



# Spiritual Creation

## LESSONS FROM GENESIS 1

### CLASS 4

#### *Days 3 & 4*

- God is still creating...
  - He has finished the Natural Creation, but has been busy at work for over 5,000 years working on the Spiritual Creation
- He wants to transform selfish, earthly humans into spiritual, Godly beings
- By studying the Creation of God, we learn about the Character of God
  - We learn about the God-like qualities that He wants us to develop
- So that we can become a Spiritual Creation
- Yesterday we talked about:
  - The Firmament - That which separates us from God – Sin – To be removed soon
  - Waters - The Hope of Salvation – The words of God
  - Land - The nations (seas) were separated and the Holy People collected
  - Seas - Nations – We have a hope of being gathered out of the Seas
  - Evening - The time of the Sacrifice – The Hope of the Resurrection
  - Morning - The Hope of a new day that encourages and motivates us

- **GRASS**

- Genesis 1:11-13 (KJV)

- 11) And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- 12) And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 13) And the evening and the morning were the third day.

### Natural Lessons

- Grass is not for man's consumption...

- Psalm 104:14 (KJV)

- 14) He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth

- Grass is temporary...

- Even if it is watered and well cared for, it grows quickly, and is mown down
- If it is not watered and fertilized, it dies and becomes dry, dead fodder fit for a fire...

- All men are like grass...

- Isaiah 40:6-8 (KJV)

- 6) The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:
- 7) The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.
- 8) The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

- Evildoers are especially like grass...

- Psalm 37:1-3 (KJV)

- 1) Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- 2) For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- 3) Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

## Spiritual Lessons

- Grass = **Dasha** = To Sprout - Grass Sprouts up
  - To Sprout, or spring forth, speaks of Hope
- We need hope – A new Seed
  - Without hope, we wither quickly... Even if we are rich in this world
- James 1:9-11 (KJV)
  - 9) Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
  - 10) But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
  - 11) For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.
- Jesus assured us that God will care for us...
  - No matter what we do, we can't care for ourselves as well as God does
- Matthew 6:28-30
  - 28) "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.
  - 29) Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.
  - 30) If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
- We need hope – A new Seed
  - To be born again
  - To be like a seed planted anew
    - Something that is not a temporary as grass
- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:23-25 (KJV)
  - 23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
  - 24) For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
  - 25) But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

- How are we born again?
  - How do we get this renewal?
  - How do we make ourselves into something more permanent and eternal?
- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:22 (KJV)
  - 22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye **love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

- **SEED**

- Genesis 1:11-13 (KJV)

- 11) And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- 12) And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 13) And the evening and the morning were the third day.

### Natural Lessons

- An ***Herb Yielding Seed*** is the staple of all men's diet...

- Grain and rice...

- Wheat, Barley, Rye

- 3/4 of the world's population lives on Rice...

- Man lived solely on seeds for the first 1,500 years of the world's history...

- Genesis 1:29-30 (KJV)

- 29) And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
- 30) And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

- Until after the Flood when God allowed us to eat animals also...

- Genesis 9:1-3 (KJV)

- 1) And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
- 2) And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.
- 3) Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

- It is what Daniel beseeched Nebuchadnezzar to feed him...

- Like he understood that there was some natural goodness or wholesomeness to it...

- Daniel 1:11-12 (KJV)

- 11) Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
- 12) Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

- Pulse is translated as “that which is sown”...

- Naturally, the lesson seems clear...

- Seed is what sustains us

- Grains, Wheat, Rye... Bread...

- Bread provides us life...

### Spiritual Lessons

- Two lessons for us...

- First let's consider the progression of growth on the Third Day

- Grass

- Herb Yielding Seed

- Trees Bearing Fruit

- Grass has no purpose

- It is cut down and thrown into the fire...

- Isaiah 40:6 (KJV)

- 6) The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:

- **ALL** Flesh is like grass

- In our original state we serve no purpose

- We start out as fleshly beings

- Unless we change, we will be cut down and cast into the fire

- An Herb Yielding Seed sustains life

- Bread is the staff of life

- Seed represents life to us
- The second stage of our development is to be saved...
  - We enter into a state of salvation, where we have been given life
  - The state of the “Seed” is all about sustaining life
- We no longer are like the grass, useless and destined to be thrown into the fire
  - We have been saved, and given life
- The Tree Bearing Fruit is the final stage of our development
  - Hopefully...
  - We all need to develop to a stage of actually bearing fruit
    - Having the life-sustaining benefits of the seed is not enough, we need to be productive and provide “fruit” for others...
- Next... We’ll consider Bread, the product of ***Herb Yielding Seed***
- John 6:31-35 (NIV)
  - 31) Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”
  - 32) Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
  - 33) For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
  - 34) “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.”
  - 35) Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.
- John 6:47-48 (KJV)
  - 47) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
  - 48) I am that bread of life.
- Jesus is the Bread of Life
  - Bread is the Staff of Life
  - Bread sustains us, and gives us life
  - Without Bread, we perish...

- Jesus is the Bread of Life
- That's why Jesus commanded us to:

- Matthew 6:9-11 (KJV)

- 9) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- 10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- 11) Give us this day our daily bread.

- Jesus represents the Word of God also...

- As does the Bread

- Matthew 4:2-4 (KJV)

- 2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
- 3) And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- 4) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

- We remember Jesus in the Bread...

- Matthew 26:26 (KJV)

- 26) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

- We are saved by this Bread

- It is only through the Bread that we have salvation

- Not only do we Live off from Natural Bread

- But, we truly only LIVE from Spiritual Bread



## • TREES

### • Genesis 1:11-13 (KJV)

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### Natural Lessons

- Trees are what it's all about...
  - Noble
  - Beautiful
  - Useful
  - Long Living
  - Renewable
- Spiritually, it's all about Trees also...

### Spiritual Lessons

- A Tree symbolizes the beginning of the cycle of temptation, sin and death...

### • Genesis 2:16-17 (KJV)

- 16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
- 17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

- But there were two Trees in the midst of the Garden weren't there?...

### • Genesis 2:9 (KJV)

- 9) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

- Our hope lies in the other Tree...

- Revelation 22:14 (KJV)

- 14) Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

- We are barred from access to that Tree

- Genesis 3:22-23 (KJV)

- 22) And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

- 23) Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

- It is only through Jesus that we are able to get access to the Tree of Life...

- Because he was hung on a Tree...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:21-24

- 21) To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

- 22) "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

- 23) When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

- 24) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

- A Tree offered Life to us...

- We were barred from access to that Tree due to man's sins...

- Christ opens the way back to that Tree by allowing himself to be hung on a tree

- We are saved because of that Tree...

- Due to Jesus' sacrifice, we have been "grafted in" to the Tree of Salvation

- We are no longer a wild root, but part of Trunk of salvation

- We are saved because we are part of that tree

- But we can't be too cocky about our position...

- Romans 11:17-24 (NIV)

- 17) If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root,
- 18) do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.
- 19) You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in."
- 20) Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid.
- 21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.
- 22) Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.
- 23) And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.
- 24) After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

- It was miraculous and supernatural that we have been saved and grafted into that tree
  - It would be easy for us to be removed...

- **FRUIT**

- Genesis 1:11-13 (KJV)

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### Natural Lessons

- Fruit is considered Produce
  - Trees produce it
- We use this word to describe things that we produce...
  - ***Fruit of your labor***
  - ***Fruit of your womb***

- Deuteronomy 28:4 (KJV)

- 4) Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
- It usually is something sweet, something desirable
  - It can be something bad...
    - Fruit of the Devil
    - Fruit of Jealousy
  - But it is something that comes from something else...

### Spiritual Lessons

- Our first connection to Fruit in the Old Testament is in the Fall of Man
- Genesis 3:6 (KJV)

- 6) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- The tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil produced a fruit...
  - It was a Forbidden Fruit
  - Forbidden Fruit is sweetest...
  - It was that Fruit that brought sin into the world...
- Our first connection to Fruit in the New Testament is the salvation of mankind
- Luke 1:42 (KJV)
  - 42) And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
- Jesus was more than just the fruit of Mary's Womb...
  - He was God's Fruit
  - The Fruit of God's Plan
  - The Fruit of his labors
- We have to bring forth Fruit through Jesus also...
- John 15:1-5 (NIV)
  - 1) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
  - 2) He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
  - 3) You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
  - 4) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
  - 5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
- ***Apart from Christ you can do nothing!***
- He expects us to be productive
  - He expects us to bear fruit
- But, on our own we can't do anything
  - We have to remain in Christ to be fruitful

- What Fruit do we bring forth?

- Romans 6:21-22 (KJV)

- 21) What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

- 22) But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

- Without Christ the fruit you reap is terrible

- You are ashamed of the fruit that you produce on your own

- But, if you live in the Spirit, you bring forth good fruit...

- Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

- 22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

- 23) gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- How do we do this?

- We are corrected, chastened, and PRUNED by God...

- Hebrews 12:11 (KJV)

- 11) Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

- We produce goodness if we stay in Christ and are disciplined by God

- Our Fruit can also be to bring forth converts

- John 15:16 (KJV)

- 16) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

- We are not to be barren

- We are to be active in the Lord's vineyard bringing forth Fruit

- Helping those around us to come to God

- What causes you not to bring forth Good Fruit?

- Matthew 7:17-18 (KJV)

- 17) Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 18) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

- Our sins block us from being productive...

- Our sins hinder us from producing the produce... the Fruit that God wants

- We need to lay aside the sins that so easily beset us...

- We need to live lives renewed by the Spirit, and in full and productive service to God

- It's not a matter of worrying about sin...

- It's a matter of being productive
- Bringing forth Fruit for our Father

- And if we don't?

- Luke 3:9 (KJV)

- 9) And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

## • SUN

### • Genesis 1:14-18 (KJV)

- 14) And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- 15) And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- 16) And God made two great lights; the **greater light** to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
- 17) And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
- 18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

### Natural Lessons

- The Sun is the center of the Universe
- Everything evolves around the sun
- The Sun is the source of all energy
- The Sun is the source of all light
- The Sun causes things to grow
- On and on and on and on...
  - etc., etc., etc.

### Spiritual Lessons

- Remember how Light was created on Day 1?
  - Why is it that the Sun isn't being created until Day 4?
- Our answer could lie in Revelation, where we see things returned to an Eden-Like state
- Revelation 21:23 (KJV)
  - 23) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
- The Glory of God provides all the light and warmth that is needed, so there is no need for a Sun...



- And the Lamb is the light thereof...
- Christ is the Light...
  - Christ is the Sun...
- Psalm 19:1-5 (NIV)
  - 1) The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
  - 2) Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.
  - 3) There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
  - 4) Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
  - 5) which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- David relates Jesus (The Bridegroom) to the Sun...
- And look what he says about him:
- Psalm 19:6 (KJV)
  - 6) His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- Jesus will judge the Earth
  - From one end to the other
- Judgment is like a burning heat that divides the Gold from the Dross
- But we also read of Jesus in Malachi in a different sense
- Malachi 4:1-2
  - 1) “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.
  - 2) But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.
- Not just a burning, terrible heat...
  - But the warm, soothing “Heliotherapy” that heals...
- If we think of Christ as the Sun...

- All of our Natural Lessons become Spiritual:
  - Christ is the center of the Universe
  - Everything evolves around Christ
  - Christ is the source of all energy
  - Christ is the source of all light
  - Christ causes things to grow
  - And on and on and on and on...

- **MOON**

- Genesis 1:14-18 (KJV)

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- 15) And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- 16) And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
- 17) And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
- 18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.
- 19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

### **Natural Lessons**

- How does the Moon actually work?
  - It reflects the light of the Sun
- It is completely lifeless and void without the sun
  - Apart from Christ there is nothing good within us
  - We only find our goodness and our purpose in God
- We are simply a reflection of His goodness
- But, what about the Dark Side of the Moon?
  - It is simply the same object without the sun...
  - There is always a dark hidden side, the side without the Sun

### **Spiritual Lessons**

- Genesis 37:9-10 (KJV)

- 9) And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.
- 10) And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

- The Traditional view has always been:
  - The Sun represents Ruling Powers
  - The Moon represents Ecclesiastical Powers
  - The Stars represent Lesser Authorities

• This has been mostly established **BACKWARDS** from verses like these:

- Matthew 24:29-30 (NIV)

- 29) “Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’
- 30) “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

- Revelation 6:12-13 (NIV)

- 12) I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,
- 13) and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

- There is some Biblical Support for the idea of the Sun being Ruling Powers

- Psalms 136:8 (KJV)

- 8) The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

- But that argument tends to be confusing...

- Psalms 136:9 (KJV)

- 9) The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

- In what sense does the Ecclesiastical Powers rule by night? *With the Stars?*

- The natural answer seems to be the **“natural”** answer...

- The Moon reflects the light of the Sun

- So, spiritually, the Moon reflects the light of Christ

- **WHAT** reflects the light of Christ?

- **WE DO!**

- The Moon represents the Ecclesia
- The Ecclesia reflects the light of Christ
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4-6 (NIV)
  - 4) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
  - 5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
  - 6) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- What of the wife then?
  - Reflecting the Husband?
- The Husband is supposed to be a spiritual leader in the Household
  - The wife is supposed to reflect the Husband
  - Stand for what he stands for
  - Support what he supports

## • STARS

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### Natural Lessons

- The Sun is the center of our Universe and the source of all light
- The Moon reflects the Sun's Light
- What about Stars?
  - They are in different Universes altogether
  - They are the suns of these other Universes
  - They are their own source of Light
  - They are much smaller, weaker, lesser lights
- I would tend to say that Stars are outside of the religious system
- If Christ is the Sun, and we are the Moon, then Stars are other things that try to set themselves up as high as Christ – But pale in comparison

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#### • Genesis 37:9-10 (KJV)

- 9) And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.
- 10) And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

- There is considerable connection between the 12 sons of Israel, and the 12 signs of the Zodiac
- Maunder wrote “Astronomy of the Bible” in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and develops it quite well

- Some highlights:

- It’s easiest to pick the four that were the Standards of the Tribes of Israel

- Numbers 2 shows the 12 Tribes divided behind four Standards

- Taurus the Bull = Ephraim

- Deuteronomy 33:17 (KJV)

17) His glory is like the firstling of his **bullock**, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of **Ephraim**, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

- Leo the Lion = Judah

- Revelation 5:5 (KJV)

5) And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the **Lion** of the tribe of **Judah**, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

- Aquarius the Man = Reuben

- Deuteronomy 33:6 (KJV)

6) Let **Reuben** live, and not die; and let not his **men** be few.

- Aquila the Eagle = Dan

- Scorpio the Serpent

- Genesis 49:17 (KJV)

17) **Dan** shall be a **serpent** by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

- If we relate the 12 Tribes of Israel to the Stars, the lesson is quite simple

- The 12 Tribes represent Judaism and the Law

- The Jews tried to cling to the Law as their saviour

- They tried to keep it as an alternative to the Sun
- But there is no comparison...
- Hebrews 10:1-7 (NIV)
  - 1) The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.
  - 2) If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.
  - 3) But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,
  - 4) because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
  - 5) Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;
  - 6) with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.
  - 7) Then I said, ‘Here I am - it is written about me in the scroll - I have come to do your will, O God.’”
- This “alternative universe” pales in comparison like a Star pales to the Sun
- The hope of the Jews (Judaism) was nothing compared to the Hope of Christ...
  - ANY other religion that we find is nothing compared to the Truth...