

δ , 2.8, deep yellow,

is **Yed Prior**, the Former of the two stars in the Hand,—the Arabic **Yad**,—originating with Bayer, adopted by Flamsteed, and now common. It is sometimes written **Jed**.

It was **Leang**, a Mast, in China.

ϵ , 3.8, red.

Yed Posterior, the star Behind, or Following, δ , is found on our modern lists, but was not given by Bayer.

In China it was **Tsoo**, the name of one of the feudal states; and, with ν and some other stars, is said to have formed **Hwan Chay**.

The two stars Yed, with ζ and η Ophiuchi and α , δ , and ϵ of Serpens, constituted the **Nasak al Yamaniyy**, the Southern Boundary Line of the Rauḍah, or Pasture, which here occupied a large portion of the heavens: other stars in Ophiuchus and Hercules forming the **Nasak al Shāmiyyah**, or Northern Boundary. The stars between these two Nasak marked the Rauḍah itself and **Al Aghnām**, the Sheep within it, now the **Club of Hercules**. These sheep were guarded by the Shepherd and his Dog, the two *lucidæ* marking the heads of Ophiuchus and Hercules.

ϵ was the Euphratean **Nitax-bat**, the Man of Death. Coincidentally, “in modern astrology, which contains some singular survivals, the Hand of Ophiuchus is said to be a star ‘of evil influence.’”

δ and ϵ point out the left hand grasping the body of the Serpent; τ and ν , the other hand, holding the tail.

ζ , 2.8, near the left knee, was the Chinese **Han**, an old feudal state.

It sometimes shared with η the title **Sābik**, or Preceding One, attached to the latter star in Al Tizini’s catalogue.

Brown thinks that, with ϵ , it marked the Akkadian lunar asterism **Mulu-bat**, the Man of Death; with η , θ , and ξ , the Persian **Garafsa**, or Serpent-tamer; with η , the Sogdian **Bastham**, Bound, “*i. e.* Ophiuchus enveloped in the coils of Ophis”; and the Khorasmian **Sardhiwa**, the Head of the Evil One.

γ_1 , 2.6, pale yellow,

is **Sābik** with Al Tizini, ζ often being included; but Beigel thought that the name should be **Sāik**, the Driver.

Brown combines η , θ , and ξ in the Akkadian **Tair**, or **Sir**, the Snake.

In China it was **Sung**, another of the early feudal states.