) – *the southern Ass*.

The stars representing the two Asses or donkeys are north and south of the cluster *Praesepe*. In the chart for *Cancer*, *Asellus Boreas* is the star below the title, and *Asellus Australis* is the star to the right of the title. In the original portrayal or intent of the constellation is about a place of protection, sheltering and refuge for the flocks belonging to Yahweh. It was not a Crab originally. You can see this plainly from the ancient names of the constellation and the stars in the constellation. It represents an enclosed area with sheep pens to protect the sheep from predators. The two donkeys flanking both sides of *the multitude* are there to protect the flock. Donkeys are used as guardians against predators such as wolves and coyotes (in American sheep ranches), and perhaps small lions. They have a powerful rear kick that knocks the predators senseless. I learned this information from a west Texas sheep rancher. But apparently, according to this constellation picture (original intent), donkeys were used as guardians from ancient times going back to at least the time of the Patriarchs. The predator in the constellation picture is the serpent her. The lion represents the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who is pouncing on the serpent to destroy it. The lion in this case is not the predator, but the protector.

Its decan constellations Ursa Minor, Ursa Major, and Argo, give further evidence of the original intent for this Sign. Ursa Minor is not a bear but represents *the lesser sheepfold*. *Ursa Major* is also not a bear but represents *The fold and the flock*. *Argo (The Ship)* represents *the pilgrims safe at home* and in one representation, Noah's Ark. There will be more info on this when we get to those constellations.

It is clear from Genesis 49:2 that *Cancer (Klaria)* is connected with the Tribe of Issachar, who is said to have borne upon the Tribal standard the sign of the *two asses* (E.W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the stars*, p.149).

Gen. 49:14,15 (Complete Jewish Bible) – "Yissakar is a strong donkey lying down in the sheep sheds (TS – between two burdens). On seeing how good is settled life and how pleasant the country, he will bend his back to the burden, and submit to forced labor."

From TWS – "Here we come to the completion of His work. In CANCER we see it with reference to His *redeemed*, and in the next (the last) Sign, LEO, with reference to His *enemies*.

The three constellations develop the truth. What is now called *Ursa Minor* is *the Lesser Flock*; *Ursa Major* gives us *The Sheepfold and the Sheep*; while *Argo, The Ship*, shows the travellers and the pilgrims brought safely home--all conflict over.

To accomplish this, we see the true Issachar bowing his shoulder to bear. He could say, "My soul is bowed down" (Psa 57:6). He became a servant, and humbled Himself to death. He undertook the mighty task of saving His people from their sins. "Their Redeemer is strong" (Jer 50:34); for help was laid on "One that was mighty" (Psa 89:19). And His redeemed shall come to a resting-place that is good, and to a land that is pleasant. No earthly Khan on earth affords them a home. They look for a heavenly home, and in the many mansions of the Father's house they shall find eternal rest.

Here we see that sheltering home to which the names of these stars point; where the assembled thousands (*Ma'alaph*) shall be received into the true *Klaria*, even the "everlasting habitations."