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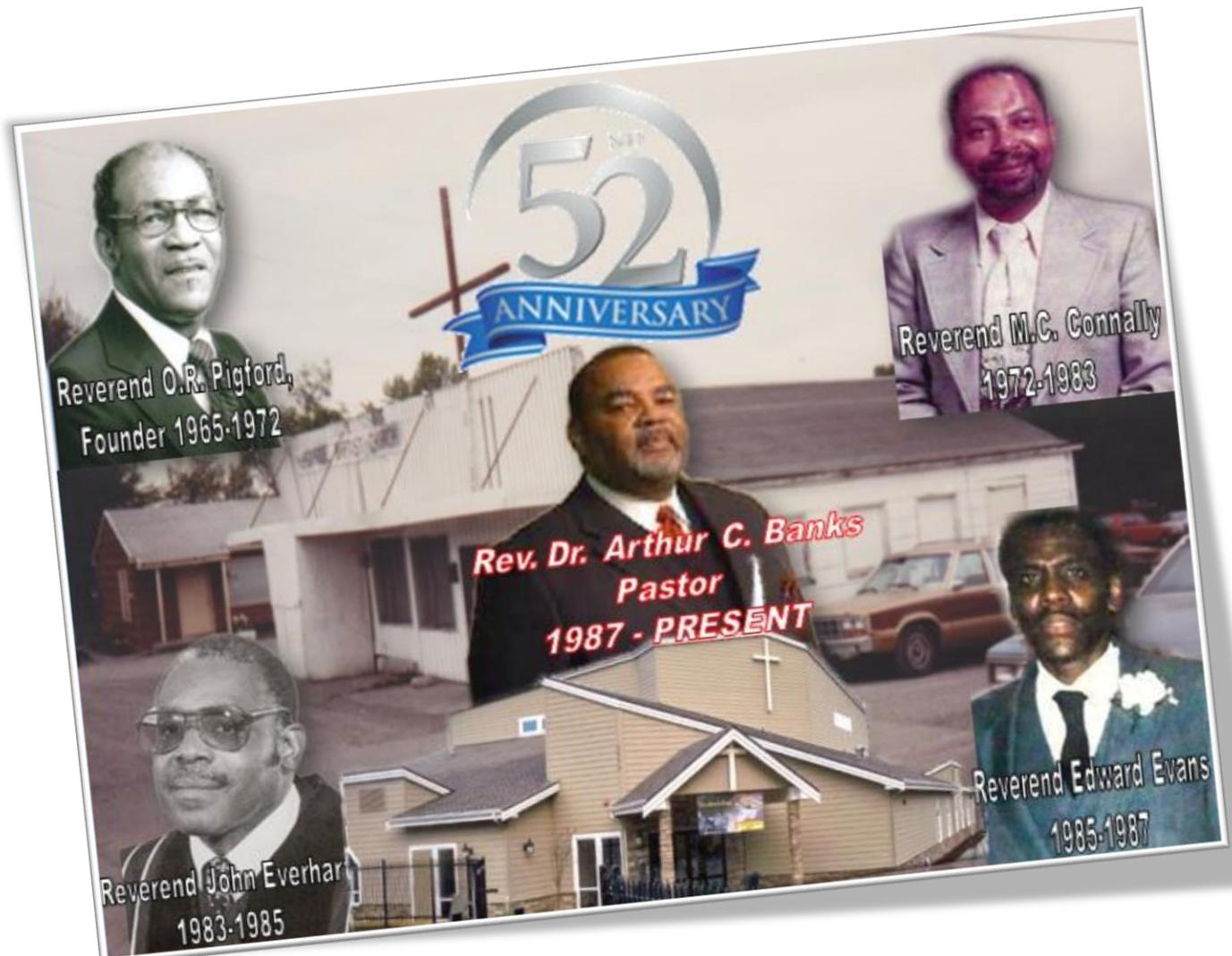
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(Ephesians 4:12/Matthew 6:33)

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Theme:

“A Church Keeping It Real with God for 52 Years”.

Colossians 3:17





Rev. Dr. Arthur C. Banks
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*"This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it"*
(Psalm 118:24)

From the Editor
Eric Grimes

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Church Motto:

Where God is praised and Disciples Are Made



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Our Church History

On September 25, 1965, the Eastside Baptist Mission was organized at the First Baptist Church in Parkland, Washington. There were 16 members present including Rev. O.R. Pigford, Founder. The services were opened with songs, scriptures, and prayers by Rev. Pigford after which the meeting was turned over to the area minister, Rev. Omer Hyde. Rev. Hyde explained that officers could be elected or the Founder/Minister could appoint officers. The first officers of the Eastside Baptist Mission were: Pastor - Rev. O. R. Pigford; Sunday School Superintendent - Brother Murray Jacobs; Sunday School Secretary - Sister Frederika Bradley; Church Treasurer - Brother Jerry Rogers; B.T.U. Director - Sister Irene James; Mission President - Sister Tina Clark -Treasurer.

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"I WILL PRAISE THEE; FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE: MARVELLOUS ARE THY WORKS; AND THAT MY SOUL KNOWETH RIGHT WELL." (Psalm 139:14)

Fat: The Good, The Bad, and the So-So.

When it comes to fat, stick with vintage fats. Fats that have been around for a while. Fats that you can imagine a native person finding in nature and eating. If you can't imagine how it is made (What is corn oil, anyway?), then don't eat it. If you couldn't make it in your kitchen (How do they make soy oil, anyway?), then avoid it. Here is a list to help you navigate the ever-confusing world of fat:

The Good

These fats have been eaten by traditional societies for centuries. Dig in!



Grass-fed butter, coconut oil, olive oil, lard and tallow from pastured animals, cheese, cream, fish/krill oil, cacao butter, coconut, avocados, olives, nuts, and nut butters.

The Bad

These modern inventions require industrial extraction (think high heat, solvents, deodorizers, and bleach) to make and have NOT been eaten by humans for centuries. Steer clear!

Corn oil, soy oil, canola oil, cottonseed oil (is that even food?), safflower oil, sunflower seed oil, and 'vegetable' oil. Also, any type of spread, margarine, or shortening. Anything that says 'trans fat', 'hydrogenated,' or 'partially hydrogenated.'

The So-So:

Peanuts, peanut oil, other nut oils, sesame seed oil, and palm or palm kernel oil.

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CHICKEN LITTLE, "THE SKY IS FALLING!"

I think most of us by now have heard the little nursery fable about Chicken Little. Chicken Little went around telling everyone that "The Sky Is Falling" and caused mass hysteria among all of the other animals. Well, to make a long fable short, Chicken Little ran and told Henny Penny, Ducky Lucky, Goosey Loosey, Turkey Lurkey and Foxy Loxy that the sky was falling when it really wasn't. Well, one by one Chicken Little told each animal and they all went off running to tell the King that the sky was falling. The last one they told was Foxy Loxy and Foxy Loxy led all of these animals straight to his den and they never made it to tell the King. The moral to the story is...The sky is not falling, don't be a Chicken Little and don't be afraid. Now in Chicken Little's case, the sky really wasn't falling, he only caused mass hysteria by claiming that it was.

Chicken Little Fable

As a student of Bible Prophecy and end time events, I feel very much like "Chicken Little". Only in my case, the sky really is falling but unlike Chicken Little's friends, no one is really listening to me. I am not a Prophet or even someone that God has revealed the mysteries of sealed prophecy to. I am a student of some of the greatest Prophecy teachers of our time and I have learned very much. When you dig into Prophecy you can't help but want to warn everyone of the times we are living in and that they must get ready. All too often it is shrugged off as a fairy tale and laughed at and we are made to feel like a nut case even among many believers. I have asked myself the question, "Why won't people listen?" Prophecy and end times events are just as much a part of the Bible as the crucifixion or anything else. The Lord revealed some of those answers in, of all things, The Chicken Little fable and also "The boy who cried wolf". In this fable, the shepherd boy was guarding the town's sheep and he thought it would be funny to cry out WOLF,

WOLF!!! Well the townspeople came running only to find an amused boy laughing at the havoc he had caused. When the townspeople went home he cried WOLF, WOLF again and again the townspeople came running only to find the shepherd boy laughing again. After the people left to go back home a real Wolf was lurking around the sheep and he cried out once again, WOLF, WOLF, but the people didn't come this time. At sunset the boy hadn't come back to the village so they went out and found him weeping and the sheep scattered by the Wolf... "Why didn't you come?" the boy said...An old man put his arm around him and said... Nobody believes a liar, even when he is telling the truth...



For over two thousand years now Christians have been screaming to the world that we are in the last days or "The Sky Is Falling". Much end time Prophecy could not even be understood until the generation we now live in. So many Christians have been screaming "The Sky Is Falling" without having a clear understanding of the Prophecies. Each generation of Christians have believed that they were the generation that would see the return of Jesus Christ only to see that generation die out without seeing his return. Then you have the crowd of deceitful Christians who have "Cried Wolf" to the masses only for their amusement and financial gain. After crying Wolf for so long, nobody believes them now even though their crying has truth to it today. So whether peoples unbelief in end times prophecy today is a result of thousands of years of hearing "The Sky Is Falling" from well-meaning but unlearned believers or whether it is from being deceived by those "crying wolf" for so long that they won't believe anyone who cries wolf, whether true or false. Either way, it is a problem.

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(See Matthew 14:24-33)

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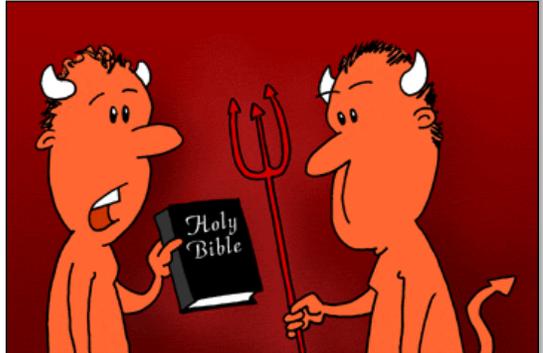
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(Romans 10:17)

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The Great Sign Revelation 12



Thousands of people across the world believe that the *Great Sign* of Revelation 12 will reach a stage of completion on the 23rd September 2017. Many believe this sign could trigger some of the most astonishing series of events in the history of the human race.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

For past centuries this chapter in the book of Revelation has been highly symbolic of past, present and future. The depiction of the pregnant woman has at large been agreed to represent either the Virgin Mary or Israel with the man-child being brought forth representing Jesus Christ. However, other views have emerged during Church history, notably that either the woman represented the church or that the man-child represented the church. The arguments and differing points of view have facilitated the trending of this topic.

However whatever ones view is, the consensus is that this scripture has future prophetic implications because of the location of this passage in the book of Revelation, which many see as a sequential and time dependent series of events following each other.

On September 23rd, 2017, an unprecedented astronomical alignment will appear in the sky over Israel that some researchers believe will be a literal fulfillment of Revelation 12:1-2 and Revelation 12:5. The passage describes a heavenly sign where a pregnant woman appears covered in the sun, with the moon at her feet, and crowned with 12 stars. The woman gives birth to a male child who is "caught up" to God. For centuries, many had thought this was a form of allegorical symbolism, but today some researchers believe that it is more than just symbolism.

The Biggest Debate in Prophecy

The astronomical alignment of September 23rd 2017 should have been hailed as one of the most monumental signs in the history of Christianity but not all Christian researchers are in support. Why? Because it raises the specter of the studying of the stars which has historically and traditionally been associated with astrology.

Historically astrology surfaced around the time of the great kingdom of Chaldea which was eventually absorbed and assimilated into Babylonia and since then it has become a profound component of secular society.

Astrology, as one would expect, is rejected entirely by God's word. In fact the Bible considers consulting the heavens for guidance as a form of sorcery (Leviticus 19:26 - 28, 31; 20:6). God warned ancient Babylon about trusting in astrologers when he makes mockery of them by saying,

"You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you." (Isaiah 47:13)

God specifically condemns those who use the heavens to predict the future,

"There shall not be found among you [any one] . . . that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch . . ." Deuteronomy 18:10

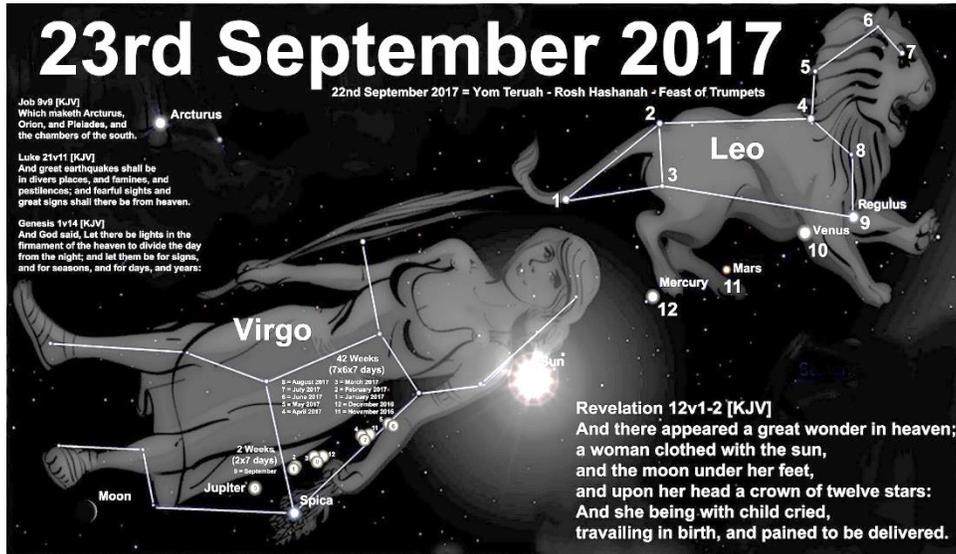
In fact a result of the idolatry of various occult practices

including astrology, the tribe of Judah was enslaved and dispersed as a nation. Israel's involvement in astrology and the worship of heavenly bodies was described by many of the Old Testament prophets, including Jeremiah, Zephaniah, and Amos. All described how this was displeasing to the Lord and that his judgment was the result of such practices.

So how does this relate to the *Great Sign* of Revelation 12? It is because the theology behind the Revelation 12

Notice the words "*Orion*", "*Pleiades*" and "*Arcturus*". These are all names of clusters of stars found in the zodiac.

What about the word *Mazzaroth*. *Mazzaroth* is actually the Hebrew name for zodiac. Hebrew history shows that the *Mazzaroth* has nothing to do with astrology or any attempt to tell our futures based on the stars. Rather, the *Mazzaroth* was a Hebrew mode of communication that used the stars to tell the story of redemption.



sign based on what's called "the gospel of the stars".

The Gospel of the stars based on the premise that God uses his creation, notably the heavens, to convey the message of the gospel. The understanding is that there was a period in time before Moses when there was no written word and so God used the stars (along with oral tradition) as the means by which to communicate fundamental truths to the likes of Abraham, Job, Enoch, Seth and other Patriarchs of old.

Most people today have grown up with the names of the 12 signs of the zodiac as their only education on the naming of stars and constellations. In reality, the names remain the same today as ancient cultures called them before the flood. In fact each name carries a meaning that when put together in the constellation, tells a story. See Job 38:31,

"Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons? Do you know the ordinances of heaven? Can you set the dominion thereof in the earth?"

So here is the dilemma. On one hand, we have the Bible forbidding us against astrology yet on the other hand, the Bible tells us we need to be watchful of the signs and observe the signs in the heavens for confirmation of the coming of Christ. This is a paradox, which has puzzled researchers for a long time.

Long ago, God issued a challenge. He said, "Who else can tell the beginning from the end" (Isaiah 41:21-24)? God proclaims He alone can do so. Only God can reveal what is going to happen before it happens (Isaiah 46:10). The hundreds and hundreds of specific and detailed prophecies found in the Bible prove its divine authority. Bible prophecy confirms that God is who He says He is and gives us confidence that He has a purpose and plan for this world. Part of that plan includes the return of Christ in accordance with God's divine calendar. Jesus tells us to "watch" so that we will not be found sleeping or unaware when He returns. Nevertheless, what signs are we to be watching for? In addition, why one sign is in particular referred to as "a great sign?"

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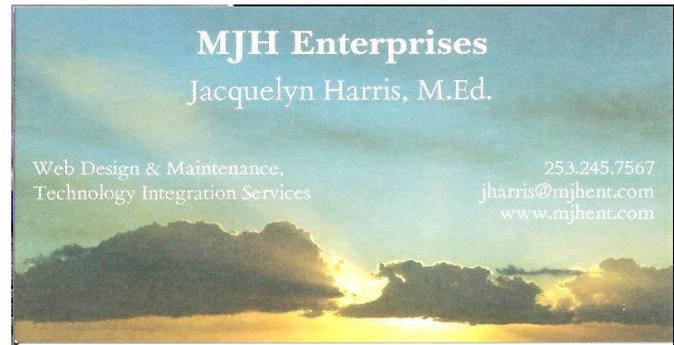
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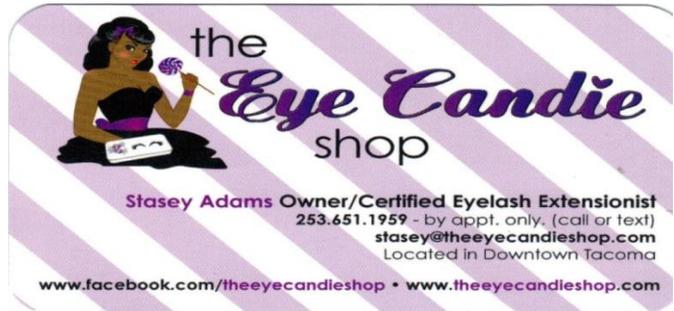
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