

What is the different between a staff and rod?

A rod—a staff or stick in scripture is used for: a sign of authority (Ex. 4:17, 20), an Egyptians' staffs (Ex. 7:12), punishment (Ex. 21:20), club (1 Sam. 14:27) and the correction of children (Prov. 13:24). It is figurative of: Christ (Is. 11:1), Christ's rule (Ps. 2:9), authority (Is. 14:5, 29) and the gospel (Ps. 110:2). A staff—a long stick or rod is: a traveler's support (Gen. 32:10), denotes food support (Lev. 26:26) or a military weapon (Is. 10:24).¹

The bible speaks of signs in the sky:

A Star shall come out of Jacob;

A Scepter shall rise out of Israel Nu 24:17b

The prophecy of Numbers 24:17b connected a celestial sign with the King Redeemer who would come from Jacob's descendants. The wise men (or Magi²) knew to look for a distinct celestial sign that would represent the coming of a king from Judah.

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,

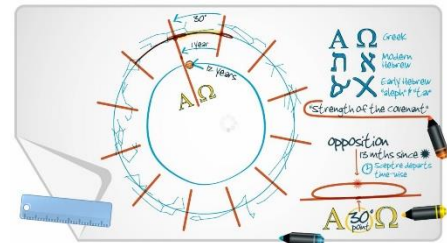
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,

Until Shiloh comes;

And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. Ge 49:10

Shiloh may have been a nickname that Jacob had for the promised Messiah. *Shiloh* means *tranquil, rest* or *peace*. The Magi using Babylonian astronomy saw the scepter in their concept of the lion. *Shiloh* (Jesus) holds the scepter in heaven (Ge 49:9-11).

Jupiter is known as the king planet. Jupiter traces out a Shepherd's crook/staff in the nighttime sky³. Believers today await the gathering of *Shiloh's* people (Ps 23, Jn 10).⁴ The *Shiloh* sign (a staff⁵) is about to hand off to the Sign of the Son of Man (a virgin being pregnant) in the celestial sky⁶.



¹ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 590). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² Nu 24:17, Mt 2:1-3

³ Jupiter makes a loop called a retrograde. The present time on the celestial clock is a reminder of the Alpha and Omega as well as the strength of the covenant made by *Shiloh*.

⁴ *Shiloh* Booklet, Informed Christians 15 Dec 16:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4IMw4yuCqaBXzNpYldYUmpwQWs/view>

⁵ A scepter is a symbolic staff held by a ruling monarch.

⁶ Mid-December 2016—a reminder of the Lord Jesus' first coming.