

The Star Spica (in Virgo) and the Branch

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Spica is the brightest star in the constellation Virgo, located at the head of a sprig of "seeded" wheat in Virgo's left hand. It is a massive *binary* star - **two stars** rotating around each other every *four* days from the earth's perspective. The brightest of the *two stars* is 7 times the diameter of our sun, and 10 times its mass (the other star is not far behind it at 7 times the sun's mass). It should be noted that *Regulus*, the brightest star in the constellation Leo (the Lion), is also a *binary* star, one tied to kingship. Its *two brightest stars* also rotate around one another, this time every *forty* days.

The word *Spica* is Latin for *spīca virginis* "Virgo's ear of grain" (usually wheat). Like Christ, this servant is the "ear of grain" that must be "marred" (Isa. 52:14) or planted in the ground (die) that life might abound. Spica believed to be the star Hipparchus, named for the man who discovered the precession of the equinoxes. An Egyptian temple at Thebes built in 3200 BC for *Hathor* was oriented physically towards Spica. Hathor (the cow) is found at the bottom of Facsimile 2, the *mother* of Osiris, a type for Christ - our Virgin mother Mary.



Illustrated above is John's Revelation 12 sign (see also JST Rev. 12), the birth of the "Man Child" Jesus Christ on Rosh Hashanah of 3 BC (our Sept. 11, 3 BC). We read in JST Rev. 12, "And there appeared a great sign in heaven...a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And the woman being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron..."

The information top left is tied to this Rosh Hashanah date on the Julian calendar, which converts 3 BC to 2 BC. When the woman is finally delivered, a great dragon (just out of site to the left) is waiting to devour the child. Spica is the **blue star** above in the spring or branch of wheat in Virgo's left hand. The branch is fully seeded. Spica is a bright and important binary star tied to both Christ and His son John, both of whom are tied to "the Branch" in scripture at different points in time. The term "branch" reveals their Royal, Patriarchal bloodline in the kingly line of David. Note that the **king** planet Jupiter and the **king** star Regulus (in Leo the lion, lineage of Judah) are in conjunction on this date, the coming of the **king** at Rosh Hashanah, signaled by trumpeting. The conjunction illustrates that Christ is the King of kings! Some call this special Hebrew Holy Day the Feast of Trumpets. It is New Year's Day, marked by the New Moon at the Fall Equinox, harvest time. Illustration courtesy Stellarium.

The two bright lights of the binary star Spica are types for Christ early on in his progression and for His son John in the latter-days. Both are kings in the Royal Patriarchal bloodline of David. They are also both born of a woman - Mary, the virgin mother of Christ, and Mary the Lord's. Christ and John are thus both the "**seed of the woman**" Mary in Revelation 12. In Hebrew, the word *Zerah* means "**seed**". After the tribulation and birth of both deliverers, the Dragon seeks to devour them, one on Rosh Hashanah of 3 BC, the other some two thousand years later on Rosh Hashanah of 2017, the day of the coming of the king.

Branch Ties to Christ, John & Others Spica has special ties to "**the Branch**", a Biblical term associated with both Christ and John His son, as well as other special "servants". A branch is conceptually tied to the Tree of Life, and specifically a family tree, bloodline, or lineage. With respect to John, it is the royal, patriarchal bloodline of David (Judah), the bloodline of the righteous kings in Israel (similar in usage to "**stem**", "**rod**" and "**root**" in D&C 113). The "**diadem**" is a scriptural marker for this lineage as well, a special type of crown worn by those with *legitimate right* to rule and reign as king in the Davidic bloodline. Christ and John both have a diadem in Isaiah 28:5 (Christ) and 62:3 (John).

The title "Branch" is given special *servants* who are *fruitful* in their service. John is one of the most prominent of the *Branch* servants. Others include king Zerubbabel who rebuilt the Jerusalem temple after the Babylonian captivity and Joseph Smith. Christ may have also been a Branch in his progression early on, but is no longer a "*servant*" and thus no longer a *Branch*. Isaiah calls Him a "**stem**" as does D&C 113. The rod John comes forth out of the stem Christ. Isaiah stated, "And there shall come forth a **rod** out of the **stem** of as *Jesse*, and a **Branch** shall grow out of **his** [royal patriarchal bloodline] **roots**" (Isa. 11:1). D&C 113 provides clarification for this verse, revealing that "the **stem**" or trunk is *Christ*, whereas the "**rod**" "is a *servant in the hands of Christ*, who is partly a descendant of *Jesse* [Judah] as well as of *Ephraim*, or of the house of Joseph, on whom there is laid *much power*" (verse 4). It should be remembered that Aaron's almond tree "**rod**" or *branch* was stored in the Ark, a special relic chamber also housing the two tablets of stone (the ten commandments) and the pot of manna.

In verse 5 of D&C 113 we read via Hebrew parallelism that the John is not only the "**rod**" but also the "**root** of Jesse", a literal descendant of Christ (the stem), indicating the "**rod's**" royal kingship bloodline through *Jesse* and *David*. In addition, we read that John's bloodline is also through *Joseph* (and his sons Ephraim and Manasseh), "unto whom *rightly belongs the priesthood*, and *the keys of the kingdom*. John was a member of the First Presidency in the meridian of time, ordained under the hands of Christ. The priesthood rightly belongs to him because of this ordination **and** his royal bloodline.

These collective statements provide clues for John's royal patriarchal bloodline through the "**root**", his father - the "True Vine" Christ (through Judah, Gen. 49:10), along with the bloodline his mother (Mary, wife of Christ). She is apparently is of the bloodline of Ephraim. This helps him reconcile Judah and Joseph or Ephraim (see #7). John also has the "**seal of living God**" (as God's representative on earth). Addressing the last-days, Isaiah said, "And in that day *the sprig of Jesse*, who stands for an **ensign** to the peoples; shall be sought by the nations, and his residence shall be glorious...he will gather the scattered of Judah from the four directions of the earth (Isa. 5:26; 11:10, 12). This *gathering* of the Lord's people, the virgins of Matthew 25 in the last-days, necessitates visibility, a mission clearly revealed in D&C 77:9 & 14. Joseph Smith identifies him as John in verse 14.

It was John the Beloved in the New Testament who described "**branches**" in the Lord's family tree as "*fruitful*", when they are connected to the *True Vine*, Jesus Christ (John 15:1-15). This connection is often created when special servants have ascended into the Lord's presence (Rev. 4:1 for John), seen a vision of the future, reviewed their future earthly missions there, and returned to earth to fulfill it with power, having obtained their errand from the Lord Himself. They are then *sure witnesses of Him* (Apostles). In Isaiah 4:2 we read that a latter-day "**branch of the Lord**" will be beautiful and righteous. This is John, a type for Christ.

Temple Builder In Zechariah 2:1 and other books he is "**the man**" given a *measuring rod* in the last-days who will rebuild parts of Jerusalem and then construct a new temple there. This "**man**" is clearly John in Revelation 11:1 (see also Ezekiel 40:3, 7:3, Zechariah, 6:12, and Jeremiah 23:5 & 33:15-17). Whereas in Zechariah 3:8 "**the Branch**" is Zerubbabel, a king also in the Davidic line who built the temple in ancient

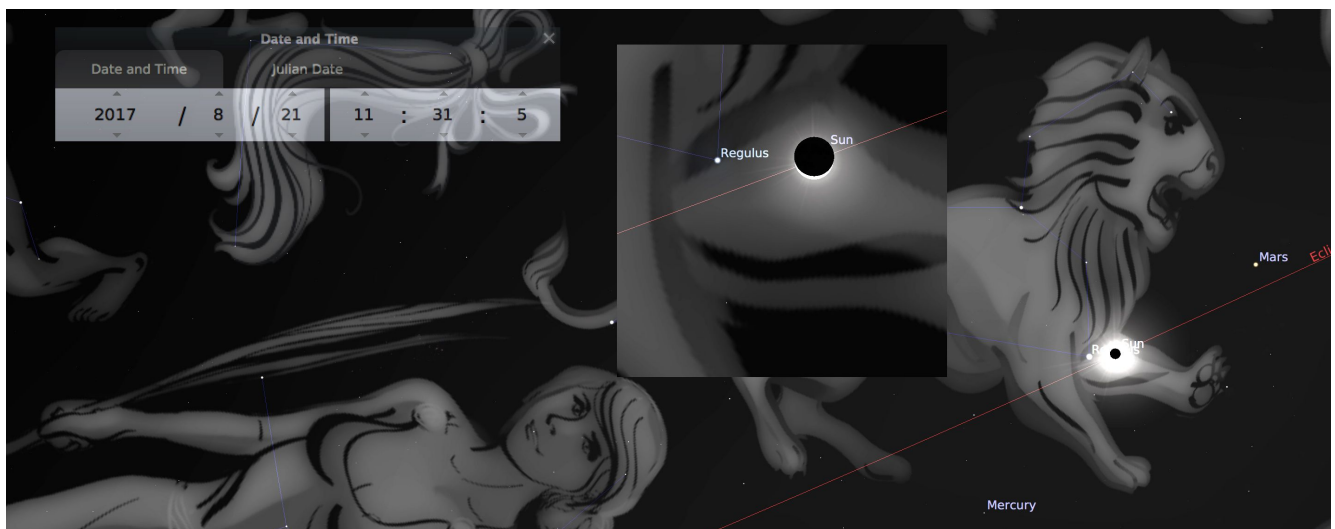
Jerusalem after Cyrus released the Jews from Babylonian captivity. Finally, in the Book of Mormon a latter-day descendant of Joseph of Egypt, also named Joseph, will be another "*Branch*" in the last-days, a "choice seer" bearing much fruit. He is the Prophet Joseph Smith (see 2 Nephi 3:5-15 and Jacob 2:25). Confusion is created in this scripture and D&C 103:15-21, some believing they reveal Joseph Smith as the Davidic Servant. In reality, Joseph Smith is another important "*Branch*", a special title given those who have been connected to the True Vine Christ, and are *fruitful* servants. For connections of the bright star Spica in the constellation Virgo to John as the Branch, coming forth in the last days, see Seven Heavenly Witnesses of the Coming of Jesus Christ, by the author, Digital Legend Press, www.digitalenged.com

The constellation Orion ("*the Hunter*") is normally tied to Osiris (a type for Christ), though it also appears to be associated with His son John, the Lord's last-days "Elias", as Orion has qualities tied to the roles of both Christ and John as *deliverers* for Israel. The word Orion means "*the Coming Light*" (John 8:12; John 1:4-5; Isa. 9:2). The luminous right shoulder star of Orion is *Betelgeuse*, meaning "*the Coming Branch*" (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 33:15-17; Zech. 3:8, 6:12; Dan. 9:24-27). The right shoulder in temple symbolism has ties to priesthood power (Ezk. 34:21; Zeph. 3:9; Isa. 22:22). The left shoulder star of Orion is *Bellatrix*, meaning "*swiftly coming*" or "*suddenly destroying*" (Rev. 22:7). Both Christ as the great Judge and John as the Lord's right *arm* come in *judgment* in the last-days (kings sit as judges in their kingdoms). Orion is mentioned in Amos 5:6-8 in connection with the bitter waters of "Wormwood" as part of last day's *judgment* upon the earth's wicked inhabitants. *Rigel*, the star of Orion's raised foot means "*the foot that crusheth*" (Psalm 91:13-15; Rom. 16:20). Orion crushes the serpent (Satan and his followers). European statues (pps. 74 & 80 in Seven Heavenly Witnesses) tied to Revelation 12, the woman and her son, both have their *right* foot on the serpent's head.

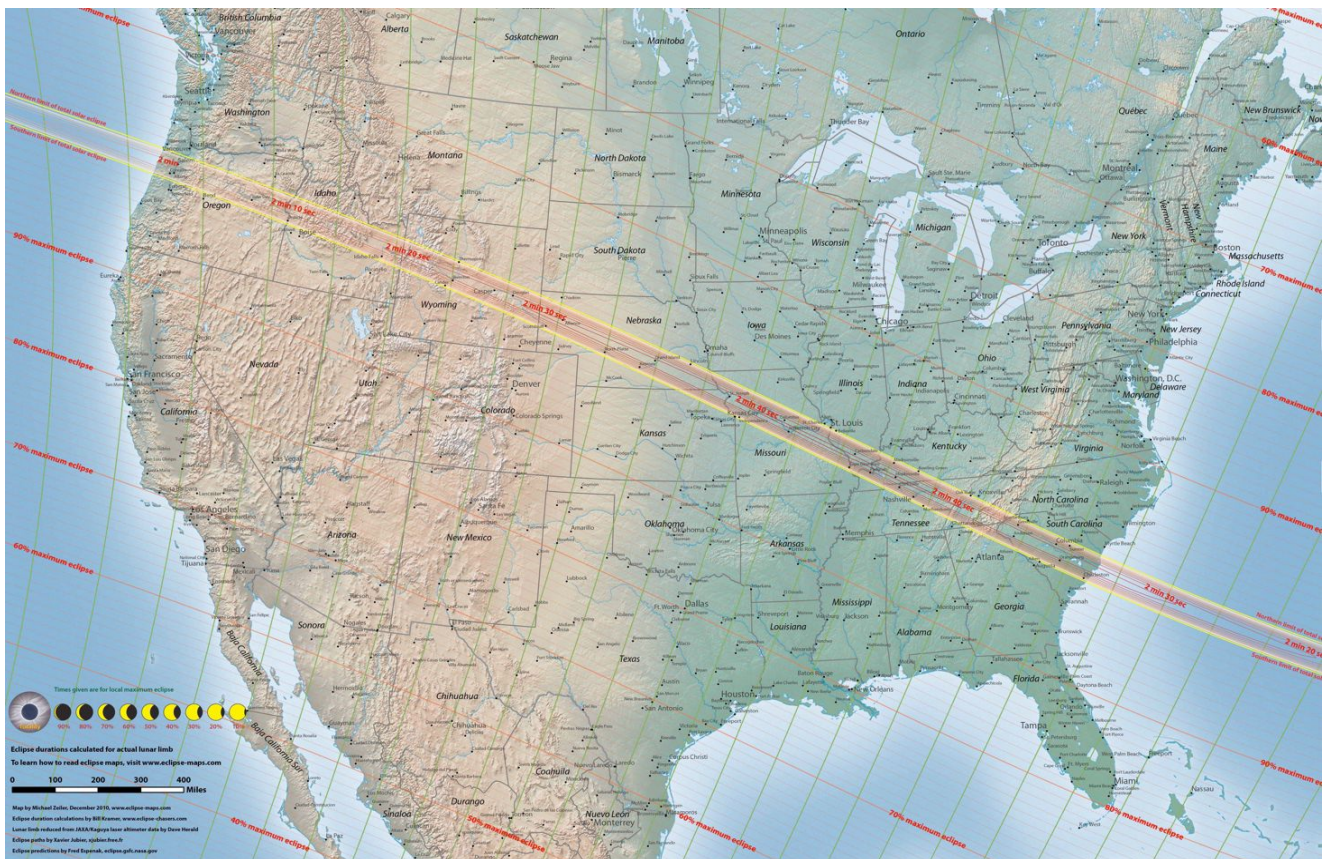
The brightest of the three belt stars of Orion, *Al Nitak* (meaning "*wounded one*") is aligned with apex of the Great Pyramid on *Rosh Hashanah* of 2017, the "birth" or rising up date of *the Branch* in the last-days, "*the Wounded One*" (Isa. 53:5). Saiph, in Orion's leg, means Bruised (Isa. 53:5). Both Christ and John are "*bruised*" or "*marred*" by Satan's followers in their service as deliverers for Israel (Isa. 52:14). There are also alignments of "the evening and morning star" with the ascending and descending passageways of the Great Pyramid on *Rosh Hashanah* of 2017 (the birth marker for the "birth" or rising up of the Davidic Servant John). Orion is the great hunter specially associated with this enduring monument built to memorialize our Lord, the "altar and pillar to the Lord" in the center of Egypt (see Isaiah 19:19-20).

The first blood-moon of the 2014-15 Tetrad (April 15) was next to *Spica*, the star connected to "*the Branch*" in the constellation Virgo (the Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ). It was aligned with *Leo* (kingship). This blood-moon occurred 3.5 years prior to John's Revelation 12 sign, reappearing on *Rosh Hashanah* of 2017. John, Daniel, and Isaiah all address the important 3.5-year period, tied to the power of both deliverers Christ and John to "*limit the powers of Satan*" (he cannot reign for a "full" or "complete" seven years). It is John who defeats the servants of the Dragon; the Beast and false prophet of Revelation, and Isaiah's king of Assyria (see D&C 103:15-18).

Ominous Omen Star charts indicate that the *total solar eclipse* occurs in 2017 (one month prior to *Rosh Hashanah* and the "birth" of the Davidic servant). This dark, ominous omen, a **black sun**, moves across and covers all of North America. This eclipse is positioned at *Regulus*, the bright *king star* at the heart of Leo. Since 1948, no other solar eclipse has occurred next to *Regulus*, which is located at the *right shoulder* position of the lion. *Regulus* is located "*between the feet*" of Leo - the lion of Judah (or Christ). This positioning signals that the birth of John one month later is that of a *son* (see Gen. 49:10). This is one reason that John, as the Davidic Servant, is called "*beloved*", *as was Christ* - of His Father. He is also the Lord's right *arm* in the last-days, pronouncing *judgment* upon the world (D&C 77:8-9, endnote 174), judgment beginning in America and the Lord's "house" (D&C 112:24-25). He does so as a *prince* (Rev. 13), performing this role for millennia as "*the angel of the Lord's presence*" (endnotes 6 & 174). It was he who slew the 185,000 Assyrians for king Hezekiah as prophesied by Isaiah. And it was John who assisted Israel in the Six Day's War (see endnote 174).



The total solar eclipse or black sun above occurring on Rosh Hashanah of 2017 covers the entire United States (below) on Sept. 21st of 2017, one month before the "birth" of the Davidic Servant. It moves from Florida to Washington, going over Adam-ondi-Ahman, the near exact center point of the eclipse visually. The eclipse occurs at Regulus, signaling the kingly nature of the son of Christ who comes as a "savior" and a "great one" to "deliver" the righteous. He pronounces judgment on the ungodly, eventually defeating the Beast and false prophet in the last days, all prior to the return of this prince's father, the King of kings Jesus Christ. Illustration courtesy Stellarium.



The path of the black sun of 2017 intersects with Adam-ondi-Ahman and covers all of North American, an ominous omen of judgment coming on this nation as prophesied by Isaiah. The U.S. is the "Egypt" and "Babylon" of the last-days. The Lord judges His own house first (D&C 112 24-25), then the world. John is the right "arm" of the Lord providing much of this judgment. The left arm is the king of Assyria in Isaiah the leader of one definition for "the Beast", a great military power invading America in the last-days.

Following this important kingship sign, amidst great *tribulation* in the west, there are 3.5 additional years of *judgment* sent upon the wicked throughout the rest of the world (Rev. 16). This is the message of John in the book of Revelation, a vision of his future mission as a translated being. It is a vision of his work as the Lord's Elias in the *tribulation* period for those in the Lord's house. The first half of the seven years of "*Jacob's Trouble*" is the *tribulation*, and then *judgment* upon the wicked is in the second half, as earth transitions to a terrestrial sphere (see D&C 77:9 &14).

Two Binary Stars - Two Figures, Same Name Christ and His son are often called by the same names in scripture, "*the Branch*" being one of them. A simple key to separate them is name capitalization. We see "Savior" (Christ) with a capital "S" in Isaiah 43:3 and 45:21, where the lower case "savior" in Isaiah 19:19-20 appears to be (John). This capitalization "key" in Isaiah is also found in Moses 7:45 and 47 for another title, "*the Righteous*" - Christ, where in the later verse 62 "*righteousness*" is clearly John in his role as last-days *gatherer* (D&C 77:9 &14). In addition to "*Righteousness*", "*Savior*", and "*the Branch*", other names for both deliverers Isaiah and other scriptures - as father and son in the royal patriarchal bloodline of David, include "*judge*", "*king*", "*prince*", "*truth*", "*salvation*", "*son*" and "*beloved*".

Christ has over one hundred different names in scripture. John appears to have 50 different names in Isaiah alone (endnote 6). Some are formal names. In Isaiah 45:13 he is called "Cyrus" (Greek for a "messiah"). This is because he is last-days **deliverer** for Israel, a "*savior*" and "*great one*" according to Isaiah 19:20. Cyrus *delivered* the captive Israelites in Babylon, then assisted them in *rebuilding the temple* at this particular time (Zerubbabel was king at this time, see Zech. 3:8, 4:9). John has both of these latter-day roles in Isaiah (deliverer and temple builder), events that are soon to occur.



In this illustration of Revelation 12 we see John's birth or "awakening". He is a translated being waiting his time to come forth around Rosh Hashanah of 2017. The Davidic Servant John is told to "awake and arise" in Isaiah 51:9, where later we are told the same in Isaiah 52:1. Note here that Jupiter (representing Christ as John's father) is near Spica when the Revelation 12 signs come together. The 9 stars of Leo combine with the three wandering planets that look like stars from earth to form the 12 stars above the Virgin's head. Illustration courtesy Stellarium.