

These Stars Reminds Us Judgment Is Soon Approaching

This week at about 10:00 p.m., the warring constellations of Leo (the lion) and Hydra (the serpent) will be at their highest point in the Southern sky.

Leo (the Lion) is a zodiacal constellation and is the last chapter of the Star Bible. It is the culmination of the theme of the Star Bible, Genesis 3:15, when God promised our first parents that the seed of woman, Christ, would crush the head of the serpent. The lion represents Christ as the lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5) in His final triumph over Satan, the serpent. The star named Minchar Al Alsad, meaning "punishing of the lion," shows Christ executing the sentence on Satan and the bright Star Regulus, meaning "treading underfoot," shows the fate of Satan.

Just below Leo is the constellation Hydra (the serpent), which represents Satan as he is finally "tread underfoot" by Christ. Hydra is pictured as a dead snake which has been cut into pieces. The brightest star in Hydra, named Alphard, means "the separated" and conveys this message. Two other constellations associated with Leo show God's judgment on Satan, Corvus (the raven) which is shown eating the flesh of the serpent, and Crater (the cup) pouring out God's wrath on the serpent.

Taken together, these constellations picture God's final judgment (Leo) on Satan and his followers (Hydra). The common name for the reality pictured by Leo and Hydra is hell.

Last summer, on August 21, the great American solar eclipse occurred as the sun was in the constellation Leo. The darkness of a solar eclipse, reminiscent of the darkness of the day of the Lord (Amos 5:20), added to Leo's warning of the judgment to come. However, the Aug. 21 eclipse occurred on the first

day of the 40-day Hebrew season of Teshuvah, a time to repent and return to God. We believe that God used the eclipse as a sign to call His people to prayer and repentance during Teshuvah.

Since that time there have been judgments on the Earth from rain, fire and ice. Abusers of women and government power have been exposed. We know that God sends weather upheavals to get our attention (Job 37:7) and judgment to teach righteousness (Isa. 26:9). Perhaps we need another Teshuvah season of repentance this year.

Leo is a distinctive constellation which is easy to find in the night sky. Hydra is somewhat dimmer but can be found directly underneath Leo.

Leo reminds us that God's grace is still available, but will not be available forever. Get it while you can.