

The Heavens Declare

For those of you who are following the early barley calendar and have not yet heard, the new moon was sighted on the evening of 28th August 2022, which signifies the beginning of the month of Tishrei and the year 5783. This is almost a full month before the Orthodox calendar celebrates the Feast of Trumpets.

This morning I woke up, still wondering why the Lord was so adamant about the tip of the spear going ahead and marking the early start to the month of Aviv in the calendar, (because of the ripe state of the barley needed for the Passover firstfruits offering). Why was it so very important THIS particular year to keep in step with the Spirit? And I just felt a prompting to check out what was occurring in the heavenlies on the two Feast of Trumpets dates for the different calendars.

Now I am no astronomer by any means, but I do believe that God Almighty set the constellations in place with meaning and purpose and psalm 19 tells us that the stars are speaking a message which can be heard throughout the earth. Now, please do not write to me and tell me I am practicing astrology because nothing is further from the truth. I am simply reading the unchanging Word of God and noting that, for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, there may be a message for us on this special day.

*Psa 19:1 **To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.** THE HEAVENS declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows and proclaims His handiwork Psa 19:2 Day after day pours forth speech, and night after night shows forth knowledge. Psa 19:3 There is no speech nor spoken word [from the stars]; their voice is not heard. Psa 19:4 Yet their voice [in evidence] goes out through all the earth, their sayings to the end of the world. Of the heavens has God made a tent for the sun, Psa 19:5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; and it rejoices as a strong man to run his course.*

So, I opened my Stellarium program on my laptop, set it for Jerusalem and pulled up the night sky display for August 28th and Sept 4th at 6pm and then said, "Now Lord, what are your stars saying to the remnant here and now? What is so important about following the cloud on the early barley harvest dates?" Here is the screenshot of the night sky just after 6pm when the new day begins on the Hebrew calendar. I have removed the horizon line so you can see the whole constellations, but the sun was just setting at this time):

Early barley calendar RH 28th August 2022



The Spirit drew my attention to a number of things.

- Firstly, the new moon lies right between Virgo and Leo. The ancient Hebrew name of Virgo was 'Bethulah'; the Virgin. Now traditionally, it is believed that this represents the virgin, Mary. However, as we have been discussing, the 144,000 on Mount Zion are called virgins and follow the Lord wherever He goes and the Bridal Company are pure and set apart for the Bridegroom as virgins as well. The constellation Virgo is positioned behind Leo, the Lion of Judah and follows Him wherever He goes, thereby also depicting the faithful bondservant Bride following her Bridegroom.
- On this night, Venus, Regulus and the Sun are all aligned in the constellation of Leo, which represents the Lion of Judah. If you extend that straight line, they are all also rightly aligned with Mercury (the messenger planet) and Spica, which is the star in the sheaf of grain in the left hand of Virgo. Spica's ancient name in Hebrew was 'tsemach', meaning 'the branch'. As you will remember, we have also been discussing the connection between the firstfruits offering and God's servant, the Branch. Now here is a star named just that in the middle of a sheaf of grain.
- Venus, the Morning Star, is positioned right in front of the mouth of the Lion of Judah, as if released by the roar of His mouth on this night (see a past message called '[A Royal Roar Released](#)').

- Regulus, the star positioned in the heart of Leo, means 'regal' or scepter' and indicates ruling authority. On this night, it is positioned in between the Morning Star and the Sun.

So, on the night on which the Spirit has indicated the Tip of the Spear should celebrate the Feast of Trumpets, there is a clear indication of being rightly aligned with the Sun of Righteousness as the firstfruits offering, to become part of His servant, the Branch. There is also strong emphasis on the Lion of Judah with the sun active in this constellation, alluding to the Day that burns like an oven as judgement begins (Malachi 4:1,2) and the Morning Star moving to extend His scepter from His holy city in the season which follows.

Psa 110:2 The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of Your strength; rule, then, in the midst of Your foes. Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew.

Regarding Mercury, the messenger planet, also being in right alignment with the sun on this night, I am reminded of the scripture below:

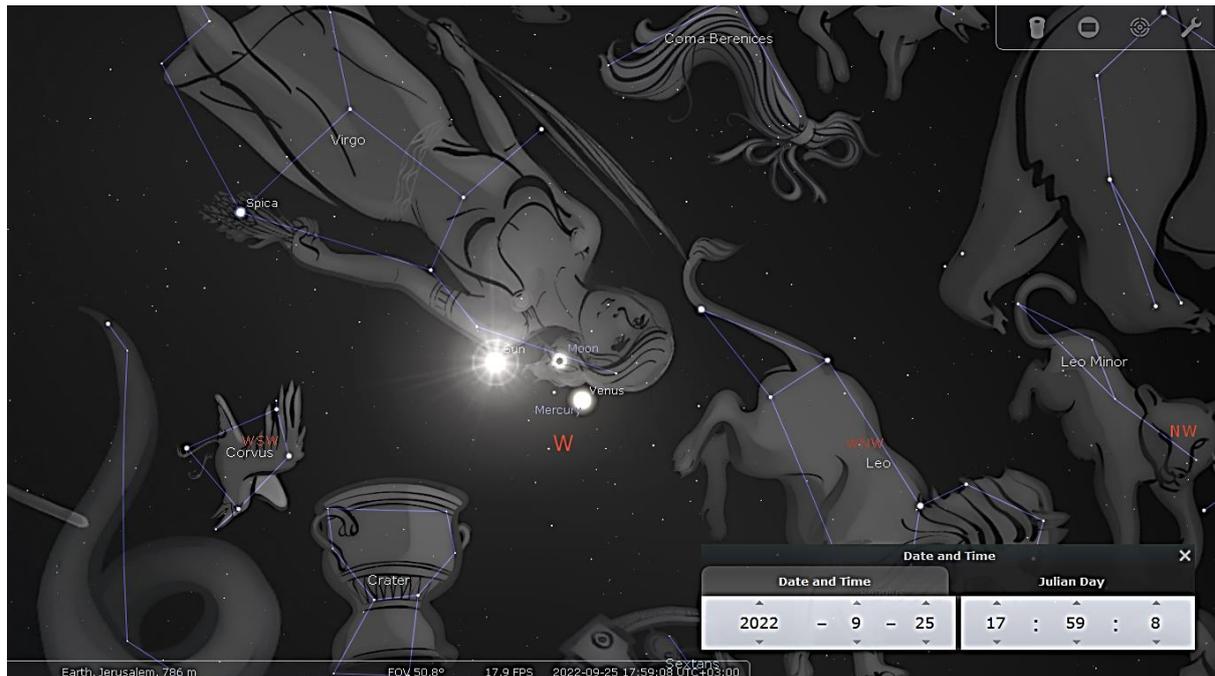
Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap

John the Baptist was the messenger; the 'voice' who prepared the way before the Lord's first coming and now, there will be released again a messenger company preparing the WAY for the coming of the Bridegroom. They will operate in the spirit and power of Elijah.

The heavens are declaring a message of the release of the manchild company with ruling authority this early barley calendar Feast of Trumpets; the operation of His servant the Branch Company and the right alignment of those who go forward under the banner of the Lion of Judah.

Now, let's look at what the heavens will be declaring on the Feast of Trumpets celebrated by the Rabbinic Calendar, which begins at sundown on 25th September.

Orthodox RH 25th September 2022 at sundown



At that time, we see quite a different picture. There is no emphasis on the constellation of Leo. All activity is around the constellation Virgo or Bethulah.

- The sun is positioned on the shoulder of Bethulah as it sets. The horizon line falls just below the setting sun as the orthodox Feast of Trumpets begins. So, this can speak of the Sun of righteousness arising upon the Bridal Company with healing in His wings (because they are those who fear His Name) - and bestowing glory light and authority (sun's position on the shoulder) as the night of trial and the year 5783 approaches.
- Venus (the morning star), which is below the horizon and hidden from view, has moved out of Leo and is sighted next to the left ear of Bethulah. Jesus identified Himself as the Morning Star, however, I also believe that the mature manchild company walking in the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ will be released to fulfil their Kingdom function and can thus also be seen as a type of the Morning Star. On the night depicted above, they can be seen teaching & preparing those of the Way (positioned by the ear of those who will hear), but in a hidden fashion, not in open view (as signified by Venus being hidden below the horizon).

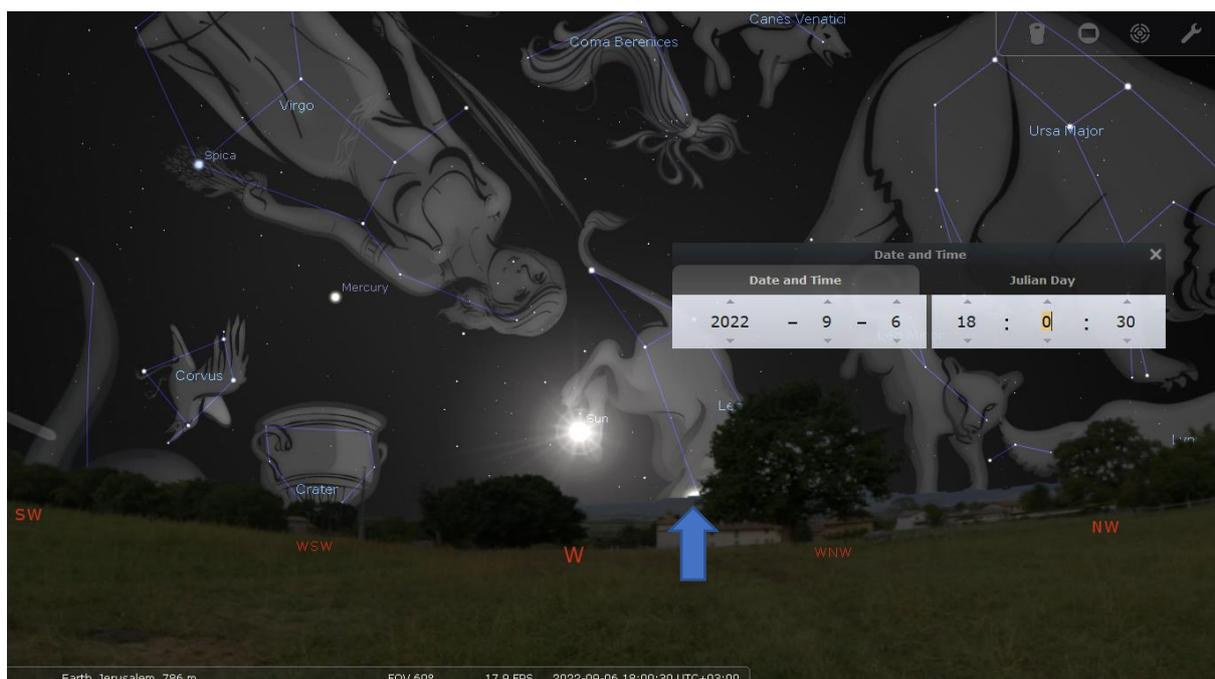
The difference in the position of the constellations on these two different dates for the start of 5783 is quite significant, I feel. The early barley ripeness date demonstrates significant activity around the manchild company, whereas the orthodox date four weeks later has all emphasis on ministrations to

Bethulah, the Bridal company, clothing her with glory and teaching and preparing her.

Then the Spirit reminded me that 5783 is a Jubilee year and the Jubilee trumpet is blown at the close of Yom Kippur. Jubilee is a time slaves are set free and returned to their original land and inheritance. It speaks of a restoration to original intent and a removal of all that binds.

The Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/ Rosh Hashanah are other names) is a type of the blast of the trumpet at midnight, announcing to the Bride who has made herself ready that the Bridegroom is on His way. Then she would have a short time to do final preparations before he came. Yom Kippur on the other hand is a type of the arrival of the Bridegroom and the snatching away of the Bride to 'the place prepared'. It is also colloquially known as 'Face to Face'. Revelation 12 also speaks of the woman fleeing to 'the place prepared' and being transported there by the wings of the giant eagle. The phrase 'place prepared' is a bridal phrase, referring the bridal chamber which the bridegroom has been building in the time they have been separated and getting everything ready to bring His bride to. This is where he would snatch her to like a thief in the night. So, just out of curiosity, I decided to have a look at what the sky was saying on the two different Yom Kippur dates.

Yom Kippur Early Barley Calendar (September 7th, beginning on 6th Aug at 6pm)



- Venus and Regulus are positioned very close together and go behind the horizon before the sun sets. I have placed a blue arrow to indicate where they are. Traditionally, Yom Kippur is the day when judgements for the year ahead are issued, depending upon the state of repentance and fruit of repentance in people's lives. Seeing Venus and Regulus positioned so close together speaks to me of the mature manchild company being given authority to rule and issue righteous judgements, evidenced by their proximity to the scepter.
- The sun is positioned in the back feet of Leo, the Lion of Judah, speaking to me of the prophecy concerning the crushing of the head of the serpent and his seed given in Genesis 3:15 – once again a depiction of the rolling out of righteous judgments by the Lion of Judah.

Orthodox Yom Kippur (Oct 4th at 6pm)

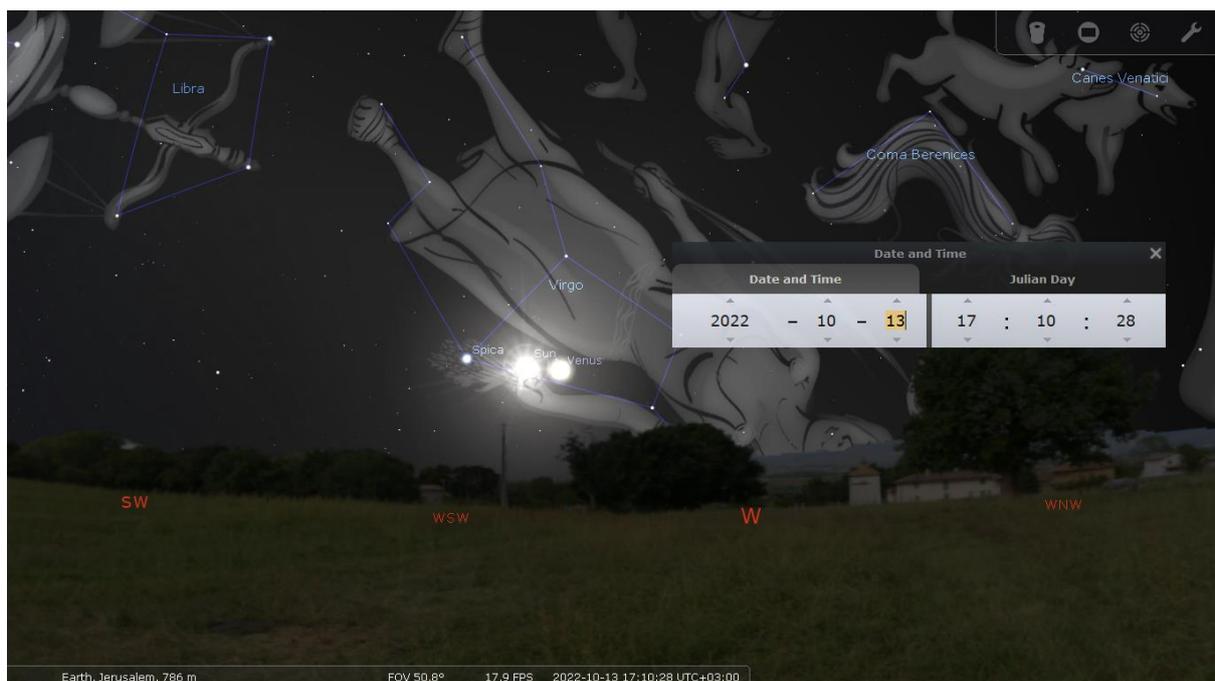


By the time orthodox Yom Kippur date arrives, at 6pm when YK begins, the sun is below the horizon. Here you see the sun and Venus travelling down the left arm of Bethulah. Once again, by the time the orthodox date for Yom Kippur occurs, Venus and the sun have moved out of the constellation of Leo and all focus is on the left arm of Bethulah and the empowering of His servant, the Branch by the Sun of Righteousness, followed by the Morning Star company. The left hand and arm usually refers to hiddenness or secrecy, indicating this will not be happening publicly before the eyes of men.

I decided to follow the path of the sun and Venus in the days after the orthodox Yom Kippur and discovered something interesting. In October, Venus and the Sun travel ALL the way down the left arm of Bethulah until they are very close to Spica or Tsemach on 13th Oct. All three are gathered together in the left hand, almost like a conference or meeting together. This would be halfway through the Feast of Tabernacles, and these three planetary bodies would be so close together in the left hand of Bethulah that they would be seen as one body. In fact, the brilliant light of the sun would completely veil both Spica/Tsemach and the Morning Star - like a 'clothing over' or transfiguration with garments of vastly superior light. Interesting that this is occurring for the firstfruits sheaf, the Branch and the Morning Star...

John 7 tells us that Jesus went up to the Feast of Tabernacles secretly but then He revealed Himself and began teaching things He heard from the Father:

Joh 7:14 When the Feast was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple [court] and began to teach.



Revealing Himself in the way that is depicted in the Heavens this orthodox Tabernacles seems to involve manifesting the glory of the light of Christ covering both the Branch and the Morning Star. For the rest of the orthodox Feast of Tabernacles, these three remain very close together, bathed in glorious light, but the woman's body does not seem to be getting the same exposure or clothing with light. Are the heavens 'declaring knowledge' and showing us what the season ahead holds for His bondservants? Pray into these

things and let's make sure our lives are rightly aligned with Him as we celebrate the Fall feasts.