## Signs in the Heavens – Asteroids Israel and America

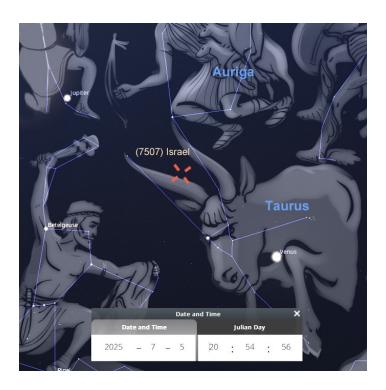
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THE Bible teaches that the heavenly bodies were created for "signs" to mark important times (Gen. 1:14).

As the US and Israel collaborate to destroy Iran's nuke program—a military action fraught with dicey repercussions—it is interesting to consider the positions of two asteroids.

## ASTEROID ISRAEL

From June 21 to July 21, coinciding with the biblical month of Tammuz, an asteroid named "7507 Israel" is found between the horns of Taurus, the Bull constellation that signifies judgment, related to the coming Day of the Lord.

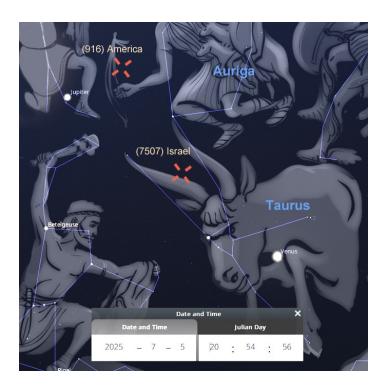


The picture of Israel between the horns of the Bull, during Tammuz, is significant because in Judaism, Tammuz 17 begins a three-week period of mourning called *Bein HaMetzarim*, meaning "between the straits," which culminates on Av 9—the anniversary of two of the worst calamities in Jewish history, the destruction of the First and Second Temples.

Another tragedy associated with Tammuz 17 is that it is when Moses descended Mount Sinai to find the people worshipping a bull—the "golden calf"—a betrayal of God that brought swift judgment upon those involved (Ex. 32:27, 28).

## ASTEROID AMERICA

Because the US was established by God to be a protector of Israel, it seems fitting that while Asteroid 7507 Israel is between the horns, or "straits," during Tammuz, an asteroid named "916 America" is nearby in the constellation Auriga, the Shepherd who holds a goat and two kids.



Auriga, the Shepherd, signifies the protective and nurturing role of Jesus, the Good Shepherd (John 10:14). The goat and kids in the Shepherd's arms represent God's people, Israel and the Church:

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young" (Isa. 40:11).

Scripture says the heavens "speak" to us:

"The heavens declare the glory of God ... Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge" (Ps. 19).

The picture of Israel between the horns, and America next to the Shepherd, during Tammuz, speaks of divine judgment and—or guardianship during a perilous time.

As to how events may unfold in the coming weeks, one can only speculate. But for those who trust in the Good Shepherd, it is comforting to know that He is at all times near:

"The LORD is my shepherd .... Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me" (Ps. 23:1, 4).

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## NOTES:

- 1. The etymology of the word "Tammuz" is uncertain. However, scholars have proposed that it means: "heating" (like a glowing furnace), "victorious," "disappearance," "hidden," "concealed" or "to move or rise."
- 2. Asteroid 7507 Israel was discovered on October 17, 1960. It was named for the Dutch astronomer Frank Israel (b. 1946).
- 3. Since the modern State of Israel is currently in its 77th year, which is a calculated Jubilee, it is interesting that Asteroid Israel is numbered "7507," a "50 inside a 77," or "7 50 7."
- 4. In 2025, the month of Tammuz runs from June 26 to July 26.
- 5. The next time Asteroid 7507 Israel is found between the horns of Taurus, during Tammuz, is 7 years from now, in 2032.
- 6. More on the "three weeks," or time of "between the straits," in Judaism:

https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/three-weeks

https://aish.com/in-the-narrow-places-an-introduction-to-the-three-weeks/

https://www.chabad.org/library/article cdo/aid/144573/jewish/The-Three-Weeks.htm

- 7. The bull (Taurus) was a symbol of power and divinity in ancient cultures, which is why the Israelites chose a golden calf as an object of worship.
- 8. Asteroid 916 America was discovered on August 7, 1915. It was named in appreciation for the American Relief Administration's aid during the 1921 Russian famine, possibly at the suggestion of Soviet astronomer Sergei Beljawsky.

- 9. Since Asteroid America is assigned the number 916, it is interesting that Strong's #916 (Greek) is the word, bareó, meaning to be "weighed down" with distractions, which may cause one to be surprised by the arrival of Judgment Day: "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap" (Luke 21:34).
- 10. Asteroid 916 America is found in the constellation Auriga, the Shepherd, from June 6 to July 18 (Sivan 10 to Tammuz 22).
- 11. Jesus teaches that the sheep can only enter heaven through one Gate: "Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate ... is a thief and a robber .... I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture" (John 10:1, 9).
- 12. Jesus as the Good Shepherd in Scripture: https://www.openbible.info/topics/good\_shepherd