

RETROGRADES, TETRADS, AND PROPHECIES OF JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL'S ENEMIES

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What would you say if I told you that the planet Mars is drawing circles in the sky? Would you think I am crazy? If I could prove it to you, would you think it significant? If Mars is truly drawing a circle in the sky, there has to be a reason. Since the heavens are prophetic, speaking to us day by day (Psalm 19:1–3), then certainly Mars' circular motions are telling us something that we need to know. You don't have to be a magi or astronomer to realize that it's a big deal.

After studying the occurrences of Mars' circular motions and lining them up with historical events, I believe I know what is being spoken by these particular celestial movements—and it doesn't look good for Israel's enemies. Past occurrences didn't bode well for them and neither will the future ones.

This article explores how these celestial movements prophesy truths concerning the nation of Israel and her enemies and presents some viable dates over the next couple of years when end-time prophecies could be fulfilled.

RETROGRADES

The astronomical term for a planet's backward motions (in this case, Mars') is "retrogrades." A retrograde motion is an optical illusion created when a faster moving object overtakes a slower moving one. The slower one briefly appears to go backwards as we observe the faster one passing it. A relatable example is when one car passes another and the slower one appears to move backwards for a short moment. When viewing a slower moving path of a planet against the backdrop of the heavens, it periodically seems to stop, then loop backwards towards the west (away from its normal movement). Then it appears to stop a second time and loop eastward to resume its normal path. In this way, the planet looks like it is circling around or through certain objects in the sky, calling attention to what it is encircling—like putting an exclamation point at the end of an important sentence! These are sensational to see, especially when we realize that they have prophetic meanings and interpretations according to the celestial figures they encircle. Hello, these are circles being drawn in the sky—do you think they are important?

These circles caused by retrogrades were purposely created to reoccur in a predictable manner because God, the Designer of the heavens planned them this way—and He is faithful. Because of their predictability, astronomers are able to use computer technology to accurately pinpoint the dates of their future occurrences.

By studying past retrogrades and then using this computer technology to analyze the timing of future ones, I discovered that not only did some significant events in Israel's history occur simultaneously with the past ones, but it is quite probable that similar spectacular events will take place within Israel during the future ones. This is why I am now passionately determined to show the biblical astronomy community that Mars' retrograde circles announce prophetic messages to the nation of Israel. In the spring of 2012, I published the article, "Retrograde Loops of Mars and the Celestial Prophecy to Israel," which can be read at <http://www.lmci.org/pdfs/episkoposmar2012.pdf>. That article only spoke of past retrograde loops of Mars as they related to past historical events; however, this one delves prophetically into future retrogrades and events that are yet to occur. While the previous article covered Mars retrogrades' prophetic declarations from the Balfour Declaration (1917) to the time of the article's writing (2012), this one focuses upon the future tetrad of 2014/2015 and also the retrograde in 2016, a Sabbath year of prophetic fulfillment.

Though it may sound foreign to those who have not studied the names of stars and planets, Mars represents a warrior in most paradigms. Relative to Israel and her people, Mars represents the angel Michael who fights for them (Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1, and Revelation 12:7). By scrutinizing past Mars' retrogrades and lining them up with events in Israel, I noticed that there was a corresponding action on earth of supernatural victory for Israel that could only have happened through angelic intervention and divine providence.

A NOTE TO THE "STELLAR FELLARS" AND MODERN-DAY MAGI

A tetrad is a group of four. In this article, a lunar tetrad is specifically defined as "when 4 consecutive Lunar Eclipses are all total eclipses, the group is known as a Tetrad."¹ It should interest the "stellar fellars" who study such things that the timing of Mars' next retrograde is at the beginning of the spring feasts of 2014, which also coincides with the first lunar eclipse of a tetrad. The amount of articles and publications on biblical astronomy has increased in recent years, thanks to these stellar fellars who have felt the unction of the Holy Spirit to study celestial prophecy alongside the written Scripture.

The subject of the lunar tetrads researched by Mark Biltz and now being popularized by John Hagee, Bill Koenig, and others, is awesome. Kudos dudes! I am thankful for the attention given to the celestial Word of God and hope to now add another important piece of research in looking not only for the Day of the Lord, but also at the prophecies concerning Israel. (If you think the timing of the tetrads are significant to Israel, wait until you see the Mars retrogrades in recent years and how they simultaneously corresponded with Israel's most keynote events.)

To all you stellar fellars and modern-day magi: keep looking up! You may have a pain in your neck, but you will be able to see higher than you ever have before. The world may never beat a path to your door, but perhaps you can beat the path to the Lord's door before the rest of the world recognizes it and then show them The Way.

THE UPCOMING TETRADS RELATIVE TO JEWISH FEAST DAYS

During the next Passover in 2014, the Mars' retrograde will specifically encircle the star in Virgo that means "the Messiah, the offspring;" and this will be during a lunar eclipse—which is the first of four blood moon eclipses on feast days in consecutive years.²

The other three lunar eclipses that make up this much touted tetrad will continue to take place in 2014 and end in 2015. This series of four lunar eclipses will be accentuated by two solar eclipses that will occur in 2015, with the latter of the two coinciding with the new moon on either Elul 29 or Tishri 1.

Note: In his book *The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery that Holds the Secret of America's Future*, Jonathan Cahn predicts a stock market downturn on Elul 29 of 2015, which could be the same day as the new moon and the solar eclipse.³ (Solar eclipses have not been as kind to Israel as lunar ones have been.)

One of the reasons there is so much hoopla over this particular tetrad and the corresponding solar eclipses is because it is only the eighth combination like this since the time of Christ.⁴ The reference to the sun turning to darkness and the moon to blood in Joel 2:31 is before the great and notable day of the Lord; so, as spectacular as even these eclipses are, they are still precursors to the main event. There is another series of eclipses coming in 2032/2033 that could fulfill the requirements of that magnitude; but what makes this one stand out is the Mars retrogrades that will occur during it.

The heavens do declare, and now I am declaring that Mars' retrogrades carry encoded messages from Yahweh to prophesy that He will fight for Israel. The evidence from the past is overwhelmingly there to confirm the prophecies of the future.

PAST RETROGRADES

The enclosed table summarizes the findings and allows a glance at the evidence that these retrogrades were not (and are not) happenstance, but clear announcements of what God has done and will do for Israel.

Israel's Significant Event	Date	Simultaneous Retrograde
The Balfour Declaration —the official British government letter that favored an establishment in (what was then) Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people	Issued November 2, 1917	Mars retrograding between Virgo and Leo during this time
Israel officially restored as a nation , gains statehood	May 14, 1948	Mars retrograding through Leo; also coming into conjunction with Regulus, the "king star"
Israel reclaims Temple Mount during the Six-Day War	June 5–10, 1967	Mars retrograding in Virgo
The Yom Kippur War	October 6–25, 1973	Mars retrograding through Aries (the ram)

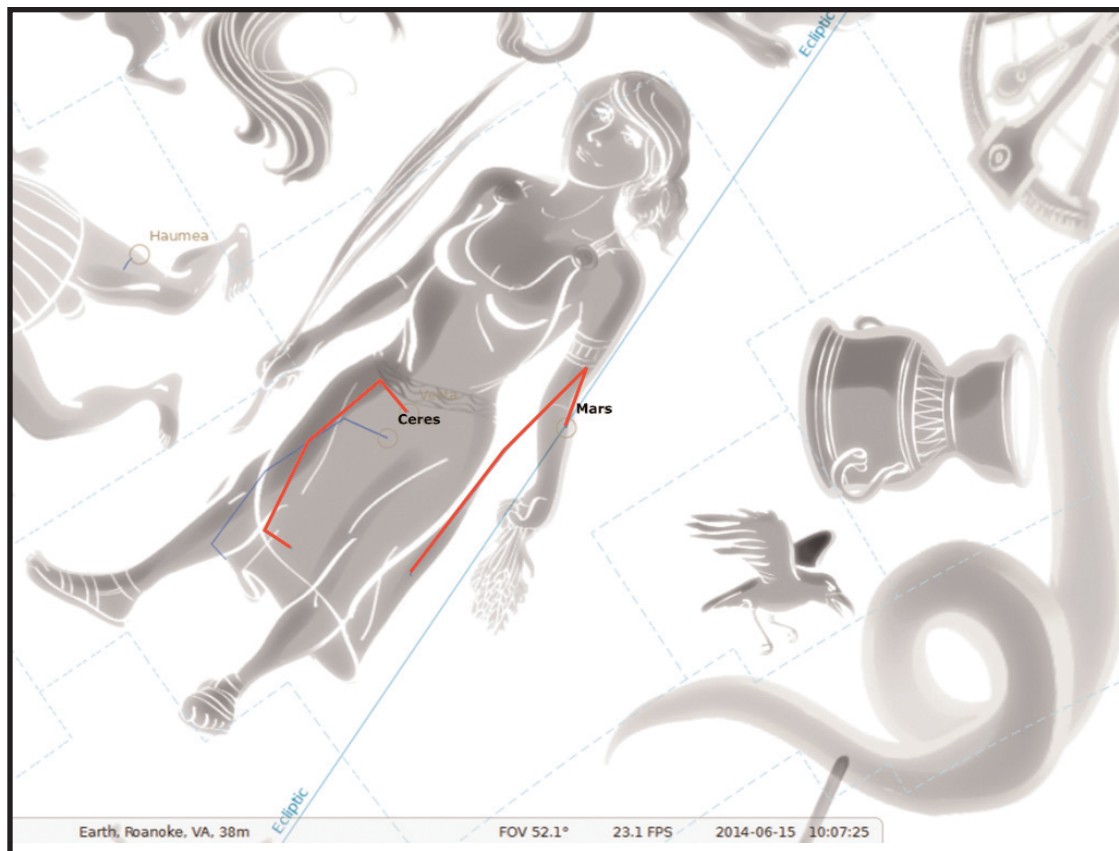
The evidence from the past is compelling, but what is coming in the future will be equally impressive. Mars will go into retrograde during the spring feasts of 2014 in Virgo which is during the first of the series of lunar

eclipses of the tetrad of 2014/2015. The next retrograde will occur during the fall feasts of 2016 in Scorpio, in conjunction with the solar eclipse of Rosh Hashanah. (Many scholars consider 2016 the Sabbath year of the Jewish calendar and a Jubilee year, which deepens its significance.) The loop in Virgo carries a different message than the one in Scorpio because of the individual constellation meanings. However, since it is Mars encircling both of these constellations, the message of judgment (and perhaps war) upon the enemies of Israel is a strong common denominator (and possibility) for both. It could be the war prophesied in Ezekiel 38 or maybe even Armageddon; but something significant will happen to Israel during these times.

These retrogrades prophetically speak of Israel's military advantage over their enemies similar to the miraculous events of the Six-Day War of 1967. An example of the supernatural happenings of that war was when an Egyptian tank regiment inexplicably surrendered to only two Israeli soldiers. As the two IDF soldiers led their captives away, one of them asked the sergeant of the defeated regiment why they had not fired, to which he replied, "I don't know. My arms froze—they became paralyzed. My whole body was paralyzed, and I don't know why."⁵ Again, God will supernaturally intervene with His angels to fight for Israel.

THE RETROGRADE OF 2014 IN VIRGO

The following illustration shows a representation of the retrograde in Virgo during the spring feasts of 2014.



Virgo represents the promised seed or Messiah. For Israel, this speaks of His coming, as it does for Christians. During the lunar eclipses in February, Mars will appear to stop dead in its eastward motion and then start up

again in a westward “backward” motion toward the star Spica which is the star of the birth of Messiah. Virgo represents a mother who has just birthed Messiah, ultimately depicting the coming of the Promised One. The retrograde of Mars calls attention to Virgo’s seed, prophesying His coming as king and conqueror.

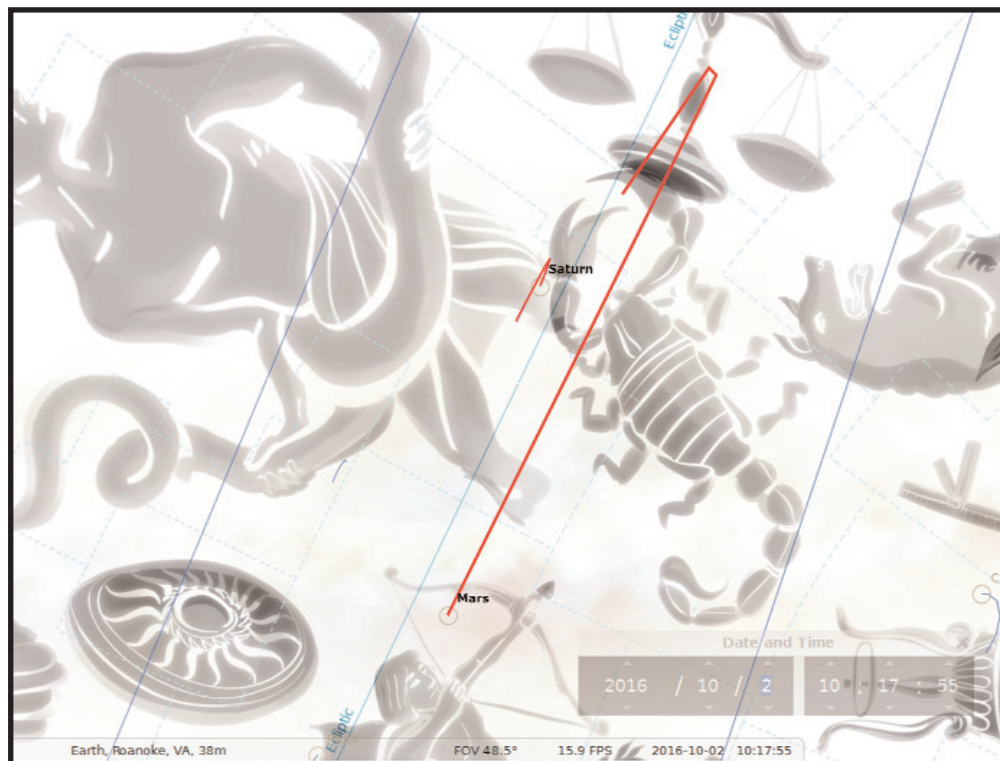
This does not mean that He is coming on that particular day, but it is being announced on that particular day. Just as a celestial occurrence announced the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and was noticed by the magi, so it is with this—it is happening in stages and in sequences of celestial events. What it does mean is that during the months of February through May, 2014, Mars will draw a circle around the star that announces that God’s offspring (Messiah) is coming. This should be a huge encouragement to Israel, because it means that Messiah is coming as their protector and warrior.⁶

The Mars retrograde in Virgo shows that Messiah fights for Israel as well as the angel Michael (Daniel 10:13, 21 and 12:1). The lunar eclipse that will occur on Passover (April 15, 2014) adds another interesting perspective. The first recognized Passover in Egypt ended with all of Egypt’s firstborn dying and the children of Israel going into the wilderness with all the Egyptians’ silver and gold. If I were a gambling man with a lot of cash, I would wager a good amount that the time of that first Passover was during an eclipse; but the real point to make here is that God fought for Israel on the Passover and then, a couple of days later, He drowned Pharaoh’s army in the Red Sea. Messiah fights for Israel!

THE RETROGRADE OF 2016

During Rosh Hashanah of 2016, there will be another retrograde of Mars, made even more significant since 2016 is believed by some to be a Jubilee year⁷ and is accepted by most to be a Sabbath (seventh) year as well.

The following illustration shows the Mars retrograde previous to and during the fall feasts of 2016.



There will be a solar eclipse on this day as well, while Mars' retrograde loop draws a noose around Scorpio's claw. In addition, Saturn's retrograde path is looping around the other claw.

The interaction of Mars and Scorpio depicts a conflict that is easily seen in this instance as Mars appears to victoriously bind the enemy. Scorpio represents a scorpion who is being crushed by Messiah (depicted by Ophiuchus), again confirming the message that Messiah will fight for Israel as well as become Ruler. This celestial event will occur on October 2, 2016 and could prove to be another historic day for Israel. Saturn's retrograde also carries significance to prophesy of the main event that is still to come.

Both Mars retrogrades—the spring one in 2014 and the fall one in 2016—send the same message to Israel: this is the day that God fights for you. This message was demonstrated in 1917 at the emancipation of Palestine, in 1947 at Israel's statehood, in 1967 during the Six-Day War, in 1976 during the Entebbe attack, as well as at other times less known. Suffice it to say, the dates of Mars' retrogrades are bad days for Israel's enemies.

There is an intriguing prophecy given by a well known and reliable rabbi centuries ago that specifically points to 2016. Rabbi Judah ben Samuel prophesied in the early 1200s that an Ottoman empire would reign over Israel for eight Jubilees (400 years). Then Israel would have a period of no man's land for one Jubilee (50 years), after which the beginning of the end times would come and Messiah would arrive. In 1517, 300 years after Judah ben Samuel's death, the Ottomans conquered Jerusalem and kept it till the British commander General Allenby and his forces took it from the Turks on Hanukkah of 1917. For 50 years, Israel was a no man's land until the Six-Day War of 1967 when (during a Mars retrograde) Israel regained control of Jerusalem.⁸

That was the same year (1967) prophesied by the prophets Daniel and John in accordance with Islamic/Arabic rule over Palestine, which culminates with end-time fulfillment.⁹

The double noosing of the scorpion's claws at the end of the fall feasts by Mars and Saturn may prophesy of a judgment upon Israel's enemies. Since many scholars believe that 2016 is the Sabbath year in their calendar and it is also the Jubilee year (50 years) since Jerusalem's liberation, it is certainly worthy of increased consideration for end-time fulfillment.

Whether Messiah comes at this time or not or gathers the elect, the Mars retrogrades prophesy victory for Israel and for the chosen of the Lord. God will send a warrior to defend and protect her, and her enemies will be defeated.

Would someone please send this to Netanyahu? This is the time for Israel to strike her enemies and instill fear into them rather than letting them instill it into her people. God has led Israel's enemies into traps and into His own plans on these days of the retrograde motions. It will happen again. Wait and see.

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