

The Bible and Astrology-1

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This article is my attempt to reveal a slice from the tip of the iceberg on the topic of “The Bible and Astrology”, which is a huge ocean of deep knowledge as well as sensitive and complicated subject in respect to various world religions and believers.

While I avoid delving into the bottomless richness of the topic, I try to provide a taste of the infinite biblical exploration options, on the edge of a tea spoon.

Preface:

Since time in memory, throughout all civilizations and cultures, human beings were looking ahead to foresee the future, both as a collective groups of people and as individuals.

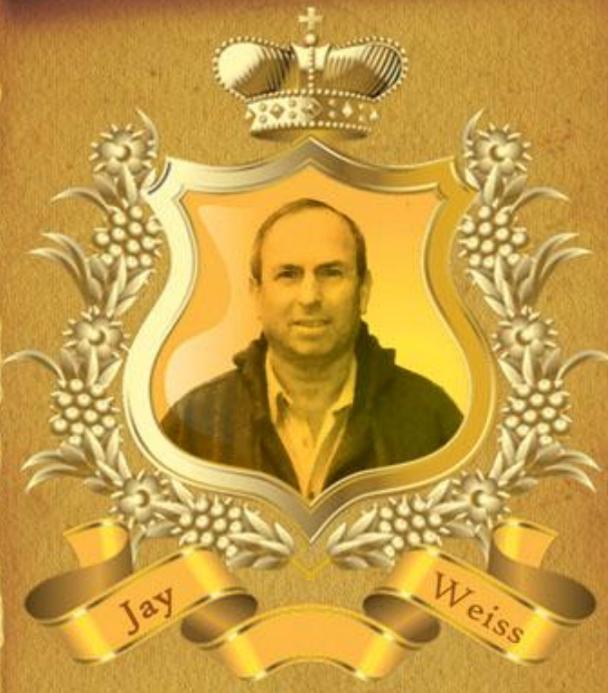
Prophets and “Messengers of God” appeared and disappeared in different cultures, some never to be remembered, while others leaving a substantial mark on humanity for generations to come.

A common ‘item’ for most of them was none less than the Bible.

The Bible has been the central source of laws, directives, history and inspiration as well as ‘a reference book’ for Judaism and Christianity and later some parts of it also for Islam, for over 3500 years and 2000 years respectively.

Moreover, the Bible is one of the most sold and read book ever.

The earliest culture that we are aware of that were observing, studying and actually practicing the heavenly bodies, i.e. what is referred to as astronomy and astrology



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today were the Babylonians some 4000 years ago. This is described very clearly in the Bible as we'll see later.

Throughout the entire period and up to our time, scholars hunted for discovering the bible's origins and hidden messages. An extensive 'bible code' research was launched at different institutions and universities since the PC computer appeared some 25 years ago, allowing computer programs to search for unknown codes which confirm world events, past and future.

The results so far are simply amazing, as major events became alive within the plain text of the bible, the Torah in particular. The Torah constitute of the five first books of the Old Testament, also known as the five books of Moses.

The codes in the Torah, which are a fascinating issue in itself, are based on the assumption that it was actually written as a stream of letters, which later were divided into chapters and verses.

[To make this clearer, imagine that you have before you a plain text, of 78,064 letters (as in the first book of Genesis), which you may arrange in any number of letters per line, resulting in different tables of XY lines and columns, each providing a genuine matrix].

Timing of major future events 3000 years ahead of time may sound unbelievable but believe me, it's all there, in the Bible. In the next article I will provide a few examples of World War 2 and the Nuremberg trails, and the murder of Egypt's president Anwar Saadat in 1981 and the murder of Israel PM Yitzhak Rabin in 1995, to name a few.

Statistical information reveals that around 2.8% of the total biblical verses of 23,144 mentions that God controls the heavens and its contents, which play an active role in the destiny of humanity on Earth, both collectively as cultures and nations and personally as individual human beings.

We should also remember that all living creature, plants etc. on earth are under that same control as they are too Gods creation.

A number of questions arise, which I will leave open and as they are beyond the topic of this article (and probably beyond us all) BUT just as well an indisputable integrated part of it and must be born in the background of the reader's mind.

1. What and/or who is the entity or force we call God?
2. How are we a part of and 'fit in' with this force we call God?
3. Who wrote the bible in the format that is known to us today and who were the ones who wrote the various parts prior to the final editing and 'putting together' the final version ?
4. What is religion and what purpose does it serve in the context of 'Bible & Astrology'?
5. Did our ancestors acquire the astrological knowledge by observations only or were there other sources dating tens of thousands of years back to other civilizations ?
6. Where are the indications for astrological influence on human lives on planet Earth in the Bible?
7. One may also ask why for generations, religious leaders have forbidden the use of heavenly bodies, by interpreting different biblical phrases to their own benefit.

Later in this article you will be introduced to the source reference for this attitude.

One way or the other, many questions in the context of astrology and the bible may remained unanswered regardless of attempts to “interpret” the original Hebrew text and even worse by translating it to other languages. Evidently, there is not a single translation of the Bible to another language which is even near to the original text, both in single words and whole phrases.

While the reader may wonder how I dare write such a statement, I can calm your mind down by implying that much of the text, especially in the books of the Kings and Prophets are a sort of ‘slang of the period’ and a “language of hints”, which is very difficult to interpret nowadays, also for an advanced Hebrew language Scholar.

When I use the word ‘bible’ in this article I solely refer to the OLD TESTAMENT with the major weight on the TORAH.

Other references will be to the QABBALA, which describes the interpretations of the hidden secrets of the TORAH, therein also the secrets of the heavens and its elements. Other related sources will be mentioned as applicable.

One has to bear in mind that some understanding of human nature (i.e. Psychology) is needed in particular when attempting to understand the inclination of humans to OBTAIN, PERCIEVE and INTERPRET information.

The reader MUST remember at all times that any written word is produced by another human being, for the specific purpose of conveying some form of information just as this article. It is up to the reader to identify with, accept or reject that information, whatever the purpose may be.

This is valid for ALL walks of life AND particularly in relation to occult issues.

It is my belief, based on experience and my current phase of knowledge that the Bible is much more than “just a history/story book” and as we will see in later articles the coding in the Bible may blow away any humans mind. Intellectually I mean...

Often we may observe that science is ‘colliding’ with astrology, simply due to the ‘fact’ that it cannot be proven in accordance with scientific roles.

Well, is everything in our life meant to be visible and clear to us?

Certainly not!

Note: all original translations from the original Hebrew text follow ‘as is’. No interpretations or variants of words have been done to any of the mentioned word or verses.

Whenever there is a (J) in this document it indicates my own researched interpretation)

Part one

The Beginning of Dawn

The Bible starts with the 5 books of Moses, the TORAH.

The first book is Genesis where the first chapter of 31 verses is a short and remarkable description of the creation of the world. All verses from verse 2 to 31

start with the word “AND”, indicating a continuation in the event of creation. 31 is also the numerical value of “EL”, God in Hebrew.

Genesis Chapter I;

(1) “In the beginning God created heaven and earth and the earth ⁽¹⁾ was without form and void and darkness upon the deep and the spirit of GOD ⁽²⁾ was hovering upon the water ⁽³⁾.”

(2) And God said let there be light ⁽⁴⁾ and there was light.

(3) And God perceived the light as good and God divided between the light and darkness.

(4) And God named the light DAY and the darkness ‘he’ named NIGHT, and there was EVENING and there was MORNING, one day”.

Already at this stage, when observing the order of creation in the first 2 verses describing the creation, we discover the four elements (triplicities) used in astrology in the order of Earth ⁽¹⁾, Air ⁽²⁾, Water ⁽³⁾ and Fire ⁽⁴⁾.

From here I jump to verse 15 “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years”

And in verse 16 & 18 we read “And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars also” (18) “And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness”

If we were to create a horoscope of the world at this stage it will be a chart with nameless heavenly bodies placed in various positions.

The first indication of a Zodiac, heavenly bodies and their purpose (!) as well as the base reference for a calendar are clearly described within the plain text. The rulership of the ‘greater light’ for the day and the ‘smaller light’ for the night are defined but there is no mentioning to neither the Sun or Moon been those luminaries. In verse 18 we find the same pattern of rulerships repeated once again.

We may argue the meaning of ‘Rulership’ in the context of creation but I doubt if a satisfying explanation is possible, particularly when we take into consideration the occasions where God’s own rulership is mentioned.

The interesting word here is ‘SIGNS’, ‘OTOT’ in Hebrew, which also mean SIGNALS.

It is not that clear as to what kind of signs/signals the text refers to, where the ‘assignments’ for the ‘LIGHTS’ are relatively very well defined already at this stage.

First in chapter 15 verse 5 we find a clear but general mentioning of the “STARS in the SKY” for the second time since creation in chapter 1. No names are mentioned for any of the heavenly bodies until we reach verse 12, where the SUN, (Heb. SHEMESH) “at Sun set...”, is first mentioned in connection with Abrams (later Abraham) visionary sight shown by God, of what’s to come of his offspring’s in the future. (Abraham lived from 1812 BCE to 1637 BCE according to several interpretations of the Old Testament.

Note: The plain text does not tell us who named the Sun, Moon and other heavenly bodies; however referring to chapter 2 verses

19-20 we find the first human being Adam was the one naming all living creatures. Was Adam also the one who named the heavenly bodies and did he already have a prior knowledge about them and their function? This challenging question remains open with me.

The period when Abraham lived is around the end of the third millennium BCE AFTER the creation and around 350 years after the great flood which occurred around 2348 BC. For comparison, Buddha lived in the middle of the sixth millennium BCE, leading the Vedic civilization and its development.

Here we may find a very clear indication that regardless of whatever happened before the flood in connection with the heavenly bodies was lost as there is no mentioning of them between the creation and up to the period when Abraham lived some 2000 years later. The entire story of the flood period (plain text) where Noah & his family accompanied by a couple of each sort of living creature were saved by been in the Arc for 40 days does not mention any heavenly bodies. However the encoding of chapter 8 reveal another amazing story which I will include in part 2...

In “Sefer Yetzira”, “**The Book of Creation**”, which is said to be written by Abraham we find among others, direct reference to the planets by name. In chapter 4 (of 6) verse 7 we read among others “..... 7 stars (planets) in the world Saturn Jupiter Mars Sun Venus Mercury Moon.....”

This little book is a true giant by its content as it describes what the first chapter of Genesis is missing, namely the **Description** of the creation of the world using the Hebrew alphabet letters.

Although not directly related to astrology at first glance, we find in Genesis chapter 17:5 and 17:15 a description of a change that may indicate that it is possible to change ones destiny (i.e. ones horoscope) by changing ones name!

God himself changed the names of Abram and Sari his wife to Abraham and Sarah, thereby ‘removing’ whatever was a negative influence on the 5th house of progeny Interestingly God added ONE single letter to both names, the letter HEA (H) which is the 5th letter in the Hebrew alphabet and has the numeric value 5! as well as generating a new numerical value to their names. (J)

For the sake of doing justice to the above I must mention that according to the scripture, Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old when she gave birth to their son to Yitzhak (Issac).

Another interesting issue is found in verse 21, where God in advance tells Abraham the name of the child to be born **AS WELL AS** the timing! “...at this time in the next year!”.

An average pregnancy is around 273 days (10 Moon month or 9 Solar month) and therefore I can only interpret this as the soul which was about to enter the ‘not yet conceive Sarah’ was already assigned its role nearly **THREE month prior to conception!**

In other words a horoscope was already there before the physical baby was even ‘initiated’...

Therefore I strongly perceive this example to been one that allow us to connect between soul assignment, a birth chart and a conception chart, a subject that deserves very deep and serious research.

In addition to the above we can also derive a hint about what we call in our days DESTINY.

The mentioning of the Moon (Heb: YAREACH) for the first time is relatively much later. In Chapter 37 verse 9 where in the dream state, Joseph is shown the Sun and the Moon and 11 stars bowing to him. Once told, his father Jacob instantly interprets the dream by replying “what is this dream that you have dreamed? Will I and your mother and brothers come before you and bow to the ground?”.

This description evidently associates the Sun with father and the Moon with mother. Moreover, it shows that Jacob had knowledge of astrology, probably also due to his residing for 21 years in Babylon. .

Here we see the first biblical clue to astrological interpretation of a dream! – WOW!

Note: No clue as to what planets symbolized Joseph’s 11 brothers, nor do we find any text about his sister Dinah.

As we read later in chapters 40 to 45 Joseph became a high official in Egypt and Jacob and his family were forced to leave their land due to famine and seek refuge in Egypt.

In chapter 44:14 and chapter 41 we can read how Joseph’s dream turned into a wholesome reality.

Jacob, ALSO renamed by God to become Israel, had 12 sons, which later grew into 12 tribes. Those 12 sons’ personalities were later assigned and used as one uses the 12 zodiacal signs for defining people’s personalities. (See Genesis 49:5 to 49:7 and Deuteronomy 32:8).

The above raises a very interesting astrological question which I have been breaking my head over for long many years:

In Joseph’s dream he was shown 11 stars, which symbolized his 11 brothers. The Sun and the Moon symbolized his mother and father. Counting Joseph himself we have 12 heavenly bodies, which may be either planets or Stars or both AND the Sun and the Moon, totaling 14.

Are we ‘missing’ a planet in our solar system that needs to be discovered?

Interestingly, the same question was raised in the book “The 12th Planet” by Mr. Zecharia Sitchin.

More on that issue will be available in a later article.

One of the greatest astronomical mysteries, which naturally also manifested astrologically is found in the book of Joshua chapter 10 verses 12-13: “Then spoke Joshua to the Lord and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand still upon Giv’on, and thou Moon, in the valley of Ayalon” (13) “And the Sun stood still and the Moon stayed..... so the Sun stood still in the midst of heaven and hastened not to go down as it use to on a regular day”.

Here we simply experience that the Earth stopped its rotation around the Sun from midday while at the same time the Moon stopped its rotation around Earth (or maybe....?).

Astronomically we may raise many questions in connection with this phenomenon but honestly: who dares to imply that he/she can explain this amazing display of Gods power in the universe?



Part of an Ancient Egyptian zodiac

Astrologically we may encounter a few dilemmas here:

- 1) All new born babies during those hours had the same time of birth and within the same area nearly the same place of birth, i.e. the same chart. OR
- 2) If time was time still in movement the constellations and planets were changing while Sun and Moon maintain the same position OR
- 3) The date in force that day lost some time, probably around 5-10 hours

These are not easy dilemmas to solve and lack a deep and serious research.

To summarize so far, it is evident that the ancient biblical personalities had great knowledge of astrology and astronomy, using it on daily bases. In some cases they were also assisted by the power of the creator to influence the natural flow of the Sun and Moon.

Above and beyond the early verse referring to the heavenly bodies as source of “signs and ...etc.” there is no visible evidence that the heavenly bodies should be used for worshipping purposes.

On the contrary:

This maybe the right moment to take a look at Chapter 4:19 in the 5th Book of Moses, Deuteronomy, where God, through Moses is **Warning** against worshipping the heavenly bodies as Gods, as they are the ones serving God, their creator:

“When you raise your eyes to the heaven and see the Sun and the Moon and the Stars, all the Host of Heaven, you’ll be driven to bow and worship them and serve them, which the Lord God has shared to all nations under the entire heaven”.

Nearly 900 years later, the prophet Yishayahu (Isaiah) emphasized a reminder to the people of Israel: “Lift up your eyes high and behold

who has created those that bring out their host by numbers and call them all by name, by the greatness of his might and strong power, no one is missing”. Isaiah, chapter 40 verse 26.

There is not much doubt of the message in 4:19: Don't worship the stars as Gods as they are there to serve him and to be signs for various issues (including probably also a horoscope (J)) for you.

In simple words, one may understand this by implying that when humans lack faith in God, they will tend to find 'God Substitutes' in form of the heavenly bodies.

This is probably the central statement of the Bible that was used as the main argument against astrology by Jewish and Christian priests for more than 3500 years and 2000 years respectively.

Further, one may discuss the issue of

(1) **Direction Of Purpose** that human beings in some cultures worship the heavenly bodies as gods and in other it is totally forbidden. Those cultures can be defined as single God cultures and multiple Gods cultures.

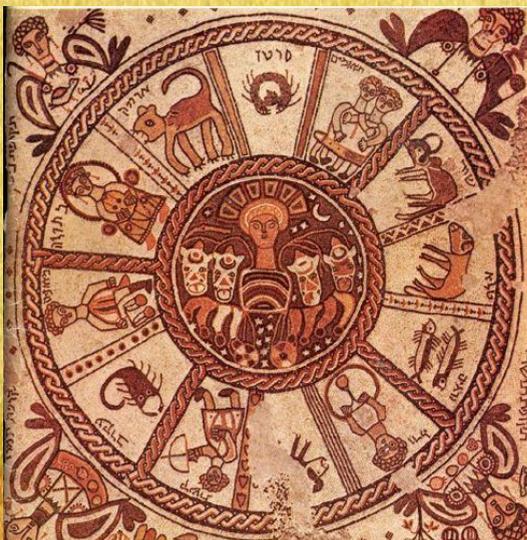
(2) It is the opinion of many nowadays that we lost a great deal of ancient knowledge regarding the true and correct usage of astrology and its secrets.

The reference emphasis may be hidden in chapter 31 verse 18 in Deuteronomy: “And I [God (J)] will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they have done and that they turned to other Gods”.

The word '**Hiding My Face**' can easily have multiple interpretations, which among others are connected to not been able to obtain necessary knowledge. Many scholars use this verse as a reference point to the question “where was God during the second world war's Jewish Holocaust?”

Will we ever regain this knowledge again? Yes!

In Ezekiel 32:29 the prophet deliver a clear message for the future declaring “Neither will I [God (J)] hide my face any more from them, for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, said the Lord God”



The Beit Alfa synagogue floor zodiac mosaic from the 5th century C.E.

A Taste Of Biblical 'Astrological' Progressions:

Progressions are used by many astrologers in different values and varieties.

We find several places in the Bible, where '**A day for a year**' is mentioned very clearly, often in connection with the number forty (40), in itself a very significant number throughout the Old Testament.

As an example, those are found among others in (1) Numbers 14:34 “And the number of days that you tour [the spies sent to the land of Kna'an were there for 40 days (J)] the land, **forty days, a day for a year, day for a year** shall you bear your sins, **forty years** and you will know my breach of promise” and (2) Ezekiel 4:6 “And when you have accomplished them,

lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the sins of the house of Judea, forty days again, **a day for a year, a day for a year**".

A few examples for the number 40 are the duration of

- (1) The great flood for 40 days,
- (2) Moses stay on Mount Sinai for 40 days,
- (3) the wandering of the children of Israel in the desert for 40 years, David & Goliath ordeal prior to the event 40 days, profit Ezekiel (Yechezkel) ordered by God to sleep on each side for 40 days as quoted above. There are several other examples throughout the Bible; all of them have a direct connection with the astrological system of progression "**A Day For A Year**".

By now I am sure to have opened a huge Pandora box, but please relax. As I mentioned at the beginning, this is only the tip of the **Iceberg**...

Bless thy - May thy go in peace

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End of Part One.....



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