



FOUNDATIONS



GOSPEL

God the Hero



The Stage is Set



Proto-gospel - The gospel at the beginning

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Signs in the Stars

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

Genesis 1:14-15

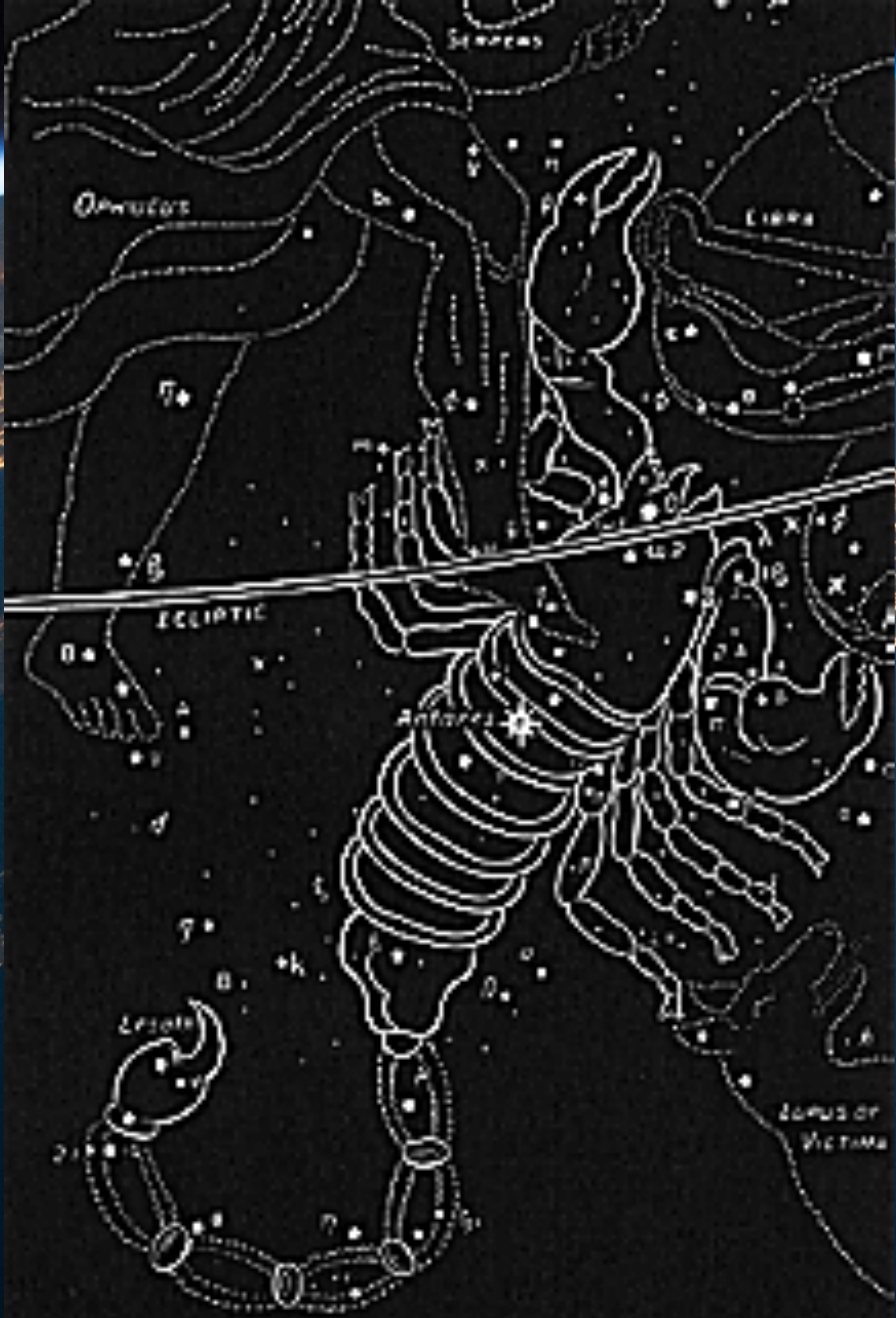
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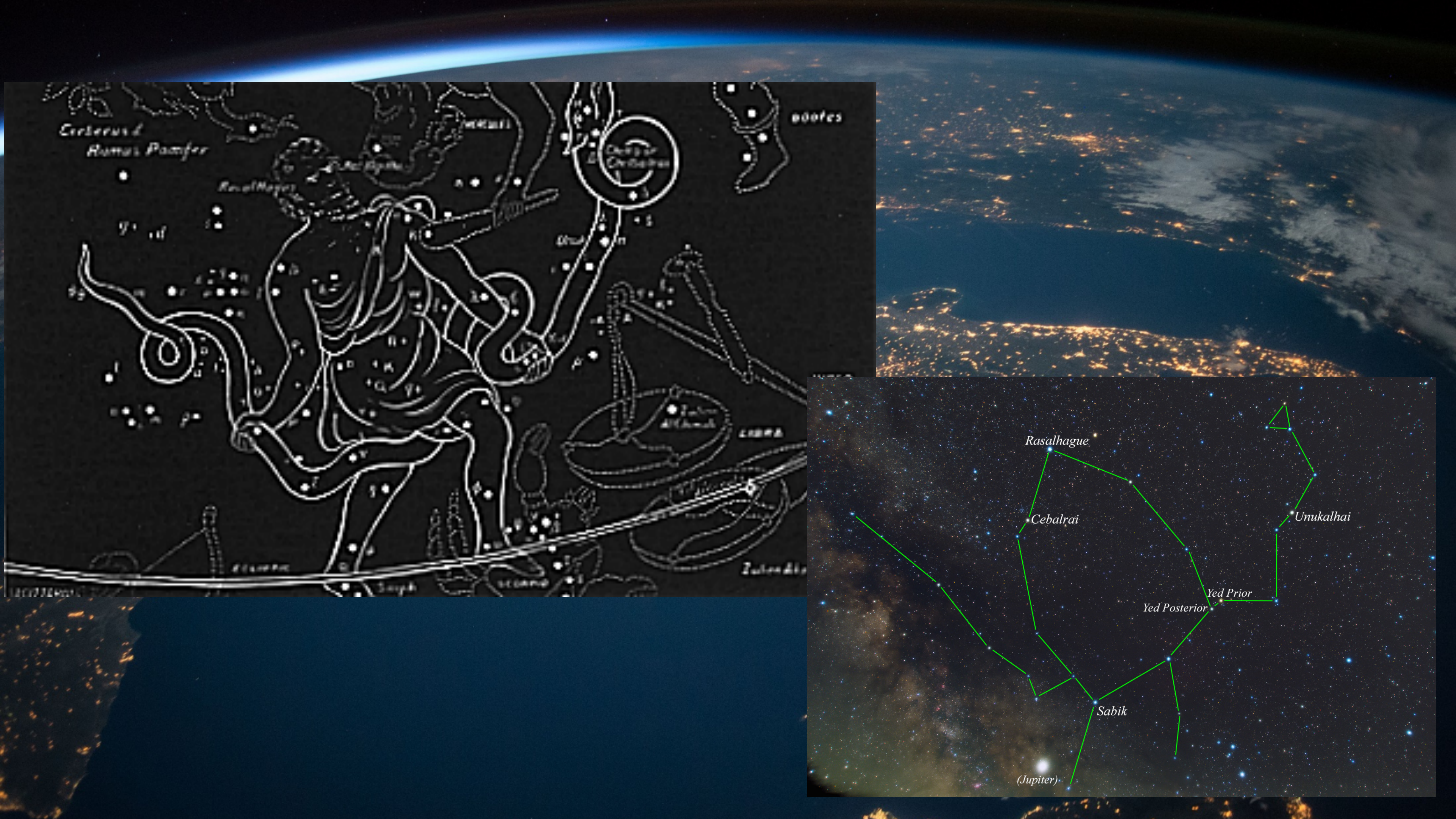
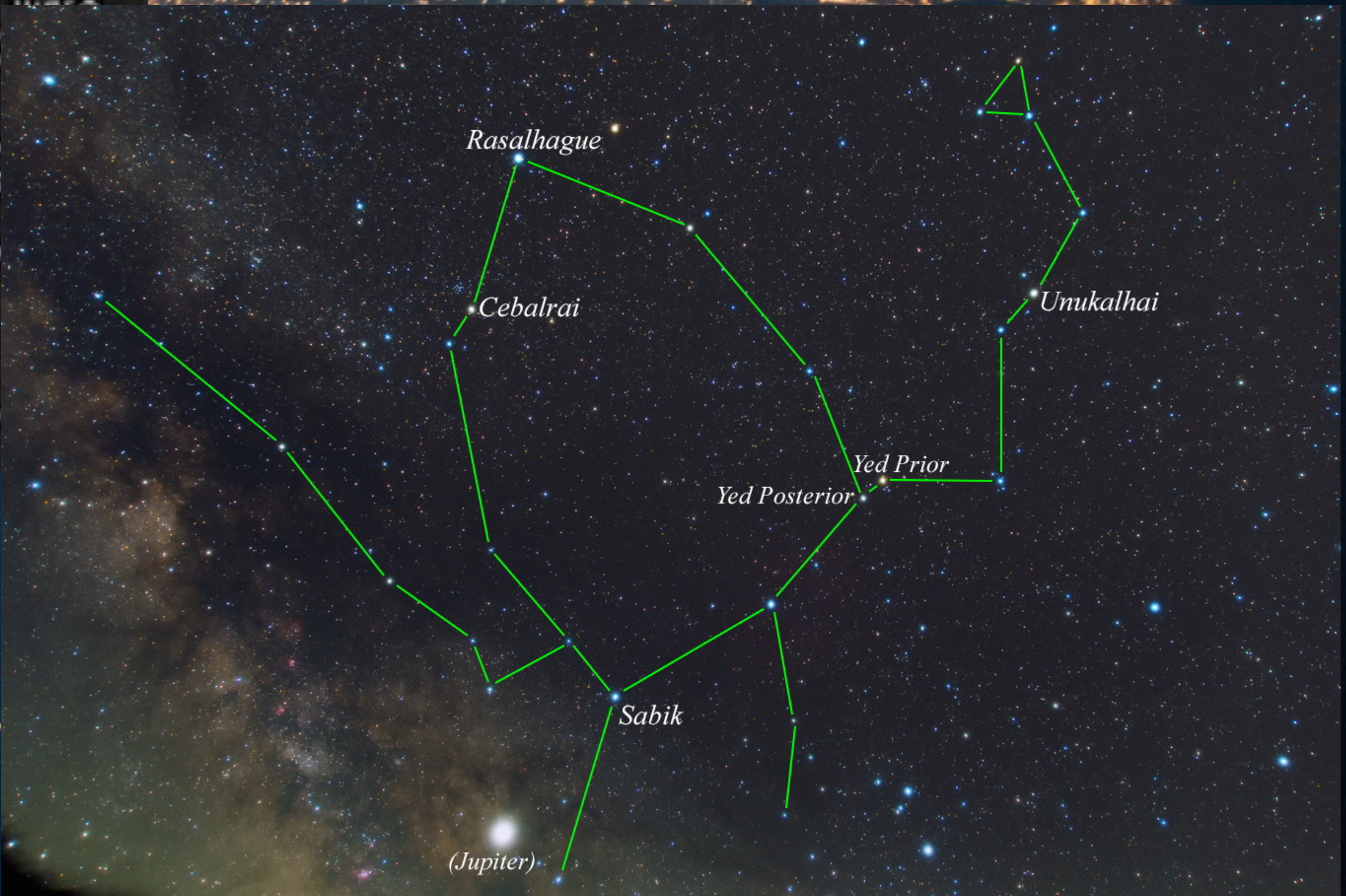
Now this Seth, when he was bought up, and came to those years in which he could discern what was good, became a virtuous man; and he was of an excellent character, so did he leave children behind him who imitated his virtues...They also were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order.

Josephus

Signs in the Stars

Many older writers believed that these twelve zodiacal constellations and their thirty-six side constellations accomplished much more than memorializing the key events in the early chapters of Genesis. They have been able also to show correlations in some detail with the main prophetic promises of God, destined to be fulfilled at the first and second comings of Christ.





Before the Foundations...

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8

Before the Foundations...

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

Matthew 25:34

The Written Testimony

These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were
created, in the day that the LORD God made the
earth and the heavens.

Genesis 2:4



What is the
Gospel?

The Early Testimonial

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Summary Gospels

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 5:21

The Gospels

Biographies of the last week of Jesus life with
extended introductions

The Big Gospel

Many have commented on the fact that the church in the Western world is going through a time of remarkable fragmentation. This fragmentation extends to our understanding of the gospel itself. For some Christians, the gospel is a narrow set of teachings about Jesus and his death and resurrection which, rightly believed, tips people into the kingdom. After that, all the real training and life transformation and discipleship and maturity take place. This is a far cry from the emphases on the Bible which understands the gospel to be the embracing category that holds much of the whole Bible together and takes Christians from lostness, condemnation, and alienation from God all the way through conversion and discipleship to the consummation to resurrection bodies and a new heaven and a new earth.

DA. Carson



**Everything in Scripture relates to the
grace of the gospel somehow...**

Predicts

Prepares

Results in

Reflects



Gospel Storylines

Themes of the gospel in the meta-narrative of scripture

God, Man, Sin, Saviour, Redemption

The pictures of the gospel in the meta narrative of scripture

- 1) Homecoming
- 2) Kingdom/Redemption from slavery
- 3) Legal
- 4) Lost/found
- 5) The marriage/COVENANT
- 6) Financial
- 7) Life and death



Home/Exile Theme

Creation made for Home and Rest

Sin Destroyed that Rest exiling us

Israel manifested this in two exiles

The exiled Lord dies outside the city on our behalf

Risen Lord invites us back home

Covenant/Marriage Theme

Creation made for faithful covenant love with God

Sin results in unfaithfulness causing God's
curse and wrath

Israel is called to faithfulness but is unfaithful

Jesus is the Mediator of a new covenant, established by his blood, in which
he not only is faithful to his end of the covenant, but also to ours.

Marriage supper of the lamb

A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the curvature of the planet. The text "Creation as Witness" is overlaid in the center.

Creation as Witness

Creation is the unbeliever's main witness

Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Acts 14:15-17

A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the curvature of the planet. The text "The Gospel and Creation" is overlaid in white with a black outline.

The Gospel and Creation

Real History



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the gospels are **not very interested in the issue of**

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the gospels are **not historically reliable**

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If the gospel is to be taken as literal history, then Genesis 1-11 has to be taken literally

The meaning of Adam is simply man, and as the bearer of this name which denotes the being and essence of all other men, Adam appears in the Genesis story as the man who owes his existence directly to the creative will and Word and act of God without any human intervention, the man who is to that extent the first man. . . . It is the name of Adam the transgressor which God gives to world-history as a whole. The name of Adam sums up this history as the history of the mankind which God has given up, given up to its pride on account of its pride. . . . It is continually like it. With innumerable variations it constantly repeats it. It constantly re-enacts the little scene in the garden of Eden. There never was a golden age. There is no point in looking back to one. The first man was immediately the first sinner.

Karl Barth



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Barth pushes it beyond the breaking point by claiming that the Christ event is not something that belongs to ordinary history at all, at least not as the liberal theologians understood history, nor as evangelical theologians understand it today. Instead, for Barth, the Christ event is an event within God's own life—an eternally fulfilled "becoming" in God himself—in which God becomes man and man participates in God, always and forever.

Carlton Wynne

The Resurrection and Creation

But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So is it with the resurrection of the dead....

1 Corinthians 15:38-40

The Resurrection and Creation

The Creator has imposed the law of decay and death on his whole creation because of the rebellion of its human stewards. Therefore only he can defeat death, and this only by paying the redemption price himself for dying for sin and then rising victoriously from the dead. Thus the great miracle of resurrection requires the great prior miracle of supernatural creation.

Henry Morris

The Resurrection and Creation

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross

Colossians 1:15-20



Foundations for the Gospel

Christ-died-for-our-sins-and-rose-again

Christ - God intervening into world history (Foundation 2)

Died For - Life must have value (Foundation 3)

Our - Man must be truly guilty (Foundation 5)

Our - Society must be truly in digression (Foundation 6)

Sins - There must be a real good and evil. A real offense. (Foundation 4)

Rose again - God must have supernatural power to create life where there is none. (Foundation 1)

Actual Foundations

Therefore the gospel is ... the most important event in history

There is an aim for society
Man is made in God's image
There is good and evil
Life has value
The Universe is His
God Exists

Our Personal Foundation

We bear fruit in society
We are conformed to the image of Christ
We discern good and evil
We love others because life has value
We see the universe as rightfully His
We have confidence God Exists

Receive the Gospel

The Gospel at the End

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

Revelation 14:6-7