

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #40

The Lord has done more for us than we know or can appreciate. When we believe the gospel of Christ, we receive the riches of Christ. This is where I was at when writing Blessed Hope #39” when I received Daymond Duck’s post, so this is a bit late in some way but in other ways it may just be the most appropriate time as we approach the day the world recognizes as the birth of our Saviour in the flesh. Since this series is intended to bless and comfort our brethren, we sometimes need to pause and reflect. As it turned out the New World Order has played its cards out on the table for the world to see if it can beat a Royal Flush. Especially those overpriced matchbox row houses that Prince Charles with their tyrannical regulations for the new owners.

Our life lived in Christ has the goal to learn about these unsearchable riches and acknowledge them -(Ephesians 1:18). If the god of this world cannot hide the gospel from us, he will try very hard to hide the knowledge of Christ’s riches.

The Riches of Christ

For example, when people believe the gospel that Christ died and resurrected for our sins, they are rarely told about the exceeding riches of God’s grace that are part and parcel of it -(Ephesians 1:18-19, 2:7).

Instead, they are given a list of things they must now do to earn the very riches that have been given to us freely through Christ’s work on the cross.

We are told to continually confess our sins according to 1st John 1:9, but the Lord has already forgiven all our trespasses for Christ’s sake -(Colossians 2:13, Ephesians 4:32).

We are told by men in high authority that faith alone is not enough for God to save. They say we must exhibit our faith by works to prove our faith. But it is the reality of Christ’s finished work on our behalf that proves our faith real.

Masses of people are told to do acts of devotion to receive greater grace from God. Consider how many rosaries, candles, scapulars, and devotional books are sold each year to people with the hope they will gain an extra spiritual blessing if they do an “*act of devotion*”.

In Christ we already have all spiritual blessings in heavenly places! What richness we have been given in Christ!

Acknowledging Christ in You

According to the riches of God's grace, Christ is offering free salvation and much more if we would only acknowledge the Lord's finished work.

Entire religious industries would crumble if the secret ever got out about the sure hope of glory we all have in Christ the moment we believe. It's tragic when a couple joins a church and at the giving of the benediction, the pastor or a lay member gives them a package of expectations, regulations, guidelines, to witness to their neighbor by going door to door with tract literature. Only saying, the couple has never had time to grasp or contemplate what it means to be a member of a Christian community.

What's more is that this treasure we have been given freely is guaranteed by the very one who is above all principality and power. Your riches have been granted by the highest authority!

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:” – (Colossians 2:10).

Do not let anyone rob you of the riches of Christ! When someone would deny you the riches of Christ, they are rejecting the power and grace that is central to the gospel of Christ.

The unsearchable riches of God's grace are found in Christ Jesus according to the revelation of the mystery.

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” –(Colossians 2:3-4)

What must we do to have eternal life? To be spared God's wrath? To have the power of God in you? Thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ and his work on Calvary, we do nothing but love God and our brethren. We can do nothing to justify His forgiveness!

Our everyday service, then, is not about what we need to do, but about making known what the Lord Jesus Christ has already done. But there is something that he is about to do that we should be anticipating with great excitement. That being the Rapture and this could be a high watch time in just a few days when we may be experiencing what the Magi were watching in the sky over Bethlehem Ephrata.

OHMs Law, Velocity Law, etc., are part of built in Law of invisible Physics. The signal of corrections is about to manifest here:

A coming Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn are rather rare, occurring once every 20 years or so, but what makes this conjunction EXCEPTIONALLY rare is because of how close the planets will appear to one another, Rice University astronomer Patrick Hartigan said in a statement. *"You'd have to go all the way back to just before dawn on March 4, 1226, to see a closer alignment between these objects visible in the night sky."*

Aligning with the winter solstice on December 21, 2020, the two planets will be just 0.1 degrees apart — less than the diameter of a full moon, 'EarthSky' said.

The word "conjunction" is used by astronomers to describe the meeting of objects in our night sky, and the great conjunction occurs between the two largest planets in our solar system: Jupiter and Saturn.

The planets will be so close, that they will appear, from some perspectives, to overlap completely, creating a rare "double planet" effect.



What can we draw from the coming conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn? Some are saying that it portends the arrival of the Antichrist. Luis Vega presents this picture in a powerful way.

The AntiChrist Rides

"The Scripture verses do seem to echo the judgment that has fallen on the world due to the planned Pandemic resulting from the release of the COVID-19 virus. It has forced the 'lockdown' of nearly all the world in a matter of weeks. It has caused great damage economically, socially, politically, and religiously, more so than the virus itself will or would have. What is nefarious about this event is that the Globalists are using it to

usher in their New World Order protocols in the meanwhile and in plain sight. And that is what the Grand Conjunction of Jupiter with Saturn in the constellation of Capricorn seems to depict. The AntiChrist is about to come through the 'Golden Gate' as the Rider of the White Horse debut with Bow and Crown or 'Corona' in hand or because of it.

Also, consider is that Pluto is there as well just at the edge of Sagittarius with the Jupiter-Saturn Grand Conjunction. Cosmologically, Pluto is the Lord of the Underworld and has been lying in wait for the 'activation' to commence to go through. What is stopping it? The Rapture. As to the Sagittarius as the AntiChrist figure goes, what is very interesting about Sagittarius is that it contains a 'Crown', Corona Australis. This may very well be a possible connotation to the Corona Virus COVID-19 that will be developed later in the study that will serve to usher in the AntiChrist eventually. And as noted, it is at this quadrant of the Universe, that the Jupiter-Saturn Grand Conjunction occurs near the Golden Gate that is guarded by the 'Celestial Sentinel', Ophiuchus.

It so happens that at the precise day of the Winter Solstice of December 21, 2020, the Sun enters this 'Gate'. What is unique also to note is that the planet Mercury is conjoined with the Sun at this time. The planet Mercury will have a role to play as with the other planets as they appear to message their meaning, loud and clear of a coming transformation and beginning of a 'New Age'. Mercury is the god of money, magic and medicine, exactly what the crisis is all about. All in all, to have 6 of the major celestial bodies of the Solar System at this place and time with such unique attributes of the Winter Solstice, and the various astrological Signs is very telling. The following is the various planetary orbits that make up the astronomical aspects of the Grand Conjunction, December 21, 2020 and that make for the 20-year conjunction."

Luis Vega's full article is titled "Advent of the Antichrist" and given what has taken place just in the previous week with the pope's proclamation announcement of the "The Council for Inclusive Capitalism with the Vatican" compliment what Luis Vega discusses in his Bible Astronomy analysis. The timing could not be more perfect. The stolen election by Joe Biden announced was certified by the Electoral College today Monday, December 14, 2020! It seems that this year has been one defeat after another for truth and righteousness. It began with the scandemic of the Coronavirus, and the Internet clampdown and censorship of anything that contradicts the official narrative of the New World Order by social media giants Google, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and AOL. All of this negative global news is precisely what we should expect. Our "Exodus" event is coming into view as we watch the hour glass of time wind down. It is important now more than ever that people not lose perspective of the cascading events being imposed upon believers across the world. Get your proverbial "bags" ready for departure!

Tyrants are for some strange reason always believed. These past and distant regimes are indeed tyrannical. Yet the popular attitude toward them is dangerously immature. Every tyrant convinces large numbers of the people under his rule that he uses force exclusively for the greater good. Tyrant wannabes who fail to convince the people of these wannabes' noble purposes never grab the power they crave. Too few of The People submit.

Each actual tyrant points to some problem – perhaps real or perhaps fabricated yet unflinchingly exaggerated – the persistence of which will inflict on his beloved People unprecedented harm. He persuades the people to obey him in his pose as a courageous and caring visionary unafraid to use whatever powers he must in order to save his people from the terrible perils that otherwise await them. And he insists that his exercise of power must be broad and bold, unchecked by legal or ethical niceties which would only prevent him from saving his flock.

I will have more to say in the next Blessed Hope about the fake False Prophet and his lunacy of the World Economic Forum, the Antichrist's "Sustainable Development",

'*Astronomy*' magazine says, this December, Jupiter and Saturn will put on a show for skygazers that hasn't been seen in roughly 800 years. Astronomers are calling it the Great Conjunction of 2020. On December 21 — coincidentally the winter solstice — the two largest planets in our solar system will appear to almost merge in Earth's night sky.

During the event, Jupiter and Saturn will sit just 0.1 degrees apart, or a mere one-fifth the width of the Moon. The sight will likely leave many casual observers wondering *"What are those large, bright objects so close together in the sky?"*

In fact, Jupiter and Saturn will be so close that you will be able to fit them both in the same telescopic field of view. That's an incredibly rare occurrence. The last time Jupiter and Saturn were this close together away from the Sun was in 1226 A.D., at a time when Genghis Khan was conquering large swaths of Asia, and Europe was still generations away from the Renaissance.

Humanity won't have to wait quite as long to see the solar system's two largest planets repeat this month's performance, though. Another Great Conjunction will occur in 2080. Of course, many of us alive today won't be around then, so it would be wise to soak in this show while you can.

Perhaps we are approaching the point where the Lord will take the Church (snatched up and away) from the path of the oncoming Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse! Wishful imagination, not necessarily when you study the big picture of converging tribulation.

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Although December 25th is the day that we celebrate the birth of our Lord, most Bible students understand that it is not likely the date on which Jesus was born. We should not be surprised that the Bible doesn't record the actual date, because nowhere in the Bible are we told to remember Jesus' birth. Although that may have been the intent, it seems too coincidental that Lucifer decided to mock the Lord by orchestrating the events of 9/11 in New York City and Washington, D.C. The very thought of such a conspicuous blatant attack has been with me every day since. There is a spiritual war

in heaven that runs concurrently with world events and life on earth. We see this in the New World Order being unveiled in what is being called the Great Reset. The illustration below caught my attention in relationship to the events that were set into motion at the beginning of the year. Could it signify the transition that is coming with the New World Order? Is it a sign of our soon Departure? I have lots of questions, few answers, and am watching world and national events very closely.

WEBINAR

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Many different opinions exist; however, the Stars rule the day on this. Dr. Ernest Martin wrote what I considered to be the definitive book on this, *'The Star That Astonished The World'*, published in 1991. I would like to share with you the writings of another scholar who holds the same view on the birth date of Jesus Christ'. Tim Rowe is the author of *'The Magnificent Goodness of God and How it Will Transform Your Life'*. Tim is an Indiana attorney with a passion for the Lord and so I really hope what he shares in his words on this Astonishing Birth of our Lord and Saviour will bless you!

2020 has been one we all will remember as one of the most stressful for many people, but especially for those who do not know the Lord. As an octogenarian, I look for events with historical significance. It has been a time challenging all of us in putting our faith to practice. I cannot remember a year like it in my lifetime and without a doubt I would venture to say your life like most of us has required you to have, as Hal Lindsey titled his book, *'Combat Faith'*. Perhaps reading Tim Rowe's excellent analysis will provide us greater appreciation and serve as a reminder for the coming celestial event that many see as being filled with both fear and promise. Jupiter and Saturn conjunct on December 21, 2020 and I trust his information will be an encouragement the very best to all who read this incredible story. We all seek and pray for His soon return and bringing peace on Earth for eternity! The astronomy of the first advent and the Biblical narrative are so precision defined that I am always in awe of how it delivers and manifests God's love for each of us.

“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.” -(Revelation 12:1-5):

The Greek word for “wonder” in verse 1 means “sign” and God’s Word declares that there will be a sign in the heavens when Mary went into labor and gave birth to Jesus Christ. The Word of God is written across the heavens and in the stars. The signs of the “Zodiac” were originally not used in astrology but each one signified a characteristic of the life and ministry and kingship of Jesus Christ, the promised Savior and Son of God. The sign of the women that the Bible is referring to here is to the constellation Virgo. Revelation 12 further states that this woman was “clothed with the sun” another celestial body. The sun, as it appears to travel through the ecliptic each year, enters into the mid-body between the neck and the knees of the constellation Virgo, clothing her with the sun for approximately a 21 day period during any given year. In the year 3 B.C. which we later show by other celestial events in the heavens to be the year of the birth of Jesus Christ, the sun was in this position from August 27th through September 15th. Revelation also declares that “the moon was under her feet.” With these two specific details, we can pinpoint the birth of Christ very precisely. In 3 B.C. the sun and the moon in Virgo occurred on only one day and that was September 11. The configuration of the sun and the moon was visible in Palestine between sunset and moonset, this twilight period being called “night” in the Bible. On September 11, 3 B.C., sunset was at 6:18pm and moonset at 7:39pm. Jesus Christ was born on September 11, 3 B.C. sometime in that eighty-one minute span of time between 6:18pm and 7:39pm. Amazingly this corresponds to Tishri 1 on the Jewish Calendar which is the First day of the festival of the Feast of Trumpets.

From sunset of September 11, 3 B.C. to September 11, 3 B.C. Jupiter and Regulus could be seen approaching conjunction before dawn. Although the precise astronomical conjunction occurred on September 14, the angle of observation and Jupiter’s slow apparent motion would have made their close rendezvous obvious as early as the predawn hours of Thursday, September 12, within hours of the Messiah’s birth. At that time the king planet Jupiter could be seen approaching the king star Regulus in the constellation of Leo, the sign of Judah from whose seed the Messiah, the promised seed came.

Exactly one month before (on August 12) the world would have witnessed the close conjunction of Jupiter (reckoned astrologically as the Father) and Venus (the Mother) when they were only .07 degrees from one another when they appeared as morning stars on the eastern horizon. This was a very close union. But then, nineteen days later

(August 31), Venus came to within .36 degrees of Mercury in a very similar astronomical display. Then, on September 11th, the New Moon occurred which represented the



Jewish New Year. This happened when Jupiter (the King planet) was then approaching Regulus (the King star). And, on September 14, Jupiter and Regulus came to their first of three conjunctions in this extraordinary year. Then, over an eight month period, Jupiter made its “crowning effect” over the King star Regulus. There could hardly have been a better astronomical testimony to the birth of the new messianic king from the Jewish point of view. Why? Because every one of these celestial occurrences I have mentioned happened with the Sun or planets being positioned within the constellation of Leo the Lion (the constellation of Judah — from whence the Messiah was destined to emerge) or in Virgo the Virgin. The apostle John may have seen importance in these extraordinary occurrences when he symbolically showed that Jesus was born at the New Moon of Tishri, the Day of Trumpets (Revelation 12:1–3).

Jesus Was Born on the Day of Trumpets. If one can realize that the New Testament shows Jesus born on the Day of Trumpets (the first day of Tishri — the start of the Jewish civil year) an impressive amount of symbolic features emerge on the biblical and prophetic scenes. Before the period of the Exodus in the time of Moses, this was the

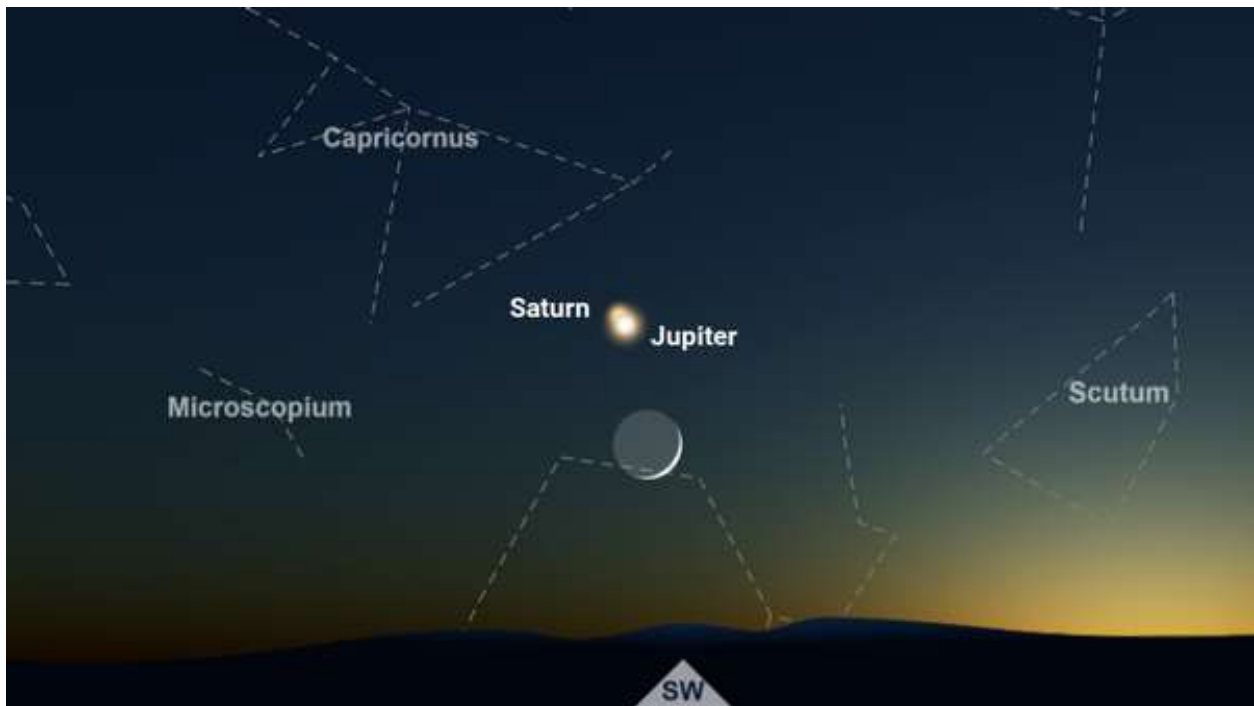
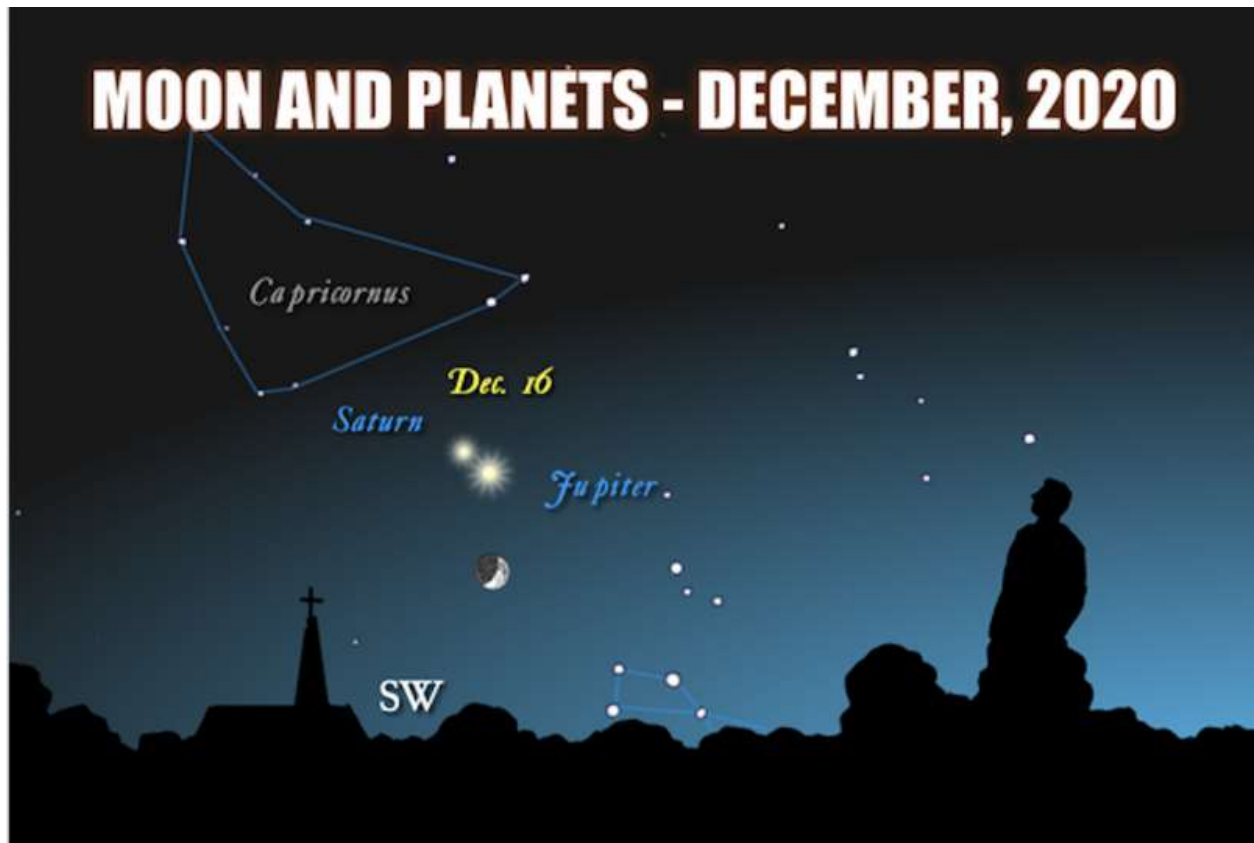
day that began the biblical year. It also looks like this was the day when people were advanced one year of life — no matter at what month of the year they were actually born.



Notice that the patriarch Noah became 600 years of age “in the first month [Tishri], the first day of the month [later to be called the Day of Trumpets]” -(Genesis 8:13). That was the very day when “Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry” (vs. 13). This was not only Noah’s official birthday, it became a new birth after the Flood for the earth as well.

There is more. Even the first day of creation mentioned in Genesis 1:1–5 could be reckoned as being this very day. The early Jews discussed whether the actual creation took place in spring or in autumn. But since the autumn commenced all biblical years before the Exodus (Exodus 12:2), and since all the fruit was then on the trees ready for Adam and Eve to eat (Genesis 1:29; 2:9, 16–17), it suggests that the month of Tishri was the creation month, beginning near the autumn. If so, then the first day of creation mentioned in Genesis was also the first of Tishri (at least, Moses no doubt intended to give that impression). This means that not only was this the birthday of the new earth in Noah’s day and what was later to become the Day of Trumpets on the Mosaic calendar, but it was also the day which ushered in the original creation of the heavens and the earth.

[The art work illustration have been selected so that you can have a visual idea of what will occur at sundown, just past 5pm on December 21, 2020. My grandsons are setting up their telescope in hopes that the sky will be clear and the conjunction visible. We need to be looking into the southwest sky for its location.]



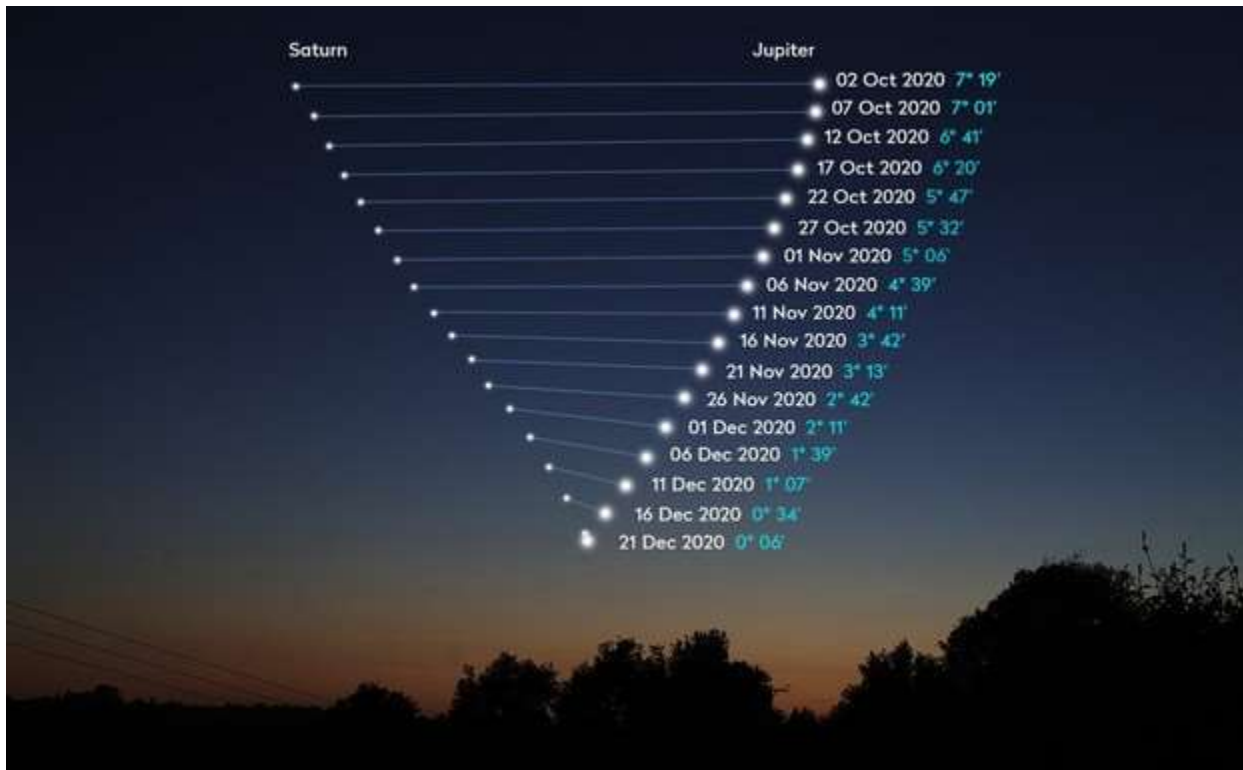
As shown before, among the Jews this day was called Rosh Hashanah (the Feast of the New Year). The majority belief of Jewish elders (which still dominates the services of

the synagogues) was that the Day of Trumpets was the memorial day that commemorated the beginning of the world. Authorized opinion prevailed that the first of Tishri was the first day of Genesis 1:1–5. It “came to be regarded as the birthday of the world.” It was even more than an anniversary of the physical creation. The Jewish historian Theodor H. Gaster states,

“Judaism regards New Year’s Day not merely as an anniversary of creation — but more importantly — as a renewal of it. This is when the world is reborn.”

Gaster’s insight is so germane to the interpretation of the significance of biblical festivals that I will be referring to his research several times in my following references.

When Was the “Last Trump”? The matter does not stop there. Each of the Jewish months was officially introduced by the blowing of trumpets (Numbers 10:10). Since the festival year in which all the Mosaic festivals were found was seven months long, the last month (Tishri) was the last month for a festival trumpet. This is one of the reasons that the day was called “the Day of Trumpets.” The last trump in the seven months’ series was always sounded on this New Moon day. This made it the final trumpets’ day (Leviticus 23:24; Numbers 29:1).



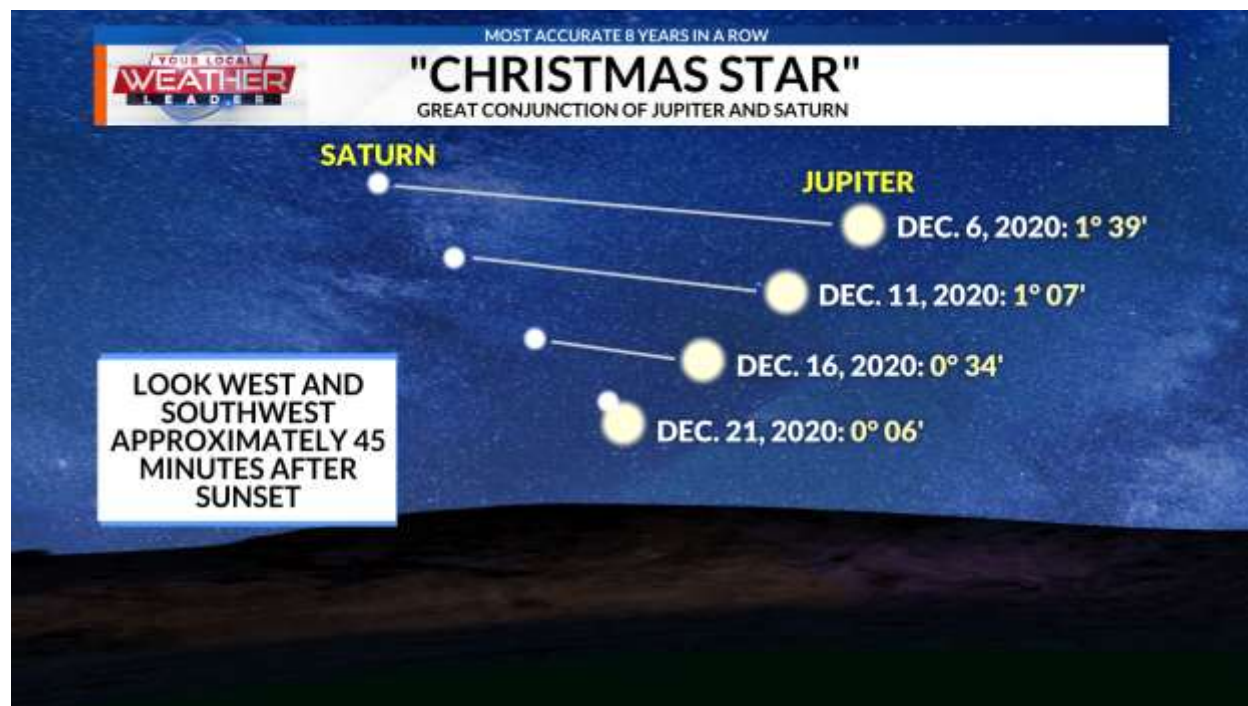
This was the exact day that many of the ancient kings and rulers of Judah reckoned as their inauguration day of rule. This procedure was followed consistently in the time of Solomon, Jeremiah, and Ezra . The Day of Trumpets was also acknowledged as the time for counting the years of their kingly rule. Indeed, it was customary that the final ceremony in the coronation of kings was the blowing of trumpets.

For Solomon, “Blow ye the trumpet, and say, ‘God save king Solomon’” (1 Kings 1:34). For Jehu, “And [they] blew with trumpets, saying, ‘Jehu is king’” (2 Kings 9:13). At the enthronement of Jehoash, “The people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets” (2 Kings 11:11).

There could well be a reflection of this symbolic feature in the New Testament. The Day of Trumpets was the time for the start of the seventh month (since the time of Moses), and the time for the “last trump” to introduce festival months. Note that in the Book of Revelation, we have the record of a heavenly angel who will blow the seventh and last trumpet blast. And recall what happens at the exact time this “last trump” is sounded.

“And the seventh angel sounded [blew the last trump]; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever [for the ages of the ages].’” Revelation 11:15.

In New Testament parlance this shows the time of the coronation of Jesus, and it happens at the seventh (or last) trump in the Book of Revelation — the Day of Trumpets.



The early Jews also recognized that the Day of Trumpets was a memorial day for considering those who had died. It was not a simple type of “Memorial Day” that we moderns are accustomed to. Gaster said it was a symbolic time when “the dead return to rejoin their descendants at the beginning of the year.” Such a day was a time when Israel would rally to the call of God for the inauguration of God’s kingdom on earth. Gaster also states this was the time that became “a symbol of the Last Trump.” Since

the apostle Paul was Jewish, it is possible that his reference to the “Last Trump” and the resurrection from the dead was also connected with the same biblical theme. The “Last Trump” of the early Jews was when the dead were remembered. To Paul the “Last Trump” was the time for Jesus’ second advent and the resurrection of the dead (1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Truly, the Day of Trumpets theme is that of kingship. There may even be a reference to this in the elevation of the patriarch Joseph to kingship on this New Moon day which began the month of Tishri. Notice that he had been in a dungeon for “two full years” (Genesis 41:1). It was not simply a two year period which Moses was intending, but the passage of two full years. The implication is that the story of Joseph’s rise to kingship happened on a New Year’s Day. This is manifest in Psalm 81, a New Year’s psalm commemorating Joseph’s royal enthronement (Genesis 41:40). As with Jesus, in Revelation 11:15, the kingdoms of the world became Joseph’s on the day intended for coronations — the day that later became the Day of Trumpets. Of course, Pharaoh retained top leadership, but as the New Testament shows, God the Father still maintains supreme rule over Jesus even when Jesus is prophesied to rule the kingdoms of this world.

As we have shown from the Bible, the blowing of trumpets was the sign that kings could then begin to rule (1 Kings 1:34; 2 Kings 9:13; 11:11). Jewish authorities long acknowledged this royal import to the Day of Trumpets. Gaster states, “The Sovereignty of God is a dominant theme of the occasion [and] it is one of the cardinal features of New Year’s Day.” The main issue that prevailed in the significance of the day was the triumph of God as a king over all the forces of evil. The symbolic motif of the Day of Trumpets, as Gaster shows, was God “continually fighting His way to the Kingdom, continually asserting His dominion, and continually enthroning Himself as sovereign of creation. At New Year when the world was annually reborn that sovereignty was evinced anew.”

The theological thrust of the early Jews within their synagogue services for the Day of Trumpets was the fact that God rules overall and that he is the King of kings. On Trumpets it was common to quote Zechariah 14:16. “The king, the Lord of hosts.” Indeed, some scholars have suggested that psalms which begin “Yahweh is become king [or ‘The Lord reigns’]” (Psalm 93 and 97) were originally designed for recitation at the New Year festival.” Recent study shows this to be true. It is postulated by many scholars that in Israel, Yahweh was crowned annually at the “New Year feast of Yahweh.” The scholar Mowinckel has argued that the “enthronement psalms” (Psalms 47, 93, 96–99) in which Yahweh reigns were a part of the liturgy of the ancient synagogues. There is no doubt that this is true. This was also the very day when Jesus was born.

The central theme of the Day of Trumpets is clearly that of enthronement of the great King of kings. This was the general understanding of the day in early Judaism and it is certainly that of the New Testament. In Revelation 11:15, recall that the seventh angel sounds his “last trump” and the kingdoms of this world become those of Jesus. This

happens at a time when a woman is seen in heaven with twelve stars around her head and the Sun mid-bodied to her, with the Moon under her feet. This is clearly a New Moon scene for the Day of Trumpets.

And note: Professor Thorley who reviewed the first edition of my work has shown that there are exactly twelve stars surrounding the head of Virgo as we see them from earth. And indeed there are. If one will look at Norton's Star Atlas, twelve visible stars will be seen around Virgo's head. They are (according to astronomical terminology): (1) Pi, (2) Nu, (3) Beta (near the ecliptic), (4) Sigma, (5) Chi, (6) Iota — these six stars form the southern hemisphere around the head of Virgo. Then there are (7) Theta, (8) Star 60, (9) Delta, (10) Star 93, (11) Beta (the 2nd magnitude star) and (12) Omicron — these last six form the northern hemisphere around the head of Virgo. All these stars are visible and could have been witnessed by observers on earth.

Thus, the description of the apostle John describes a perfectly normal heavenly scene that could be recognized by all people. Here was Virgo with twelve stars around her head, while the Sun was in uterine position and the Moon under her feet. And again, the only time this could have occurred in 3 B.C.E. was on the Day of Trumpets. This is when the "king of kings" was born.

Another explanation of the Twelve Stars around the head of Virgo is that it represents the headship position (the "head" of Virgo is situated in the last ten degrees of Leo) for the beginning of the story found within the Twelve Constellations as reckoned in the biblical Zodiac. In the biblical Zodiac, the tribe of Judah (the Lion, or Leo) was situated around the Tabernacle directly east of its entrance. This meant that half of the tribe of Judah was south and the other half north of the east/west line from the Holy of Holies through the court of Israel and then eastward through the camp of Israel (in this case, Judah) to encounter the altar outside the camp where the Red Heifer was burnt to ashes. This means, unlike some Gentile reckonings which started their zodiacal story with the zero line between Cancer and Leo (that is, at the very commencement of Leo), the biblical Zodiac that Drs. Bullinger and Seiss were talking about began with the 15th degree of Leo (of Judah). This signifies that the first constellation to be met with in this celestial story would have been the "head" of Virgo the Virgin which occupied the last ten degrees of Leo. So, John began his story at this point.

The Day of Trumpets in the biblical and Jewish calendars is New Year's Day for commercial and royal reckonings (just as we have January the first on our Roman calendar as the start of our New Year). This New Year's Day signified a time of "new beginnings" to all those in Israel who accepted the teachings of the Bible. As a matter of fact, the Jews over the centuries have held to the belief that the Day of Trumpets was a cardinal date in the history of Adam (our first parent). It was the very day when Adam and Eve came to the recognition of whether to obey God or to defy him (see The Complete Artscroll Machzor, p.xvi). But that was not all that occurred on that day. No day in the year could be reckoned as being of more esteemed value and symbolic influence than Rosh Ha-Shanah. That day is important for the birth of the Messiah in several ways that are very profound in Jewish symbolism.

The book *The Complete Artscroll Machzor* gives some chronological details that the early Jewish theologians and scholars worked out from indications in the Old Testament to show when important individuals were born or major events happened in association with their lives. And what an array of significant things occurred on the Day of Trumpets and the month of Tishri. The book gives a summary of accounts found in the Jewish Talmud (Rosh Ha-Shanah 10b–11a).

Note what the Machzor states about this particular Day of Trumpets. The quotes are interesting and of value,

“The Patriarchs Abraham and Jacob were born on Rosh Ha-Shanah. Abraham was a new beginning for mankind after its [mankind’s] failure to realize the promise of Adam and Noah. Jacob was a new beginning for the Jewish people, for it was with him that Jews advanced from the status of individuals to that of a united family on the threshold of nationhood”

The Machzor does not stop with Abraham and Jacob. Look at the following quote, “On Rosh Ha-Shanah God remembered three barren women, the Matriarchs Sarah and Rachel, and Hannah the mother of the prophet Samuel and decreed that they would give birth. Not only was Rosh Ha-Shanah a turning point in the lives of these great and worthy women, but the births of their children were momentous events for all Jewry, because they were the historic figures Isaac, Joseph, and Samuel.” Ibid., italics mine

If the Jewish people would realize that the New Testament in the Book of Revelation (chapter 12:1–5) also places the birth of Jesus on the very same Day of Trumpets, they might begin to understand just how important Jesus is in a Jewish sense as well as to the world. The New Testament states that he is the Messiah. He shares many similarities with the births of Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, Joseph and Samuel. People should begin to realize the significant coincidences of the birthdays of these prominent men as understood by the Jewish people. And standing out above them all, is the teaching of the apostle John that Rosh Ha-Shanah is also the birthday of Jesus.

More Significance of the Day of Trumpets

Jewish chronological evaluations show other important events associated with the Day of Trumpets (Rosh Ha-Shanah). The Machzor continues, “On Rosh Ha-Shanah, Joseph was freed from an Egyptian prison after twelve years of incarceration. He became viceroy of Egypt, provider to the world during the years of famine, and the leader of Jacob’s family. God’s plan called for Joseph to set in motion the years of exile and enslavement that were the necessary preparation for Israel’s freedom, nationhood, and emergence in a blaze of miracles to accept the Torah and march to the Land of Israel.” Ibid.

This shows Rosh ha-Shanah as a day of freedom. There is more on the theme of freedom. The Machzor continues:

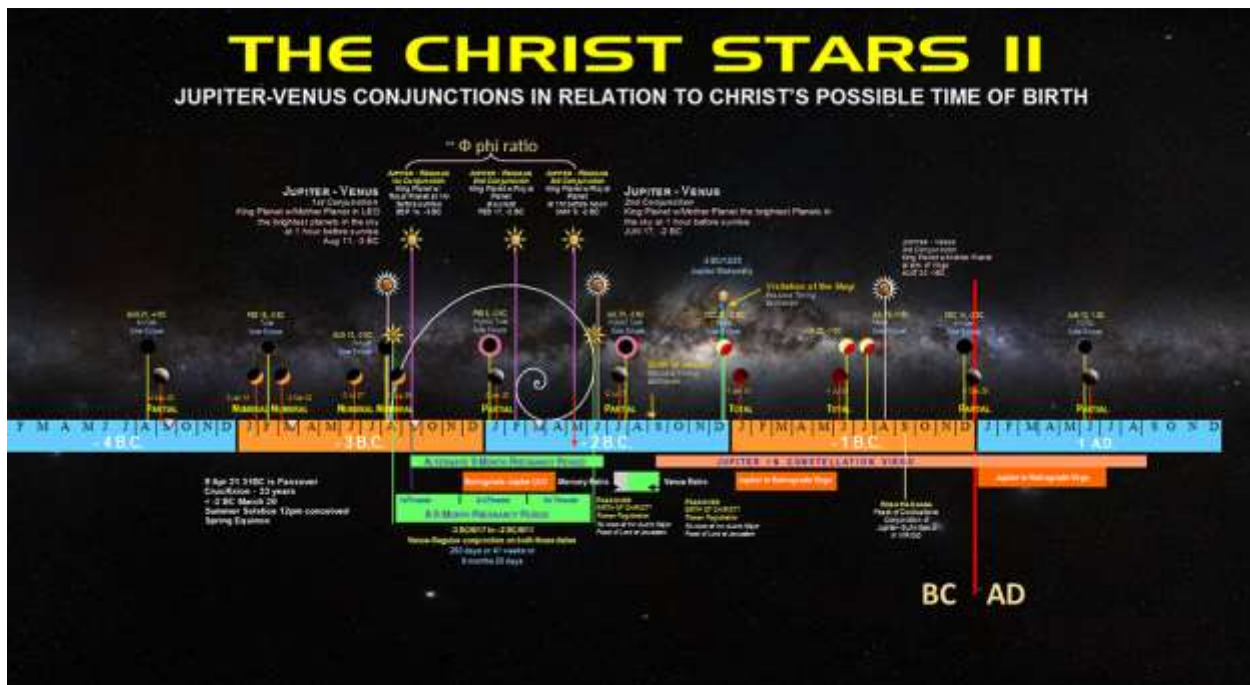
“On Rosh Ha-Shanah, the Jewish people in Egypt stopped their slave labor [they began their time of liberty and freedom], while they waited for the Ten Plagues to play themselves out so that Moses could lead them to freedom”

Ibid., words in brackets mine

The Final Festivals of Israel

As I stated, this day at the beginning of the month of Tishri was the day when the seventh trump (or the last trump) was sounded to introduce the final month when the festivals of God ordained at the time of Moses would be held. This last trump is mentioned by the apostle Paul as heralding the events associated with the Second Advent of Christ back to this earth (1 Corinthians 15:52 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17). This last or final trump is also mentioned by the apostle John in Revelation 11:15 as the warning sound that the Kingdom of God will soon be coming to earth. And soon after, the seven angels of the Book of Revelation will bring on the seven last plagues (in the same fashion as the Jewish analyzers of chronology saw that from the same day of Rosh Ha-Shanah the Ten Plagues were sent forth on Egypt in the time of Moses).

What is certain is the fact that the Book of Revelation (with its teaching that Jesus was born on the Day of Trumpets) is giving us in a symbolic way the time for the nativity of Jesus whom Christians considered to be the king of the world. He was prophesied to lead all people into a time of freedom and profound peace. This is the central reason why the apostle John in Revelation 12:1–5 shows that the birth of Jesus occurred within the first few minutes (the twilight period) of the Day of Trumpets that works out to be September 11th in 3 B.C.E. Tishri 1



It's always darkest before daybreak. Stay strong in Jesus Christ my friends!

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