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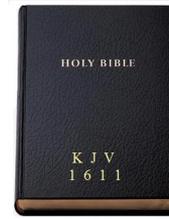
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Bible Prophecy

Mystery, Babylon The Great (Pt.1)



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- These WATCHERS come from a FAR COUNTRY, a country in THE NORTH (Jer 4:6,16)
- Amazingly, the phrase FAR COUNTRY also appears in our base text (2 Kin 20:14; Isa 39:3) in reference to the AMBASSADORS from Babylon

Isa 39:3

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**

- From a historical perspective, the FAR COUNTRY that the watchers of (Jer 4:16) and the ambassadors of (2 Kin 20:14; Isa 39:3) come from is BABYLON
- From a prophetic perspective, if these watchers and ambassadors picture fallen spiritual beings that will come to earth; then Babylon must picture where THEY come from
- Recall that Nebuchadnezzar is called THE LION and THE DESTROYER, and is from THE NORTH (Jer 4:6-7)
- SATAN is called a LION (1 Pet 5:8) and a DESTROYER (John 10:10) so when he comes, where does he come from?

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Rev 12:3-4,7-9

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- Satan and his angels COME DOWN from HEAVEN; not the third heaven where God's throne is, but the second heaven where the sun, moon, and stars are (i.e.- OUTER SPACE)
- The coming of Nebuchadnezzar and his armies (i.e.- the watchers) from Babylon is said to be an EVIL COME DOWN from the Lord (Jer 4:6; Mic 1:12) so it appears to picture the coming of Satan and his army (i.e.- fallen angelic beings) from outer space

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- It is important to recall that Satanic armies not only come from ABOVE in the Tribulation, but also from BELOW

Rev 9:1-3,7-11

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

7 And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.

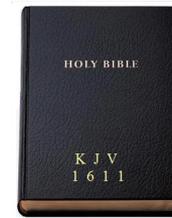
8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the* teeth of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.

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Rev 9:13-19

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose **the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.**

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

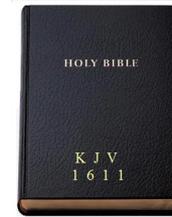
16 And the number of the army of **the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand:** and I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having **breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone:** and **the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions;** and **out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.**

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for **their tails were like unto serpents,** and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

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- The coming of Nebuchadnezzar and his armies from Babylon may also picture the coming of the Antichrist (i.e.- Apollyon) and his armies (i.e.- fallen angelic beings) from hell (the pit)
- But when THEY first come (i.e.- those from above), they may do what the Gibeonites did (Jos 9:4), and LIE about their true identity and place of origin and say they are AMBASSADORS of a race of extra-terrestrial beings sent to earth from a distant planet
- They may even TRANSFORM their appearance to look the part in a recycling of the original lie (Gen 3:1-5)

2 Cor 11:3,14-15

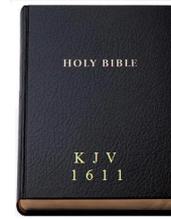
3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

- Interestingly, the BABYLONIANS are called ALIENS in (Lam 5:2)

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- The phrase FAR COUNTRY (Isa 39:3) appears 18x (6+6+6) and a review of these references provides additional insight on what historical “Babylon” may picture or represent
- The first appearance of the phrase FAR COUNTRY brings us back to the passage containing the first appearance of the word AMBASSADOR(S)

Jos 9:4,6,8-9,13

4 They did work wily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

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- The Gibeonite ambassadors **LIED** to Israel about their true identity and place of origin in order get Israel to enter into a **LEAGUE** (covenant) with them (Jos 9:6)- Daniel's 70th week officially begins with the confirmation of a **COVENANT** between the Antichrist and Israel
- They said they were from a **FAR COUNTRY** (Jos 9:9) when the truth was they dwelt among them all along- any fallen angels masquerading as ETs from a galaxy “far, far, away” are lying because they have dwelt among us all along
- The Gibeonite ambassadors also professed to come because of **THE NAME** of Israel's God (i.e.- their coming had a **RELIGIOUS** purpose)
- They professed to have come on a **LONG JOURNEY** (Jos 9:13)
- The only other time this phrase appears (Pro 7:19) the **STRANGE WOMAN** (a type of **BABYLON THE GREAT**) tempts a young man by saying the **GOODMAN** (a picture of **JESUS CHRIST**- Matt 20:11) is gone on a **LONG JOURNEY** (i.e.- the time since the Ascension of Christ)

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1 Kin 8:41 cf. (2 Chr 6:32)

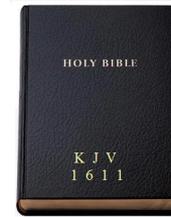
Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

- Those who come from a FAR COUNTRY are called STRANGERS
- STRANGERS are NOT OF THY PEOPLE
- STRANGER= “a foreigner; one who belongs to another country; a guest or visitor; one not admitted to any communication or fellowship”
- The word STRANGER is synonymous with the word ALIEN
- ALIEN= “a foreigner; one born in, or belonging to, another country”
- STRANGER= Heb. *nokriy*, which is also translated ALIEN 4x (Deu 14:21; Job 19:15; Psa 69:8; Lam 5:2); STRANGE WOMAN 3x (Pro 6:24; 20:16; 27:13) and STRANGER 3x in reference to the STRANGE WOMAN (Pro 2:16; 5:20; 7:5)
- As indicated earlier, the BABYLONIANS are called ALIENS

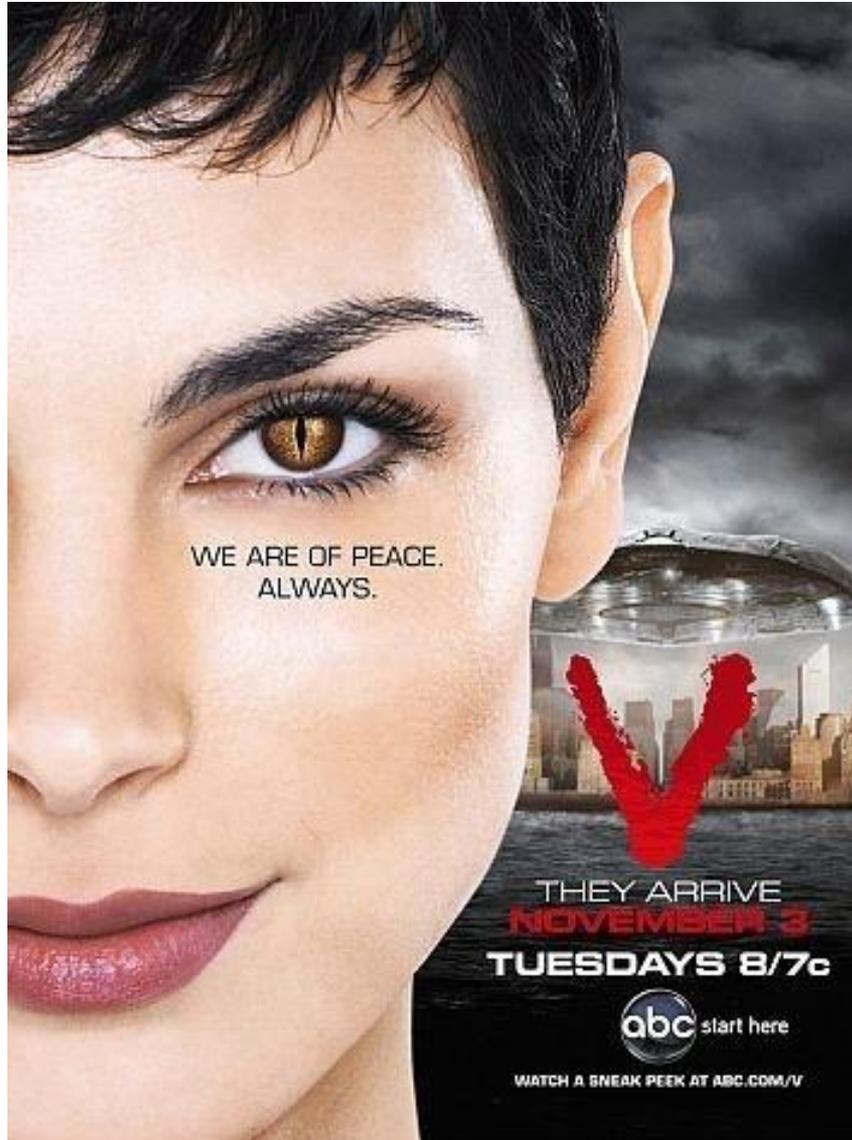
Lam 5:2

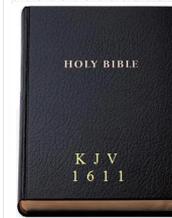
Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

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