



*Jesus the Messiah*

wise men still seek **HIM**



# LUKE 2:21-24, 39

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- ▶ Luke 2:21-24
- ▶ And when **eight days** were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, -- his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. (Leviticus 2:1-3)
- ▶ Jesus Is Dedicated in the Temple
- ▶ And when **the days of her purification according to the law of Moses (33 days)** were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (A total of 41 days) (Leviticus 2:6-8)
- ▶ (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)
- ▶ And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. (Lamb)

# LUKE 2:39

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- ▶ Luke 2:39
- ▶ And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

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# THE STAR

- ▶ Matthew 2:1-2
- ▶ The Visit of the Magi
- ▶ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- ▶ Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen **his star** in the east, and are come to worship him. (His Star - Numbers 24:15-19)

# GENESIS 49:9-10

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## JESUS - THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

- ▶ Genesis 49:9-10
- ▶ **Judah is a lion's whelp:** from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?
- ▶ **The scepter shall not depart from Judah,** nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

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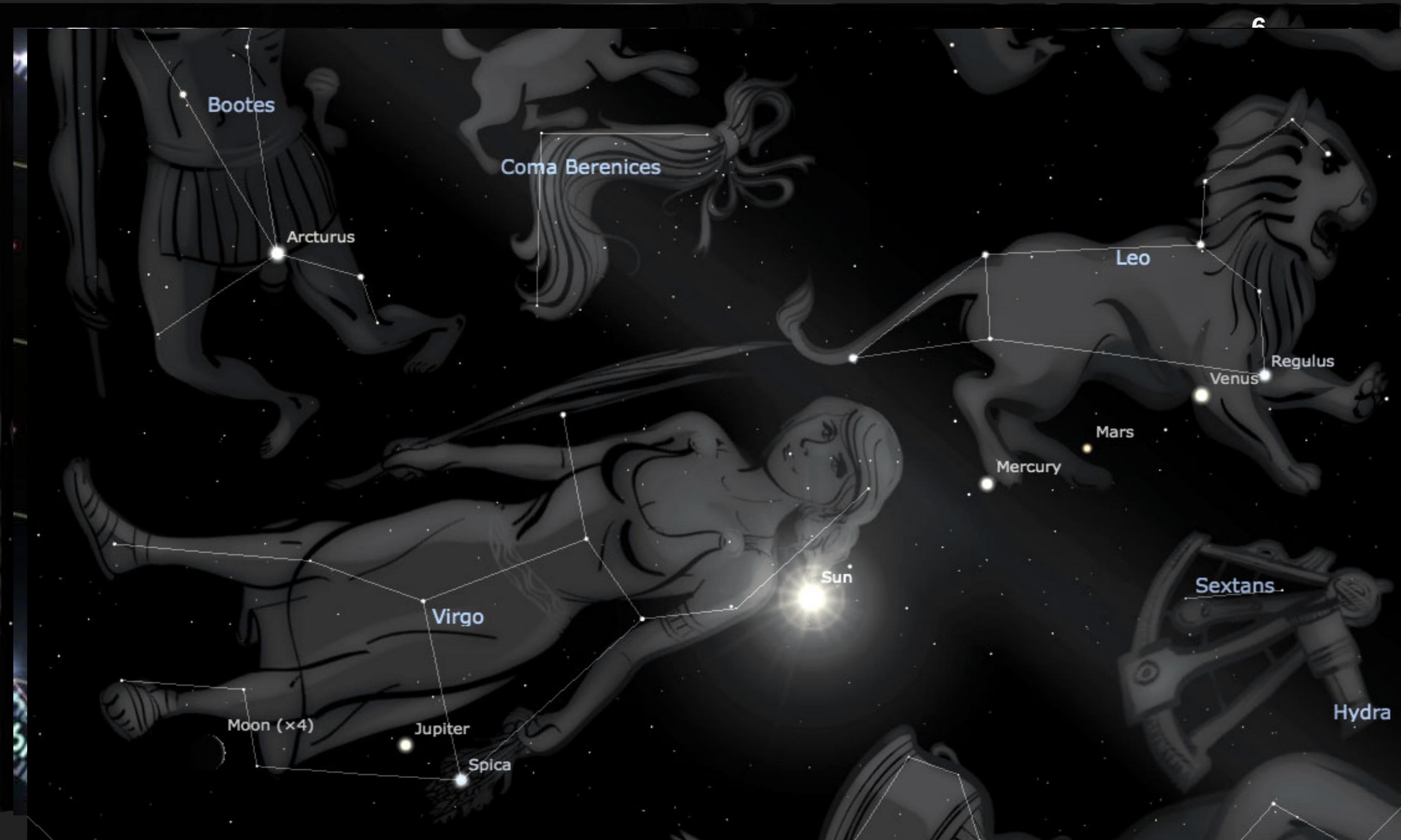
## REVELATION 5:5

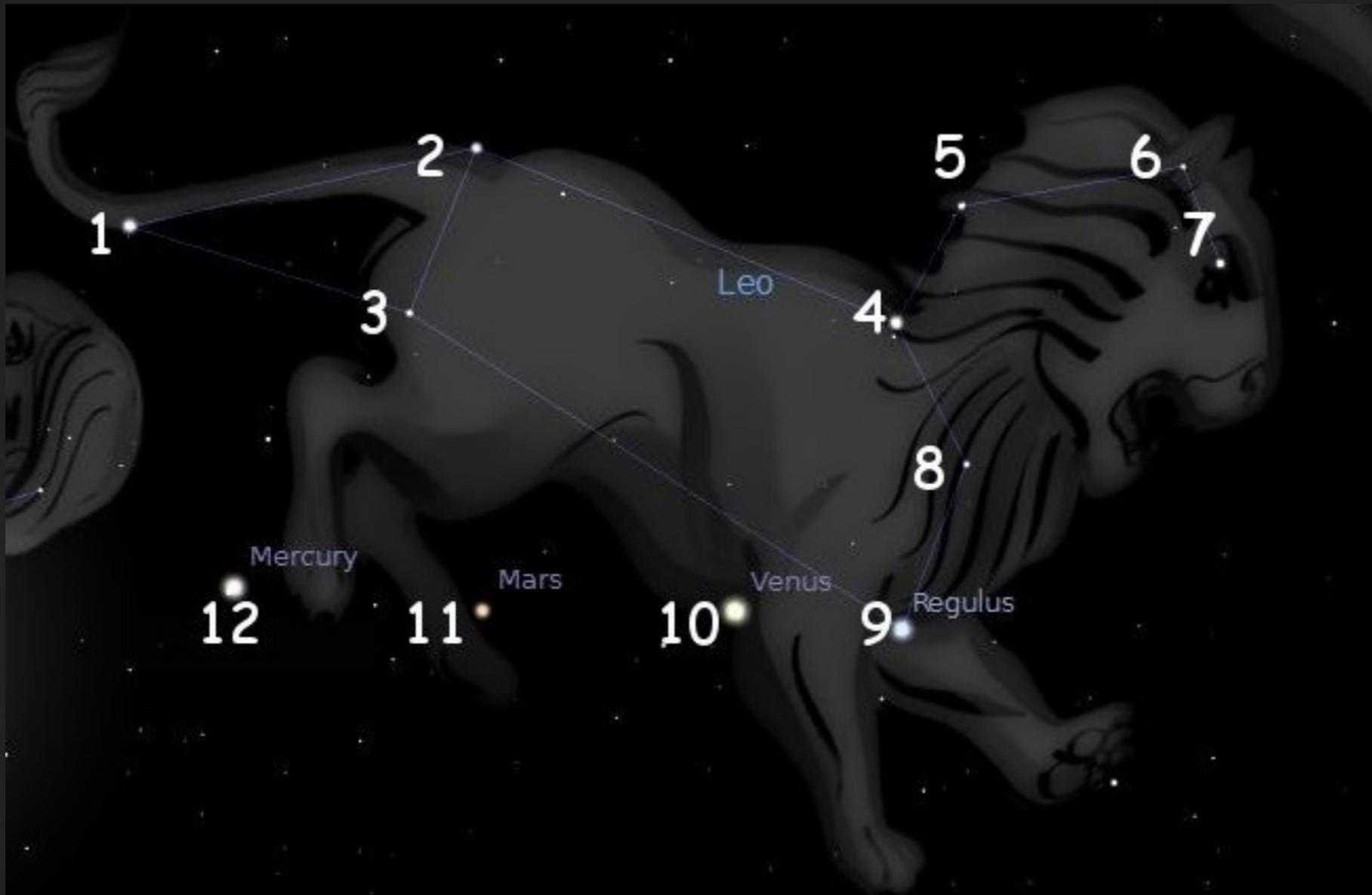
- ▶ And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

# REVELATION 12:1-2

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- ▶ Revelation 12:1-2
- ▶ A Woman Gives Birth to a Son
- ▶ 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.





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# CROWN OF 12 STARS ON HER HEAD

# ROSH HASHANAH 3 B.C.

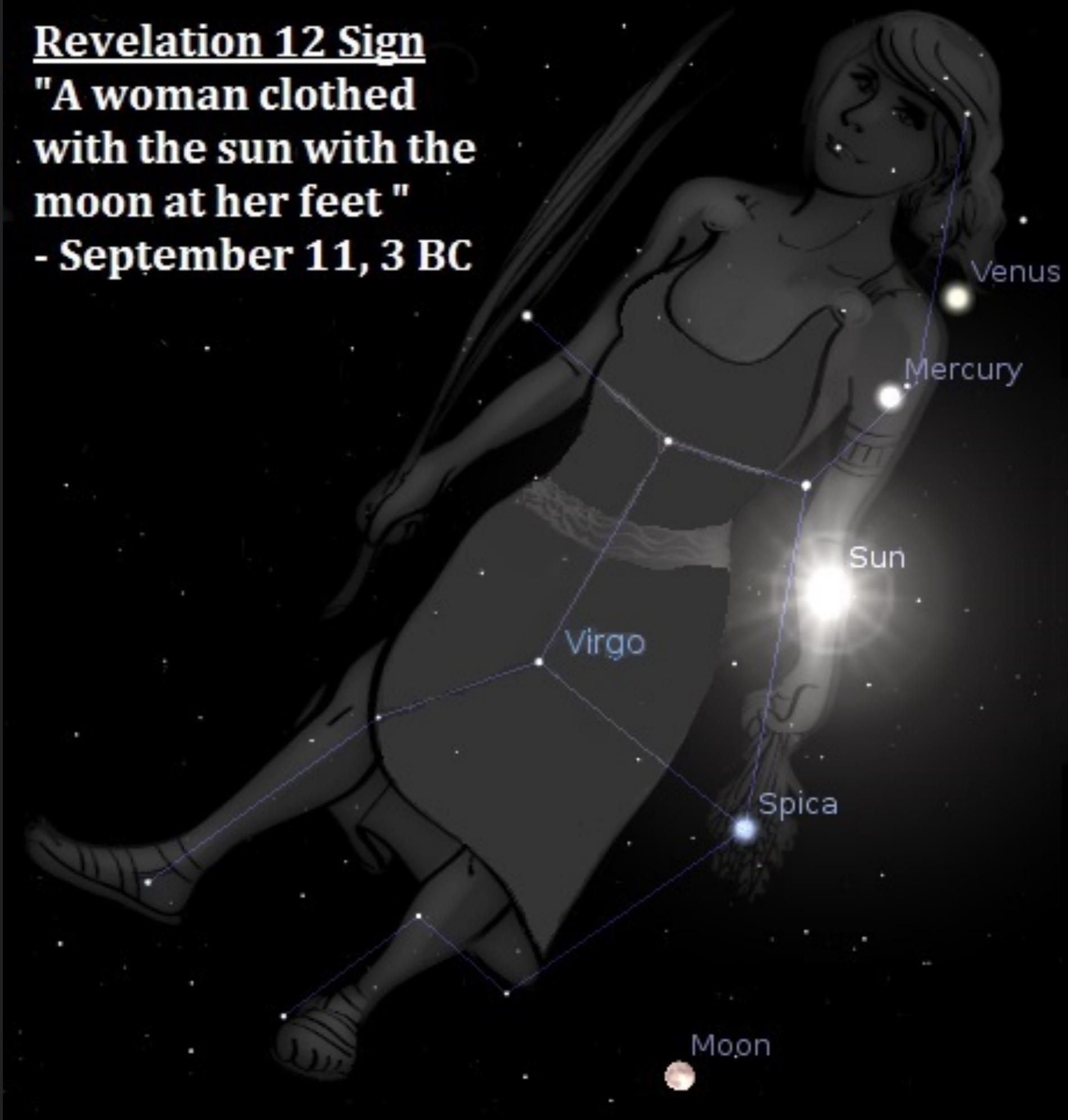
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## THIS SAME SEQUENCE OF EVENTS HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER 3 B.C.

- ▶ Revelation 12:1-2
- ▶ 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.

## Revelation 12 Sign

**"A woman clothed with the sun with the moon at her feet"**  
- September 11, 3 BC



# 9 MONTHS LATER A CHILD IS BORN

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## 2 STARS COME TOGETHER

- ▶ Jupiter and Regulus over Jerusalem in the Constellation of Leo the Lion.
- ▶ The Wisemen follow the Star to Jerusalem
- ▶ Matthew 2:1-2
- ▶ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east **to Jerusalem**,
- ▶ Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

# TRADITION TELLS US

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## THE WISE MEN

- ▶ Rode camels
- ▶ There were three
- ▶ They gathered around the nativity scene in Bethlehem
- ▶ Their names were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper

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## WHAT THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY

- ▶ How many wise men there were. (We take it for granted that there were 3 because of the 3 gifts given)
- ▶ Doesn't mention their names
- ▶ Doesn't say they rode on camels
- ▶ The lyrics to the songs says, "We three Kings." But the Bible doesn't say they were kings (They came to see The KING)
- ▶ The Bible doesn't say they found baby Jesus in a manger

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# WHO WERE THESE WISE MEN ?

- ▶ They were from Persia (Modern Day Iran)
- ▶ These wise men would have known Daniel
- ▶ Daniel was the chief Magi
- ▶ Daniel 2:48
- ▶ Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and **chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.**

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## DANIEL HAD A COPY OF THE SCROLLS IN BABYLON (TORAH)

- ▶ Daniel would have taught them about the coming Messiah
- ▶ They would have read about the Star
- ▶ Numbers 24:17 - I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come **a Star** out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel
- ▶ Matthew 2:2 - Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen **his star** in the east, and are come to worship him.

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- ▶ As the Wise men studied the stars they saw and unusual event taking shape in the constellation of Leo.
- ▶ They knew the Messiah would come from the Tribe of Judah.....
- ▶ They began their journey following the Star and it took them to Jerusalem and disappeared.
- ▶ They asked, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? (Matthew 2:2)...We have seen his star, we came to Worship!

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# KING HEROD

- ▶ Is troubled with all of Jerusalem. Mt. 2:3
- ▶ Gathered all the Chief Priests & Scribs (Jews). Mt. 2:4
- ▶ Demands to know where the Messiah should be born. My. 2:4
- ▶ In Bethlehem of Judea. Mt. 2:5, Micah 5:2
- ▶ Sends the Wisemen to Bethlehem-But THE WISE MEN WERE WISE
- ▶ The Star Appears again      Mt. 2:9-10.
- ▶ They didn't go to Bethlehem, they followed the Star!

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## REMEMBER WHERE JOSEPH & MARY TOOK JESUS AFTER HIS DEDICATION?

- ▶ Luke 2:39
- ▶ And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city **Nazareth**.

# WHERE DID THE STAR LEAD THEM?

- ▶ To a House, in Nazareth, where a toddler was growing up, waxing strong in the spirit, gaining wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. (Luke 2:39-40)
- ▶ Matthew 2:11-12
- ▶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
- ▶ And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.