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King Solomon
by Gustav Doré (1832 – 1883)

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Translated by F.C. Conybeare from the codex of the Paris Library, after the edition of Fleck, *Wissensch. Reise*, bd. ii. abth. 3.

This revised edition contains a numbering of the used zodiacal decans, in relation to the mentioned demons. These decan numbering is added for this publication and not found in the original. Strangely enough the decan rulers of 1-10 degrees Taurus and 1-10 degrees Scorpio are missing in the original manuscript, in a way as if they have been left out on purpose.

1.

Testament of Solomon, son of David, who was king in Jerusalem, and mastered and controlled all spirits of the air, on the earth, and under the earth. By means of them also he wrought all the transcendent works of the Temple. Telling also of the authorities they wield against men, and by what angels these demons are brought to naught.

Of the sage Solomon

Blessed art thou, O Lord God, who didst give Solomon such authority. Glory to thee and might unto the ages. Amen.

2.

And behold, when the Temple of the city of Jerusalem was being built, and the artificers were working thereat, Ornias the demon came among them toward sunset; and he took away half of the pay of the chief-deviser's little boy, as well as half his food. He also continued to suck the thumb of his right hand every day. And the child grew thin, although he was very much loved by the king.

The magic of King Solomon

The *Testament of Solomon* could be the oldest of all classical grimoires. The work is one of the so called Pseudepigrapha and should therefore be dated somewhere before the middle of the first century AD, according to the latest research. The book was written in Greek, but most likely the Greek version is a translation of an older version in Hebrew.

Testament of Solomon sums up a list of demonic decan rulers of the Zodiac and provides the method or the invoked angel they can be countered by. This relation between decans and demons or their angelic counterforce is emphasized. Interesting is the relation between the decans and physical complaints. Especially if we compare this text with those of contemporary medical astrology. See Reinhold Ebertin, Enzo Venosta or H.L. Cornell.

The document was translated and first published by F.C. Conybeare in the *Jewish Quaterly Review* of October 1889. Possibly it is the first text that mentions the use of the pentagram (pentalpha) for protection against the evil forces.

