

THE GOLDEN FLEECE WINGED ARIES FROM THE MYTH OF THE ARGONAUTS – SYMBOLIC TRANSITION DUE TO PRECESSION IN THE NEW ERA, THE ERA OF ARIES

This paper deals with the lesser-known myth of Phrixus, but very important, because he preceded the march of Jason and his Argonauts to obtain the golden fleece. The myth is about the golden-wooled winged ram, which is mythical linking to the Constellation of the Aries, and may be a symbolic representation of the precession from the epoch of Taurus to the epoch of Aries. The place of myth is located in the Colchis, a fairy-tale country on the puzzling periphery of the heroic world, which has connected with many mythological figures. If the myth of Phrixus was to be described as the beginning of the era of Aries, then the change of the northern star and the precession of the equinox through the constellation of Aries would represent a huge clock denoting the period of the birth of the Jewish nation. Moses and the chosen people are bearers of the new age, and Colchis is a country that, during the tumultuous history, has remained an important arena of such events.

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