

The Supernatural Worldview of the NT

Jesus and the Gospels

Bashan

Extent of the Conquest under Joshua



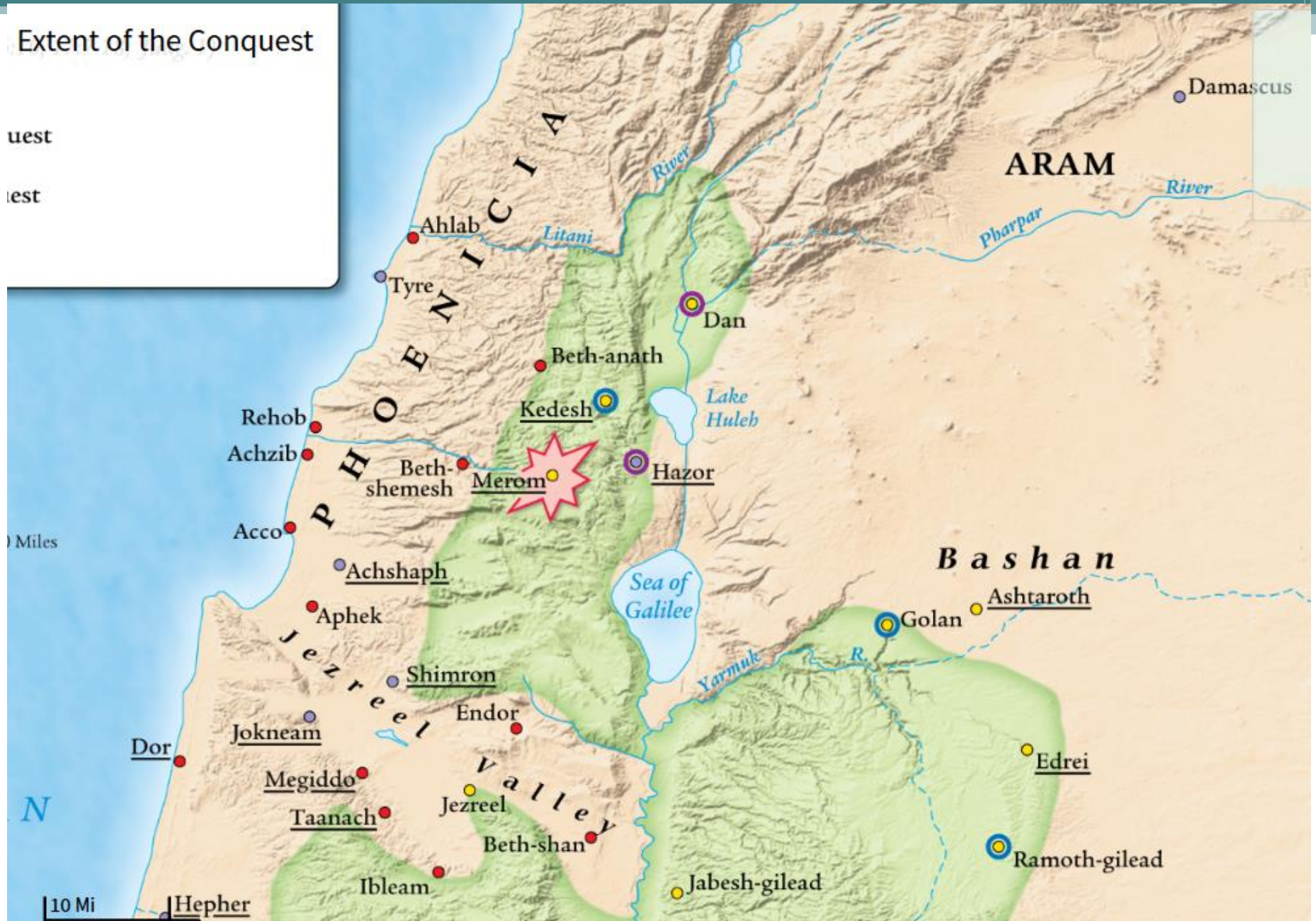
Extent of the Conquest

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Tribal Allotment

Deut 1:4 - Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.

Josh 9:10 - ... the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth.



Josh 12:4 - and Og king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei⁵ and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan . . . **Deut 3:11** (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

Bashan

- Domain of Rephaim; Canaanite hell and “place of the serpent”
- Domain of Baal, co-regent of El
 - Satan figure (Baal-Zebul)
 - Lord of the dead (defeated Mot, rose from dead)
 - Lord of the Rephaim; giants and evil spirits who inhabit the Underworld
- Mount Bashan (= Hermon) and its associations)
 - Gen 6, sons of God (Watchers), nephilim (Rephaim)

Psalm 68

¹⁵ O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!

¹⁶ Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

Psalm 68

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

¹⁸ You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Summary

Victory over Bashan meant:

- Dominion over Hermon, Rephaim, evil spirits, nephilim (Gen 6)
- Dominion over death / the gates of hell
- Defeat of Baal-Zebul, lord of the dead,

The Ministry of Jesus

holy (spiritual) war

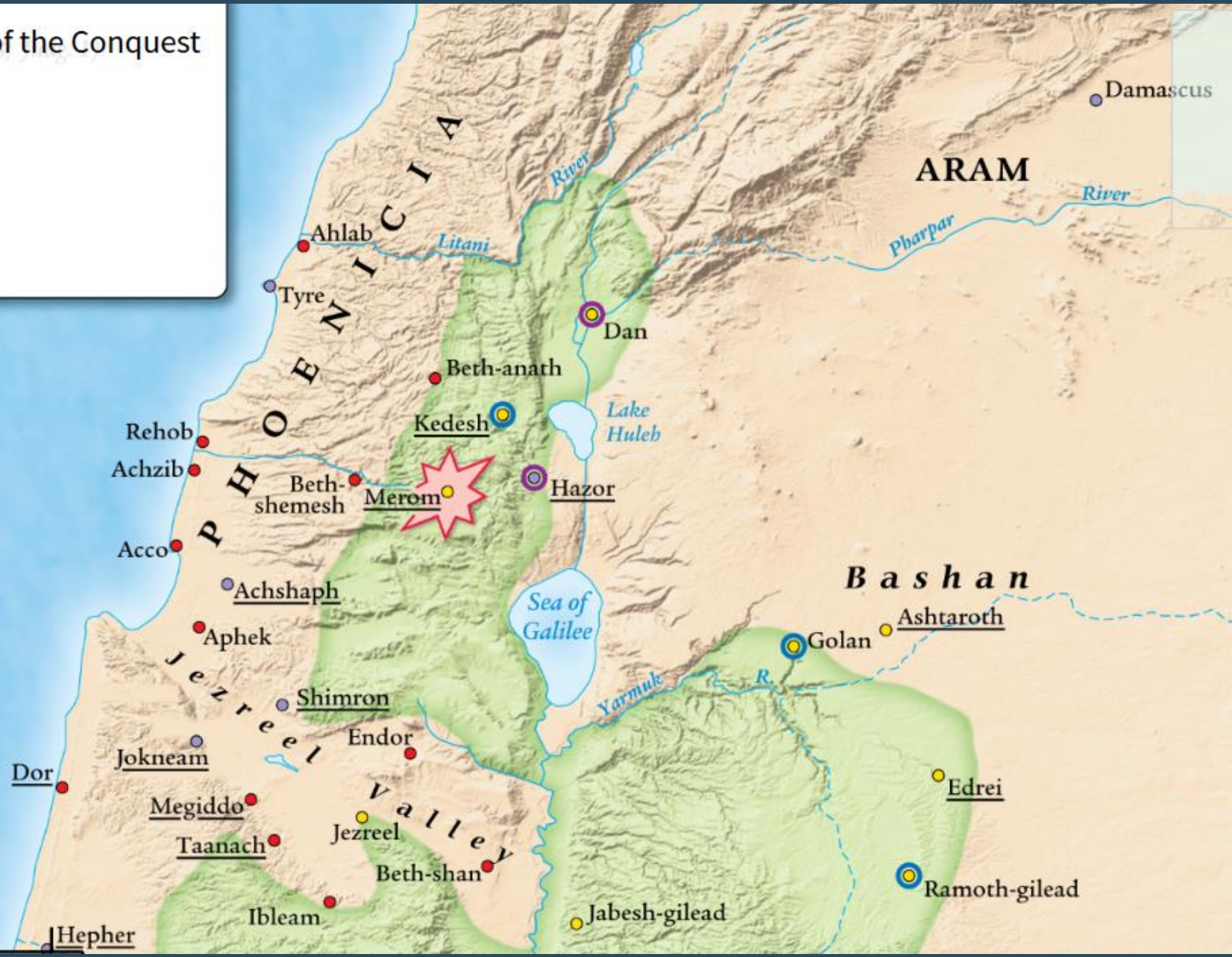
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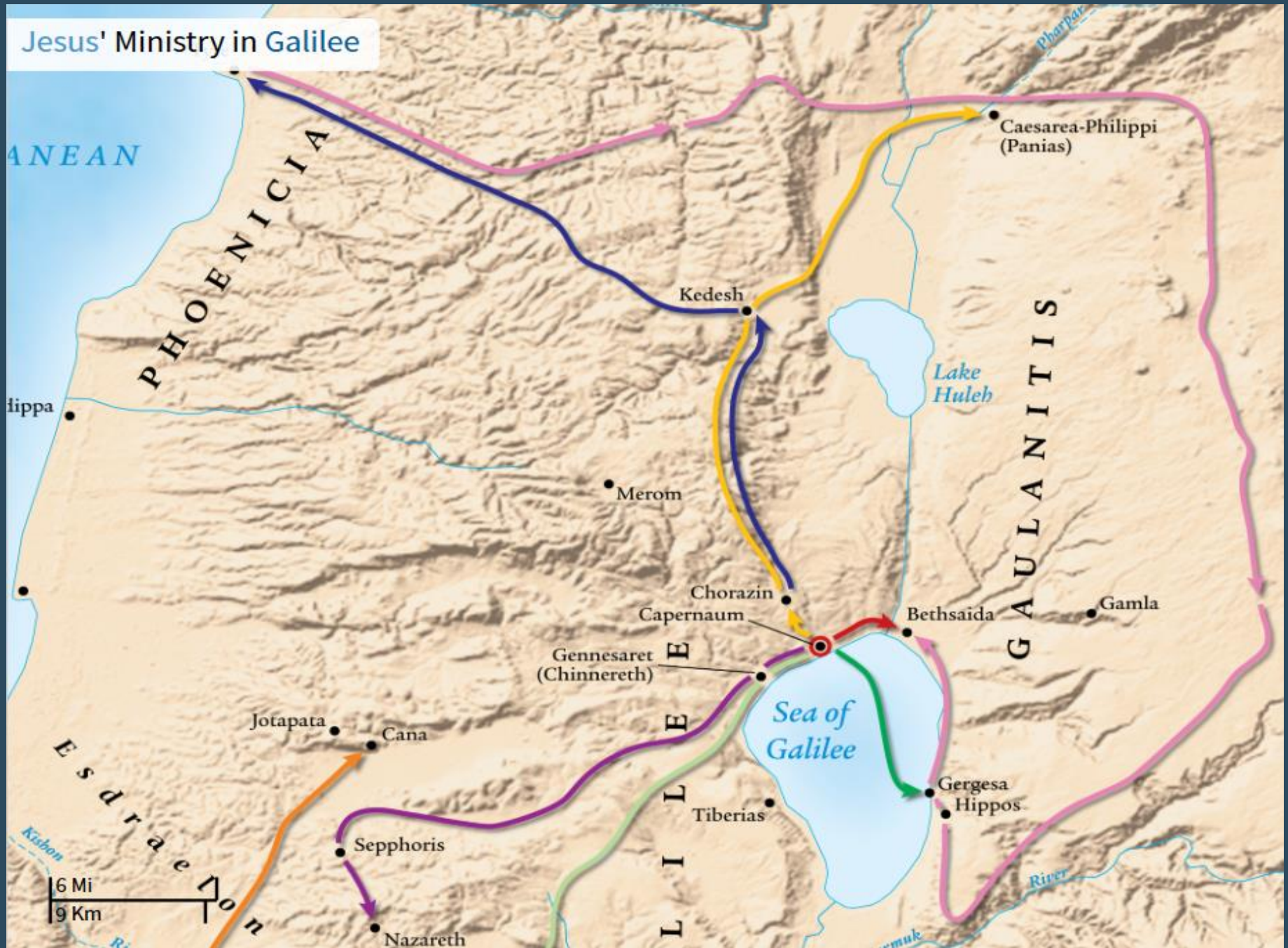
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Jesus' Ministry in Galilee



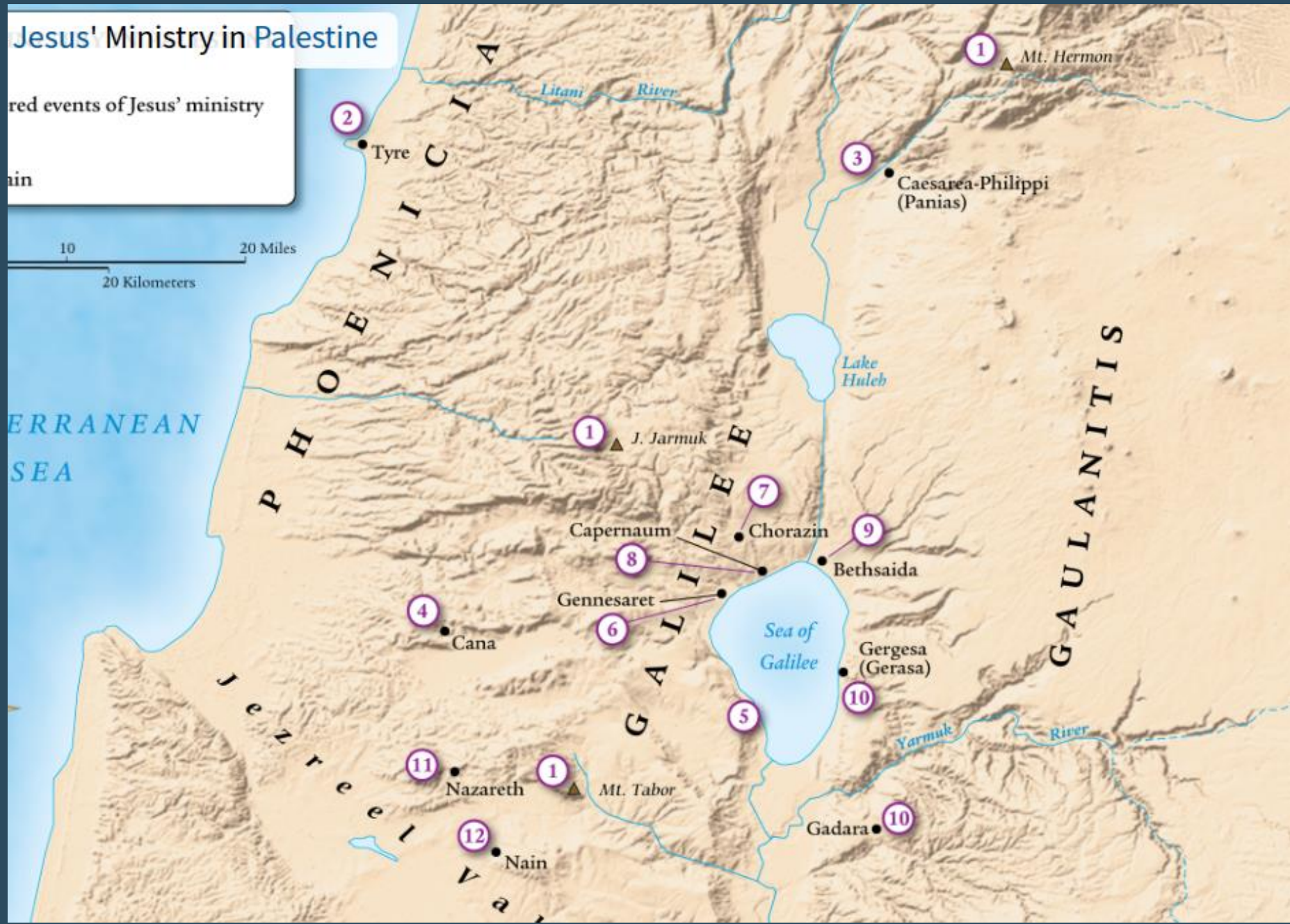
Jesus' Ministry in Palestine

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Caesarea-Philippi (Panius)

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J. Jarmuk

Capernaum

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Bethsaida

Gennesaret

Sea of Galilee

Gergesa (Gerasa)

Yarmuk River

Gadara

Nazareth

Mt. Tabor

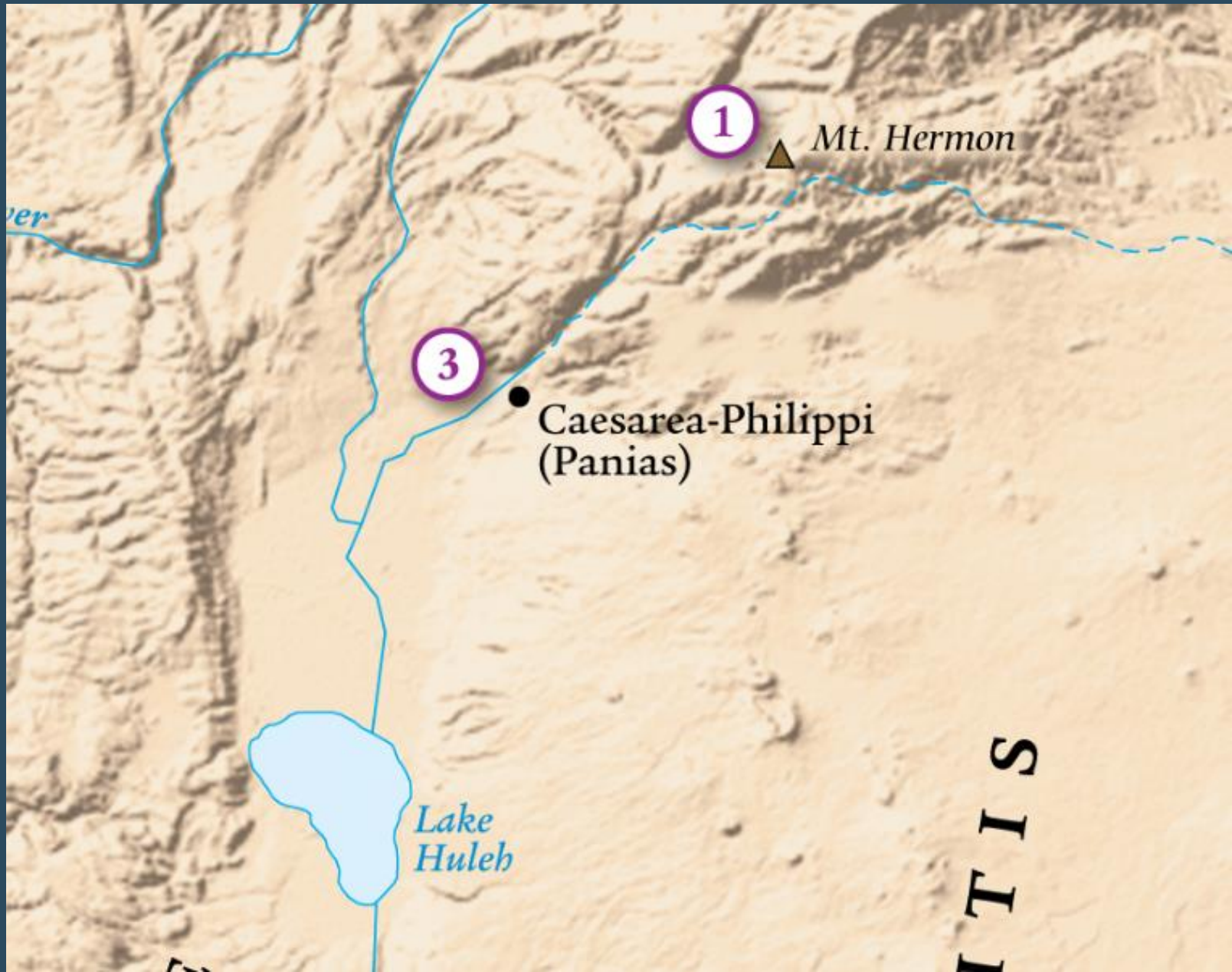
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PHOENICIA

GALILEE

GAULANITIS

Judea



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Mt. Hermon

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Caesarea-Philippi
(Panias)

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Huleh

LITIS

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

Caesarea Philippi / Banias / Pnias

- Mark 8:27-30 (Matt 16:13-16; Lk 9:18-20)
 - **Peter's Confession** ("And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi")

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

“Gates of Hell”

- You are Peter, and **on this rock** I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not be able to withstand it.
 - **Catholics** argue “rock” (petra) is Peter
 - **Protestants** argue “rock” is God/Christ (1 Cor 10:4)
 - **Neither correct:** The rock is where they are standing, at the foot of Hermon (Panias)

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

“against” not in original text (just verb + object);

better: “the gates of hell will not *withstand* it”

heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, ⁱyou are Peter, and ^jon this rock² I will build my church, and ^kthe gates of ^lhell³ shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you ^mthe keys of the kingdom of heaven, and ⁿwhatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed⁴ in heaven.” ²⁰ ^oThen he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was

Surface	prevail	against	it	19	I	will	give
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Morph	VFAI3P		RP3GSF			VFAI1	
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Jesus & Cosmic Geography

- Mark 9:2-13 (Matt 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36)
 - “And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain”

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

Transfiguration

- In early church tradition, the location of the mount of transfiguration was believed by many to be Mount Tabor.
- The earliest witness to this tradition is the 4th century A.D.
- The gospels themselves give no name, and so the tradition has no biblical precedent.

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

- Mount Hermon is considered by many the better choice since it is much higher than Tabor (8,500 feet vs. 1,843 feet), which would fit better with the description of a “high mountain” by Mark (and in Matthew 17:1).
 - Avraham Negev, *The Archaeological Encyclopedia of the Holy Land* (3rd ed.; New York: Prentice Hall Press, 1996, c1990); “Tabor, Mount (Place),” ABD, 305.
 - *Jesus and His World: An Archaeological and Cultural Dictionary*; John J. Rousseau and Rami Arav (Fortress, 1995), 209-210

Jesus & Cosmic Geography

Sending of the 70 (Luke 11:17-20)

- ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The theme of cosmic reversal

BIRTH OF JESUS

The open, yet secret, arrival of the King

- **defeats death**, nullifying the claim of the lord of the dead on believers
- **inaugurates the kingdom**, initiating the reclaiming of the nations
 - Begins at ground zero; gates of hell
- **heals the transgression of heaven and earth** whose effects still linger

Romans 10

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? . . .

¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

**“Their voice (LXX) has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.”**

Psalm 19

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.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

4 Their voice (LXX; MT = “their line)
goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Revelation 12:1-5

¹ And a great sign appeared in heaven: **a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.** ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And **another sign** appeared in heaven: behold, **a great red dragon**, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

Rev 12:1-5

⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ **She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne ...**



Sun, Moon, ecliptic

Sun

The Moon



1:37p.m.
Earth
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-53° 36' 31"



Gemini

Cancer

Leo

Sun
Virgo

The Moon

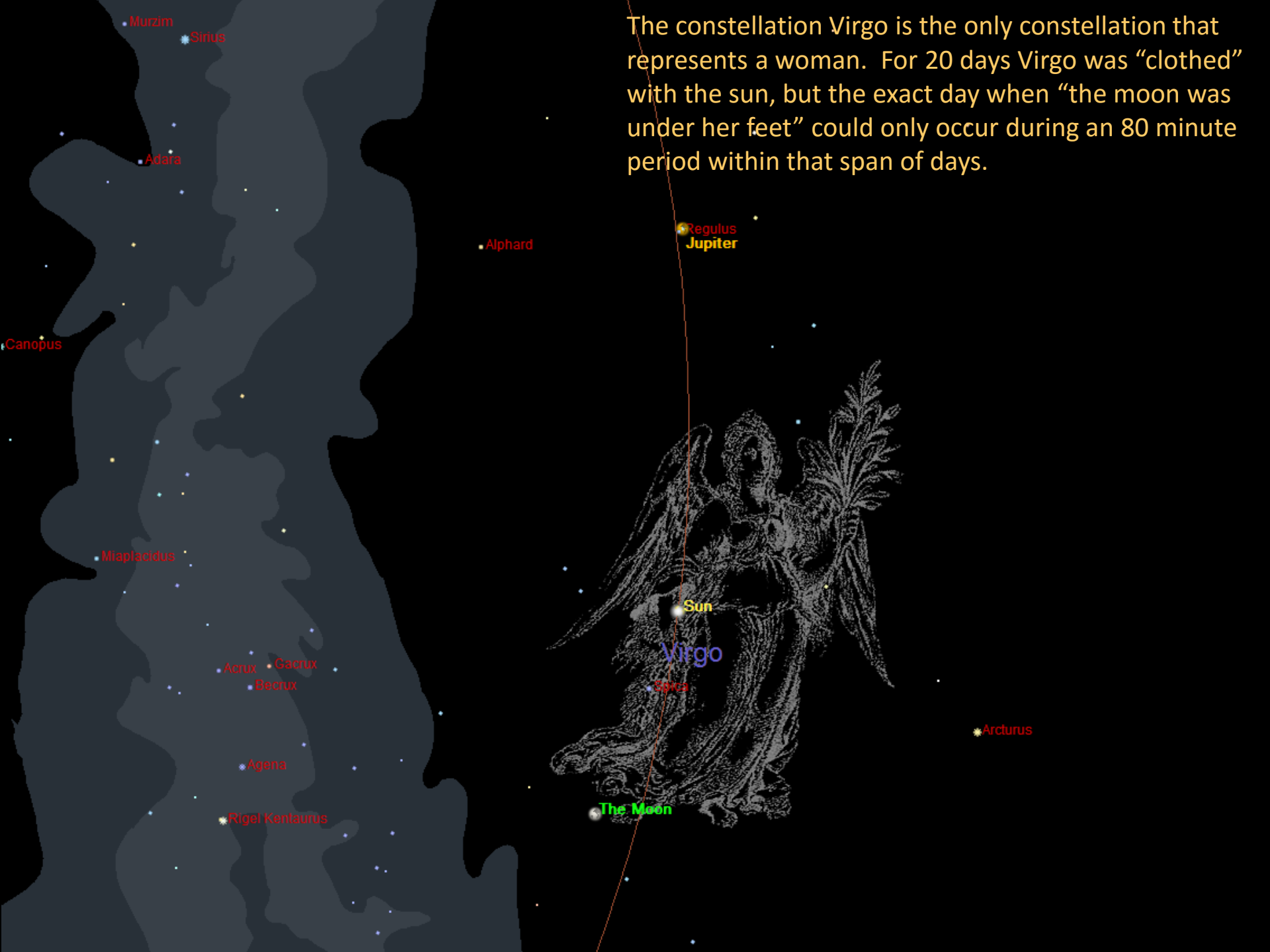
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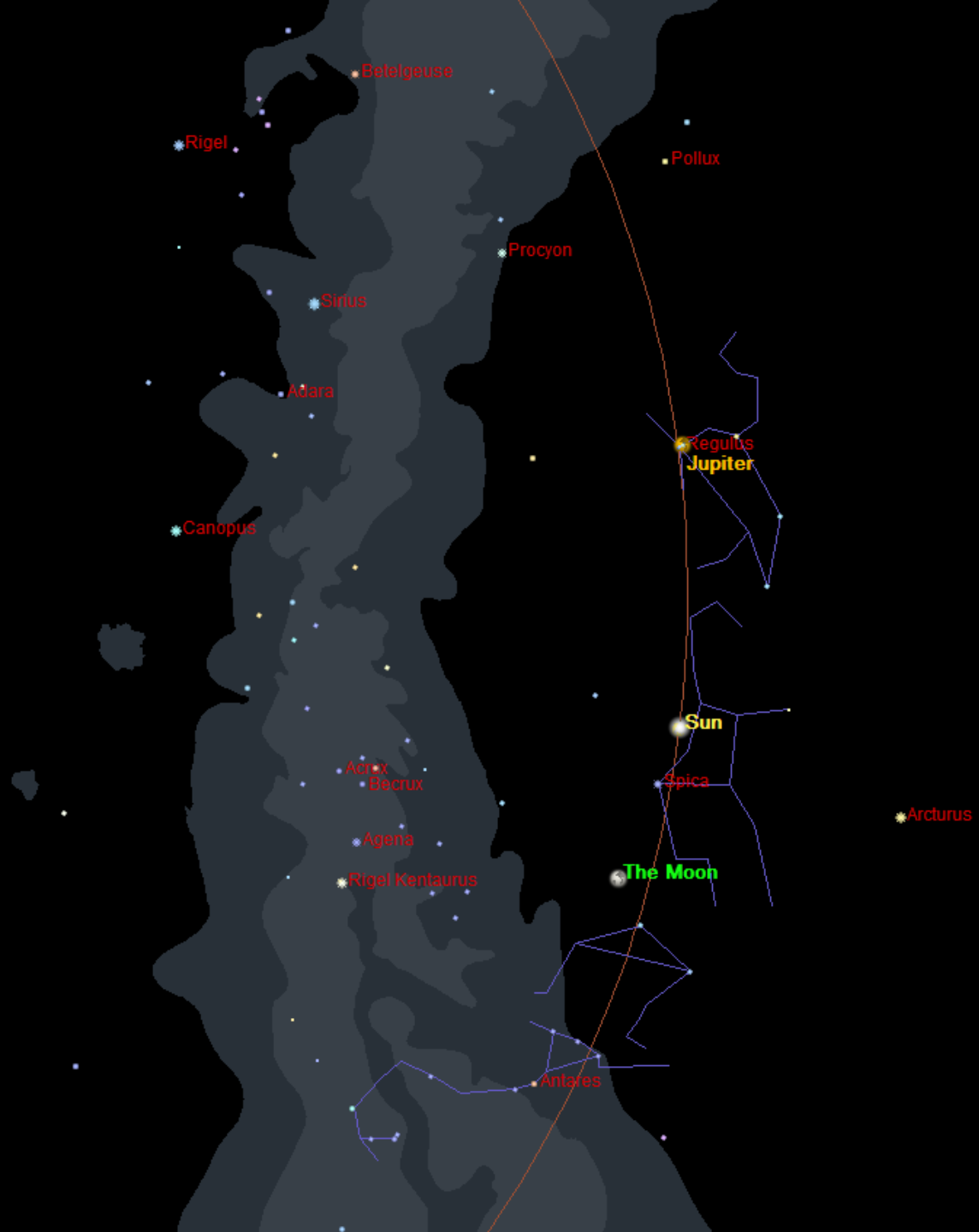
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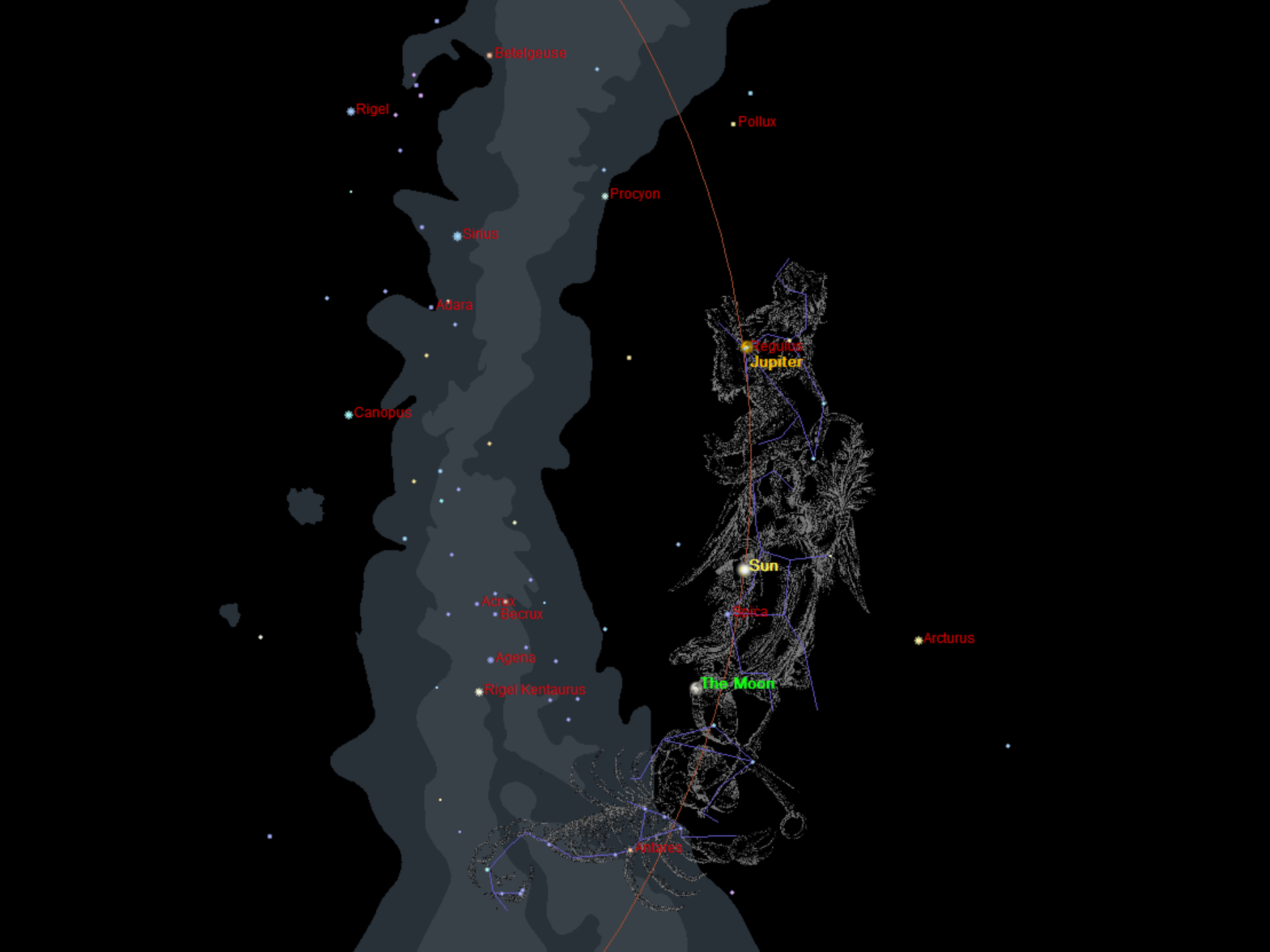
Sagittarius

Capricornus

The constellation Virgo is the only constellation that represents a woman. For 20 days Virgo was “clothed” with the sun, but the exact day when “the moon was under her feet” could only occur during an 80 minute period within that span of days.







Betelgeuse

Rigel

Pollux

Procyon

Sirius

Adara

Regulus
Jupiter

Canopus

Sun

Acrux
Becrux

Saica

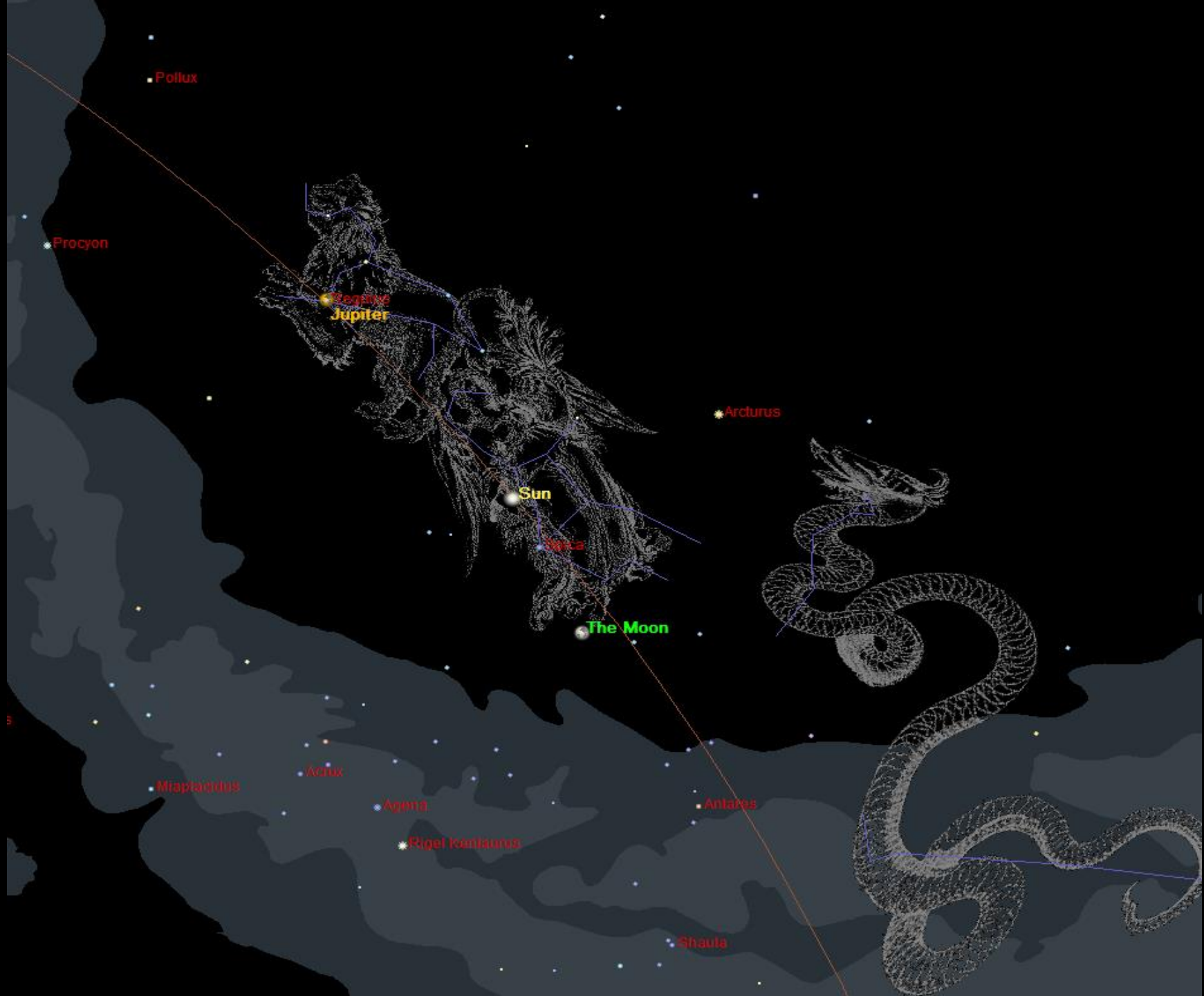
Arcturus

Agena

The Moon

Rigel Kentaurus

Antares





Alphard



Regulus
Jupiter

Leo

Sun

Virgo

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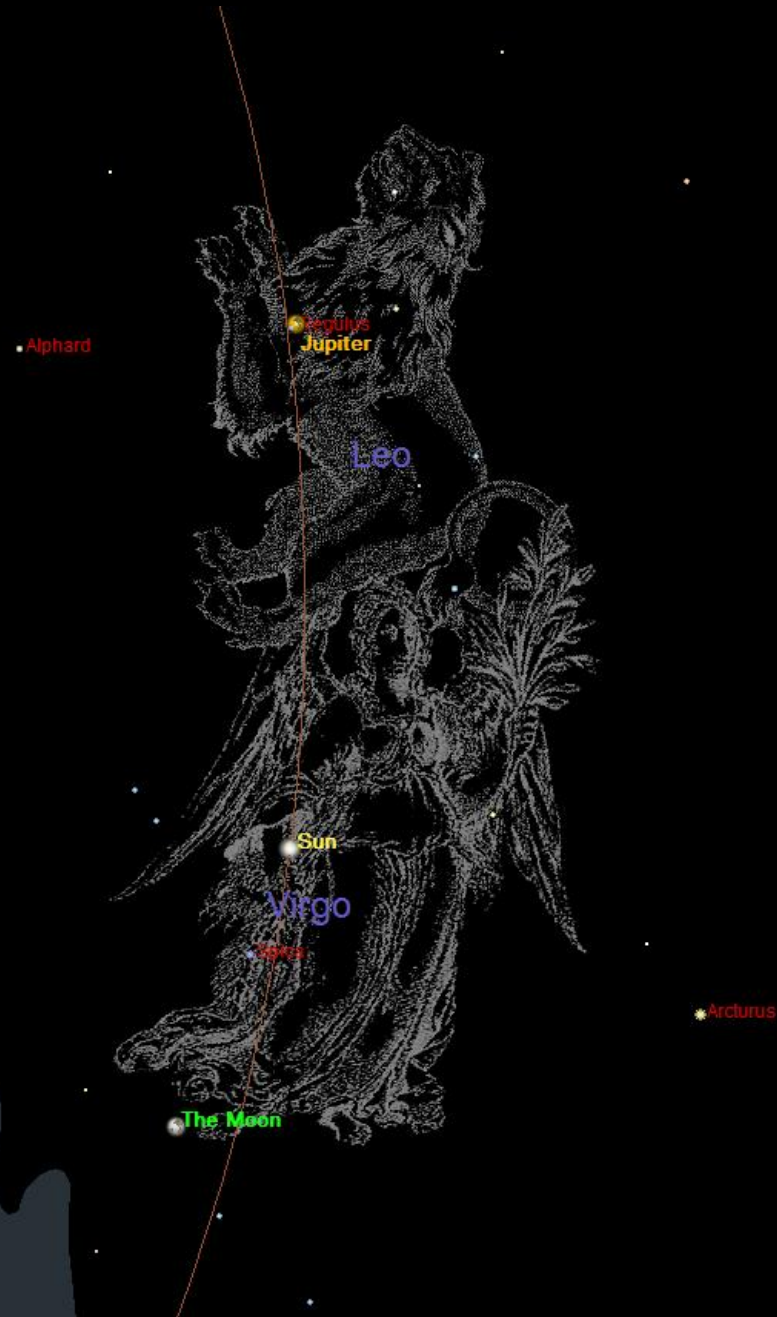
Arcturus

3 B.C.

September 11

The Sept. 11, 3 B.C. date also corresponded to Rosh-Hashanah (Tishri 1), New Year's day for Jews and the Day of Trumpets.

Tishri 1 was also the "New Year's Day" of the civil calendar according to the calendar accepted in Judah during the divided monarchy (Thiele). That is, it marked the first day of the reign of every new Davidic king.



Jewish Calendar

The **first month** of the Jewish calendar = Nisan

Nisan falls in the **spring**, when **Passover** occurs.

This **first month** reckoning was set in Exod 12:1-2

This was an innovation; Passover had not existed prior to the exodus.

Jewish Calendar

However, the ancient **beginning of the year is in Tishri**, the seventh month

Tishri brings in the fall season (harvest)

Tishri 1 = Rosh Hashanah, when the year number changes.

Jewish Calendar

This **concept of different starting points for an annual cycle** seems strange, but we use it as well.

- Our "new year" starts in January, but there are other "new year" beginnings in our culture.
- The new "school year" starts in September
- Businesses have "fiscal years" that start at various times of the year.

Jewish Calendar & the Flood

Gen 7:6 – “Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.”

Gen 7:11 – **“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.”**

– **Noah was 600 years old** when flood began in **the month after Tishri** (“second month”)

Jewish Calendar & the Flood

(after dove didn't return)

Gen 8:13, 14 - In the six hundred and **first year**, in the **first month**, the **first day of the month (Tishri 1)**, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. **In the second month**, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, **the earth had dried out.**

(first drying = Tishri 1 = a year since the flood began)

Jewish Calendar & the Flood

- Noah had therefore turned 601 sometime before the earth had dried out.
- **Early Judaism took this to mean that Noah's birthday was Tishri 1**
- **Where have we seen Tishri 1 before?**

Jewish Calendar & the Flood

- This would then mean Jesus and Noah shared a birthday (Tishri 1)
- This would create a mental and spiritual link in the Jewish mind between Jesus and Noah

Flood Timing and Noah

- Astronomically, the second month is marked by the heliacal appearance of the Pleiades
- The Pleiades (Hebrew, *kima*; כִּימָה) are mentioned three times in OT (Amos 5:8; Job 9:9; 38:31), always in pairing with Orion (*kesil*).
- Many in ancient world (including Jews) associated Orion with the giants.

Flood Timing and Noah

- Job 38:31 - “Can you bind the chains of the **Pleiades** or loose the cords of Orion?”
- 11QTgJob - “Can you bind the chains of the *naphila* or loose the cords of Orion?”

Jewish Calendar & the Flood

- Noah's birthday associated with God's judgment (flood)
- Flood wiped earth clean of evil
- Source of that evil was transgression of heaven and earth (Watchers; Gen 6)
 - The offending sons of God put in the Abyss (Tartarus = 2 Peter 2:4) “until time of the end”
- Noah's birth associated with death of the nephilim
- But the evil persisted (Gen 6:4; Num 13:33)

Theological Messaging

- Jesus' birth signaled the same thing
- Reversal of evil of sons of God and nephilim
- Jesus = king = kingdom
 - Kingdom inaugurated during his ministry
 - Death and resurrection = seated at right hand of God “at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him” (1 Pet 3:22)
- His return = time of end / release of Watchers (Rev 9)