

~MAZZAROTH CONSTELLATION (53) (Maz'za-roth)

- The Aramaic Targum equates Mazzaroth with the *maz-za-lohth'* of,
- And he put out of business the foreign-god priests, whom the kings of Judah had put in that they might make sacrificial smoke on the high places in the cities of Judah and the surroundings of Jerusalem, and also those making sacrificial smoke to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations of the zodiac and to all the army of the heavens. (2 Kings 23:5)
- Constellations of the zodiac, or twelve signs, or, constellations. NW, KJ margin Some believe that the word is derived from a root meaning, engird, and that Mazzaroth refers to the zodiacal circle. However, at
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- A singular pronoun is used in Hebrew in the expression in its appointed time, whereas the reference in,
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- Is in the plural. Hence, Mazzaroth appears to refer to a particular constellation rather than to the entire zodiacal circle, but no positive identification is possible at present.
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- Yehowah asks Job; Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth constellation in its appointed time? And as for the Ash constellation alongside its sons, can you conduct them?

· Thus, whatever the identification of these particular constellations may be, God puts the question to Job whether he can control the visible celestial bodies, bringing forth a certain group at its proper season or guiding another constellation in its prescribed heavenly course.