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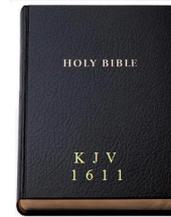


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2 Chr 36:15-19

15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

Deu 28:45,48-50

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

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Hab 1:6-8

6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not theirs.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

- We saw earlier that the king of Babylon was brought against Judah as judgment for the sins of Manasseh (2 Chr 33:3-7), particularly the shedding of innocent blood (2 Kin 24:3)
- All of these iniquities abounded due to a national rejection of the word of God
- We have already seen examples of how Israel will be deceived into entering into the covenant with the Antichrist because they despise, neglect, and reject the word of God cf. (Jos 9:14-15; Isa 30:9-12)
- Their ultimate rejection already occurred when they rejected the incarnate Word and swore an oath that his innocent blood be on them and their children (Matt 27:4,25)
- The Babylonians were only a partial fulfillment of the nation that would be brought against Israel to place them under a yoke of iron (Deu 28:48)

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Jer 27:8,11-12

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under **the yoke of the king of Babylon**, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

11 But the nations that bring their neck under **the yoke of the king of Babylon**, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under **the yoke of the king of Babylon**, and serve him and his people, and live.

Jer 28:11-12,14

And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break **the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon** from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken **the yoke** from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them **yokes of iron**.

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put **a yoke of iron** upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

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- The Romans (70AD-135 AD) were also a partial fulfillment since Rome is also associated with IRON and was the nation that scattered the Jews WORLD-WIDE (i.e.- the Diaspora)

Dan 2:40

And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

Dan 7:7

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

Deu 28:64

And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

- The connection between Babylon and Rome is confirmed by the only two appearances of the words DREADFUL and TERRIBLE in the same verse (Dan 7:7= Rome; Hab 1:7= Babylon)

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- The complete fulfillment of this nation of the iron yoke is the nation of the Antichrist, which is the final form of the Roman empire
- Rome is the FOURTH kingdom (4= # of the SPIRITUAL realm, the 4th dimension) in Daniel 2,7 and is associated with IRON but the final form of the Roman empire (represented by the feet and toes) is a mixture of iron and clay
- The IRON represents STRENGTH (i.e.- it BREAKS) and is contrasted with CLAY representing WEAKNESS (i.e.- it is BROKEN)
- Just as the iron was mixed with clay, so the 10 toes (representing 10 kings) MINGLE themselves with the seed of men, implying THEY are not men

Dan 2:40-43

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

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- WEAKNESS is associated with MEN while STRENGTH is associated with ANGELS

Jud 16:7,11,17

7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

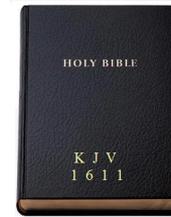
Psa 103:20

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

2 Pet 2:11

Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

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- CLAY is associated with MEN while IRON is associated with SUPERNATURAL beings (i.e.- fallen angels; devils; giants)

Isa 64:8

But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

Job 10:9

Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

Job 13:12

Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

Job 4:18-19

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much less *in* them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?

Jude 6

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

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2 Cor 5:2

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our **house** which is **from heaven**:

- The word HABITATION (Jude 6) describing what the fallen angels (Gen 6:2) left is the same word that describes a SPIRITUAL BODY (2 Cor 5:2)
- If men dwell in houses (i.e.- bodies) of CLAY, what type of houses do fallen angels dwell in? IRON (Dan 2:43)?

Deu 3:11

For only **Og** king of Bashan remained of the remnant of **giants**; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of **iron**; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

1 Sam 17:4,7

4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named **Goliath**, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of **iron**: and one bearing a shield went before him.

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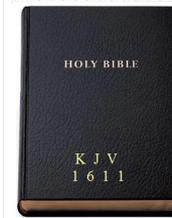
Rev 9:2-3,9

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.

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.

- The FIERCE horses (Hab 1:8) come from a NATION of FIERCE countenance (Deu 28:50), led by a KING of FIERCE countenance (Dan 8:23), which is the Antichrist
- Neither Babylon in the sixth century BC nor Rome in the first century AD had horses that were FIERCE and horsemen who could FLY (Hab 1:8), but the nation of the Antichrist will
- There are two possible explanations for the description of these horses and horsemen: (1) it is figurative, and could describe advanced military technology couched in terms anyone at any time can understand; or (2) it is literal, and could describe spiritual entities manifest in the physical world
- While both could apply, the fact the final form of the Roman empire is a mingling of spiritual and physical BEINGS emphasizes the latter



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