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Star and Stars

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Star and Stars.

Topics.

- The meaning of star, and the symbolism of a star.
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- A star signifying a powerful king, and a pagan god.
- A star signifying a pagan god, and a prideful monarch.
- The morning star, and an angel that has seven stars.
- A star falls from heaven.

THE MEANING OF STAR

The word star comes from the Greek words (*aster, stronnumi and steros*). The word, *aster*, can refer to a literal a star (as thrown over the sky), and the word, *stronnumi* carries the idea of furnishing and spreading (i.e., like a carpet), while *steros*, means, solid, stable, steadfast, strong, and sure.

THE SYMBOLISM OF A STAR

Symbolically a star can signify:

- A pastor.
- A teacher.
- A person of great authority.
- The Lord Jesus Christ. (Rev. 22:16).
- A prince
- A ruler
- A person distinguished by rank or by a great talent.
- Stars of heaven, signify prominent stately power.

STARS, IN PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES

Prophetically stars can signify the following:

1. A bright fiery falling meteor that brings massive destruction upon earth and causes chaos amongst the nations.
2. Some great person in power who corrupted the churches and the Gospel of Christ, bringing spiritual death to the hearers instead of spiritual life and eternal salvation
3. The chemical fall out of weapons of mass destruction that pollute the water supplies so badly they cause severe sickness and poison to those who drank them:
4. Calamities and disasters that undermine and weaken empires, nations, and kingdoms.
5. A great king, prince, or ruler who's coming is sudden and unexpected and his reign very short. (i.e., appears like a bright shooting star)

6. The fall of great and powerful secular and religious rulers and leaders, who bring extreme misery upon the populations of the secular and religious world.
7. A future chief minister or false teacher falling from their high place in the church who instead of bringing light to the people as a star does to the darkness, they distinguish the light by their false doctrines and perverting and distorting the Scriptures.

A STAR SIGNIFYING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- **Numbers 24:17:** I (Balaam) see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.

Here the star prophetically symbolises the Lord Jesus Christ. Balaam sees this star crushing Moab and Edom the enemies of Israel, prophetically signifying Christ, the King of kings crushing the enemies of his church. In this prophetic vision Balaam saw Christ coming out of the nation of Israel and defeating all the armies of God's enemies, then ruling with power and authority over the survivors that remained in the cities.

A STAR SIGNIFYING A POWERFUL KING

- **Isaiah 14:12:** How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

Here the star symbolises the extremely powerful and prideful king of Babylon.

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A STAR THAT SIGNIFIES A PAGAN GOD

- **Acts 7:43:** You (the prideful rulers of Israel) took up the tent of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the images that you made to worship; and I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.'

Here the star symbolises a pagan god that the people of Israel worshipped.

A STAR SIGNIFYING A PAGAN GOD

- **Amos 5:26:** You (Israel) shall take up Sikkuth your king, and Kiyun your star-god—your images that you made for yourselves, (Amos 5:26).

Here the star symbolises a pagan god that the people of Israel worshipped.

A STAR SIGNIFYING PRIDEFUL MONARCH AND SOVEREIGN RULER

- **Obadiah 1:3-4:** The pride of your (Edom) heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?"⁴ Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.

Throughout Scripture a star often signifies royal dominion, an illustrious king or ruler, but in this context, it refers to the fall of a prideful monarch, a sovereign ruler or eminent governor. Obadiah in this chapter is speaking of prideful rulers of great authority and power being plucked from their seat among the stars (i.e., exalted positions of great power). A star falling from heaven signifies a person who had for some reason been removed or fallen from a high position of power and authority, and of one whose character and strategy and direction are like a meteor falling to the earth and bringing great destruction. The stars in this chapter symbolize great and powerful nations of the earth. The LORD is saying that He will pluck up (i.e., bring to ruin) Edom from amongst the nations of the earth. This ruin is followed by great miseries sorrows and grief.

THE MORNING STAR

- **Revelation 2:28:** I will give him (the one who overcomes) the morning star.
- **Revelation 22:16:** I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Amongst commentators there are various ideas of what the expression: "I will give him the morning star," refers to, following are the three most common:

1. Based upon the fact the Lord is described as the bright and morning star, it is suggested that the words, "I will give him the morning star," means that Jesus will receive and fully give himself in the bright new age to those who overcome.
2. The word morning signifies the beginning of a new day, while the word star symbolises great light, therefore, the expression, "I will give you the morning star," refers to the beginning of the new glorious age full of God's light, that Christ who is called the bright morning star will establish when he returns in glory.
3. Since the morning star is the first bright light that appears as the darkness of the night fades, the expression, "I will give you the morning star," is poetic language expressing the wonder and glory Christ will crown those who overcome with at the dawning of the new age to come, and that they will shine as the brightness of stars for ever.
4. The star symbolises Christ and the glorious day when he returns in the full revelation of his glory, and the splendour of his Kingdom, and his light that shines deep into our hearts, and that hidden, but glorious light and love that dwell within the heart, that will rise in breathtaking and uncontrollable excitement and joy at the sight of seeing the risen Saviour.

NOTE: as spectators look up, they see the bright light and glory of the shining stars, likewise in the new glorious future age to come their eyes will behold the shining light of the perfected resurrected immortal faithful brothers and sisters of Christ. Christ the valiant King after having conquered the stubborn nations keeps his words to the faithful, and give them the morning-star, signifying unspeakable glory, brightness, and peaceable dominion with him over the nations.

Peter speaks about the morning star in the following verse:

- **2 Peter 1:19:** And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Here Peter has in mind the bright morning star that at certain periods of the year begins the day in the most magnificent brilliance. Figuratively the star is Christ and the reference is to that glorious day when Christ returns in the full revelation of his glory and the splendour of his Kingdom and his light shines its beams deep into our hearts, and that hidden, but glorious light and love, that dwells within the heart of every redeemed brother and sister in Christ rises in breathtaking and uncontrollable excitement and joy at the sight of seeing their risen Saviour.

AN ANGEL THAT HAS SEVEN STARS

- **Revelation 3:1:** And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Literal stars of the heavens bring light to the darkness of the night. In the context of this verse, the seven stars signify the ministers of the seven churches, and by extension they also embrace the churches themselves. They refer to ministers filled with the Spirit of Christ who under his authority bring the light of his word into this world of darkness.

In his right hand: the right hand speaks of power and authority, favour and intimacy, being held in the right hand signifies these ministers are under Christ’s authority and their churches are under the watchful eye of the Lord for judgment or reward, praise or rebuke, and that it is by his authority the ministers and their churches bring his light into this world of darkness. Jesus said:

- I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12).
- I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. (John 12:46).

A STAR FALLS FROM HEAVEN

- **Revelation 8:10-11:** The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.
- **Revelation 9:1:** The fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

Wormwood: (*artemisia absinthium*) is a bitter herb that can be toxic and even fatal in large amounts. The star is said to fall on rivers and fountains, signifying that all that is needed for mankind’s survival will be affected, by the following series of judgments and not just the land. The great star named wormwood falling from heaven signifies, bitterness, resentment and massive sorrow and death filling the earth during troubled times, for one of the following three reasons:

1. A bright fiery falling meteor that brings massive destruction upon earth and causes chaos amongst the nations.
2. A powerful king, ruler or political power of fame, great wealth, authority, influence, and power over much of the global world that has great influence over mankind, bringing calamity, chaos, and destruction to the world.

3. A renowned, famous, and outstanding global ecclesiastical religious leader with power, authority and global influence who appeared holy, but corrupted the churches of Christ, and led many from all nations into great doctrinal errors and away from the true Gospel, falling from his high and exalted position of power, authority, and global influence.

The destruction any one of these bring is according to God's judgment and wrath upon the world.

NOTE: It should be noted that the error of such destructive doctrines will not be blatantly obvious (especially in the latter days), except to those who know and understand the Scriptures, since they will not only be spoken by men gifted with brilliant skilful oratory, but will also be intermixed and surrounded with Scriptures (howbeit out of context). It is almost certain they will include such things as justification by works, forgiveness of sin by confessing to human priests etc., and doctrines that appeal to self, ego and pride and most likely promise prosperity, healing, and success.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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