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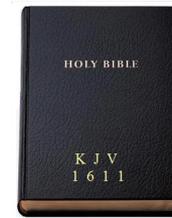


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# Bible Prophecy

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5) Babylon the Great is the literal city of **Babylon**



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- The hermeneutical Law of Direct Statement seems to support this view (i.e.- BABYLON is Babylon)
- Some of the OT prophecies regarding the judgment of Babylon have not been completely fulfilled and will need to be literally fulfilled
  - Babylon was not destroyed suddenly by fire like Sodom and Gomorrah but dissipated slowly into a wasteland over centuries
  - The Medes and Persians did not make it utterly desolate, people continued to dwell in Babylon for centuries (Alexander the Great even sought to make it the capital of his empire)

## Isa 13:19-20

And **Babylon**, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, **shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.**

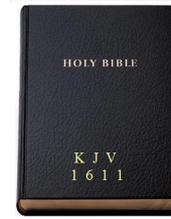
**It shall never be inhabited,** neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

## Jer 50:39-40

**39** Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and **it shall be no more inhabited for ever;** neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

**40** **As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah** and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

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- Jews did not flee Babylon before her fall; in fact, a large Jewish population (at least 1,800) remained there 60 years later in the days of Ezra, and a remnant became part of the church started there in the first century AD

## Isa 48:20

**Go ye forth of Babylon**, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

## Jer 51:6,8

**6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon**, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

**8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed**: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

## Ezr 8:1

These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them **that went up with me from Babylon**, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

## 1 Pet 5:13

**The church that is at Babylon**, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Marcus my son.

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- Ruins from ancient Babylon have been used in construction of other cities

## Jer 51:26

And **they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner**, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.

- The woman in the ephah in Zechariah 5 is the OT equivalent of the great whore in Revelation 17 and she is relocated to the land of Shinar in the Tribulation

## Zec 5:7,9-11

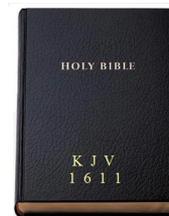
7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is **a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah**.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar**: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

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- The land of Shinar includes Babel (Babylon) (Gen 11:2,9)
- The transportation of both THE WOMAN (representing false religion) and THE EPHAH (representing commerce) bears similarity with the religious/commercial enterprise in Revelation 13:15-17; 17-18
- The Euphrates river is mentioned 2x in Revelation possibly as an implication of the rebuilding of the literal city of Babylon on it's banks
  - The first appearance of EUPHRATES is in connection with the SIXTH trumpet judgment and the loosing of four fallen angels imprisoned there
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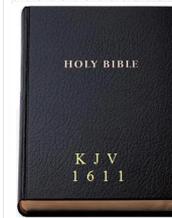
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