## ~ASH CONSTELLATION (47)

- The fact that the Hebrew words 'Ash and 'A'yish as well as other terms are used in association with sun, stars, and heaven in both cases indicates that they refer to some celestial constellation.
- He is saying to the sun that it should not shine forth, and around stars he puts a seal. (Job 9:7)
- Stretching out the heavens by himself and treading upon the high waves of the sea. (Job 9:8)
- Making the Ash constellation, the Kesil constellation, and the Kimah constellation and the interior rooms of the South. (Job 9:9)
- Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth constellation in its appointed time? And as for the Ash constellation alongside its sons, can you conduct them? (Job 38:32)
- Have you come to know the statutes of the heavens, or could you put its authority in the earth? (Job 38:33)
- It is impossible at present to specify which constellation they refer to and hence it is safer to transliterate the name (as in our heading) rather than to translate the Hebrew with specific names such as Arcturus Greek, *Ar-ktou'ros*, literally meaning Guardian of the Bear (KJ), or Bear (RS)
- The fact that;
- Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth constellation in its appointed time? and as for the Ash constellation alongside its sons, can you conduct them? (Job 38:32)
- Refers to Ash alongside its sons strengthens the basis for believing that a constellation is involved. Ursa Major, the Great Bear, is the constellation most often suggested, having seven main stars in it that could be its sons.
- The important point in the text is, not the precise identification of the constellation, but the question there raised; Can you conduct

them? Yehowah God thus impresses upon Job the wisdom and power of the Creator, inasmuch as it is utterly impossible for man to govern the movements of these immense stellar bodies.