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- Joshua and the armies of Israel attacked Jericho at the DAWNING of the SEVENTH DAY (Jos 6:15) cf. (Mal 4:2; 2 Pet 1:19; 3:8)
- Joshua declared the city of Jericho accursed cf. (Rev 14:8; 16:19; 18:2,21) as well as everything in it and warned everyone to keep themselves from the accursed thing or they would bring themselves and the entire camp of Israel under a curse cf. (Rev 18:4)

Jos 6:15,17-18

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

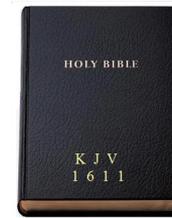
17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

Rev 18:4

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

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Jos 6:18	Rev 18:4
“Keep yourselves from the accursed thing”	“Be not partakers of her sins”
“Lest ye make yourselves accursed”	“That ye receive not of her plagues”

- ACCURSED= “doomed to destruction or misery; separated from the faithful; worthy of the curse; wicked; malignant in the extreme”
- The word (AC)CURSED can be comparable to being ETERNALLY DAMNED (Matt 25:41; Rom 9:3; Gal 1:8-9; 3:10,13)
- The word ACCURSED appears 13x in 8 verses in Joshua (Jos 6:17-18; 7:1,11-13,15; 22:20)
- Joshua destroyed all that was in the city with the SWORD and then BURNED the city and all that was therein cf. (Rev 17:16; 18:8; 19:15,21)
- Only Rahab and all her house (Cont: Pro 7:27) under the scarlet thread were saved cf. (Joel 3:2; Matt 25:31-40)

Jos 2:18

Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

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Jos 6:21,24-25

21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

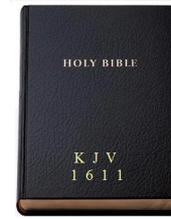
25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

- Achan rebelled and took the accursed thing making himself and the entire camp of Israel accursed

Jos 7:1

But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

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- As a result, when Israel attacked Ai they were defeated and a total of 36 $((6+6+6) \times 2)$ men died (the word AI appears 36x)
- The Lord told Joshua that Israel could not stand before their enemies nor would he be with them any more, until the accursed thing, he that took it, and all that he had (i.e.- his possessions and family) were burnt with fire

Jos 7:5,11-13,15

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about **thirty and six men**: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for **they have even taken of the accursed thing**, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: **neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.**

13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* **an accursed thing** in the midst of thee, O Israel: **thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing** from among you.

15 And it shall be, *that* **he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath**: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

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- What Achan took is called the accursed **THING** (singular) yet he took three **THINGS** (plural): (1) a goodly Babylonish garment; (2) 200 shekels of silver; and (3) a wedge of gold weighing 50 shekels
- Which of these three things was actually the accursed **THING**?
- Recall what was considered **ACCURSED**- the **CITY** of Jericho and **ALL** that was therein (Jos 6:17)
- There were two exceptions: (1) Rahab and all that were with her in the house (Jos 6:17); and (2) the silver, gold, and vessels of brass and iron (Jos 6:19)

Note: The silver, gold, brass, and iron matches the four metals that constitute the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Dan 2:32-33)

- The silver and gold that Achan took was supposed to be collected and put into the treasury of the Lord
- The silver and gold was **CONSECRATED** unto the Lord; therefore, it was not **ACCURSED**

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Jos 6:19

But all **the silver, and gold**, and vessels of brass and iron, **are consecrated unto the LORD**: they shall come **into the treasury** of the LORD.

- Since everything else in Jericho was accursed, the accursed THING must be the goodly Babylonish garment
- Why would a single garment made in Babylon be considered accursed?
- The answer may lie in comparing the scriptures related to other ACCURSED or CURSED things

ACCURSED THINGS

- 1) He that is hanged (Deu 21:23) cf. (Gal 3:13)
- 2) The city of Jericho and all in it (Jos 6:17)
- 3) Those who partake in the accursed thing (Jos 6:18)
- 4) The sinner dying at 100 years old in the Millennium (Isa 65:20)
- 5) Those who preach another gospel (Gal 1:8-9)

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CURSED THINGS

- 1) A cursed THING (Deu 7:26; 13:17)= graven **images/other gods**
- 2) A cursed WOMAN (2 Kin 9:34)= **Jezebel**
- 3) Cursed CHILDREN (2 Pet 2:14)= **false prophets** and false teachers

Deu 7:25-26

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

Deu 13:13,17

13 *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

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2 Kin 9:30,34

30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, **Jezebel** heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this **cursed woman**, and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter.

2 Pet 2:1,14-15

1 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with **covetous** practices; **cursed children**:

15 Which have **forsaken the right way**, and are gone astray, following the way of **Balaam** *the son of Bosor*, who **loved the wages of unrighteousness**;

- The typical false prophet is BALAAM (2 Pet 2:15)
- An IMAGE, a JEZEBEL, and a FALSE PROPHET play a major role in prophetic events cf. (Rev 13; 17)

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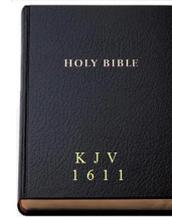
- BALAAM (a false prophet) and JEZEBEL (a false prophetess) are both mentioned by name in Revelation and both are associated with indoctrinating God's people to eat things sacrificed to IDOLS and to commit FORNICATION
- Balaam is mentioned in the context of the church of Pergamos (“married to the tower”)
- Pergamos was the location of Satan's seat (Rev 2:13) cf. (Rev 13:2)
- The church of Pergamos represents the COMPROMISED church (313 AD- 476 AD)- the mingling of true believers and pagans in Constantine's (the new NIMROD) “Christian” state church (the new TOWER)

Rev 2:12,14

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

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- Jezebel is mentioned in the context of the church of Thyatira (“continual sacrifice”)
- Thyatira was once called SEMIRAMIS after Nimrod’s wife, the alleged “queen of heaven”
- The church of Thyatira represents the CATHOLIC church (476 AD- 1517 AD)- the self-proclaimed prophetess that commits idolatry and continually sacrifices Jesus Christ

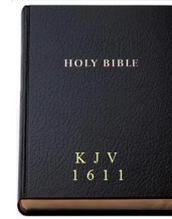
Rev 2:18,20

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

- Is there a connection between Balaam and Jericho?
- The first appearance of JERICHO is associated with BALAAM and his attempt to CURSE Israel

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Num 22:1-2,5-6

1 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they *are* too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

- Is there a connection between Balaam and Achan?
- Balaam FORSOOK THE RIGHT WAY because of COVETOUSNESS (2 Pet 2:14-15) and so did Achan (in contrast to Paul)

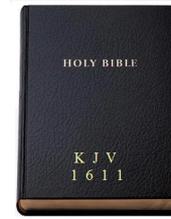
Jos 7:21

When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

Acts 20:33

I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

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- Is there a connection between Jezebel and Jericho?
- The city of JERICHO was rebuilt in the days of Ahab and JEZEBEL and the man who rebuilt it suffered the CURSE Joshua pronounced against the one who would rebuild it

Jos 6:26

And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, **Cursed be the man** before the LORD, that riseth up and **buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn,** and **in his youngest son shall he set up the gates** of it.

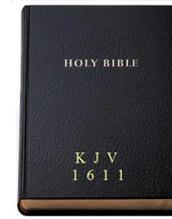
1 Kin 16:30-31,34

30 And **Ahab** the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that **he took to wife Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

34 **In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn,** and **set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub,** according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

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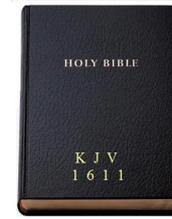
- Is there a connection between Jezebel and Achan?
- Jezebel LIED and STOLE in the process of possessing something (1 Kin 21:7-16) and so did Achan

Jos 7:11

Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for **they have even taken** of the accursed thing, **and have also stolen, and dissembled** also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.

- There is a clear connection between Balaam, Jezebel, Achan, and Jericho with Babylon the Great
- Even the meaning of the names paints a prophetic picture of Babylon the Great- a picture of deception and destruction
 - BALAAM= “not of the people; destroyer of the people; waster of the people”
 - ACHAN= “troubler” (Jos 7:1,25; 1 Chr 2:7) cf. (1 Kin 18:17-18)
 - JEZEBEL= “chaste; unmarried”
 - JERICHO= “it’s moon”

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- The words CHASTE and VIRGIN are associated with the TRUE church

2 Cor 11:2

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.

Eph 5:27

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

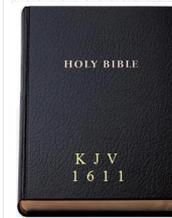
- Jezebel was a WHORE not a chaste virgin, so she represents a FALSE church masquerading as the true church

2 Kin 9:22

And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so many?*

Rev 17:1

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:



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