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# Bible Prophecy

*Mystery, Babylon The Great*

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## Matt 8:2-3

2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

## Rev 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

- God's people are charged to COME OUT from among UNBELIEVERS (2 Cor 6:17) but also to COME OUT of HER (i.e.- Babylon the Great) (Rev 18:4)
- Babylon the Great appears to be the collective body of UNBELIEVERS, making it the exact opposite of the true church which is the collective body of born again BELIEVERS
- That means Babylon the Great is the ANTICHURCH, a counterfeit of the true church; just as the beast is the ANTICHRIST, a counterfeit of Jesus Christ

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- Just as the true church is associated with a CITY that is a MOTHER, so the Antichurch is associated with a CITY that is a MOTHER

## Rev 21:2

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

## Gal 4:26

But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

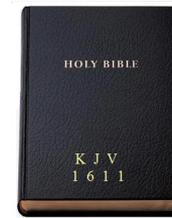
## Rev 17:5,18

**5** And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

**18** And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

- The true church is called a CHASTE VIRGIN (2 Cor 11:2) but the Antichurch is a FILTHY WHORE (Rev 17:1,4)
- The true church is the bride of CHRIST (Eph 5:31-32) but the Antichurch is the bride of ANTICHRIST (Rev 17:3,8)

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The True Church	The Antichurch
The collective body of born again BELIEVERS	The collective body of UNBELIEVERS
Associated with a CITY that is a MOTHER- New Jerusalem	Associated with a CITY that is a MOTHER- Babylon the Great
A chaste VIRGIN	A filthy WHORE
The bride of CHRIST	The bride of ANTICHRIST

- Babylon the Great is not just a CITY but a SYSTEM, possibly the WORLD SYSTEM itself

## Rev 17:1,15,18

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:**

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are **peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**

18 And **the woman** which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

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## Zec 5:7-8

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.

## 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.

- If the women of Zechariah 5 and Revelation 17 are the same, then she is the personification of WICKEDNESS
- The WHOLE WORLD lies IN WICKEDNESS just as WE (i.e.- every born-again believer) ARE IN HIM (i.e.- Christ)

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- 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)
- 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)

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- 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

## 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.

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## 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.

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

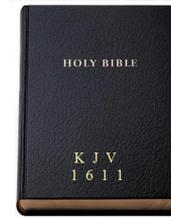
## Deu 32:14

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.

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- 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)
- 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.

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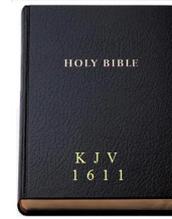
- “Babylon” is associated with ACCURSED/CURSED THINGS, specifically IDOLS; but it is also associated with UNCLEAN THINGS, specifically something that is EATEN
- The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (possibly a grape) was UNCLEAN so when Adam and Eve ate of it, they became UNCLEAN (leprosy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

- 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

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## 1 Kin 16:30-31,34

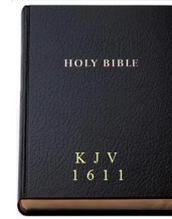
**30** And **Ahab** the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.

**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)\
- 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)

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## 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.

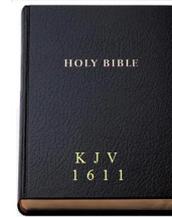
8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

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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## 2 Kin 17:20,23-24

**20** And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

**23** Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

**24** And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

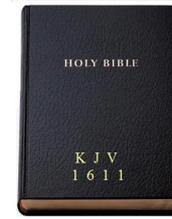
## Ezr 4:9-10

**9** Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,

**10** And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and at such a time.

- The first appearance of BABYLON occurs in the context of the Assyrian captivity of the 10 northern tribes of Israel

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- Men from Babylon were among those brought over by the king of Assyria to dwell in the cities of Samaria in place of the children of Israel who were carried away
- This was part of the king of Assyria's CROSS-BREEDING program that began after a 3-year siege (2 Kin 17:5)
- A total of 13 (# of REBELLION) nations were involved in the program
- These “aliens” MINGLED with the SEED of Israel left in the land cf. (Jer 39:10), creating the mixed race known as the SAMARITANS (John 4:9)
- They brought their false gods with them also and integrated them into the new society

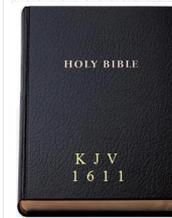
## 2 Kin 17:30-31

30 And the men of **Babylon** made **Succhothbenoth**, and the men of **Cuth** made **Nergal**, and the men of **Hamath** made **Ashima**,

31 And the **Avites** made **Nibhaz and Tartak**, and the **Sepharvites** burnt their children in fire to **Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.**

32 So **they feared the LORD**, and **made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests** of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 **They feared the LORD**, and **served their own gods**, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.



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