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- The king of Assyria and the king of Babylon have two other things in common: (1) they took Israel into captivity (Assyria= the 10 northern tribes; Babylon= the two southern tribes); and (2) they are types of the ANTICHRIST
- The Antichrist will be used of God to put an iron yoke upon all Israel during the Tribulation

Deu 28:48

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.

- YOKE= “a wooden crosspiece, hollowed or made curving near each end, and fitted with bows for receiving the necks of oxen; by which means two are connected for pulling or drawing; a bond of connection; to couple together; to join; to restrain; to enslave”
- A yoke of IRON symbolizes an UNBREAKABLE yoke; one that only the Lord can break (Isa 9:4; 10:27; 14:25; Jer 28:2,4; 30:8; Nah 1:13)

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What A Yoke Symbolizes

1. A burden or weight (Isa 9:4; 10:27; 14:25; 58:6; Matt 11:30) cf. (1 Kin 12:4,9-11,14; 2 Chr 10:9-11,14; Acts 15:10)
 2. Bondage (Lev 26:13; Isa 58:6; Jer 2:20; 5:5; 27:2; 30:8; Eze 34:27; Nah 1:13; Gal 5:1)
 3. Servitude (Gen 27:40; 1 Kin 12:4; 2 Chr 10:4; Jer 27:8; 28:14; 1 Tim 6:1) cf. (Matt 11:28-30; Luke 14:27)
 4. A union or joining together (2 Cor 6:14-17)
- All four of these symbolic meanings of a yoke are applicable to the yoke of the Antichrist but the symbol of a UNION or JOINING together is of particular importance
 - The best example of the YOKE representing a UNION is MARRIAGE since in marriage two are JOINED TOGETHER and become ONE
 - The marriage is consummated when the husband and wife join together and literally become one flesh
 - God mandated that human sexual relations be confined within marriage, so marriage is the foundation of the family

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Gen 2:23-24

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mark 10:6-9

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

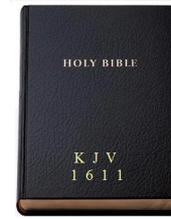
- Marriage is defined as being between ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN, and PICTURES the spiritual union between JESUS CHRIST and THE CHURCH

Eph 5:31-32

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

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- When a person receives Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, they are immediately JOINED unto the Lord and become part of the church- the BODY and BRIDE of Christ

1 Cor 6:17

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Eph 4:16

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

- The PERVERSION of marriage is FORNICATION
- Fornication includes ALL human sexual relations outside the confines of marriage (e.g.- pre-marital sex; adultery; polygamy; bi-sexuality; homosexuality; bestiality; etc.)

1 Cor 7:2

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

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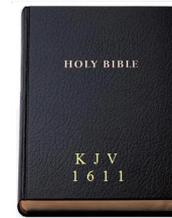
- Fornication is not the union of a man and his wife, but represented by the union of a man and a HARLOT

1 Cor 6:16

What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

- Is it a coincidence that there is a contrast between being joined to a HARLOT and being joined to the LORD in 1 Corinthians 6:16-17?
- Could this joining to a harlot also have a spiritual meaning?
- Is it possible that just as all those who are saved are spiritually joined unto the LORD, that all those who are lost are spiritually joined to the HARLOT (1 Cor 6:16; Rev 17:5)?
- Recall that Mystery Babylon the Great is (among other things) a FALSE CHURCH, a counterfeit of the true church of Jesus Christ
- As Christians are commanded not to be yoked together with unbelievers, so Israel was commanded not to make marriages with the nations of Canaan

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2 Cor 6:14-17

14 **Be ye not unequally yoked** together **with unbelievers**: for what **fellowship** hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what **communion** hath light with darkness?

15 And what **concord** hath Christ with Belial? or what **part** hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what **agreement** hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

Deu 7:1-4

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 **Neither shalt thou make marriages with them**; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For **they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods**: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

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- The greatest danger of these “MIXED marriages” is that the people of God will be turned from the Lord to other gods
- In other words, a believer would inevitably be JOINED with false gods instead of the Lord by JOINING together with unbelievers
- This is what happened to Solomon

1 Kin 11:1-5

1 But king **Solomon loved many strange women**, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites;

2 Of the nations *concerning* which **the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them**, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely **they will turn away your heart after their gods**: Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and **his wives turned away his heart**.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* **his wives turned away his heart after other gods**: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.

5 For **Solomon went after Ashtoreth** the goddess of the Zidonians, **and after Milcom** the abomination of the Ammonites.

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- This is what happened to Israel through the counsel and teaching of Balaam

Num 25:1-3,5

1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.

Psa 106:28,34-38

28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

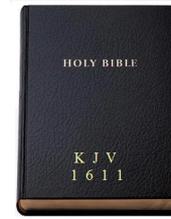
35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

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- Israel was guilty of committing fornication and eating things sacrificed to idols (i.e.- they committed PHYSICAL fornication and that led to SPIRITUAL fornication)
- This was the doctrine of BALAAM (type of the FALSE PROPHET) and JEZEBEL (type of MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT)

Rev 2:14,20

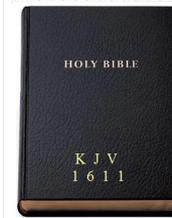
14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of **Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to **eat things sacrificed unto idols**, and to **commit fornication**.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to **commit fornication**, and to **eat things sacrificed unto idols**.

- Israel MINGLED themselves through these forbidden marriages

Ezr 9:2

For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that **the holy seed** have **mingled themselves** with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.



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