



Fig. 3.2. Star chart of the Southern Hemisphere done by A. Dürer (1471-1528), allegedly in 1527. Taken from [90], page 9.

description of what the author observed on the celestial sphere. This was still remembered by the authors of the illustrations to the Apocalypse who had lived around the XVI century. We give one such example on fig. 3.5. As we have already noted, the inability of the latter day commentators to comprehend the astronomical symbolism of the Apocalypse

is directly connected with the loss of knowledge about the correct chronology and with the distortions introduced by the subsequent historians in the XVI-XVIII century. It could also be there was an unspoken general taboo on what concerned such a dangerous subject, which resulted in the misdating of the Apocalypse. One way or another, the understanding