

Don Cerow - Astrology and the Bible

Part 1 - The Old Testament

Don can find astrology in anything. Consider the Star of Bethlehem. When Jesus was born, Saturn and Jupiter were conjunct in Pisces. Jupiter moved out ahead. Saturn stopped and went retrograde within a degree and a half over Bethlehem. "The Star came to a halt."

According to Don, the first 16 books of the Old Testament were structurally designed to illustrate the 12 signs. These 16 books were originally 12, but the last four were each split at a later date. Genesis (Aries) has all the beginnings. It begins with Creation and quickly moves on to Abraham, the father of three monotheistic religions. It ends with the death of Joseph, founder of the family. The central story, besides Adam and Eve's expulsion from the garden, is the substitution of the ram for Isaac. Fear was the foundation - fire and brimstone.

Exodus (Taurus): There's a mass migration of people (a herd). The Hebrew people are both prosperous and physically strong. Moses is a classic Taurean, slow of speech but strong. Pharaoh's heart is stubborn. The rest of the Exodus is a shopping list for the sanctuary - possessions and prices. In the episode of the Golden Calf, the people revert back to practices from the Age of Taurus.

Leviticus (Gemini): the chief of the Levites is Aaron, Moses' brother and spokesperson. The Levites were priests; they talked to God and communicated the divine will to the people. They were also the only one of the 12 tribes to get their own book. Over and over again, the same words appear: "God said to Moses: Go and say to the people...."

Numbers (Cancer): "When do we eat?" It opens with counting the House of Israel by family and clan. Genealogy is a Cancerian theme. It tells them how to camp, how to set up house. Canaan is the promised land, full of milk and honey. Water springs from a rock. Manna falls from heaven.

Deuteronomy (Leo): Moses is supposed to have written the previous four books, but in this one he claims authorship: "I am the one who wrote this book." He's mentioned 40 times. There are 46 references to the heart. "You shall love your God ...let these words be written on your heart. Repeat them to your children." The Ten Commandments are reiterated as the unchanging will of God.

Joshua (Virgo) is concerned with surveys and boundaries. The first 12 chapters are about the Canaanites, the ones who owned the earth. Chapters 14-24 are about who gets it now and the boundaries of each tribe's territory. Joshua describes a map of the promised land. All three earth sign books mention crossing dry riverbeds. You have to serve God perfectly and sincerely. In Joshua 24:27, the stone is a witness of the peoples' vow to serve the Lord.

Judges (Libra) focuses on relationship issues. Marriage and divorce, war and peace. Samson and Delilah are in this book, and Caleb offers his daughter's hand as a prize in battle. The book closes with the Israelites looking for wives for the tribe of Benjamin.

Ruth (Scorpio) is a short book, only four chapters long. In a nutshell, it's about inheritance. Ruth's husband dies, her children die. She weeps (water). Ruth is a foreign bride but she stays committed to her mother-in-law, Naomi. Devotion unto death. Inheritance does not leave the tribe. (By the way, did you know that most of the constellation of Scorpio falls below the ecliptic belt?)

Samuel I and II (Sagittarius). There are 22 references to arrows in the entire Bible, and 10 of them are in Samuel. Samuel is a prophet, a discerner of the divine will, and he founds a school of prophets. God thunders to frighten off the Philistines and later thunders again to confirm Samuel's words. Saul is struck down by an arrow, and David is symbolically warned by one.

Kings I and II (Capricorn) begins with the line, "King David was an old man in years." It's mostly a list of kings and how they rank on the karmic scorecard. The prophets live on tops of mountains, so they can be closer to God. The servants of the King of Aram tell him that the Israelites look like "two herds of goats." Elijah's bones revive a dead man.

In Chronicles I and II (Aquarius), the word "all" appears more times than anywhere else. The collective theme is also expressed in phrases like, "a thousand generations" and "families of the peoples." The fixed nature of God is emphasized: love everlasting, all eternity. But mainly, it is a recitation of facts, a retelling of history from Joshua to Kings.

Nehemiah and Ezra (Pisces). Everyone is crying. After 70 years of exile and captivity, the people have returned home and see how everything has been ruined. Humiliation, sadness and misery abound. The message: repent, fast, and be happy in the Lord. These are humble books. But there are also shouts of collective joy and euphoria: "Remember me, my God, for my happiness." Pisces is ruled by Jupiter.

Part II – The Book of Revelation

Prophecies and ecstatic visions mark the beginning of every age. Two thousand years ago, mystery religions were all the rage. Almost deliberately, it seems, Jesus acted out Piscean images and themes, washing his disciples' feet, walking on water, quelling waves. He fed the multitudes with two fish and five loaves. The two fish are Pisces. The bread is Virgo, who holds a sheaf of wheat. The new axis of heaven now fell in Pisces (vernal equinox) and Virgo (autumnal equinox). Feeding the multitudes was a sermon: if you have faith (Pisces) you can heal yourself (Virgo).

The Book of Revelation was more than a simple vision. It stands as a map of heaven demonstrating what the writers believed was about to unfold. It begins with a picture of the heavens, complete with 24 elders (24 hours in the day), the 7 flaming lamps and 7 spirits of God (the 7 visible planets), and even a bull, lion, human, and eagle positioned

around the throne of God (heaven). Having established our framework, it tells us that only the Lamb of God is capable of taking the Scroll from the right hand of God and breaking its seals. The scroll is part of the constellation of Pisces. The Chinese asterism for the first seven stars of the southern fish of Pisces (the one closest to the path of the ecliptic) is *Wae Ping*, a Rolled Screen. As the vernal equinox crossed each star, it “broke the seal.” The breaking of each seal can be correlated to a specific historical event.

The first seal opens with a rider on a white horse, going from victory to victory. In that year, Rome defeated the neighboring city of Veii, a victory historically viewed as the beginning of her wars of expansion. The second seal calls for war, and Hannibal marched up and down the Italian peninsula for twenty years. The third seal finds Tiberius vacating Rome in order to more fully embrace his vices.

With the opening of the fourth seal, Plague rides on a deathly pale horse with Hades at his heels, and the Empire found itself in an era of attack after attack on her borders, assassination after assassination of its emperors, and the irreparable loss of many of its merchants and infrastructure. Under the fifth seal, all the souls beneath the altar cry out to the Lord for justice. At this time the Lombards swept across Italy, the first of many invasions which were to show total contempt for the old Roman Empire and its ways, wiping out the continuum of history before them.

The sixth seal seems the most graphic of all. The entire population – citizens and slaves alike – was forced to take to the hills as Viking raiders swept down on the British Isles, Europe, Russia and any other country with a navigable coastline or river. These raiders even attacked Europe from the Mediterranean. Lastly, the seventh seal marked the final schism of the East and West, as a dead Roman Catholic pope excommunicated his Greek Orthodox contemporary, and the papal chair sat vacant for a year. Interestingly enough, Pope Benedict has expressed his desire to bring the Eastern and Western churches together once again.

A continual theme of Revelation is suffering. It is referred to by the author at the very beginning of this work. From Rev. 1:9; *"My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.*

In Revelation 7 there appears a multitude of people from every nation, race, tribe and language, and we are told who they are: *"These are the people who have been through the great persecution..."* These are the souls of all who have died during the Age of Pisces, from the time of the Messiah until now, while standing up for their beliefs.

At the end of Revelation, after the tribulations, the Age of Pisces is over, and the New Age, the Age of Aquarius, begins. From Rev. 21:1, 4 and 5;

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea..." (Pisces is a water sign which specifically rules the ocean.)

"He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone."

"Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: "Now I am making the whole of creation new..."

We are currently closing in on the end of the Age of Pisces, a time when, if we believe the story line, many of the graphic images of the Book of Revelation will come to life preparing the way for Aquarius, the water bearer and freedom fighter, symbolized in Rev 22:17 as,

"...all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free."

If Alpha and Omega mark the beginning and the end, then understand that the Vernal Equinox will align with Omega Piscium, a specific star in the constellation of the Fish, in the early spring of 2013 AD.

But before that happens, the seven trumpets will sound, and each of us will have to take a stand against those who would destroy the earth..