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1 John 5:18-21

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and **that wicked one toucheth him not.**

19 *And* we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.**

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and **we are in him** that is true, **even in his Son Jesus Christ.** **This is the true God, and eternal life.**

21 Little children, **keep yourselves from idols.** Amen.

- There is also at least one specific example of an UNCLEAN THING that is EATEN

Jud 13:4

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and **eat not any unclean thing:**

- The scene is reminiscent of the garden of Eden: there is a man, his wife, and a supernatural visitor that (initially) communicates directly with THE WOMAN (Jud 13:2-3) cf. (Gen 3:1)

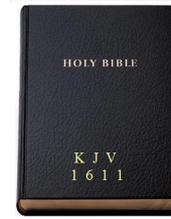
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- The supernatural visitors are complete opposites, as is their purpose and message
- The actions taken by the man and the woman are also complete opposites
- In fact, the actions taken by Manoah and his wife represent what Adam and Eve **SHOULD HAVE** done
 - Manoah's wife did not **CONVERSE** with the angelic visitor when he appeared to her each time but went and **CONSULTED** with her husband (Jud 13:3-7,9-10)
 - Manoah did not **CONFRONT** the angelic visitor without first **CONSULTING** with the Lord in prayer (Jud 13:8,11)
- The angel of the Lord told Manoah and his barren wife that they were going to have a son (type of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ), and that their son would be a Nazarite from the womb (Jud 13:3-5,7,13-14)
- The woman was not to drink wine nor strong drink, and not to eat any **UNCLEAN THING**
- The **UNCLEAN THING** is defined as **ANYTHING THAT COMES OF THE VINE** (i.e.- **GRAPES**)- this is confirmed by the law

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Jud 13:4,7,14

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and **eat not any unclean thing**:

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, **neither eat any unclean thing**: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

14 **She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine**, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, **nor eat any unclean thing**: all that I commanded her let her observe.

Num 6:2-4

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall **separate** *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD:

3 He shall **separate** *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, **nor eat moist grapes, or dried**.

4 All the days of his separation shall he **eat nothing that is made of the vine tree**, from the kernels even to the husk.

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- In addition, GRAPE JUICE represents BLOOD and the EATING of BLOOD was also forbidden

Deu 32:14

Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure **blood of the grape.**

Lev 17:12

Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, **No soul of you shall eat blood,** neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

- The grape was a “forbidden fruit” to the Nazarite (Num 6:2-4), but the angel of the Lord extended this command to THE WOMAN (Jud 13:14)
- Given the similarities between Judges 13 and Genesis 3, one cannot help but wonder if the “forbidden fruit” in the garden of Eden was a GRAPE
- If so, then the TREE of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:17) was a VINE (a vine often behaves like a serpent in that it coils and climbs)

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- This vine is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ who is the TRUE vine

John 15:1

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Deu 32:32-33

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

- “Babylon” is associated with ACCURSED/CURSED THINGS, specifically IDOLS; but it is also associated with UNCLEAN THINGS, specifically something that is EATEN
- The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (possibly a grape) was UNCLEAN so when Adam and Eve ate of it, they became UNCLEAN (leprosy pictures SIN and lepers are UNCLEAN)

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- After the fall of Jericho, Joshua pronounced a curse upon anyone who would rebuild it
- Jericho was REBUILT in the days of Ahab (a type of the Antichrist) and Jezebel (a type of Babylon the Great) by Hiel the Bethelite

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.

- The last person one would expect to rebuild the CURSED city is one who is from the “house of God” (*Bethel*= “house of God”) cf. (Gen 28:17,19)

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- It was also rebuilt at a time when Elijah (who may be one of the two witnesses in the Tribulation) preached that it would not rain for 3 ½ years (type of the first half of the Tribulation)

1 Kin 17:1; 18:1

17:1 And **Elijah** the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, **there shall not be dew nor rain these years**, but according to my word.

18:1 And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah **in the third year**, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and **I will send rain** upon the earth.

Jam 5:17

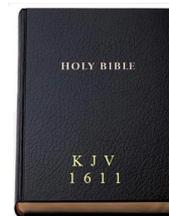
Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and **it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months**.

Rev 11:3,6

3 And I will give *power* unto **my two witnesses**, and **they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.

6 These have power to shut heaven, **that it rain not in the days of their prophecy**: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

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- Could this picture someone professing to be from the “house of God” (i.e.- Israel or the church) rebuilding the cursed CITY of Babylon (in Iraq) in the Tribulation, at least to some extent?

Zec 5:5-11

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.

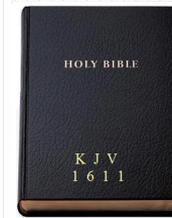
7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

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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