

"Now the true magical art, being a science of discernment, which contemplates and beholds the books of nature with a more acute and distinct perception than usual...

...and appearing as such to be a dignified and desirable branch of knowledge, is studied not merely by private individuals, but even by kings, and the very greatest of kings, and especially by the Persian monarchs...

...to such a degree, that they say that among that people no one can possibly succeed to the kingdom if he has not previously been initiated into the mysteries of the magi."



Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years"...

- Genesis 1:14-18 NLT

...God made two great lightsthe larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars...

- Genesis 1:14-18 NLT

from the darkness.

...God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, to govern the day and night, and to separate the light

- Genesis 1:14-18 NLT

Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights. His faithful love endures forever...



- Psalm 136:7-9 NLT

... The sun to rule the day, His faithful love endures forever...





...and the moon and stars to rule the night. His faithful love endures forever.





- Psalm 136:7-9 NLT

God alone stretched out the sky... and set the stars in place the Big Dipper (or Bear) and Orion, the Pleiades and the stars in the southern sky (chambers of the south)

-Job 9:8-9

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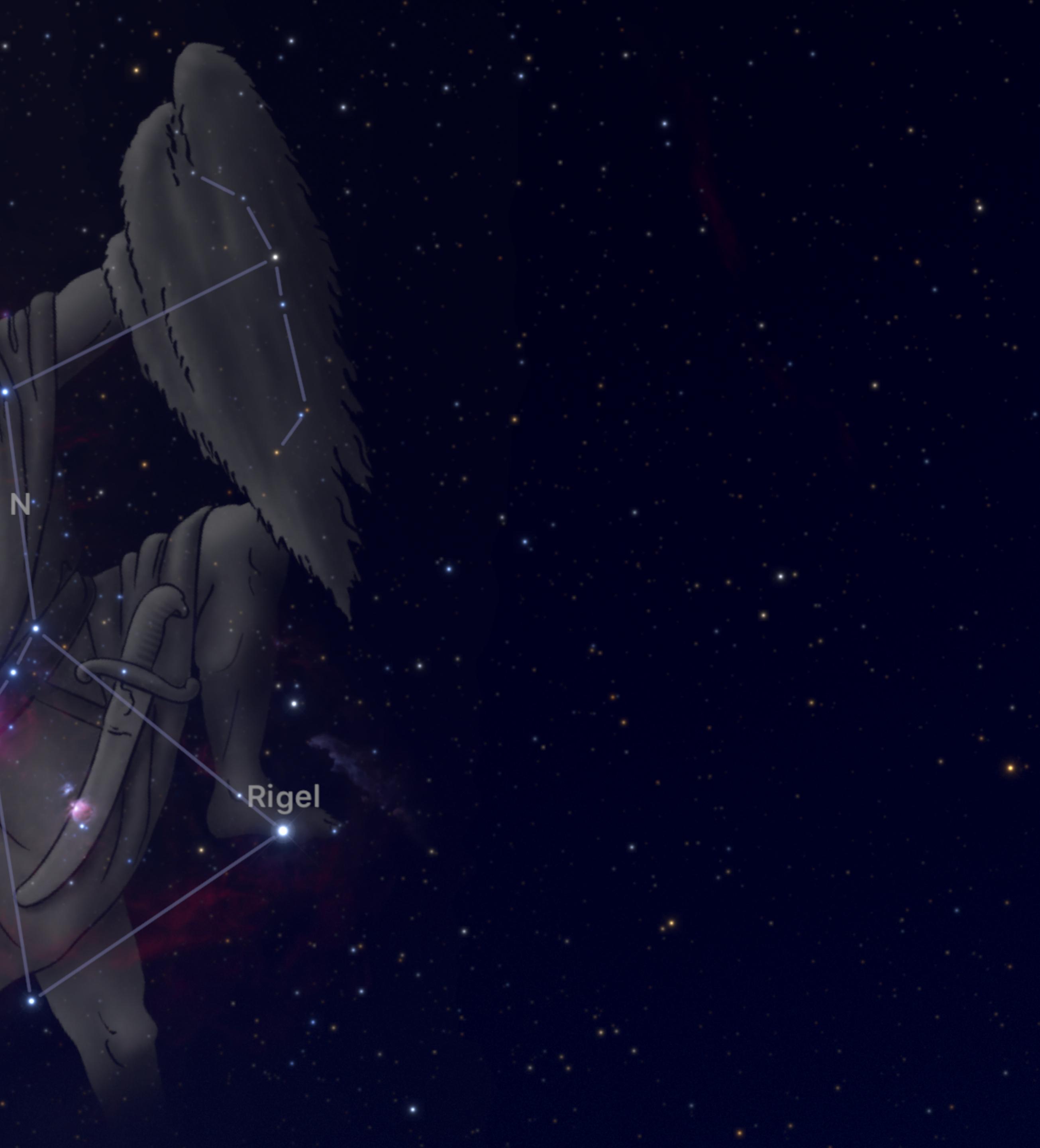
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Betelgeuse

ORION



Can you arrange stars in groups such as Orion and the Pleiades? Do you control the stars or set in place the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper? Do you know the laws that govern the heavens and can you make them rule the earth?

- Job 38:31-33 CEV

Can you bind the chains of Pleiades and loose the cords of Orion?

- Job 38:31





ORION.

Alnitak

Mintaka

Alnilam

Orion Nebula

Ori



But there is One who made the constellations Pleiades and Orion... The Lord is his name.



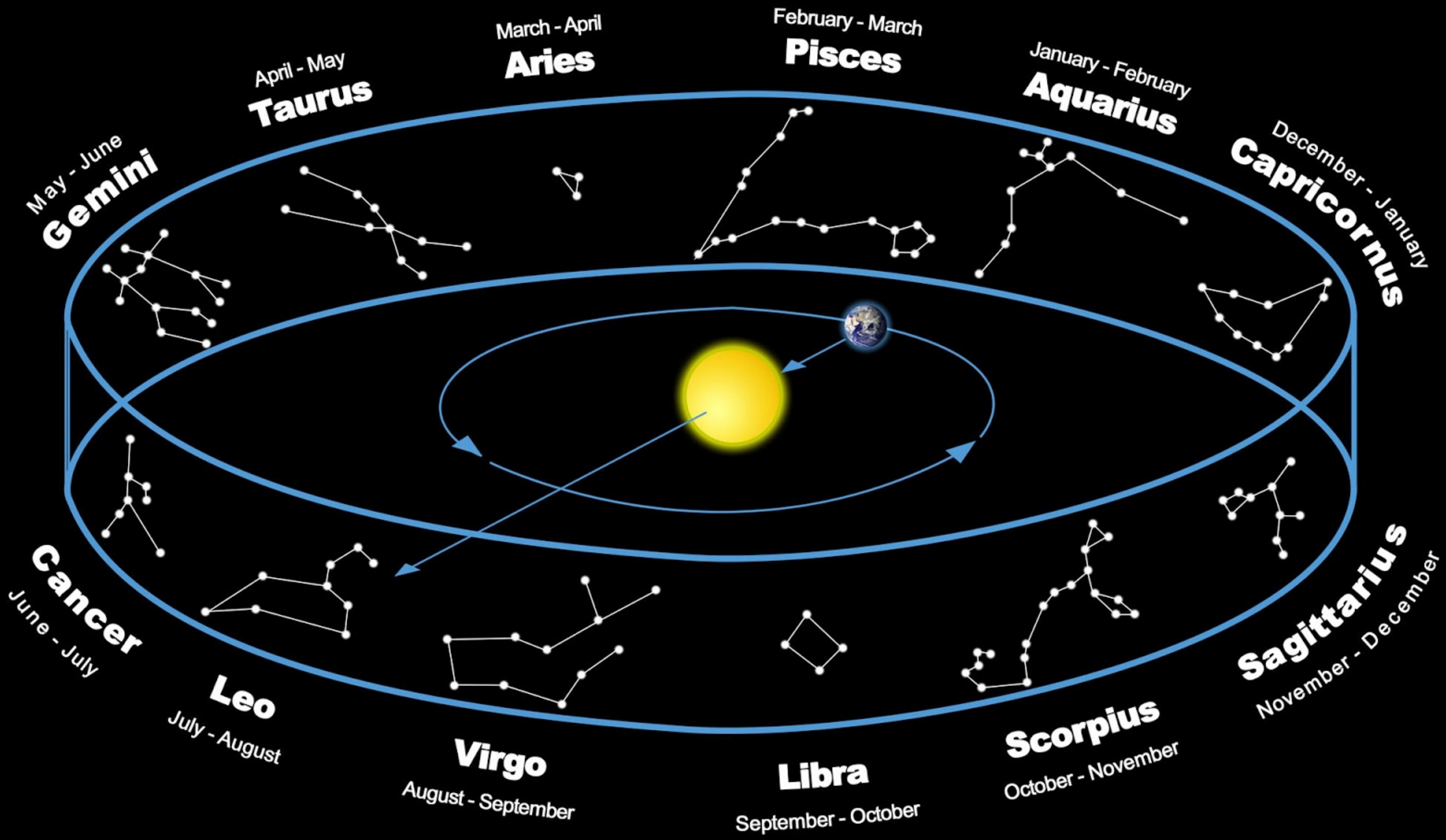
- Amos 5:8 NET

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge...

- Psalm 19:1-4 ESV

... 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. **4** Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun

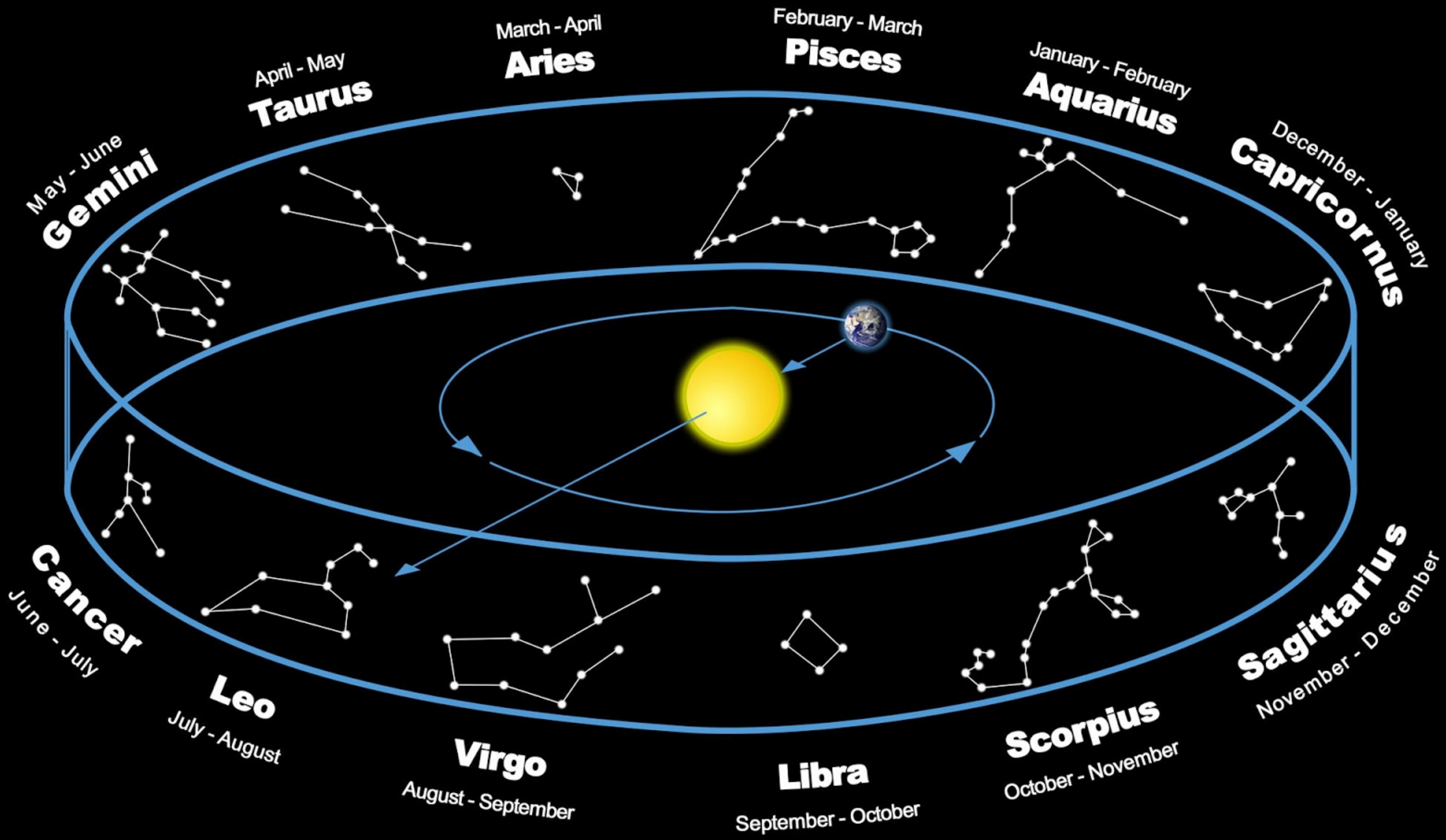
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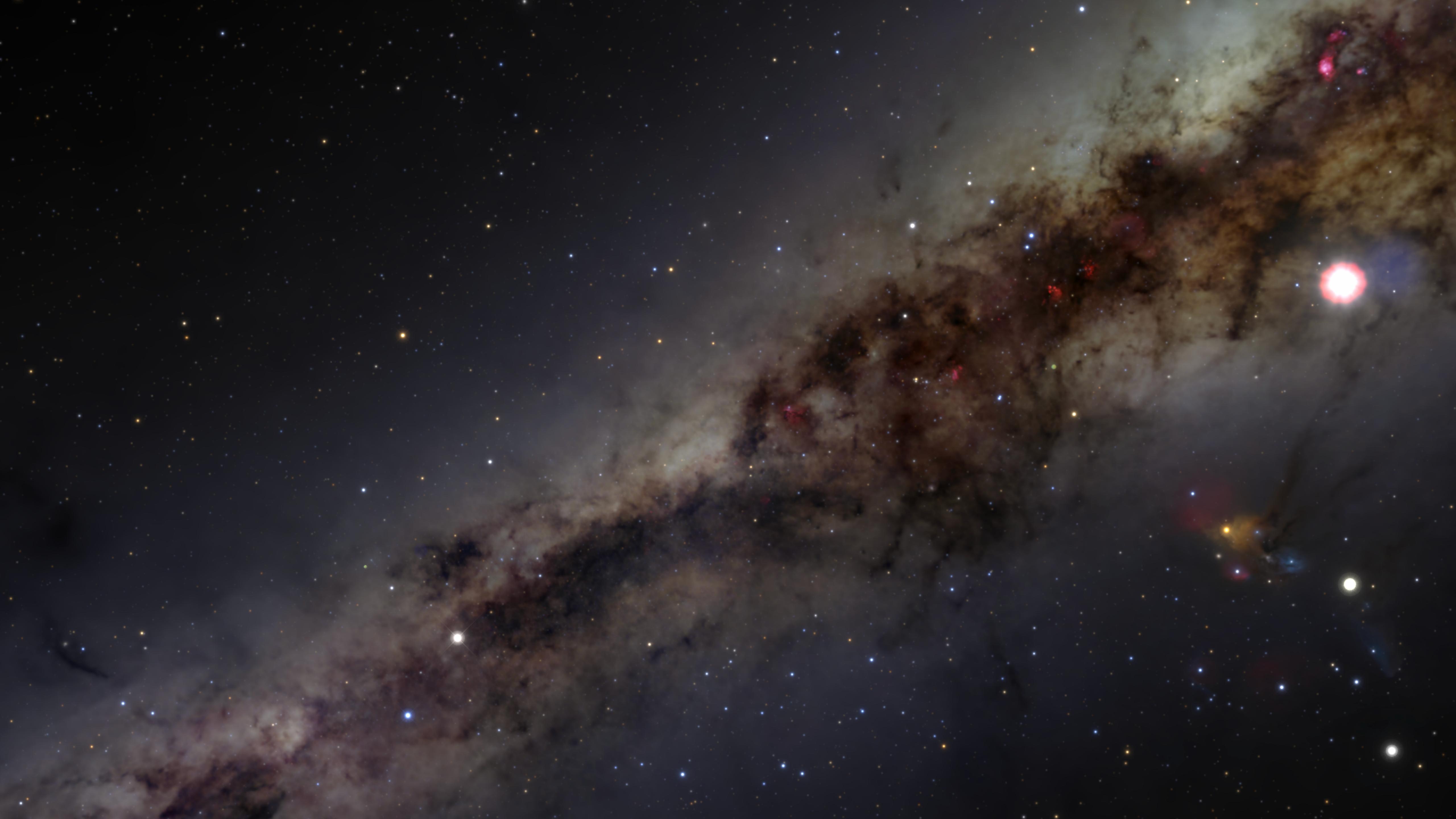
- Daniel 2:48 ESV





He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.





Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.



- Isaiah 40:26

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them...

- Romans 1:18-20 ESV

...20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. - Romans 1:18-20 ESV

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. **18** But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." - Romans 10:17-18 ESV





Astronomer

Daniel 4:9 & 5:11 He is called "Chief of the Magicians" (also known as "Magi")

24 "A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt...



...to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. 25 Now listen and understand...



... Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a rulerthe Anointed One-comes.



despite the perilous times. **26** "After this period of sixty-two

...Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing... - Daniel 9:24-27 NLT







...and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end...



...27 The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings...



... And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."



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By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?

- Isaiah 53:8 NASB

1. To Finish Their Rebellion See Matthew 23:32, 35-38

2. To Put an End to Their Sin **19** In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation...21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:19,21

3. To Atone for Their Guilt He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. -1John 2.2

4. To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness How much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! - Romans 5:17



5. To Confirm/Hide the Prophetic Vision In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." - Matthew 13:14



5. To Confirm/Hide the Prophetic Vision These are the words I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

- Luke 24:44





6. To Anoint the Most Holy Place "Place" - John 2:18-21 "Person" - 1 Chronicles 23:13 NASB







The "Male Child" of Christmas



Revelation 12: *"male child who will rule the nations with a rod of iron."*

Reve ation 12: "clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve

stars on her head."



Reve ation 12: "an enormous red dragon"





Reve ation 12: "but her child was snatched up to God and his throne!"



Revelation 12: *"swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth."*

It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them.



Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.



- Daniel 12:3 NIV

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."...



...3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites...



- Micah 5:2-4

...4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.





"whose going forth... Are from the days of eternity"



...until the time when she who is in labor bears a son.

- Micah 5:3

Micah 4:6-10 8 As for you, Jerusalem, the citadel of God's people, your royal might and power will come back to you again. The kingship will be restored to my precious daughter Jerusalem.

Micah 4:6-10 9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you? Has...pain seized you like a woman in labor? 10 Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor.

Who is this that appears like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, majestic as the stars in procession?

- Song of Solomon 6:10 NIV

