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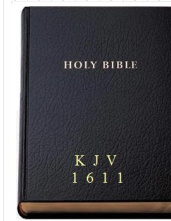
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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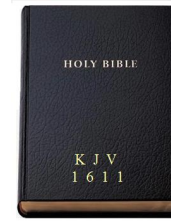


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Bible Prophecy

Mystery, Babylon The Great (Pt.1)

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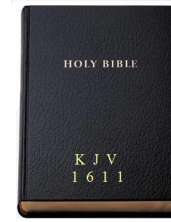


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- Is it coincidence or clue that the probes and rovers used in the most recent explorations to Mars have names whose meanings tell the chronological story of the fall of man (Gen 3)
 - *Spirit* (2004)- “wind; air; breath; life; disposition of mind, habitual or temporary; the immortal, immaterial, intellectual part of man the substance of which is thinking, KNOWING, doubting, and a power of moving”
 - *Opportunity* (2004)- “fit or convenient time; a time favorable for the purpose combined with other favorable circumstances”
 - *Curiosity* (2012)- “a strong desire to see something novel, or to discover something UNKNOWN”
 - *MAVEN* (2014)- “a trusted expert in a given field, who seeks to pass KNOWLEDGE (Gen 3:5) on to others”
 - *InSight* (2016)- “thorough KNOWLEDGE or skill; sight or view of the interior of any thing”
- Could revelation of the UNKNOWN GOD come via discovery of a stone ALTAR with an INSCRIPTION (i.e.- geoglyph) on the planet MARS?

Note: The rocks and soil on the surface of Mars contain a dust composed mostly of IRON (Dan 2:43) and small amounts of other elements such as chlorine and SULFUR. The RED color we see in images of Mars is due to IRON rusting.

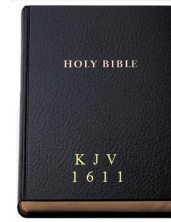
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- BALADAN= “he has given a son”
- Since MERODACH is MARDUK, the name MERODACH-BALADAN means, “Marduk has given a son”
- Jesus Christ is the Son given by the one true living God (Isa 9:6), so the name Merodach-Baladan represents a counterfeit of Jesus Christ (i.e.- the Antichrist)
- Since MARDUK means, “to rebel”, the name MERODACH-BALADAN can also mean, “the one who rebelled has given a son”
- Lucifer/Satan is the one who rebelled (Isa 14:12-14; Eze 28:11-19; Rev 12:3-4,9), so the name Merodach-Baladan represents the SEED OF THE SERPENT (Gen 3:15) and SON OF PERDITION (2 The 2:3) (i.e.- the Antichrist)
- In addition, Baladan was the KING OF BABYLON (Isa 39:1) and Lucifer is called the KING OF BABYLON (Isa 14:1,12)
- Merodach-Baladan was the SON of Baladan, which means he was a PRINCE of Babylon (2 Chr 32:31)
- The Antichrist is referred to as THE PRINCE that shall come

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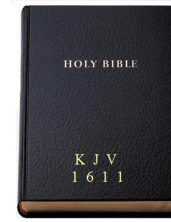
Dan 9:26-27

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and **the people** of **the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary**; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And **he shall confirm the covenant** with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

- He is specifically the prince of the PEOPLE who would destroy Jerusalem and the temple following the death of the Messiah
- The people who fulfilled this prophecy in 70 AD were the ROMANS
- The Antichrist will be the PRINCE OF ROME, yet as a SON of the king of Babylon (Isa 14:1,12) he is the PRINCE OF BABYLON
- BABYLON and ROME are equated prophetically in the person of the Antichrist
- Babylon and Rome are the only two nations guilty of destroying the temple of God

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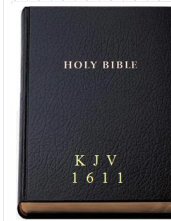


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- The chronological context of 2 Kings 20 and Isaiah 39 is a time immediately after Hezekiah's miraculous recovery from a terminal illness and a time soon after the Judah's miraculous deliverance from the attempted invasion by Sennacherib and the Assyrians
- Recall that Sennacherib's attempted invasion of Judah typifies the attempted invasion of Israel by Gog and his allies (Eze 38-39)
- **IF** these events give a picture of prophetic timing, then the Antichrist may come to power as the prince of Rome shortly after the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39
- Merodach-Baladan heard about Hezekiah's illness and miraculous recovery so he sent ambassadors (2 Chr 32:31) with letters and a present in an apparent token of diplomacy and good will
- But all this was a cover for the real business the ambassadors were sent to conduct- identify the power source for the WONDER done in the land

2 Chr 32:31

Howbeit in *the business of* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.



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