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- The MOON is symbolic of the CHURCH as the SUN is of CHRIST (Psa 4-5; Mal 4:2; 2 Pet 1:19)

Song 6:10

Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, *and* terrible as *an army* with banners?

Matt 5:14

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

- The moon is the light in the night (1 The 5:7) but it has no light in itself, it merely reflects the light of the sun (2 Cor 4:6), which is the true light (John 1:9; 8:12; 9:5)
- The meaning of the name Jericho, “IT’S moon”, implies there is more than one moon; this OTHER MOON represents a FALSE church
- It is increasingly evident that Babylon the Great is not only a city but a FALSE CHURCH, specifically, one given to idolatry
- The first appearance of JERICHO in Joshua (Jos 2:1) is the 13th in the Bible

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- Now back to how the scriptures related to other ACCURSED or CURSED things gives us insight into why a single garment from Babylon would be considered accursed

Jos 6:18

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.

Jos 7:1,11,13,15

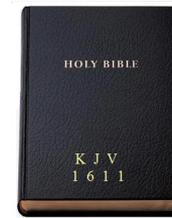
1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

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.

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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Jos 22:20

Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

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;

- The immediate connection in these scriptures is that the one who takes the accursed thing (Jos 6:18) or cursed thing (Deu 7:26) will also be accursed or cursed

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- As mentioned earlier, the CURSED THING refers to graven images (Deu 7:25)
- Graven images are OBJECTS OF WORSHIP (in the worship of false gods)
- It is reasonable to conclude that the Babylonish garment was accursed because it was an object of worship
- There is one example in the Bible of a garment that was worshipped and it was an EPHOD

Jud 8:27

And Gideon made **an ephod** thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah: and **all Israel went thither a whoring after it**: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

- The word EPHOD appears 52x (4x13)
- The ephod was a garment worn by the HIGH PRIEST and was a source of divine revelation through the Urim and Thummim in the breastplate of the ephod

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Exo 28:2,4

2 And **thou shalt make holy garments** for Aaron thy brother **for glory** and for beauty.

4 And **these are the garments which they shall make**; a breastplate, and **an ephod**, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Num 27:21

And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall **ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim** before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

1 Sam 28:6

And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor **by Urim**, nor by prophets.

1 Sam 30:7-8

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, **bring me hither the ephod**. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And **David enquired at the LORD**, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

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- Ephods were also worn by false priests who embraced idolatry

Jud 17:5

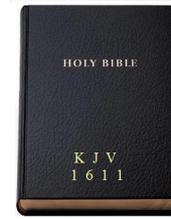
And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

Jud 18:17

And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

- GARMENT= Heb. addereth= “cloak; mantle; robe; specifically worn by a king, noble, or prophet”; the root word means “glorious; honorable”
- The same word is used to describe Elijah’s MANTLE (1 Kin 19:13,19; 2 Kin 2:8,13-14) and the king of Nineveh’s ROBE (Jon 3:6)
- It is very possible that this goodly Babylonish garment was an ephod or ephod like garment from the Babylonian high PRIEST

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- Additional evidence may lie in the word GOODLY which appears 33x (3x11= # of CONFUSION; JUDGMENT) and means “beautiful; pleasant; agreeable”
- There are two very interesting appearances of the word GOODLY in the NT

Jam 2:2-3

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in **goodly** apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the **gay** clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

- The word translated GOODLY in James 2:2 (Gr. lampros) is the same word translated GAY in James 2:3
- Both of these words are connected with apparel and clothing, just like the Babylonish GARMENT
- If the GOODLY Babylonish garment is connected with the Babylonian PRIESTHOOD, is the word GAY also?
- The word GAY only appears ONE time in the Bible- coincidence or clue?

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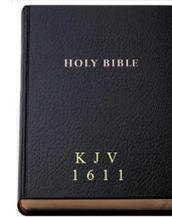
- The words GOODLY and DAINTY (a slang term for someone effeminate) are associated with Babylon the Great in Revelation 18

Rev 18:14

And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

- It is reasonable to conclude that this GOODLY BABYLONISH GARMENT was an object of worship and was quite possibly the ephod (or ephod like) of a Babylonian priest or high priest
- The scripture may be providing us additional insight that this priesthood consisted of sodomites
- One thing is certain, the garment was in Babylon but at some point it was MOVED to Jericho
- If this garment represents the Babylonian priesthood, could it's move from Babylon to Jericho picture a move of the actual Babylonian priesthood from Babylon to Babylon the Great at some point in time?
- Is there a priesthood today connected with the word GAY?

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- Achan and all his family were BURNED but they were first STONED
- Their judgment of stoning and burning pictures the judgment that will fall upon Babylon the Great and all who partake of her sins

Jos 7:25

And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and **burned them with fire, after they had stoned them** with stones.

Rev 18:4,8

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**.

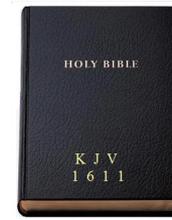
8 Therefore shall **her plagues** come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and **she shall be utterly burned with fire**: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Rev 16:19,21

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and **great Babylon** came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

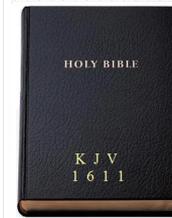
21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, **every stone about the weight of a talent**: and men blasphemed God because of **the plague of the hail**; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

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Jericho	Babylon the Great
A cursed city and inhabitants	A cursed city and inhabitants
It's destroyers came from the other side of a parted Jordan river	It's destroyers come from the other side of an opened heaven
Destroyed by Joshua and the armies of Israel	Destroyed by Jesus Christ and the armies of heaven
Destroyed by fire	Destroyed by fire
Destroyed at the dawning of the seventh day	Destroyed at the dawning of the seventh thousand year history of man
Only those with faith in the true and living God and under the protection of the scarlet thread survived judgment	Only those with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and under his blood will survive judgment
It was not to be rebuilt ever again	It will not found ever again



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