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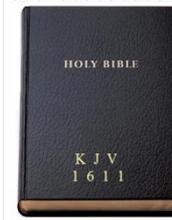
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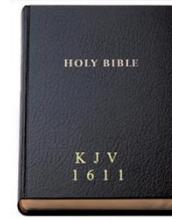


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# Bible Prophecy

*Mystery, Babylon The Great (Pt.1)*

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- CYRUS, king of the MEDES/PERSIANS and conqueror of Babylon came from a FAR COUNTRY and is a type of JESUS CHRIST
- That means the fall of Babylon to the Medes/Persians pictures the fall of BABYLON THE GREAT to Jesus Christ and his armies at his Second Coming

Isa 13:3,5,9,11,17,19

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

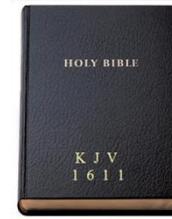
9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

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- Isaiah 13 pronounces judgment upon BABYLON and a dual fulfillment is in view
- A partial fulfillment occurred in 537 BC when Babylon fell to Cyrus and the armies of the Medes and Persians (Isa 13:17)
- The complete fulfillment will occur in the DAY OF THE LORD (Isa 13:9) when BABYLON THE GREAT will fall (Rev 16:19) to Jesus Christ and the armies of heaven at his Second Coming
- Cyrus is a type of Jesus Christ (Isa 44:28; 45:1-2) and the armies of the Medes and Persians typify the DUAL armies of heaven (i.e.- the saints and the angels) that come with Jesus Christ

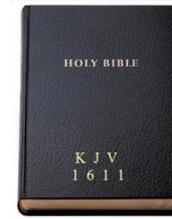
## Rev 19:11,14

**11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

**14** And **the armies** *which were* in heaven **followed him** upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

- The THEM and THEY mentioned in (Isa 13:3,5) once again refers to SUPERNATURAL BEINGS, only this time they are on the Lord's side

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- There are TWO companies mentioned, one referred to as the Lord's SANCTIFIED ONES and the other referred to as his MIGHTY ONES (Isa 13:3)
- The term SANCTIFIED ONES is synonymous with the word SAINTS
- SAINT= “a sanctified person; a holy or godly person”
- An army of SAINTS accompanies Christ at his Second Coming

## Zec 14:5

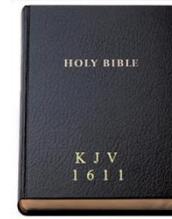
And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and **the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.**

## Jude 14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

- The MIGHTY ONES refer to an army of ANGELS that also accompany Christ at his Second Coming

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## Matt 25:31

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

## 2 The 1:7

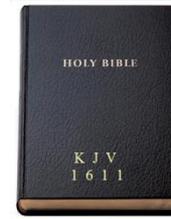
And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

- MIGHTY ONES= Heb. *gibbowr*= the same word translated EXCEL in (Psa 103:20) referring to the strength of ANGELS; and MIGHTY MEN referring to the GIANTS in (Gen 6:4) and the BABYLONIAN ARMY in (Jer 5:16; 51:30) (a type of the army of the Antichrist)
- This dual army composed of saints and angels, typified by the dual army of the Medes and Persians, comes from a FAR COUNTRY, and that far country is defined as HEAVEN (Isa 13:5)

## Rev 19:14

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

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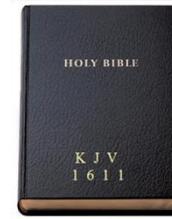
- We have already seen that the SECOND HEAVEN can be referred to as a FAR COUNTRY, now we see that the THIRD HEAVEN can also be referred to as a FAR COUNTRY
- The Babylon conquered by Cyrus was more of a regional power relative to the Babylon that will be conquered by Jesus Christ, which is a true GLOBAL power (Isa 13:11)
- Babylon the Great is clearly an apostate religious SYSTEM and CITY/STATE (Rev 17:18) with mind boggling riches, that uses its WINE (false doctrine) and WEALTH (finances) to control global politics and commercial enterprises (Rev 17-18), but it appears to be much more than this

## Jer 4:16

Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, *that* **watchers come from a far country**, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

- We already commented at great length on this passage and the potential prophetic implications that these Babylonian WATCHERS picture FALLEN SPIRIT BEINGS that will come to earth from OUTER SPACE

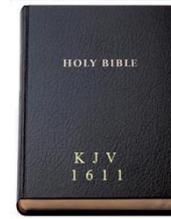
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- It is important to note the characteristics ascribed to the BABYLONIANS in Jeremiah since they may also apply to these coming “ETs”
  - They are EVIL (Jer 1:14; 4:6)
  - They are led by THE LION/THE DESTROYER (Jer 4:7)
  - They are WATCHERS (Jer 4:16)
  - They are MIGHTY MEN (Jer 5:16)
  - They are CRUEL and have NO MERCY (Jer 6:23)
  - They are THE ENEMY (Jer 31:16)
  - They are THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH (Jer 46:22)
  - They shall COME AS CLOUDS (Jer 4:13)
  - They shall COME WITH CHARIOTS (Jer 4:13)
  - They shall COME UPON HORSES (Jer 4:13) cf. (Rev 9:16)
- It is also important to note the characteristics ascribed to BABYLON in Jeremiah since they may also apply to the country of these coming “ETs”

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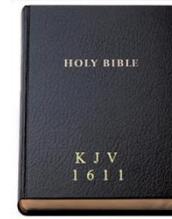
- It is in THE NORTH (Jer 1:14; 4:6; 6:1; 13:20; 46:20; 47:2)
  - It is a FAR COUNTRY (Jer 4:16) cf. (Isa 39:3)
  - It is a NATION FROM FAR (Jer 5:15)
  - It is a MIGHTY NATION (Jer 5:15)
  - It is an ANCIENT NATION (Jer 5:15)
  - It is a nation of an UNKNOWN TONGUE (Jer 5:15) cf. (Isa 28:11)
  - It is THE NORTH COUNTRY (Jer 6:22; 10:22; 46:10) cf. (Zec 2:6)
  - It is a GREAT NATION (Jer 6:22)
  - It is FROM THE SIDES OF THE EARTH (Jer 6:22) cf. (Isa 14:15; Eze 32:23)
  - It is BY THE EUPHRATES RIVER (Jer 46:6) cf. (Rev 9:14)
- The SIDES OF THE EARTH could be the opposite location of the SIDES OF THE NORTH, which refers to NEW JERUSALEM in the heavenly Mt. Zion- the CITY and CONGREGATION of the Lord

## Psa 48:1-2

1 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

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## Heb 12:22-23

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

## Isa 14:12-15

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

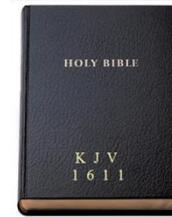
- The SIDES OF THE EARTH could then be equivalent to the SIDES OF THE PIT in the heart of the earth (i.e.- HELL)

## Eze 32:22-23

22 Asshur *is* there and all her company: his graves *are* about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

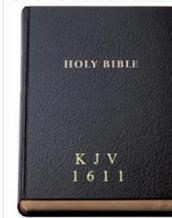
23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.

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- **BABYLON THE GREAT** is then a counterfeit of **NEW JERUSALEM**
- As New Jerusalem is **THE MOTHER** of **US** all (Gal 4:26), so Babylon the Great is **THE MOTHER** (Rev 17:5) of **THEM** all
- The name **BABYLON** could then represent the **KINGDOM OF SATAN** (Matt 12:26), which consists of lost men on earth, and fallen spirit beings that currently reside in two places: (1) the heavens (i.e.- first and second heaven) (Rev 12:4); and (2) the pit in the heart of the earth (Rev 9:1-21)
- This kingdom is a counterfeit of the **KINGDOM OF GOD** (Matt 12:28), which consists of saved men on earth, and glorified saints and holy angels in heaven (Heb 12:22-23)



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