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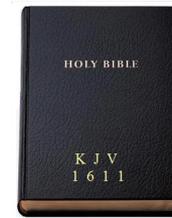


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Bible Prophecy

Mystery, Babylon The Great (Pt.1)

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- The final form of the Roman empire is not just a mingling of spiritual and physical BEINGS, but of spiritual and physical NATIONS (kingdoms) also
- NATION= “a body of people inhabiting the same country or united under the same sovereign or government; a family or race descended from a common progenitor”
- The root of the word NATION (i.e.- NAT) is the same root that forms the words NATIVE, NATIVITY, NATURAL, and NATURALIZED
- The root NAT means, “birth; origin; homeland; kind”
- Your NATION defines WHERE YOU COME FROM (origin) and WHO YOU ARE (identity)
- There has been countless speculation through the years regarding where the Antichrist will come from
- Some of the more popular opinions include: Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait, Jordan, Turkey, Russia, Italy (Rome), Spain, Greece, Great Britain, and even the United States

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- Names attributed to the Antichrist that could indicate what nation he comes from include, “the Assyrian” (Isa 10:5; 14:25; Eze 31:3); the “king of Babylon” (Isa 14:4); and the “prince of Tyrus” (Eze 28:2)
- We know the Antichrist will be a ROMAN- at least due to the fact that he will be the head of the revised Roman empire (Dan 7:8; 9:26) but he could also be born there
- How can he be ROMAN and still be called “the Assyrian”, the “king of Babylon”, and the “prince of Tyrus”?
- One explanation is that Assyria (i.e.- northern Iraq), Babylon (i.e.- central and southern Iraq), and Tyre (i.e.- Lebanon) were all part of the old Roman empire so they will be part of the revised Roman empire under the Antichrist

Note: Assyria, Babylon, and Tyre were also part of the neo-Babylonian empire under Nebuchadnezzar who is a type of the Antichrist; Tyre, Nineveh, and Babylon are all called HARLOTS (Isa 23:15; Nah 3:4; Rev 17:5)

- Another explanation is that the Antichrist could come from the region of Assyria, Babylon, or Tyre and still rise to power over the revised Roman empire (e.g.- he could be an Assyrian by nationality and become a Roman when Assyria becomes part of the revised Roman empire)
- While it is not yet completely clear on what PHYSICAL nation he comes from, it is clear on what SPIRITUAL nation he comes from

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- The Antichrist is called “the beast” in Revelation, and the beast COMES FROM the bottomless pit, so the spiritual nation of the Antichrist is the BOTTOMLESS PIT

Rev 11:7

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 17:8

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- This “dual citizenship” may seem like a contradiction, but it isn’t
- Born-again Christians have a dual citizenship- their physical nation (e.g.- the USA) and the spiritual nation of HEAVEN (Eph 2:19)
- The revised Roman empire will be a mingling of the physical nations of men and the spiritual nations of demonic beings (i.e.- a counterfeit of the kingdom of God)

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- The nation of the bottomless pit will be opened in the Tribulation and it's residents will invade the nations of men

Rev 9:1-11

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.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

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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.

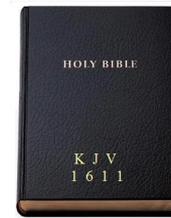
10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

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.

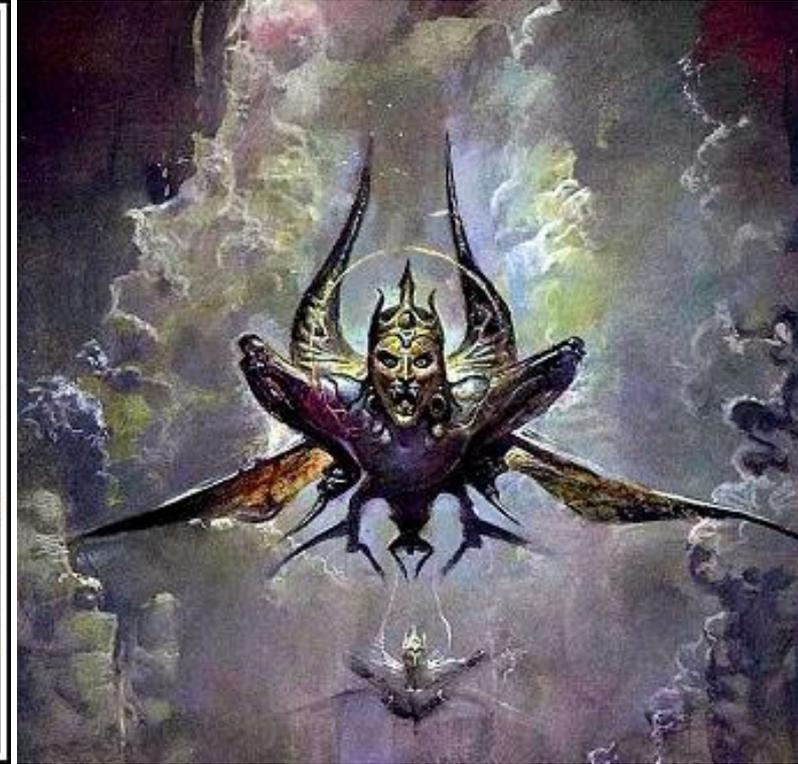
Description Of Residents Of The Bottomless Pit

They are called LOCUSTS	They have the teeth of LIONS
They have the shape of HORSES	They have breastplates of IRON
They have CROWNS of gold on their heads	They have WINGS that sound like CHARIOTS
They have faces like MEN	They have tails like that of SCORPIONS
They have hair like WOMEN	They have a KING that is a fallen ANGEL

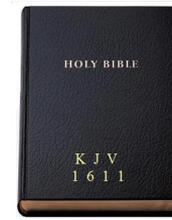
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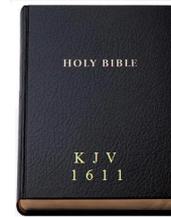


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- The residents of the pit are **MINGLED** (hybrid) beings
- They are part man and part woman
- They are part human and part animal
- They are part of one animal and part of another (locust and scorpion; horse and lion)
- They are part human and part (fallen) angel
- There is another entity that is a mingling of numerous different components...

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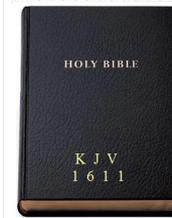
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- The description of the nation of the bottomless pit bears the following similarities with the nation described in (Deu 28:48-50; Hab 1:8)
 1. Both are associated with IRON- iron is element #26 (2 x 13) on the periodic table and forms most of the earth's outer and inner CORE cf. (Job 28:2)
 2. Both come from FAR- the heart/core of the earth is 3,958 miles from the surface
 3. Both are associated with FIERCE HORSES that can FLY
 4. Both are associated with a KING of fierce countenance
- The nation of the bottomless pit will be mingled with the nation of men as part of the revised Roman empire, which is the complete fulfillment of the nation in (Deu 28:48-50; Hab 1:8)
- The nation of LOCUSTS from the bottomless pit is typified by the ASSYRIANS (i.e.- the nation that invaded and took Israel captive) and the BABYLONIANS (i.e.- the nation that invaded and took Judah captive)



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