

# CHAPTER 1: HEAVENLY SIGNS

God's truth is revealed through His heavenly wonders of creation as well as His Word which has been given to mankind. Are there signs for judgment in the heavens? Is there judgment for a nation which has turned away from God in its government? The U.S. Courts have declared it lawful to do things which are considered an abomination by God. Does this government call upon God in prayer for wisdom in solving its serious problems such as its debt crisis? The United States has been extremely blessed in the past. What has gone wrong?

2 Chronicles 7:14 ***“and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”***<sup>2</sup>

Is it because the people will not “*humble themselves*” before God? Could it be as simple as humbling before the Almighty God, the Creator of this visible world? But, the people must turn from their wicked ways. There are numerous cases of the nation of Israel not turning from their wicked ways. The outcome has been war which ultimately resulted in being conquered and taken into captivity. It has been an ever gradual decline in values that has occurred over the last fifty years that brought this nation to not fear God anymore. Now, we have at least two generations of children that have not been taught to pray. This is because the Supreme Court of this mighty nation declared it illegal to pray in the public schools. How could the most powerful nation with its eagle emblem fail? History repeats itself for empire upon empire has failed. The Babylonian, Persian, Grecian and Roman Empires have all failed due to corruption. They still remain as small and insignificant countries; but they are no longer empires with mighty powers. What happens to a people who will not humble themselves before God? We shall look into the heavens to see if there is a sign of judgment coming to this mighty nation. In the End Times, there is no western empire prophesied by Daniel to come to the rescue of Israel during the Great Tribulation.<sup>2</sup>

God created the heavens for greater significance than separating the day from the night. It was created to display “*Heavenly Signs*.” Before there was the Word of God given to man, the heavens were used to declare the Glory of the Creator. God had given a clear interpretation of the star constellations to Adam and Enoch, who handed it down generation after generation. Many scholars state that God defined the star motion through the skies at the time of creation and science has confirmed this with mathematical laws. The constellations are a set of pictures in the sky that convey a message about creation and the plan of salvation for this world. The Constellation of Virgo represents Christ born of a virgin. Virgo has a branch or stem in her hand which is mentioned in Isaiah 11:1. The Virgin Mary gave birth to Christ the male child, who was from the stem of Jesse, the father of King David. The “*head and eye*” of the dragon in the Constellation of Draco is over Virgo ready to devour her. This is mentioned in Revelation 12:4. The dragon is described as the Serpent of Old, the Devil and Satan in Revelation 12:9. The Constellation of Crater is a bowl? In Revelation 16:1, it says “*Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God*.” Crater symbolizes God's Wrath being poured out. His Judgment and Wrath of God are also symbolized by the Constellation of Leo, the Lion. The Messiah is symbolized by the planet of Jupiter and the Constellation of Taurus, the bull, represents a priestly sacrifice. The scales of justice are represented by the Constellation of Libra and it symbolizes God's righteous judgment. The Word was with God from the beginning before the creation of this visible universe and world. The truth is the Prophetic Word is divinely-given and inspired by God to the Prophets and Apostles. Interpretation of these heavenly signs will be validated through independent sources. The heavenly signs will be used to look at events of over the past fifty years in America. The Bible makes a number of surprising references to “*signs*” in the heavens from the Book of Genesis on creation to the Last Book of the Bible in Revelation about the End Times. The word “*sign*” occurs 855 times in 806 verses of the Bible. It is key to understanding the significance of the word “*sign*.” The first usage is in Genesis in the context of God's creation and establishment of the ordinances of the heavens.

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<sup>2</sup> *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (2 Ch 7:14, Da 11-12). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Genesis 1:14-15 ***“Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth” and it was so.”***<sup>3</sup>

It states that the heavens were created to be used for “signs.” The sun, moon and stars, which include planets, were in the divine scheme of things, intended to be “for signs and for seasons.” A star map can be used to pinpoint the exact day and year. The final usage is in Revelation 12.. It is referred to as a “great sign” in the heavens because it symbolizes God’s chosen people, Israel. It is used in Joseph’s dream of his eleven brothers bowing down to him. It is a sign of Israel and its twelve tribes, which includes the sun and the moon with a crown of stars.

Revelation 12:1 ***“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;”***<sup>4</sup>

.Psalms 147:4 ***“He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.”***<sup>5</sup>

A crown of stars is known as a star cluster. We also know through scripture God has named all the heavenly bodies. God’s naming goes on to the present time; even though he uses man to do this. As an example is the dwarf planet Ceres, which was named in 2006, once it was determined not to be an asteroid, but a true planet.

*Ceres is the smallest dwarf planet in the inner Solar System. Goddess of the seasons; Demeter Ceres means **“Earth Mother”**. Ceres' name may derive from the hypothetical Proto-Indo-European root \*ker, meaning "to grow", which is also a possible root for many English words, such as "create", "cereal", "grow", "kernel", "corn", and "increase". Roman etymologists thought "ceres" was derived from the Latin verb gerere, **to bear, or bring forth.***

The planet of “Ceres” was seen in the sky above Bethlehem during the Birth of Christ our Lord; and it is the last object in the heavenly cluster to come down to earth as part of the Bethlehem Star. The choice by man of the name “Ceres” was not based upon the fact that it was associated with the Birth of Christ by a virgin. The planet’s name, Ceres, has the Latin meaning of “to bear” or “bring forth” from an “Earth Mother.” How appropriate it is to Christ’s birth. Both the Old and New Testaments assume what happens in the heavens matter and are given by God as signs of events on the earth. We should follow the guidance and counsel of the Bible on the use of signs. Astrology assumes that the stars are the direct cause of personal events in one’s life and can be used as predictions based upon an individual’s birth date. The Bible lets us know that they are to be used as messages about earthly events either in the past or in the future. It may be useful to think of them as *Road Signs and Warnings*. Christ said in Luke 21:25 *“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth. ....”* We shall use ancient interpretation for planetary signs and their meaning and use Biblical text wherever it is possible to explain the heavenly events as seen in the skies. Independent of the language (*Hebrew, Arabic or English*) names given to these heavenly bodies and their meaning should stay the same. God’s naming of the stars also includes naming the constellations and their star clusters as seen in the Book of Job.

## Stars and Constellations

Most scholars believe the Book of Job is one of the oldest manuscripts of text ever written. In the Bible, it predates the time of Abraham and the founding of the Jewish nation of Israel. The Book of Job contains written passages about the stars and the constellations. It states that God himself put them in their place in the heavens. It also references the same constellations we know today by their names. Other than the Bible, there are ancient literatures (*Babylonian*) which appear to support the names as well. It appears in the star configuration of the

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<sup>3</sup> *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Gen 1:14). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

<sup>4</sup> *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Rev 12:1). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

<sup>5</sup> *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update.* 1995 (Psalms 147:4). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

constellations and what they represent may be the oldest surviving text of any language. Does this point to some level of importance and significance to mankind? There must be significance to their names. Some constellation and star names date back to the time of Job in the Bible such as “Bear.” The Pleiades star cluster was given the Hebrew name כִּמָּה Kimah (*Kymb*) cluster stars:—Pleiades<sup>6</sup> in Job’s time and is still used today. Some of today’s present names of stars and their meaning were recorded during the ancient times of the Babylonian Empire. A prime example is the Star of Bethlehem. There are many passages which state that God arranged the stars and set the ordinance of the heavens. These are the mathematical laws of the heavens known for centuries.

Isaiah 40:26 ***“Lift your eyes on high, and see who created all these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name. Because of his greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing.”***<sup>7</sup>

The first time I understood there was meaning to “*Heavenly Signs*” was with the birth of Christ and how the Magi saw the Star of Bethlehem in the East. The Magi understood that this was a sign of the Messiah, the King, and they came to worship Him and give Him gifts. I wondered how they knew the star represented the King. It was because of the heavenly bodies which made up the Bethlehem Star. It had meaning and significance to the Magi.

JOHANNES KEPLER (1571-1630) paved the way for rediscovery of the Bethlehem Star. He puzzled out the math which drives the heavens. He even used his formula to search for the Bethlehem Star. But unlike us, Kepler had no computer. With software incorporating Kepler's equations, we can animate ancient skies or the future skies over the Middle East or the United States with great precision and accuracy.

JOHANNES KEPLER set out to show that a planet would travel in a perfect circular orbit around the sun, called a solar orbit. This presented an easy mathematical model and simple view and beauty of his planetary understanding. Nevertheless, he could not force the mathematical model of circular orbits to align with what was observed in the night skies.

TYCHO BRAHE (1546-1601) made an invitation to Kepler to come to Prague and collaborate in the study of the solar system. At this time, it was poorly understood even after following Newton’s work. It was thought, that the planets were “*Wandering Stars*.” This was due to the fact that planetary movement across the skies didn’t necessarily follow the normal path from east to west of the true stars in the night sky. Planets could retrace their paths in the night sky based upon night time observation. Both men were brilliant and motivated to unravel the mystery of planetary motion. Tycho Brahe died suddenly and Kepler found himself with full access to Brahe’s library and works, which ended up changing everything from this point forward. Kepler published his First and Second Law of Planetary Motion in the year 1609. This was followed by Kepler’s Third Law, about ten years later. These mathematical law models were so accurate that NASA and other astronomers worldwide use them today. Kepler’s laws hold the keys to the heavens. The motion of the planets and the constellations are so unique that they can be used to pinpoint an actual day in the past or in the future with inclusion of the sun and moon even the hour of the day. With software incorporating Kipler’s equations, we can model with computers as well as create the observable heavens for future and past heavenly events. All that is needed is to provide a given latitude and longitude of observation on the earth. In minutes the software can reproduce the numerous sky maps by computer hardware, which calculates using these equations. This software can be used to animate the night or daytime skies at any speed in time. This will make years, months, or days pass within a moment of a real time clock. This is what has been used to create the “*Heavenly Signs: U.S. Eagle Falls*” pictures incorporated into this book. This has been done by running computer software called “*Starry Night*” by Simulation Curriculum Corporation.

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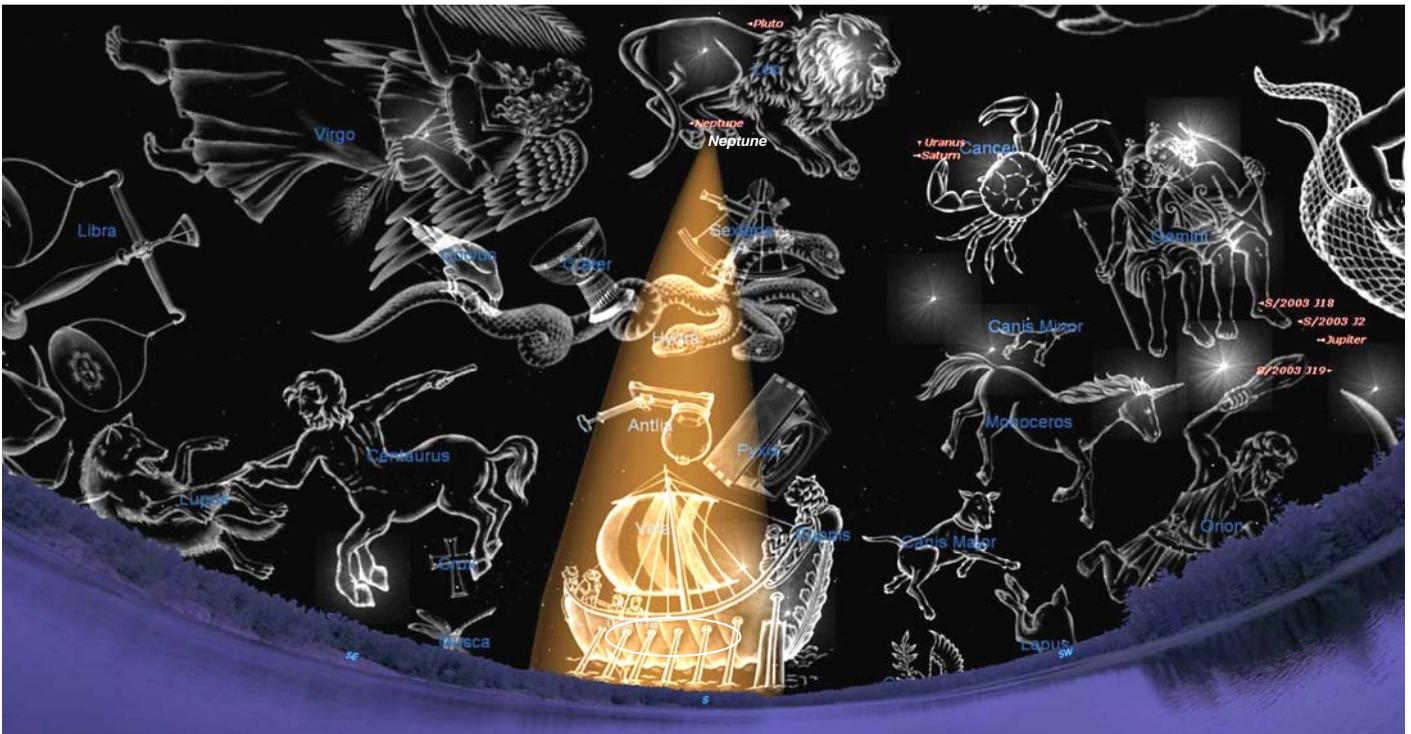
<sup>6</sup> Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : Updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

<sup>7</sup> *New American Standard Bible : 1995 update*. 1995 (Isaiah 40:26). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

What is the significance of heavenly bodies? In traditional astrological nomenclature, the stars were divided into “fixed stars” (Latin *stellæ fixæ*), which means the stars and other galactic or intergalactic bodies that are recognized by astronomers and “wandering stars” (Greek: *πλανήτης ἀστήρ*, *planētēs astēr*), which we know are the planets of the solar system. The first sets of stars were called “fixed” because it was thought they were attached to the firmament, and are the most distant from earth of the heavenly spheres. The “fixed” star movement across the sky is very predictable based upon their relationship to other stars and typically rise from the east and go down in the west much like the sun. The positions of the stars are uniquely given each day of every year.

The “Noah’s Ark” picture shown below has a number of significant signs. The Constellation of Argo, the ship, was considered to be Noah’s Ark by Bible scholar E.W. Bullinger. It was considered the Ark during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and has been broken up into multiple constellations during the 20<sup>th</sup> century by modern astronomers. Neptune is the god of the sea. Neptune seems to be the source of light on the Ark. The radiant light shines on the Constellation of Hydra which represents a serpent-like water beast. Beneath the waters was an entrance to the “underworld” and Hydra was its guardian. Hydra represents the seven headed serpent who is Satan. All of these constellations appear below the Constellation of Leo, the Lion. Leo symbolizes the Wrath of God. We know the Great Flood was God’s outpouring of wrath upon the earth for destruction of “the wickedness of man.”

Genesis 6:5 **“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”**<sup>8</sup>

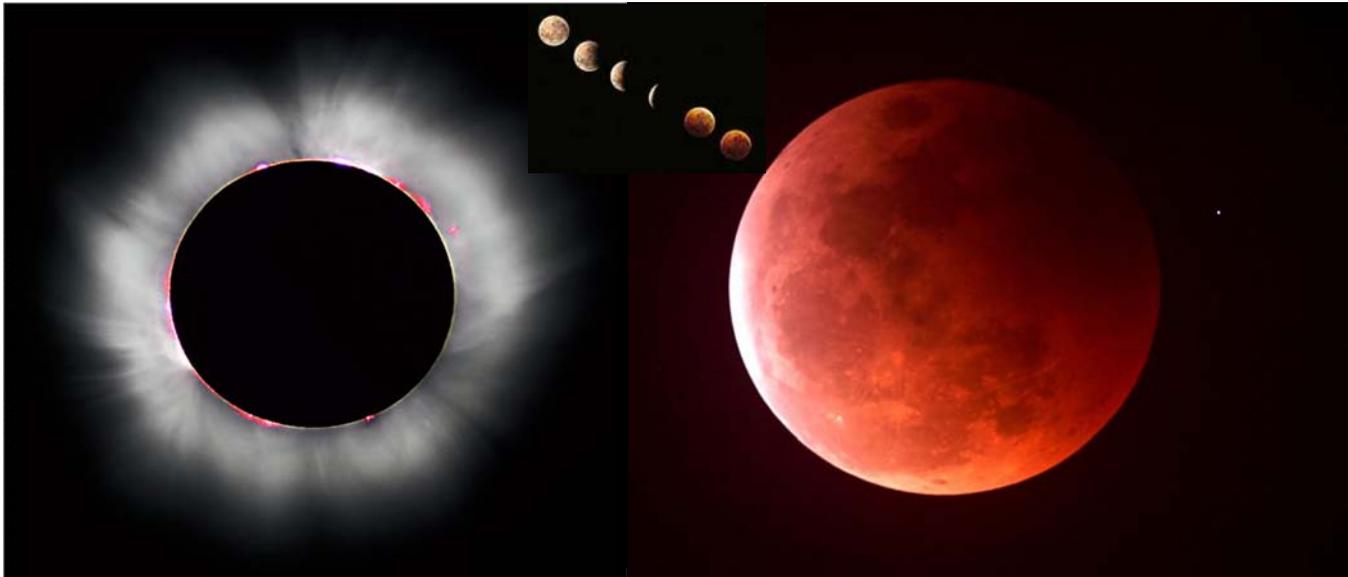


January 3503 BC - Noah’s Ark and the Great Flood

This heavenly event of the flood was due to the partial eclipse of the moon with the sun, which has set below the horizon. The moon reflects radiate light into the heavens as if pointing to the planet Neptune. In ancient Greek times and Roman mythology, Neptune (Latin: *Neptūnus*) was a major god presiding over water, lakes, springs, rivers and the seas. He is the counterpart of the Greek god Poseidon. In the Greek-influenced tradition, Neptune was the brother of Jupiter and Pluto, each of them presiding over one of the three realms of the universe: the sea, heaven and earth, and the underworld. Neptune represents water and the sea. Just above Neptune is the Constellation of Leo. The Great Lion represents “*The Ancient of Days*” that is described in

<sup>8</sup> *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Ge 6:5). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

Daniel 1:9. God the Father is seen as Leo Major, the Great Lion. Leo Minor represents the Deity of Christ as a Young Lion or just a Lion. Likewise, Christ is the Lion of Judah as seen in the Constellation of Leo and is mentioned in Revelation 5:5. The Lion represents Judgment and the Wrath of God. Just below Neptune is the Constellation of Hydra. Satan is symbolized by three constellations – Draco, the dragon, Serpens, the serpent, and Hydra, the water beast, that has seven heads. All three symbols are used in scripture - Leviathan the twisted serpent of the sea in Isaiah 27:1, Job 41, the Serpent of Old in the Garden of Eden in Genesis and the Dragon in Revelation. In the center of the heavens is Draco, the dragon, who is ready to deceive the entire world and to devour the virgin which is mentioned in Revelation 12:4. These are signs of deception. Leo, the Lion's paws are on the head of the serpent Hydra ready to strike the serpent's head. This is mentioned in Genesis 3:15 where the Lord said to the serpent "*He (Christ) shall bruise you (serpent) on the head (fatally).*" Satan will undoubtedly be conquered by Christ. In the picture of "*Noah's Ark and the Great Flood,*" Hydra is above the heavenly ship Argo, which is seen on the horizon. Argo Navis is no longer an officially recognized constellation, it has been divided into three constellations; Carina the Keel, Vela the Sails, Puppis the Stern, plus a subordinate division of Argo now called Pyxis Nautica, the Nautical Box or Mariner's Compass, which used to be called Malus, the Mast. The biblical school of course called it Noah's Ark, the Arca Noachi, or Archa Noae. In the 17th century the Ark seems to have been its popular title. Argo Navis is normally seen in the southern hemisphere. However, it comes up into the northern hemisphere over the Taurus Mountains in Turkey to set just above the horizon. This heavenly event was truly a wonder of God and a sign which could be seen by Noah and his sons. The heavenly sign of the ark and the flood occur from a partial eclipse of the sun and moon over five thousand years ago. Solar eclipses have been interpreted as bad omens. God created just the right size of the moon and the correct distance from the sun to allow for a total eclipse to occur. During the creation of the heavens and earth, God has put signs into the heavens for us to see and interpret. We will first take a look at the significance of the moon. Total solar eclipses are considered a bad omen for the nations. Blood moons are an omen for the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Both are recognized in ancient times and today's world in which we live.



*Total Solar Eclipse with the moon – Designed by the Creator*

*Red Blood Moon – Lunar Eclipse (NASA)*

There are three sets of blood moons or lunar eclipses that corresponded to significant events in the past. The Spanish Inquisition's final year of 1492 when the Alhambra Decree ordered all remaining Jews who would not convert to Christianity to leave Spain. The Israeli 1948 War of Independence and the 1967 Israeli Six-Day War had back-to-back blood red moons occur on the first day of Passover and Tabernacles as well as the following year. The other blood moons were in 162/163 AD, 795/796 AD, 842/843 AD and 860/861 AD. Solar eclipses have been interpreted as bad omens or forewarnings. The ancient Greek historian Herodotus wrote that Thales of Miletus predicted an eclipse that occurred during a war between the Medians and the Lydians. Both sides put

down their weapons and declared peace as a result of the eclipse. The Trojan War and the final battle of the Iliad occurred during a solar eclipse on June 11, 1312 BC. A solar eclipse occurred in France in 1918 during WW I.

Numerous historical wars have occurred during a total solar eclipse. There are a maximum of seven eclipses that can occur in any year. The moon was created just the right size and the right distance from the sun to allow for a total eclipse to occur. This tells of an intelligent designer, the Creator of this world. Therefore, the sun and moon must have some importance as a sign in the heavens. This book will look for signs in the heavens over America. It will identify signs over the past 50 years and into the future - 2017 when there will be a coast-to-coast eclipse.

## The Time Known through Heavenly Signs

God is an all-knowing, an omniscient God, who knew that America would fall into sin and lawlessness. The Apostle Paul states in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 *“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.”* Lawlessness is the state of making it lawful to do what is seen as an abomination by God and God’s Laws. Heavenly signs will provide an accurate date for these heavenly events which are unique in the skies. God set the rules of the heavens during creation, which demonstrates His omniscience. In Job 38:33, God asked him *“Do you know the ordinances of the heaven or fix their rule over the earth?”* We understand these ordinances with mathematical equations. God is all-knowing and proof is given to us by Him through placement of signs in the heavens.

## Heavenly Signs

It should be obvious that *“Heavenly Signs”* are given for seeing. The very nature of a sign is it should be viewable among people on the earth; those who are looking for them. God wants us to know the timing of these events.

- **Men are called upon to see, look at, and behold signs.**
- **God created signs in the heavens for us to observe.**
- **Signs are intended to be conspicuous and not hidden.**

The United States will become our primary viewing point for heavenly signs used in *“U.S. Eagle Falls.”* The Bible is clear about the use of *“Signs in the Heavens.”* The Bible lets us know they are to be used as messages or warnings about earthly events. The heavens and the universe truly declare His Mighty Glory. We will next look at the reason why this nation was blessed by God because of its founding principles. But, this nation has become a nation that values its Constitutional Rights over God’s Laws. This has generated a land of lawlessness, where it is seen as an individual’s protective rights. God cannot ignore abominations. He is a Holy and Righteous God.



*The Whirlpool Galaxy with the Black Hole – symbol of the cross, Hubble Telescope (NASA)*