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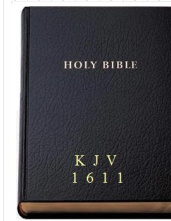
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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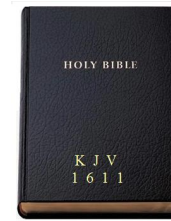


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Bible Prophecy

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2 Kin 20:12-19

12 At that time **Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon**, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto **them**, and shewed **them** all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed **them** not.

14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said **these men**? and from whence came **they** unto thee? And Hezekiah said, **They** are come from **a far country**, even from **Babylon**.

15 And he said, What have **they** seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have **they** seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed **them**.

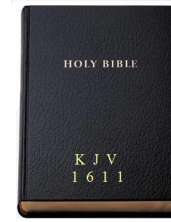
16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into **Babylon**: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall **they** take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of **Babylon**.

19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, *Is it not good*, if peace and truth be in my days?

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Isa 39:1-8

1 At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

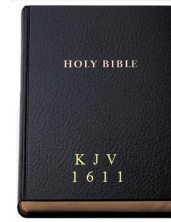
5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

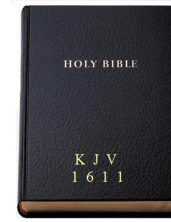
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- The meaning of the name MERODACH-BALADAN reveals him as a type of the ANTICHRIST
- MERODACH= from the Hebrew root word MARAD meaning, “to rebel or revolt; to cause sedition; to defect”
- The name NIMROD (Gen 10:8-9) comes from the same root word
- The Babylonian equivalent to MERODACH is MARDUK
- MARDUK was the patron deity of the city of Babylon that became the supreme deity in the Babylonian pantheon (Jer 50:2); he is the Babylonian equivalent to BAAL
- The Babylonian creation myth *Enuma Elish* states the lesser gods (i.e.- the Annunaki) rebelled against the chief gods (i.e.- Anu, Enlil, Enki) and made a deal with Marduk that if he fought for them and defeated *Tiamat*, the primordial goddess of the sea who took the form of a dragon or serpent, they would make him the supreme deity
- Marduk defeated Tiamat and presented her crushed head to the council of gods
- One legend states that Marduk initiated a new order that included fashioning mankind out of the broken pieces of Tiamat’s body

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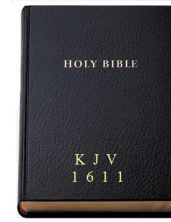
- Marduk was eulogized by the Annunaki in a list of 50 names (e.g.- BEL; NIBIRU) attributed to him (i.e.- he is the god of “many names”)
- Another legend states Marduk stole the knowledge of creation and resurrection that his father Enki gave his brother, and fled to the planet Mars
- While on Mars, he transcribed this forbidden knowledge onto the surface of the planet Mars as sort of a geoglyphic book
- Because of this and his exploits in war, Marduk is often associated with Mars, both the planet and mythical god
- Interpreting the legend of Marduk in light of scripture, it is apparent that he is Satan and the apotheosis of Nimrod (Gen 10:8-9), type of Antichrist
- The word MARS appears 1x and it is associated with the UNKNOWN (“X”) God

Acts 17:22-23

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, *Ye men of Athens*, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

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- Paul preached the “unknown God” as the one true God only to take advantage of the fact the Athenians worshipped multiple gods and the one true God and the Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:3) were UNKNOWN to them
- The fact is, our God is not the UNKNOWN or unknowable God; he has completely revealed himself in the PERSON of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the PAGES of the Bible
- The real UNKNOWN GOD remains hidden (i.e.- “occultic”) but will be revealed one day and honored by the Antichrist

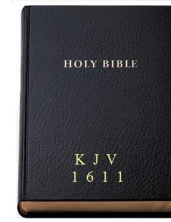
Dan 11:37-39

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

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- The Antichrist will not regard any god currently known by men, including the Allah of Islam, but will magnify himself above all
- The god the Antichrist ACKNOWLEDGES (“to own, avow, or admit to be true by a declaration; to own or notice with particular regard”) is:
 - A god whom his fathers KNEW NOT (i.e.- the UNKNOWN GOD)
 - A STRANGE (i.e.- ALIEN) god
 - The God of FORCES (i.e.- MARS is the god of WAR)
 - The DRAGON (i.e.- SATAN; the DEVIL)

Rev 13:4

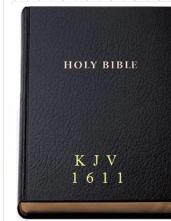
And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Deu 32:16-17

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

- Israel worshipped STRANGE NEW GODS before that were DEVILS



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