**YAHUSHUA’s BIRTHDAY!**

**THE TRUTH ABOUT YOM TERUAH, SEPTEMBER 11, 03 BCE**

The material I present here is so exciting I could hardly sleep the night I first read about it. It confirms so much to us! In writing this article, I kept getting chills as I copied quotes from Dr. Michael Heiser and Ernest L. Martin. The only way to get all the information on the timing of Yahuwah’s birth and the resting of the “star” over Bethlehem 15½ months later when the Magi (wise men) arrived, is to buy Ernest Martin’s book *The Star That Astonished the World*. Here I give you enough to keep you awake, at least in spirit. “Mind-boggling,” “numbing,” “shocking,” “astonishing,” “fantastic,” and “anointed,” are just a few words to describe this information. Surely, from Kislev 24, as in **Haggai 2:19**, we have been blessed!

I begin with my own revelation on Yahushua’s day of conception: **Haggai 2:18-19** - Kislev 24, the first day of Hanukkah 4 BCE. I am not alone in this understanding! The facts are just there!

**Haggai 2:18-22a**: “`Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the Hekel of Yahuwah was laid, consider it: Is the seed yet in the storehouse? And until now the vine and the fig tree and the pomegranate and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. From this day on, I will bless you!’ And a second time the Word of Yahuwah came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month saying `Speak to Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, saying I am shaking the heavens and the earth, and I shall overturn the throne of kingdoms. And I shall destroy the might of gentile reigns, and overturn the chariots and their riders…’ ”

This sounds like proclamation of the first and second coming of Yahushua Messiah (whose Name means “Yahuwah is salvation”)

We see that first this passage in Haggai speaks of “a seed” in “a storehouse.” Then it refers to a future time that aligns to Elul and Tishre, when grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates are harvested. But, he begins by pinpointing a time of conception--the time when a “seed” (singular) will be in the “storehouse,” i.e. a storehouse/womb, later to be brought forth in the time of the harvesting of the fruit. He is giving us a big clue to the time from when the blessings will begin to flow for His people, at the conception of the eternal Yahushua. And amazingly this happens at the beginning of Hanukkah, a festival which celebrates the day when things would be restored to their proper order in the Temple of Yahuwah after the enemy did his best to destroy it. Then the text switches to the time we’re in now, a time of great shaking. **Revelation 6, 8 and 16** mirrors this time. Then it speaks of the time when gentile reigns will be overthrown when Yahushua Messiah returns.

**Ya’cob 5:7-8** zeros in on the second coming: “So, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Master. See, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and the latter rain. You too be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Master has drawn near.”

In Israel, the former rains begin around October/November; the latter rains are in March or April for the barley harvest, and in May/June the wheat harvest. “The precious fruit of the earth,” is referring to the five species of fruit, a picture of the resurrection of the justified/saved (“the first resurrection) as Messiah descends on a Yom Teruah, or possibly Yom Kippur – both are called “Yom ha Din,” Day of Judgment. Most likely it is Yom Teruah for that is the day of the blowing of shofars/trumpets, shouting, and rejoicing over the creation of the world, which was spoken by Yahushua! It is also a day when Kings were coronated.

**Matthew 24:29-31**: “And immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And THEN the sign of the Son of Adam shall appear in the heaven and then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of Adam coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great esteem. And He shall send His messengers with a great sound of a trumpet/shofar, and they shall gather together His chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

This is the “first resurrection” of the righteous set-apart ones who have died in faith from righteous Abel on. (**Revelation 20:4-6**) He comes at the season of the Fall Festivals – September or October/Tishre.

There is a time of planting. There is a time of harvesting. Haggai prophesies of both times of blessings: Messiah was conceived at a time of celebration when the enemies of Israel were defeated, and born at a time of harvest. He returns at the time of harvest: “The Kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Master and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever.” (**Revelation 11:15**)

**I Thessalonians 5:1**, Sha’ul writes: “Now brothers, as to the times and the seasons, you do not need to be written to.” They understood **Leviticus 23**!

OK, we know the season, the Fall Festivals, but does He tell us the general millennium and/or year-timing of His coming? Yes! That timing is spelled out exactly in several places in the Tenach to do with the “third day,” and also referenced in **II Peter 3:8**. Kepha makes it clear that if we are to know one thing to do with His second coming--that to Elohim a “thousand years is as one day.” That relates to the speed of light. We’ve passed from the 6,000 years of man into the 7th millennium on Yom Teruah September 29, 2000/2001. During the first of the 7th millennium that begins the “third day” since Messiah ascended, He will come and establish His Kingdom on earth. We’re in that time-period.

**Hosea 6:1-3**: “Come let us turn back to Yahuwah, for He has torn but He will heal us. He has stricken but He binds us up. After 2 days (2,000 years) He shall revive us. On the third day (beginning the 7th millennium) He will raise us up so that we live in His sight.”

This principle is pictured in **Numbers 19:10-22 and Numbers 31:19-24**. You must be cleansed by the third day or else you will not be ready on the seventh day. You cannot enter the camp of Yahuwah if you are not cleansed on the third and the seventh day. We’re in “the third day,” and the “seventh day.”

# A beautiful picture of Messiah’s coming wedding on the “third day” is in John 2. John 2:1: “And on the third day there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee…” For some really beautiful insight into this event, refer to: “John 2:1-11 – The Wedding at Kafar Cana”--a lesson in timing for the wedding of Messiah Yahushua. [Use the search option on the website main page: comeenterthemikvah.com]

There were 4,000 years since 4004 BCE at the creation of Adam until the birth of Messiah in 03 BCE/going into 2 BCE at Yom Teruah. September 11, 03 BCE to September 11, 1997/98 CE is 2,000 years since the birth of Messiah. [Refer to the article: “The Third Day” under the Mikvah of Preparation]

I’ve known for many years that Yahushua’s birthday was September 11, 03 BCE, a Yom Teruah, confirmed by many Biblical scholars based on solid facts and astute scientific Astronomy. But, I had not heard or read the details given in such a succinct manner until I heard it from Dr. Michael Heiser in a Sky Watch TV interview in 2016. How wonderful that he wrote it all out in his 2017 book *Reversing Hermon – Enoch, The Watchers, and the Forgotten Mission of Jesus Christ*. Many of his quotes come from Ernest L. Martin’s book *The Star That Astonished the World*. I will quote from both books.

Here is scientific evidence of Messiah’s birth on Yom Teruah, September 11, 03 BCE. At His birth, the **Revelation 12:1-5**-alignment was in the second heaven, in the constellation Virgo the Virgin or Betula (Hebrew). The positions of the sun and moon put Messiah’s birth within an hour and a half time-period on only one day a year--September 11, in the year 03 BCE. The Magi, who were looking for the King of the Jews, the Messiah, at that time, would have known clearly the message in the heavens. In the summer of 2 BCE, June 17th they began their journey to Bethlehem following THE “star” which grew to full brightness by August 12th.

Messiah’s ministry spanned one year--specifically 490 days--from His baptism until He sent the Spirit of Yahuwah upon His disciples in **Acts 2.** He was nailed to the stake on a Wednesday, Passover week 28 CE. Ernest Martin also brings this out. He “stopped the sacrifices in the middle of the week.” (**Daniel 9**) He rose from the dead just after sunset on Saturday night, beginning the first day of the week.

The addition of two extra Passovers in **John 5:1 and 6:4** by those trying to prove papal authority over the world is well documented. The spurious reasoning they gave was: Yesu’s ministry was 3½ years, and then it was another 3½ years from His ascension to Cornelius’ conversion, which began the time of gentiles. That would equal the 7 years of tribulation--making the pope, as the Vicar of Christ, the ruling king of kings to rule the world. Of course to them Peter was the first pope. No, there was no pope, only Bishops, until Constantine in the 4th century made himself the Pontifex Maximus – the supreme pontiff/pope of his own church.

Below I quote from Dr. Michael Heiser on Messiah’s birth and the timing of the coming of the Magi from Parthia (an Israelite colony). Parthia had been ruled over by the House of David through the lineage of David’s son Nathan--the lineage of Miriam (i.e. **Luke 3:23-38**, note verse 31). The Jewish Talmud has this nailed down, speaking ill of Miriam’s father Eli, speaking ill of Miriam, and making her son Yahushua out to an illegitimate blasphemer, in cahoots with Satan.

Ezekiel was sent to the House of Israel, to Parthia, just north of Babylon. (**Ezekiel 2 and 3**) In the days prior to Yahushua’s birth, the Parthians were running out of kings. It is believed by many Bible scholars that Daniel gave them, in today’s dollar value, upwards of half billion dollars in gold, precious gems, and pure essential oils, to give to the Messiah when He came.

The long entourage to Jerusalem was not done by three wise men on three camels. That surely would not have scared King Herod. Actually, there were many Magi, and an entourage estimated at a few thousand soldiers. Rome had been in a cold war with Parthia, and Rome feared Parthia, so Herod was terrified.

The Magi would have noted the message in the stars in what we now have written in **Revelation 12:1-5**. Then, on June 17th, 02 BCE, the Magi would have seen the convergence of two brilliant planets that looked like stars (Jupiter and Venus). It was at this time they began their journey. The messages over the land of Israel pointed to the fact that a King had been born. It was a time when Jews were looking for Messiah. The Parthian Magi, and perhaps some from Babylon too, followed the planet Jupiter, known as the “King’s Planet,” which kept going into retrograde for months, aligning with the “King’s Star,” Regulus, in the paw of the constellation Leo, signaling the birth of a King. As they neared Jerusalem, they saw Jupiter enter the womb area of the Virgin/Virgo/Betula, announcing the birth of a King. Because of the rotation of earth, Jupiter appeared to stop over the house for about six days. As we’ll see from Ernest Martin’s book, the movement of sun, moon, planets, and stars, let the Magi know that this man-child was a King.

Their arrival at Hanukkah to present gifts to the little King would not have been strange to Jews, for Hanukkah was their traditional time to give gifts in honor of the re-dedication of the Temple. It is most note-worthy that in **John 10:22** we read that it was Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, and it was winter, and that during this time Yahushua declared His Deity—i.e. **John 10:30-33**.

Parthia was ruled by the lineage of Nathan, son of David. The intent of the Magi was to take the baby back to Parthia and raise him as a future King. Herod panicked. He thought the cold war between Parthia and Rome was over. By the time the Magi arrived in Bethlehem, the child, Yahushua, was a 15½ month-old toddler, walking and talking, and the family was living in a house.

The word for the “child” in Greek (**Matthew 2:11**) is “paidion”, “a toddler.” Martin says that in the papyrus codex Bodmer V of the *Protoevangelium of James* written in Egypt in the fourth century CE, it even states that the Magi were able to see Yahushua “standing by the side of His mother Miriam.”

The visit of the Magi would have arrived to present their gifts during Hanukkah, near the end of Kislev, our December. As soon as the Magi left, Herod went on his rampage (**Matthew 2:16**). If Yosef had not obeyed the dream-warning Yahuwah gave him to take the child to Egypt, Herod’s killing of baby’s age two and under would have resulted in His death.

Yahushua was born at the “tower of the flock” outside Bethlehem near Ephrat. Ephrat was where Rachael died giving birth to Benjamin. It and Bethlehem were sister-cities.

**Micah 5:2**: “But, you, Bethlehem-Ephrat, you who are little among the clans of Judah, out of you shall come forth to Me the One to become Ruler in Israel. And His comings forth are of old, from everlasting. Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth, and the remnant of His brothers shall return to the children of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd in the strength of Yahuwah, in the excellence of the Name of Yahuwah His Elohim. And they shall dwell, for at that time, He shall be great, to the ends of the earth.”

**Micah 4:8**: “And you, O tower of the flock, stronghold of the daughter of Zion, it shall come to you, the former rule shall come, the reign of the daughter of Jerusalem.”

The shepherds were Levites--priests. According to **Luke 2:9**, the shepherds were living out on the hill side with their sheep. They were not freezing with their sheep in the winter. I know that occasionally weather in December in various parts of Israel can be decent, but from my own experiences, Jerusalem can get bitter-cold in December, sometimes with icy rain and snow. I’ve been in Jerusalem on December 25th and walked from East Jerusalem to the Great Synagogue, then clear back to the City of David, being a “tour-guide” for a friend. Kislev, the Hebrew 9th month, is usually in our December.

In Luke’s account the shepherds were approached by a messenger from Yahuwah who gave them a message of the birth of Messiah. Then a heavenly choir sang praises to Yahuwah. If the shepherds were cold, they wouldn’t be living out there with the sheep for one thing, but neither would they be all that enthusiastic to listen to a sermon by a strange messenger, and then have to listen to a choir sing!

**Ezra 10:9**: “Then all the men of Judah and Benyamin gathered at Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month (Kislev) on the twentieth of the month, and all the people sat in the open space of the house of Elohim trembling because of the matter at hand and because of the showers of rain.”…**Ezra 10:13**: “But the people are many, and it is the season of showers of rain, and we are not able to stand outside.”

**Jeremiah 36:22**: “And the King was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month (Kislev), and a fire burning on the hearth before him.”

In **Luke 2:9-13**, the warm and happy shepherds were told: “Do not be afraid, for look, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people. There was born to you this day in the city of David (“Bet Lechem” – “the house of bread,” the birthplace of King David) a Savior, who is Messiah, the Master. And this shall be a sign to you: You shall find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a feeding trough” (KJV: “manger”)

How did they know where to go from those vague instructions? The instructions came after a heavenly choir performed for the shepherds. In **Luke 2:15-16** it appears they knew just where to go--to the tower of the flock. The Lamb of Elohim had been born, the Savior, of the House of David.

The “tower of the flock” was where the lambs were kept for special sacrifice in the Temple. It was overseen by Levites. The shepherds were Levites. The perfect lambs would be ceremonially taken from “the tower of the flock” to the High Priest on the Temple Mount on special days like Passover and Yom Kippur for the sacrifice for the nation – the final sacrifice of the day. Because Yosef and Miriam both in the direct kingly line from King David, their baby was allowed to be born there, and was placed in one of the stone cribs used for feeding the sheep. He was wrapped in “swaddling clothes”--undergarments worn by the priests.

During the Fall Festivals, great lamps of oil were hung in the Temple. For wicks, they twisted these undergarments and lit them. These lights were called “the light of the world.” There Yahushua lay, wrapped in priest’s undergarments--the Light of the world! It is highly likely that the undergarments came from Zechariah, father of Yochanan the baptizer, who was in the direct lineage of the High Priest, Zadok.

We hear it said that nowhere in Scripture does it say to celebrate Yahushua’s birthday. Or does it? The Feast of Trumps is a day of announcement, heralding an important event--a new beginning from Creation. The Trumpet - Shofar – is blown, as **Psalm 81** tells us, at the new moon of Tishre 1. This was the day of His birth and most likely will be the day of His return. Yom Teruah is also known as Yom ha Din, day of judgment. So, in celebrating Yom Teruah we celebrate His birth, and rejoice in the expectation of His soon return.

In Jewish tradition, on Yom Teruah we begin the ten “days of awe,” before Yom Kippur--the Day of national judgment, the “Day of Yahuwah.” Jews say that on Yom Teruah the righteous are sealed for salvation. Then 10 days of mercy are extended to the wicked in which to repent. If they do not repent by Yom Kippur, they are judged eternally. So, many Jewish greeting cards sent on Yom Teruah have the message, “May your name be written in the Book of Life for another year.”

While our salvation isn’t hoped for year to year, we see that Yom Teruah can be a cut-off time if Messiah comes on that day with the wrath of His Father – which is called “The Day of Yahuwah.” [Refer to: “The Day of Yahuwah” under the Mikvah of Present Reality]

The timing from Elul 1 to Tishre 1, Yom Teruah, is a special time of T’shuva—a time of repentance. When the final Yom Teruah comes, as we know it, and Messiah descends. Those whose names are written in the Book of Life rise to meet Him in the air, while the wicked are sealed in damnation. We must daily maintain our salvation by “possessing” our eternal life through obedience, loyalty, and relationship with the coming King.

From Dr. Michael Heiser’s book *Reversing Hermon* – *Enoch, the Watchers, and the Forgotten Mission of Jesus Christ* we read about the birthday of Yahushua, quotes taken from page 58 through 67, beginning with the chapter: “Revelation 12 as Astral Prophecy.”

“I believe that the celestial messaging Paul had in mind in **Romans 10:18** (***Psalm 19:1-4***) can be found in **Revelation 12:1-7**. This passage has several items that, if taken at face-value, are astronomical signs associated with the birth of the Messiah. Considering the language of **Revelation 12:1-7** in this way produces a real time-date for the birth of Jesus-a date that is laden with symbolism that first century Jews would have understood as connecting the messianic birth to the sin of the Watchers….The key figure, and logical starting point for interpreting **Revelation 12** astronomically is the woman…Scholars agree that verses 2-6 reveal that this woman is a picture of the faithful community (Israel) which existed both before and after the coming of Christ. Israel of course is described as the virgin of Zion in the Old Testament and produces the Messiah in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy…Mary comes to mind as the Jewish girl who gives birth to Jesus but `Virgin Israel’ best fits both parts of the description of the woman. Additionally, the connection to `Virgin Israel’ is important, giving that the signature would have to be decipherable to Jews at the time of Jesus’ birth….The description that the woman was `clothed with the sun’ is stock astronomical language for the sun being in the midst of a constellation. While the sun is IN the woman, the moon is at her feet. For this situation to occur, the constellation of the woman must be, in astronomical language, on the ecliptic--the imaginary line in the sky that the sun and moon follow in their journey through the zodiac constellations.”

Heiser quotes Ernest L. Martin’s *The Star That Astonished the World*, (c. 1996). He refers readers to Martin’s book saying that it gives a more detailed treatment of the astronomy of **Revelation 12**. I give quotes by Martin below.

Heiser quoting Martin: “`The apostle John saw the scene when the sun was clothing, or adorning the woman. This surely indicates that the position of the sun in the vision was located somewhere mid-bodied to the woman, between the neck and the knees. The sun could hardly be said to clothe her if it were situation in her face or near her feet. The only time of the year that the sun could be in a position to clothe the celestial woman called Virgo, that is to be mid-bodied to her, in the region where a pregnant woman caries her child is when the sun is located at about 150 and 170 degrees along the ecliptic. This clothing of the woman by the sun occurs for a 20-day period each year. The 20 degree spread could indicate the general time when Jesus was born.’ ”

Dr. Heiser continues quoting Ernest Martin: “`The constellation of the Virgin giving birth to the Messiah would of course been viewed as quite coherent by the Magi, especially if they knew about **Isaiah 7:14**…even if they were ignorant of

this astro-theological linkage it would still make sense to them since the sign we know as Virgo has strong associations with other ancient mother goddess figures who would produce divine kings…The detail that the moon was located under the feet of the woman must not be forgotten in all of this…Because of the moon’s behavior relative to the ecliptic and Virgo in any given year, the twenty-day window narrows to a roughly ninety-minute period in which to astronomically pinpoint the birth of the child.’ ”

Heiser continues with his comments: “**Revelation 12:5** is very explicit that the child is Jesus, the promised Messiah. The description is an allusion to **Psalm 2:7-9**…coupled with a description of an ascent of the child up to God and His throne – a reference to the resurrection of the child...the resurrection resulted in victory (enthronement) for the Messiah. The dragon was defeated.”

Heiser quotes Bruce J. Malina: “`The second sign is the fire colored dragon. The color red locates it in the southern sky…the fact that the dragons tail sweeps away a third of the stars of the sky further points to a location generally lacking in stars compared to other sky locations. This again is in the south, the region of the abyss…The question that we might pose is, which constellation does John label as the red dragon--the dragon in the south. Obviously it is not Draco, which is found at the North Pole. Boll ops for Hydra…Immediately above Hydra and accompanying it are the constellations of Corax (Raven) and Crater, which have seven and ten stars respectively. Corex with seven, corresponding to the number of heads in **Revelation 12**, lies closer to Virgo. On the other hand Lehmann-Nitsche argues that the prototypical dragon of the sky is really ancient Scorpio, originally a larger set of stars than the present constellation. It is truly gigantic even by celestial zodiac standards since it originally consisted of two zodiacal sign – Libra/claws and Scorpio. It was only relatively recently that is, about 237 BCE, that it was divided into two constellations by the Greeks.’ ”

Heiser continues: “Hydra has the advantage of matching the description of the seven heads atop the dragon in **Revelation 12:3, 13:1, 17:3,7, 9**. Hydra was also conceived as a sea serpent—imagery that matches descriptions in **Revelation 13:1**,which in turn comes from the Leviathan material of the Old Testament (**Isaiah 27:1**). However, Hydra is not precisely on the ecliptic; it is adjacent and only slightly below the woman. In other words, Hydra is not positioned directly under the feet of the woman, waiting to devour her child as soon as it emerges from the woman. The ecliptic problem is resolved if ancient Scorpio is John’s referent…both options are possible…The constellation directly above the head of the Virgin is the zodiac sign Leo, the lion. The lion was the symbol associated with the tribe of Judah from which the Messiah would come. The association arose from **Genesis 49:9-10**… `Judah is a lion’s cub…’ ” Heiser refers also to **Revelation 5:5**, in which Messiah is called “the lion of the tribe of Judah.”

Heiser continues: “The constellation Leo, then, was a royal constellation for Jewish astro-theologians...Leo was considered a royal constellation since it was dominated by the star Regulus, which was known by astrologers as the `King’s Star.’ The status of Regulus in Leo is important because on one of the possible dates for the messianic birth it came into conjunction with Jupiter. As the largest planet, Jupiter was considered the `King’s Planet’ in astro-theological thinking of the first century. As a result, the constellation Leo, the messianic sign of the lion of Judah, had two conjoined signs of a royal birth within it. **This combination of astronomical signs produces a unique set of circumstances that can only be accounted for by one date (and in point of fact, a ninety-minute window on that date.) This date, as we will see momentarily, has dramatic significance in the Jewish calendar. According to these signs in the heavens, the date of Jesus’ birth was on September 11, 03 BCE.”**

I quote from page 292, in which Heiser refers to Ernest Martin: “As Martin details in chapter 5 of his book, reading **Revelation 12** this way correlates precisely with the chronological testimony of Luke concerning the timing of the birth of John the Baptist and his father’s (Zechariah’s) priestly duties at the temple, where the angel met him to announce John’s birth.

The primary objective to this date is that it violates the accepted date for Herod’s death at 4 BCE. Despite the objections of many to the September 11, 3 BCE date based on these grounds, a 1 BC date for Herod’s death is indeed possible and quite plausible. For recent research into how a 1 BCE date for Herod’s death is plausible, coins have been found that point to his death in 1 BC.

Further evidence shows that on August 12, 2 BC, Jupiter rose as a morning star which soon came into conjunction with Venus. If the Magi began their own journey towards Jerusalem about this time, it is apparent westward motion of Jupiter each day could have indicated to the Magi to proceed in the same westerly direction towards Jerusalem. The Bible says that the star “went ahead of them.” Upon reaching Jerusalem the Magi were told to look towards Bethlehem for the new King. This occurred when the New Testament says that the star came to a halt in the heavens (**Matthew 2:9**). Jupiter stopped its motion and `stood over where the young child lay.’ In a word, the celestial body became stationary.” [Remember that Jupiter was considered the “King’s Planet.”]

Heiser continues with his comments: “The astronomical context of John’s description of what he saw in the heavens in **Revelation 12** puts the birth of Jesus on September 11, 3 BE, …there are even more points of correlation that bear directly on the astro-theology being communicated. The literal context of **Revelation 12** is of relevance here. Immediately preceding **Revelation 12**, John described the heavenly appearance of the Temple, and the Ark of the covenant (**Revelation 11:19**). The ark was the central symbol of God’s presence with Israel. The birth of the child in **Revelation 12:1-7** was John’s way of saying that the presence of God had indeed returned to earth in the form of the child.

A trumpet was to be blown on Tishre 1, which in the rabbinic period came to be viewed as the beginning of the New Year. God’s eschatological judgment of all people was expected to fall on that day. The New Year trumpet also proclaimed hope of the ongoing and ultimate kingship of God…and in Israel’s final restoration.

Incredibly, the astronomical reconstruction of the circumstances of **Revelation 12:1-7** that produces a birth date for the Messiah on September 11, 03 BC was also the beginning of the Jewish New Year in 3 BC, Tishre 1 – the Day of Trumpets. **The feast of trumpets, Tisrhe 1 was also the day that many of the ancient kings and rulers of Judah recognized as their inauguration day of rule**.”

Heiser goes on to talk about Noah’s birth on Tishre 1 in Jewish tradition but how all of this ties into **Genesis 6:2-4** and Messiah’s coming to destroy the works of the Watchers from eternity past to eternity future … so that no longer will the people of Yahuwah live under the reign of Satan/Dragon and his fallen angels. HalleluYah!

Dr. Heiser recommends the book by Ernest Martin: *The Star That Astonished the World*, c. 1996. This book got the attention of Bible scholars and astronomers, and has been acclaimed as the “authoritative source on the subject.” **I quote from Martin’s book later in this article.**

Of course Yedidah had to buy the book! I got it in the mail the second day of writing this article. The next day I opened it, as is my habit, to somewhere within the book, which so happened to be the chapter on the Feast of Trumpets. On page 85 is a chart of the **Revelation 12** alignment. The date is determined by the sign of **Revelation 12:1-4** being in the heavens exactly as described, not close it, but exactly. He also says, as does Heiser, that the expression “clothed with the sun” means that the sun was in her womb. From this chart, I quote: “**The sun clothing the woman, mid-bodied, which the moon is at her feet, the only time in the year that this occurred (and able to be observed) was from about 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM on September 11, 03 BC. Everything fits perfectly in this relationship**.”

It is sad to me that many Christians are excited about the possibility that this September 21st, rabbinic pre-dated Yom Teruah, may be the “rapture of the church.” However, the **Revelation 12** description does not fit the coming September 21st celestial sign in Virgo/Betula. There are some elements of it, but it is NOT **Revelation 12:1-5**! Besides, where is their “no man knows the day and hour” smokescreen so loudly touted?

Going further, in the 2017 alignment, Betula/Virgo is not clothed with the sun. The sun is off of her left shoulder. The moon is at the left of her left foot. There are not 12 “stars” at her head, especially not the ones that tell us about His ministry, as were there in 03 BCE. The position of the serpent is not right either. This sign, as **Revelation 12:1-4**, describes only His birth, though Yochanan goes on to prophecy in **Revelation 12:5** of His resurrection, ascension, and “rod of iron” rule in His coming Kingdom.

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Now to get into awesome information from Ernest Martin’s *The Star That Astonished the World (actual quotes below)*. NOTE: I paid $18.00 for this book on Amazon the 1st week of August. Two weeks later, I tried ordering a copy for my son. The price shockingly had jumped to between $92.00 and $212.00. I checked online everywhere I knew, and even Goodwill books was selling it or over $90.00. Martin’s book is very popular, but it may be that because of this year’s planetary closeness to **Revelation 12:1-6** on September 21st/rabbinic Yom Teruah, the excitement that Martin’s book has stirred in the past, and now being quoted by Dr. Heiser, a favorite scholar with Christians, I suppose the prices just jumped. Let’s wait and try again to buy it for under $20.00!

Because of Martin’s incredible fine-tuned research resulted in his findings going public, the Los Angeles Times and other major newspapers across America commented on it, and 600 major Planetariums across the U.S. began having special showings of his findings to the public about this “star” as part of their December presentations. Many in the scientific community in astronomy and history have backed Ernest Martin’s findings, since he covers every detail and resolves every argument ever made by Bible scholars, tracing true history back to 7 BCE, even resolving the misunderstanding of Josephus on which fallacious reasoning is based--the death of Herod in 4 BCE. Actually, Herod died in 1 BCE as Martin clearly shows from ancient Roman records, even from the writings of early well-known “Antenicene” Fathers like Tertullian and Iraneus (2nd century). Ernest Martin has covered every detail surrounding the birth of Messiah, the **Revelation 12** sign in the heavens at His birth, and the “star” planet alignment that brought the Magi from the distant nation of Parthia to Bethlehem 15½ months later.

The Christmas scene that westerners are so familiar with, showing Mary and Joseph, with the baby lying in a wooden cradle, wrapped in “swaddling clothes,” in an animal “stable,” surrounded by with a few shepherds and three “wise men,” is sentimentally sweet, but totally unrealistic.

Yahuwah made sure that His son was born among those who knew who this family was, and in a prophetic place pointing to who He was. He was among Levites--those who well-knew Zechariah and Elisheva (Elizabeth) and their six-month old miracle-son, Yochanan (John). The baby was wrapped in priests undergarments, laid in a stone “crib”--a clean feeding trough for animals-- worshipped by Levite shepherds who attended the perfect, set-apart sheep for Passover and Yom Kippur in the Temple, in a place where everything was kept ceremoniously “clean.” He was born in what was known as “the tower of the flock.” (**Micah 4:8, 5:2**) At that time, during the month of Tishre, large bowls of oil, for lamps, were hung from the ceiling of the Set-Apart Place in the Temple. The wicks were priestly undergarments. Here lay a baby wrapped in priestly undergarment, the Light of the world, filled with the oil of the Spirit of His real Father, Yahuwah Shaddai Elon.

The Magi, astronomers and astrologers, from Parthia, highly respected professional men by the Jews. They were, Israelites of the House of Joseph, from those who were friends of Daniel. They came to Bethlehem in December a year and three and a half months later, following a planetary conjunction in the heavens that finally “stood” over Bethlehem. By this time, Miriam and Yosef and Yahushua were in a house. **Matthew 2:10-11** describes the scene, using the word “house.”

The gifts they brought are reminiscent of **Isaiah 60:6**. In that day, frankincense and myrrh, aloes, spikenard, cassia, and other such precious oils of the Bible were worth more than gold. For example, it is estimated that the spices brought for the burial of Yahushua were worth, in today’s dollars, around $250,000.00 dollars, purchased by the wealthy Yosef of Arimathaea.

It is believed by many scholars that what they brought was the wealth of the Prophet Daniel. Daniel wrote of Messiah, giving timing. He was also considered a Magi, a “wise man,” an astronomer, a prophet, in Babylon. He had no heirs. His amassed a fortune that most likely went to fellow Israelites in Parthia, who would understand the timing of the birth of this Jewish King. He would have wanted the King to have his wealth. So, it is estimated, in today’s dollars, that the 12, or more, Magi brought as much as 500,000,000.00 dollars (today’s dollars) in gold and precious oils to Miriam and Yosef for their Son. This makes **I Corinthians 8:9** more understandable: “For you know the favor of our Master Yahushua Messiah, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich through His poverty.”

The Magi of Parthia were of the House of Joseph/Ephraim, were ruled over by the House of Nathan, son of David, from which lineage Messiah came through Miriam and her father Eli. This is in the Jewish Talmud and also in **Luke 3:23, 31**. However, sadly, the Jewish Talmud calls Miriam a whore and her Son a bastard, and rails on her father Eli by name. It goes on later to call Yahushua a blasphemer, who did miracles by the power of Ba’alzebub. Yosef was from Solomon’s kingly line, **Matthew 1**, which, being cursed by Yahuwah, ended with King Zedekiah (**I Kings 11**).

In **Zechariah 12:10-14**, four family clans are mentioned to receive the spirit of favor at Messiah’s coming: 1) the house of David, 2) the house of Nathan, 3) the house of Levi, and 4) the house of Shi’mi representing the House of Joseph (**II Samuel 19:18-20; Zechariah 12:13; Esther 2:5**).

Parthia was in a cold war with Rome. Rome feared them, for they had won battles against Rome. But, they needed a King from the house of Nathan to raise, so he could rule them later in his life. They were hopeful. But, Herod feared them greatly and Abba warned them to go back to Parthia without the baby.

As Steven Collins brings out so well in his book *Parthia*, and from Scriptural evidence, Messiah spent his “silent” 18-years going to the nations around the world as Jeremiah did (**Jeremiah 25**). He did not spend 18 years making furniture! He was expressly sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel scattered in among the gentiles. He went to them. Perhaps He went with his wealthy uncle and disciple, Yosef of Arimathaea, to where Ephraim/Joseph had been scattered from 722 BCE, one of the nations being Parthia. Ezekiel prophesied to Parthia during his stay in Babylon. Messiah’s “trip” makes **Matthew 15:24** more understandable, and His instructions to His disciples (**Matthew 10:5-6**), and would also explain why people in Nazareth didn’t open their arms to this “stranger” – **Matthew 13:54-58**.

Ernest Martin is such a scrupulous researcher that he tackles all arguments by traditionalist scholars, and exposes their errors. Traditionalist scholars say that Messiah had to be born between 7 and 5 BCE because Herod the Great died in 4 BCE. Yet, through careful researching the words of **Luke 2:1-3** and history, Martin found that Herod died in 1 BCE. Even 1st century writers confirmed that, as well as well-kept Roman records. Therefore, his ordering the killing of babies born in 2/1 BCE is a fact. Martin traced the two terms of the governorship of Quirinius and also his status in Syria to order this “registration” of the people for Caesar Augustus.

The alignment of planets happened at a time when Augustus was honored greatly, and his Rome was powerful and peaceful. Augustus thought the signs in the heavens honored his greatness, and so did his people. So, when the Magi came to honor “the king of the Jews” which by-passed Augustus’ rule, Herod took up the honor of Augustus to rid the Levant of this “new king.” When all details are put together, we see that Messiah indeed was born on September 11, 03 BCE, and spectacularly it was a Yom Teruah, going into 02 BCE.

The spectacular signs to the Magi began in June of 2 BCE, leading them to Bethlehem when the boy was 15½ months old--when they were living in a “house.” I won’t go into it here, because this article is about His birth, but when you can, read Martin’s book for the astonishing date of the arrival of the Magi at their house, when the “star,” actually the planet Jupiter, literally stood over Bethlehem, and how that is solidly scientific reality.

**Quotes from Ernest Martin’s *The Star That Astonished the World***

Though the book title is about the actual star that the Magi followed for over a year before they reached Bethlehem, he goes into detail about the birth of Messiah and its timing, in Scripture, in history, from Roman records, from writings of early Messianic believers, from records in the Library of Alexandria, and from astronomy charts and pure science in general.

I begin with quotes from pages 3-5 about the “star” that led the Magi. Then I will jump to quotes about His birth.

“It was the early evening of June 17, 02 BCE…What was being monitored for several weeks was the planet Venus moving eastward among the stars on what appeared to be a collision course with the planet Jupiter…This astronomical drama being enacted in the western sky showed the `collision’ of the two brightest planets in the heavens. So small was the separation between them that to the naked eye they would have appeared not as two stars but as one brilliant star shining far brighter than any other star or planet. Though the two planets were millions of miles away from one another, to observers in Babylon in the year 2 BC, they appeared as a single star that dominated the twilight of the western sky in the direction of Palestine.” (He speaks of Babylon here, but also refers to the Magi coming from Parthia, whose territory extended south to the area just north of Babylon)

“This conjunction of Jupiter and Venus has evoked the astonishment of modern astronomers.” Quoting Roger W. Sinnott of Sky and Telescope, “The fusion of two planets would have been a rare and awe-inspiring event.”

Martin continues: “Other modern astronomers have said the same thing. Professor D.C. Morton, the Senior Research Astronomer at Princeton University said this particular fusion of Jupiter and Venus on that day in history was a notable astronomical event. This occurrence also impressed the astronomers at Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles. In the year 1980 a symposium was held at Griffith attended by various scholars and staff of the observatory. The meeting was convened to discuss the historical significance of several astronomical events that occurred in the years 3 and 2 BC. It was led by the noted chronologist and biblical historian Professor Jack Finegan of Berkley, California. At the meeting it was determined that the unique conjunction of Jupiter and Venus and other astronomical events covering an 18 month period from May 3 BC to December 2 BC were of such historical significance that there was need for modern scholars to reappraise the historical accounts associated with these outstanding astronomical occurrences.”  
 From page 9, Martin says: “In the summer of 03 BCE, the famed Caesar Augustus (*from whom our month August is named*) was given the most prestigious title: Pater Patriae (Father of the Country). He ordered a registration of people in all areas of the empire. He thought the astronomical occurrences were a sign of his greatness as the most prestigious father of his country.” (That’s pitiful)

From page 78, Martin goes into detail on the “eighth course of Abijah,” which was the course of the Temple service of Zechariah. He traces the birth of Yochanan who became “the baptizer,” to Passover 3 BCE. Zechariah was in the Temple fulfilling his priest course (**Luke 2**), also described in **I Chronicles 24:10**, when the angel Gabriel came to him announcing that his wife, well past the years of child-bearing, would have a son. Martin carefully goes over Luke’s account and finds it impeccable/extremely accurate.

So, we know when Yochanan was born, the 1st cousin of Yahushua – at Passover. In Jewish Seders today, the children go looking for Eliyahu who is to come at Passover. But, the spirit of Eliyahu did come at Passover in the priestly Levite, Yochanan the baptizer. Even the video that is shown at Qumran, Israel, shows Yochanan in the wilderness, living among the Essenes, before he began his Eliyahu-type ministry. This confirms **Isaiah 40:3**, a prophecy of Yochanan: “The voice on one crying in the wilderness, `Prepare the way of Yahuwah; make straight in the desert and highway for our Elohim. Let every valley be raised and every mountain and hill made low. And the step ground shall become level, and the rough places smooth. And the esteem of Yahuwah shall be revealed and all flesh together shall see it together.’ For the mouth of Yahuwah has spoken it.”

Yochanan was a forerunner of Messiah. **Revelation 1:7** mirrors **Isaiah 40:3**: “See He is coming with the clouds and every eye shall see him, even they who pierced Him…Yea, Ahmain.”

Martin says: “Luke said that Jesus was conceived sometime in the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy (**Luke 1:26, 36**)….Since John the Baptist was probably born sometime around March 10, 3 BC, Jesus’ birth would be near September 3 BC. We shall…see that from other astronomical data that this is the only year that will satisfy all the facts.”

On pages 82-83, Martin rightfully goes to **Revelation 12:1-5** for the sign in the heavens of His birth, and rightfully names the “woman” as Israel. This sign coming on September 21, 2017 does NOT ALIGN to the sign of **Revelation 12**. It has a few similarities, but is NOT the sign that appeared at the birth of Messiah in the heavens. Twelve stars, not planets, crowned her head, and he lists the stars.

Martin says: “The only sign which exists along the ecliptic (the track of the sun in its journey through the stars) is that of Virgo the Virgin…**In** **the period of Jesus’ birth, the sun entered in its annual course through the heavens into the head position of the woman about August 13, and existed from her feet about October 2.** **But, the apostle John saw the scene when the sun was `clothing’ or `adorning’ the woman. This surely indicates that the position of the sun in the vision was located somewhere mid-bodied to the woman, between the neck and the knees. The sun could hardy said to `clothe’ her if it were situated near her face or near her feet.**

**The only time in the year that the sun could be in a position to `clothe’ the celestial woman called Virgo (*I add: the Hebrew is Betula*) that is to be mid-bodied to her, in the region where a pregnant woman carries a child, is when the sun is located between 150 and 170 degrees along the ecliptic. This `clothing’ of the woman by the sun occurs for a 20-day period each year. This 20 degree spread would indicate the general time when Jesus was born. In 3 BC, the sun would have entered this celestial region about August 17 and exited September 15. If John in the book of *Revelation* is associating the birth of Jesus with the period when the sun was mid-bodied to this woman called Virgo/Virgin, and this I not doubt what he means, then Jesus would have to be born within that 20-day period**. **From the point of view of the Magi who were astrologers, this would have been the only logical sign under which the Jewish Messiah might be born, especially if he were to be born of a virgin.”**

My explanation of “astrologers”: Martin uses the word “astrologers.” He explains in his book. In that day, astronomers were astrologers also, meaning they understood the signs in the heavens, not for horoscopes or fortune telling, but as signs pointing to specific events, like the birth of a King. These astronomer- astrologers were highly professional people, scientists of their day, who dressed with great majesty and were honored by the people. They were not fortune tellers! They were not idolaters. This is why the Jews respected them. The ancients of the lineage of Adam understood the messages in the stars that pointed to Elohim, to Messiah, to His salvation, to the Dragon, (**Revelation 12:7-12**) and the coming Ruler of all Israel – the “Lion of the Tribe of Judah,” for example, referring to the constellation “Leo” with the bright star Regulus in his paw. “Regulus was known as the `King’s star,” and Jupiter was known as the `King’s planet.’ Both were involved with the signs that led the Magi.

In Ya’cob’ prophecy, **Genesis 49:10**, the symbolism of the constellation Leo and Regulus is obvious. In **Revelation 5:5**, “See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, overcame to open the scroll and to loosen its seals” - these prophecies cross-reference. The sign of Draco or Hydra, the Serpent in the heavens refers to the Dragon who has withstood Yahushua since His birth, Satan, Devil (**Revelation 12:7-13**). There are also references to Orion and the Pleiades in the book of Iyob/Job.

Long ago Satan influenced pagan-minded mankind by twisting the heavenly signs and using them for fortune-telling/astrology/horoscopes, but that is not the way Yahuwah gave the signs to His people. I don’t believe in getting into the study of stars too deeply as some do, supposedly seeking “the gospel in the stars.” At least Yahuwah has not told me to do it. But, the Magi were NOT idolaters; they had the understanding of the Torah--they were of the House of Ephraim. They were descendents of Parthian friends of Daniel in Babylon. **Ezekiel 3** tells of Ezekiel’s calling to those in Parthia, who were just north of Babylon. Thus, as with Daniel, the understanding of the “star” by the Magi was not from an idolatrous or pagan view, but from an ancient view that Abba gave to Adam. Therefore, Daniel, head of the Babylonian Magi--an astronomer and astrologer, prophet, and our brother in faith, knew from Gabriel’s words that Messiah would come around 3 BCE. Understanding signs in the heavens was not evil and demonic like it is today. Remember, Satan and his fallen angels cannot create a single thing – they can only copy, counterfeit, and corrupt!!!

Back to Martin, from pages 84-86, 93 and 98: “The birth of this child in **Revelation 12** should have occurred while the sun was `clothing’ the woman, when the sun was mid-bodied to Virgo. This period of time in 3 BC covered 20 days (August 27-September 15). If Jesus were born within that 20-day period, it would fit most remarkably with the testimony of Luke (relative to the birth of John the Baptist and the eighth course of Abijah)…**But, there is a way to arrive at a much closer time for Jesus’ birth than a simple 20-day period. The position of the moon in John’s vision actually points to the nativity to within a day – to within a period of an hour and a half (within 90 minutes) on that day.”**

**“The key is the moon. The apostle said it was located `under her feet.’...What is vital, however, is that** **this shows the Moon to be a New Moon**…**The Moon has to be in that exact location when the sun is mid-bodied to Virgo. In the year 3 BC, these two factors came to precise agreement for about an hour and a half, as observed from Palestine, or Patmos, in the twilight period of September 11. The relationship began about 6:15 p.m. (sunset), and lasted until around 7:45 p.m. (moonset). This is the only day in the whole year that the astronomical phenomenon described in the twelfth chapter of Revelation could take place!”**

**“The apostle John said this heavenly relationship occurred at the time of Jesus’ birth. And in 3 BC, this exact combination of celestial factors happened just after sunset only on one day of the year. It was September 11…Indeed, even one day before, on September 10- the moon would have been located above the Virgin’s feet with the crescent not visible, while one day later on September 12 the moon had moved too far beyond the feet of the virgin, at least 25 diameters of the moon east of her feet. Thus only one day applies. That day was just after sunset on September 11th.”**

Pages 90-91, Martin says: “What New moon could this have been? The answer is most amazing. It is almost too amazing. September 11, BC was Tishre 1 on the Jewish calendar. To the Jewish people, this would have been a very profound occasion indeed, the Day of Trumpets--**Leviticus 23:23-26**…it relates to the Messiah and His Kingship. The information may provide a better understanding of why the early apostles of the first century and many Jews and gentiles so quickly came to accept Jesus as the Messiah…There could hardly have been a better day in the ecclesiastical calendar of the Jews to announce the Messiah to the world…”

From pages 96-98: “Truly the Day of Trumpets’ theme is that of kingship…It is postulated by many scholars that in Israel, Yahweh was crowed annually at the `New Year feast of Yahweh.’ The scholar Mowinckel has argued that the `enthronement psalms, Psalms 47, 93, 96-99, in which Yahweh reigns, were a part of the liturgy of the ancient synagogues. There is no doubt that this is true. This was also the very day when Jesus was born.”

Martin goes on to show that the “star,” the planet Jupiter after traveling around with many displays during that time, into 2 BC, or 1 BC after Yom Teruah of 2 BC, finally stopped literally for six days over Bethlehem, due to the rotation of the earth, which Martin goes into detail about. They arrived at the house where Miriam and Yosef and Yahushua were staying, when he was 15½ months old exactly on December 25th, and gave the gifts to the toddler who was saying words by this time. Herod was freaked out, terrified. The Magi were warned in a dream to go home without the baby they wanted to take back to reign over Parthia. They obeyed. But, Herod went on a rampage and killed all babies under the age of 2. Where were Miriam, Yosef, and Yahushua during this slaughter? In Egypt… because Yosef obeyed the dream Yahuwah gave him. Read **Matthew chapter 2** for the accurately recorded details. They returned from Egypt after Herod died in 1 BCE. Both Apostles Matthew and Luke have been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt to have recorded the details accurately.

Why was it staged by Yahuwah to bring the Magi to Bethlehem on December 25th, the pagan day when the pagan world honors the birth of the sun gods, primarily beginning with Nimrod who made himself a giant, a gibbor (mighty man), a hybrid Nephilim? It was the day also following the winter equinox that the days lengthened, when the light of the world began to be longer each day. I believe it was Yahuwah’s smile.

On the day when Satan and his fallen angels were supposed to get glory from their worshippers, all of heaven was worshipping the “Sun of Righteousness who arose with healing in His wings.” (**Malachi 4**) Yahuwah Sun/Son was the Light of the world, and He wanted the pagans to know it. Remember, the world of Satan and his agents can create nothing – they can only use what is of Abba Yahuwah and counterfeit and corrupt it. That’s what they did with December 25th.

Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 10**) tells us not to learn the ways of the heathen, not to bring a tree into our house and decorate it with gold balls (a phallic symbol of Ba’al). So, we don’t honor December 25th like the world does! We must not honor it at all because of its demonic tags put on it by the evil world system. It is the time of the birth of all the ancient sun gods, and the ancient celebrations of it included the worship of gods by human sacrifice.

The whole world loves western “Christmas,” even Muslims and the Chinese. We must be set apart from the world unto Yahuwah and Yahushua! But, on December 25th, we can smile with Abba and remember the Magi who brought ½ billion dollars in wealth to this little poor family. Wouldn’t you have liked to be there when little Yahushua saw these beautifully dressed men coming into his house with all those gifts for Him? I wonder what He said to them.

Martin goes on to give details of why we know that this star, this convergence of Jupiter and Venus was over Bethlehem on December 25th, 2 BC. The details are astounding. This is why the 600 Planetariums, and probably a lot more today because Martin’s findings were exposed in 1996, showed this star display in December.

It is interesting that though Ernest Martin furthers the untrue, but traditional, 3½ year ministry of Messiah, he does say that Messiah began His first year of ministry at Passover 27 CE, the first year ended on Passover 28 CE. This is absolutely correct! But, Messiah’s ministry was only one year. He died and rose during Passover 28 CE.

Honor our King on His real birthday--September 11, 2017. Or honor Him on the day, by the sighting of the new moon from Jerusalem, of Yom Teruah. But, honor Him every day as the King of Kings and Master of Masters who is returning to take charge of the Kingdoms of this world.

**Revelation 11:15**: “And the seventh angel sounded (his trumpet) and there came to be loud voices in heaven saying: `The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Master and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever.”

In closing, I share with you the words to the hymn “Joy to the World,” which is all about the SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH TO RULE AND REIGN.

“Joy to the World” by Isaac Watts published 1719. Knowing it was written about Messiah’s second coming to rule the earth, we can sing it loud and clear in honor of Yahushua’s Birthday!

Verse 1:

Joy to the world, the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Verse 2:

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Verse 3:

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

Verse 4:

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders, of His love  
And wonders, wonders, of His love  
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Wikipedia: “The words of `Joy to the World,’ were written by English hymn writer [Isaac Watts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isaac_Watts), based on **Psalm 98, 96:11-12 and Genesis 3:17-18**, in the Bible. The song was first published in 1719 in Watts' collection; *The Psalms of David: Imitated in the language of the New Testament, and applied to the Christian state and worship.”*

*From CBN: “*The text was originally titled `The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom’ when it first appeared in a hymnal of 1719 by Isaac Watts. The music…is thought to have been adapted by Lowell Mason, an American church musician, from some of the phrases used in parts of George Frederick Handel's beloved oratorio, Messiah, first performed in 1742.”

Shalom, in His love, blessings, and great joy,

Yedidah,

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