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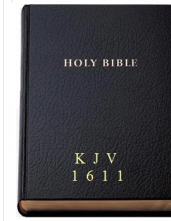
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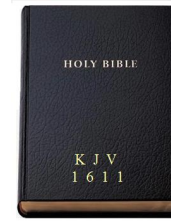


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Bible Prophecy

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2. THEORIES Regarding The Future Of The USA

- 1) The USA will help Israel in the Tribulation as symbolized by the great eagle and eagle's wings (Eze 17:1-10; Rev 12:14) cf. (Dan 7:3-4)

Eze 17:3-4

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **A great eagle** with **great wings**, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

Rev 12:14

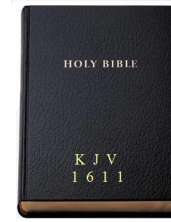
And to the woman were given **two wings** of **a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Dan 7:3-4

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first *was* like a lion, and had **eagle's wings**: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

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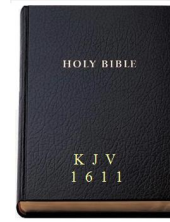


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Arguments For

- One of the symbols of the USA is the bald eagle
- The USA has diverse colors (Eze 17:3) of red, white, and blue
- The USA is **“a land of traffic”** (Eze 17:4) both from a transportation and economic perspective
- No city in the history of the world is more of a **“city of merchants”** (Eze 17:4) than New York City
- The **“young twigs”** are Jews (Eze 17:4,12), and they are taken to this eagle’s land- there are over 5 million Jews in the USA (more than any nation except Israel), with 2 million in New York City alone (more than any city except Tel-Aviv)
- The USA is a land by **“great waters”** (Eze 17:5) (i.e.- the Atlantic and Pacific oceans)
- The Jews have POPULATED and PROSPERED financially in the USA through the years (Eze 17:6)
- The USA has been the greatest ally of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel throughout it’s history

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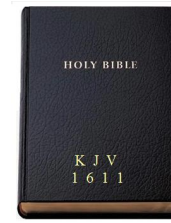
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- The USA has airlifted supplies to Israel and Jews from places of danger to safety (e.g.- Ethiopian Jews from famine stricken Sudan in 1984)
- The USA currently has the air forces necessary to evacuate millions of Jews to safety as quickly as the circumstances of the Great Tribulation will require
- Assuming the lion (Dan 7:4) symbolizes England, the USA did break away from England just as the wings were plucked from the lion

Arguments Against

- To say that each time an eagle is mentioned in prophecy that it represents the USA is presumptuous, because other powerful nations have been symbolized by an eagle (e.g.- the Roman empire; Nazi Germany; etc.)
- While there are similarities between the first great eagle in Ezekiel 17 and the USA that support a degree of application, the interpretation of the prophecy is the Babylonian captivity cf. (Eze 17:11-21)
- The eagle is interpreted as the KING OF BABYLON and the land of traffic as BABYLON (Eze 17:12)
- The carrying away of Jews into a land of traffic was fulfilled with the Babylonian captivity under Nebuchadnezzar (Eze 17:12-13)

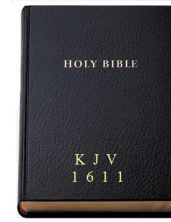
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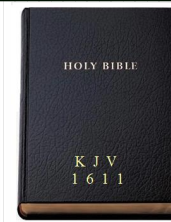
- The first great eagle is an instrument of judgment against Israel; therefore, if there is a prophetic double reference, then the far fulfillment is more likely the Antichrist and the Revived Roman empire (typified by Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon respectively) rather than the USA
- The other eagle (Eze 17:7-8) is interpreted as EGYPT, specifically PHARAOH (Eze 17:15,17)
- Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, made a covenant with Nebuchadnezzar and swore by the Lord that he would not rebel against him (Eze 17:13), but he did (2 Kin 24:20; 2 Chr 36:13; Jer 52:3) in soliciting aid from Egypt (Eze 17:15)
- Jeremiah told Zedekiah that if he would surrender to Nebuchadnezzar then his life and the city of Jerusalem would be spared, but if he rebelled, he would die and the city would be burned with fire (Jer 38:17-23)
- This prophecy refers to Zedekiah breaking his covenant with Nebuchadnezzar, his captivity to Babylon and death there (Eze 17:19-20), the defeat of the Jewish resistance against the Babylonians, and the subsequent scattering of the Jewish people (Eze 17:21)

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- While the USA has been the greatest ally of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel throughout its history, that relationship will change no later than the middle of Tribulation (Rev 12:6,14), because the Antichrist will rule the entire world at that time and Israel will not have any allies
- The USA has participated in airlifts of Jewish people, but the overwhelming majority of the work has been carried out by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) (e.g.- Operation Ezra and Nehemiah to bring Iraqi Jews to Israel from 1950-1952; Operations Moses and Solomon to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 1984 and 1991)
- If air transportation is used in Israel's flight from the Antichrist, it could be exclusively provided by Israel's own air forces (i.e.- the IAF)
- The **“two wings of a great eagle”** could simply refer to the swiftness that Israel flees their land (v.6,14) and not involve any specific air transportation or aid from another nation cf. (Exo 19:4)
- While there are similarities between the lion and its wings (Dan 7:4) with England and the USA, the lion symbolizes BABYLON



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