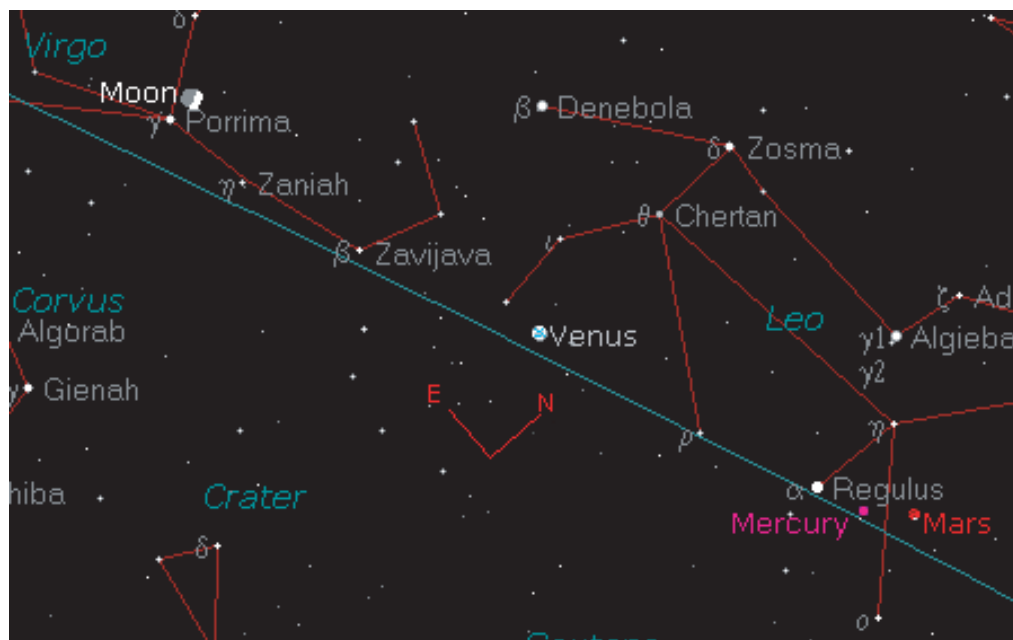


REPORT 14* DIARY NO. -567

Nebuchadnessar Year 37 Month III Day 5
Julian Year -567 (568 BCE) Jun 24

Time: Sunset 7:07 pm
View: West, High in Sky

Diary Line 14: *Night of the 5th, beginning of the night, the moon passed towards the east 1 cubit <above/below> the bright star of the end of the Lion's foot.*



Sunset June 24, -567: *the moon passed the bright star at the end of the Lion's foot.*

Comments: At sunset on June 24th, TheSky computes the moon high in the western sky. It is nowhere near a "bright star at the end of the Lion's foot." Four stars mark the Lion's paws, but only alpha Leonis (Regulus) is bright. The faint star rho Leonis, 4 cubits behind Regulus, is a normal star, as is the star Chertan, the Rump of the Lion. The identity of the star in question is irrelevant, since the moon is not in the constellation Leo. It is in Virgo and passed through Leo a couple of days earlier. Clearly, the computed position of the moon does not match the Diary record.