



# STAR BORN

**Part 3 - The Stargazer's True Star**



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## Venus and Jupiter: Together at Last

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*The two brightest planets are gliding closer together in the early evening sky, and their celestial dance culminates with an ultra-close pairing on June 30th.*

*Sky & Telescope Contributing Editor*

*Fred Schaaf brings up a very*

*interesting point:*

*...this current trio of Venus-Jupiter  
conjunctions **closely resembles a similar  
series in 3-2 BC that has been  
suggested as the Star of Bethlehem....***

*...“As has been the case in 2014–15,”  
he explains, “the first two conjunctions  
back then were extremely close,  
the last one separated by about 1°,  
all three occurred not far from Regulus,  
and all were similarly high up  
in the sky.”*



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# The Gentile's Star



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# Deir Alla Inscription

**Speaks about a “Cursing Prophet”  
named Balaam Son of Beor**

*I see him, but not now; I behold him,  
but f near: a star shall come out  
of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out  
of Israel; it shall crush the forehead  
of Moab and break down all the sons  
of Sheth.*

*- Numbers 24:17*

**Acts 8:9-24; 13:6-12**

Two False Prophets - Simon and  
Elymas are called “Magicians”.



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**Although God forbids the  
use of astrology to the Jews,  
in the ancient world he allows  
it to be used by the Gentiles  
to predict the future!**



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*And when you look up into the sky and see the sun, moon, and stars — all the forces of heaven — don't be seduced into worshiping them. The Lord your God **gave them to all the peoples of the earth.***

*- Deuteronomy 4:19 NLT*

*Do not act like the other nations,  
who try to read their future in the stars.  
Do not be afraid of their predictions,  
even though other nations are  
terrified by them.*

*- Jeremiah 10:2 NLT*

**1** *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples...*

*- Isaiah 60:1-6*



*...but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you*

**3** *And nations shall come to your  
light, and kings to the brightness  
of your rising.*

*- Isaiah 60:1-6*

*...5 the wealth of the nations shall  
come to you. 6 A multitude of camels  
shall cover you, the young camels of  
Midian and Ephah...*

*- Isaiah 60:1-6*

*...all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and  
frankincense, and shall bring good  
news, the praises of the Lord.*

*- Isaiah 60:1-6*

**1** *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise men from the east** came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?...*

*– Matthew 2:1-2, 7, 9-10 ESV*

*...For we saw his star when it rose  
and have come to worship him.”*

*...7 Then Herod summoned the wise  
men secretly and ascertained from  
them what time the star had  
appeared...*

*– Matthew 2:1-2, 7, 9-10 ESV*

*...**9** After listening to the king,  
they went on their way. And behold,  
the star that they had seen when  
it rose went before them until it came  
to rest over the place where the  
child was...*

*– Matthew 2:1-2, 7, 9-10 ESV*

*...**10** When they saw the star,  
they rejoiced exceedingly with  
great joy.*

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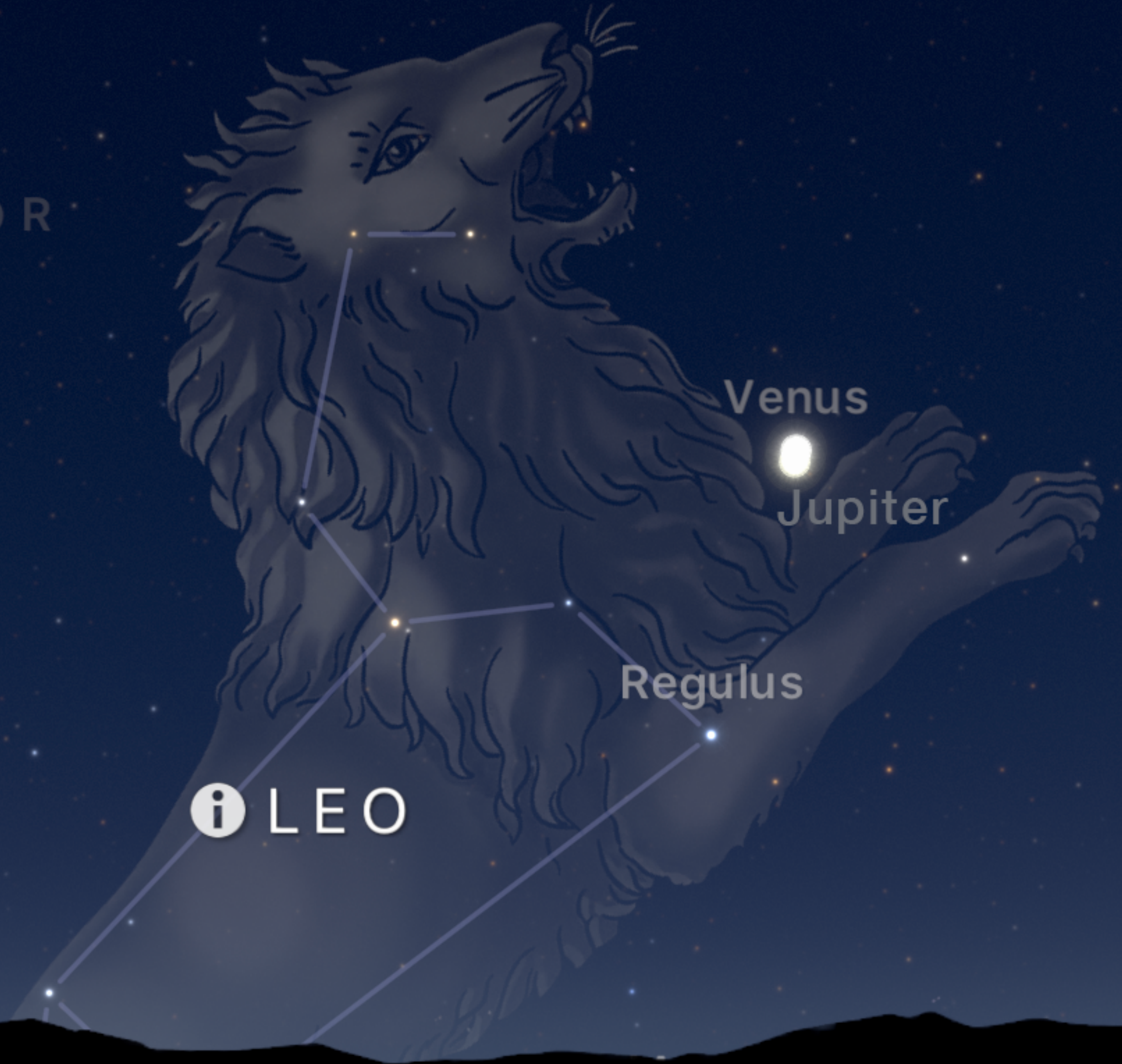
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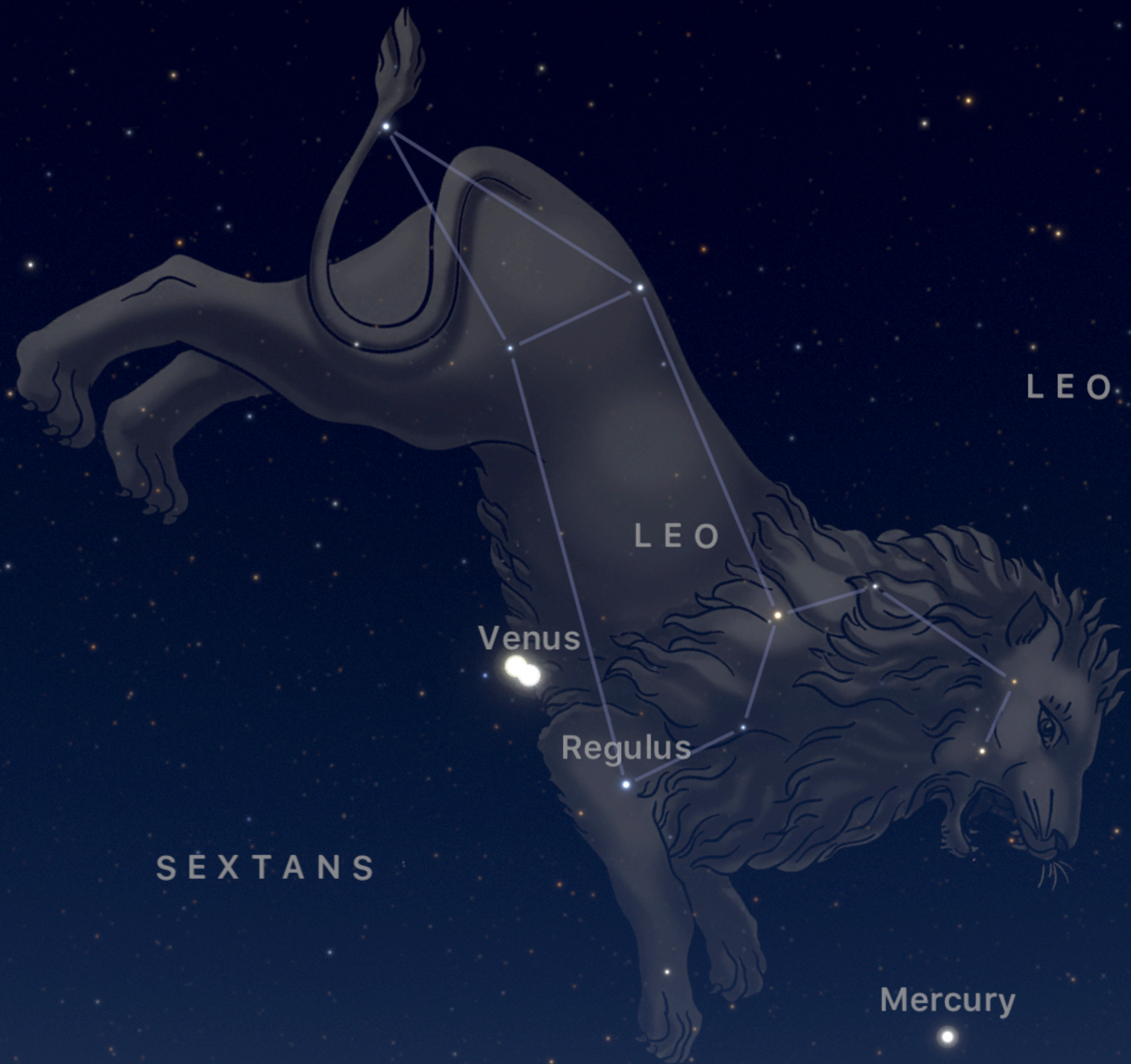
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**9** *Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?...*

*- Genesis 49:9-10*

*...**10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the nations.*

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*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.*

*- Genesis 3:9-15*

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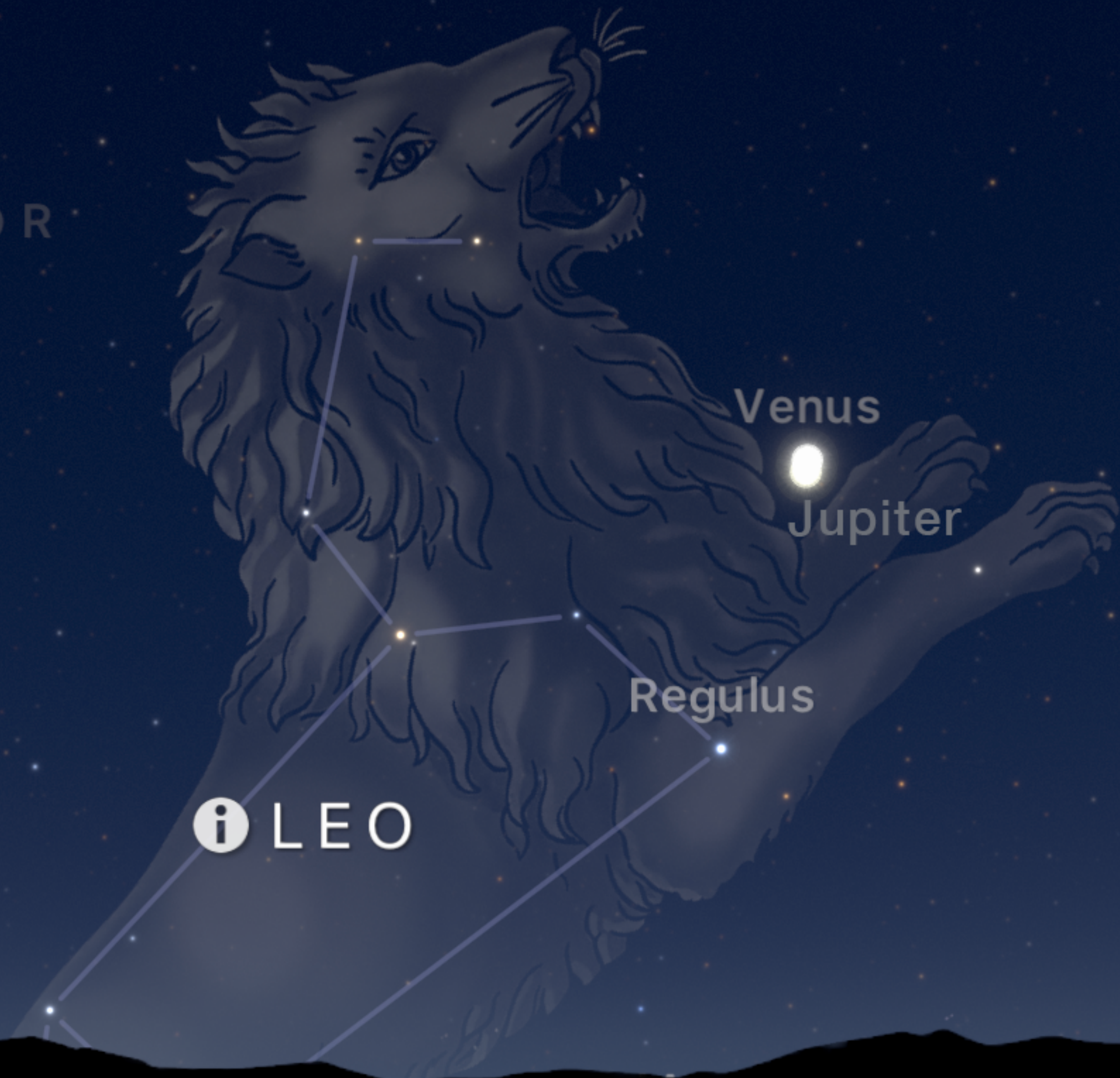
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*...7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared...*

*– Matthew 2:7*

*Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region **who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.***

*– Matthew 2:16*

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*Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in August of that year. He had arranged to leave Babylon on April 8th, the first day of the new year, and he arrived in Jerusalem on August 4th, **for the gracious hand of God was on him.***

*– Ezra 7:8-9 NLT*

*They [the Magi] went on their way.  
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*– Matthew 2:9*

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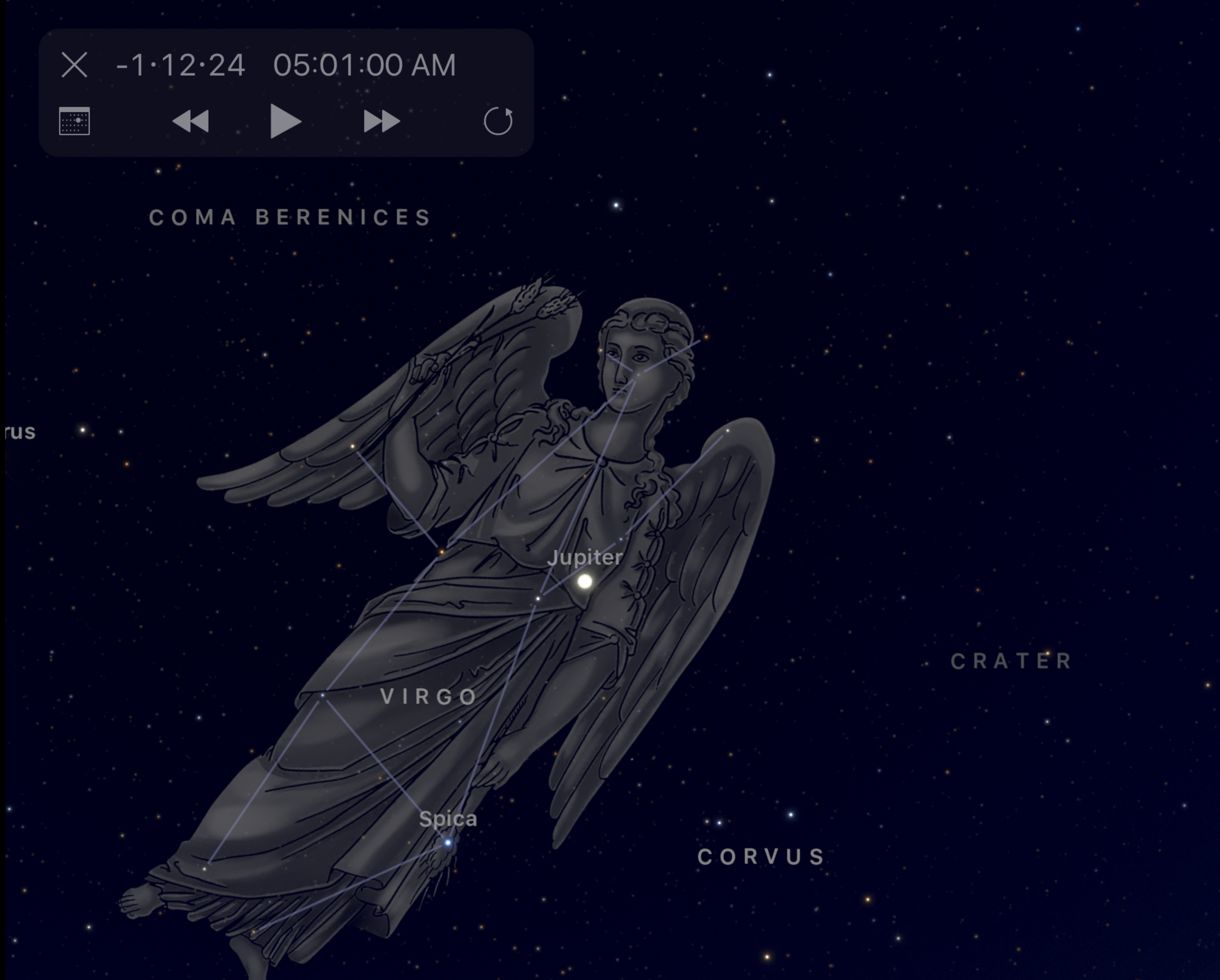
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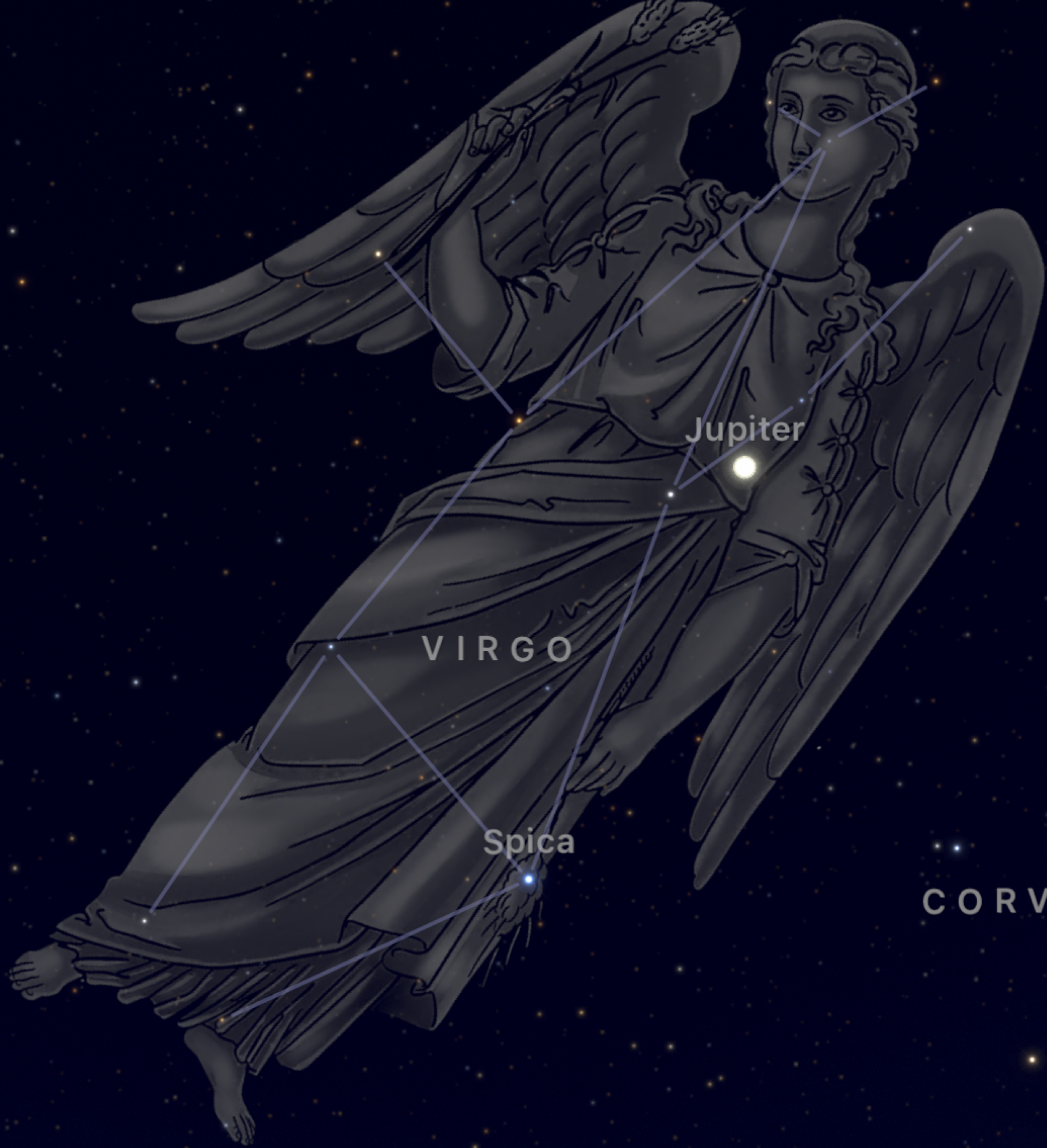
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*They entered the house and saw  
**the child with his mother, Mary,**  
and they bowed down and worshiped  
him. Then they opened their treasure  
chests and gave gifts of gold,  
frankincense and myrrh.*

*– Matthew 2:11 NLT*

*Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

*– Matthew 1:20-21*

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:  
“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).”*

*– Matthew 1:22-23*

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