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Isa 11:10-12

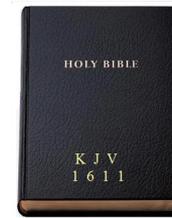
10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

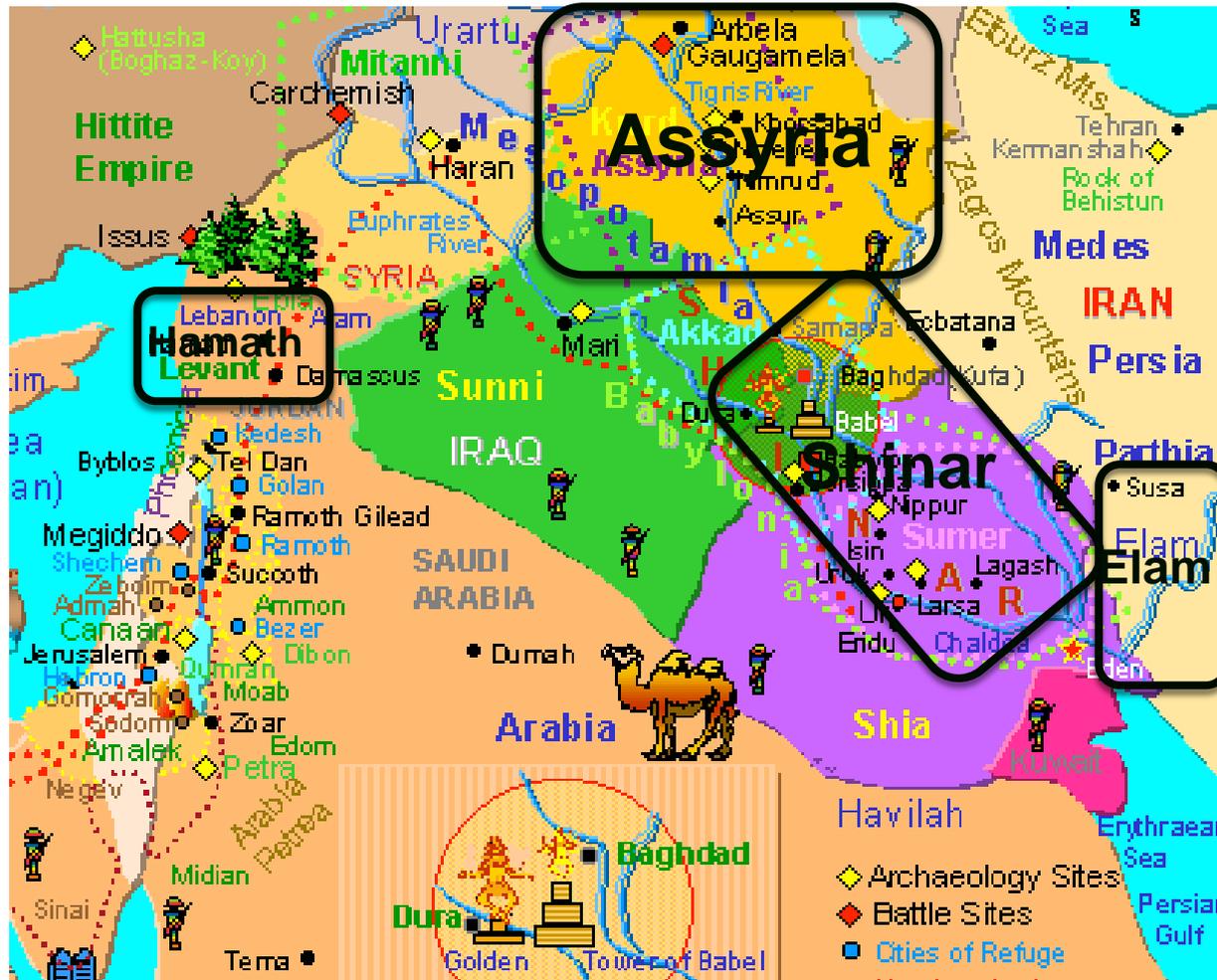
12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

- Isaiah 11, verse 11 (11= # of CONFUSION) mentions SHINAR (Gen 11:2) as one of 7 lands from which the dispersed Jewish remnant will be re-gathered following the Second Coming of Christ
- The word SHINAR is used even though Isaiah mentions BABYLON 13x (13:1,19; 14:4,22; 21:9; 39:1,3,6-7; 43:14; 47:1; 48:14,20)
- Babylon fell (Isa 21:9) and eventually degraded to an UNINHABITED state in fulfillment of (Isa 13:20), but the area (i.e.- the land of Shinar) is still populated
- Use of the word SHINAR shows that while the city of Babylon may not be rebuilt, the area still figures prominently in Bible prophecy cf. (Zec 5:11; Rev 9:14; 16:12)

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ASSYRIA

Northern Iraq

SHINAR

Mesopotamia
(between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers)

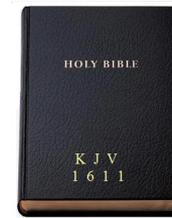
ELAM

Southwestern Iran

HAMATH

Northern Syria

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EGYPT

All of Egypt but specifically
Lower and Middle Egypt

PATHROS

Upper Egypt

CUSH

Ethiopia (i.e.- Nubia, or Sudan)

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Isa 21:2-3,9

2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. **Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media;** all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, **as the pangs of a woman that travaileth:** I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen;** and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

- The fall of Babylon to Elam (Persia) and Media is stated in the past tense even though it would not happen for another 200 years
- The scripture occasionally refers to prophetic events in the past tense to emphasize the certainty of their fulfillment cf. (Rev 14:8)
- The fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians is a type of the fall of Babylon the Great to the armies of heaven led by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Coming (Isa 13:1-5,17-22; Rev 16:17-19; 19:1-2,14-16)

Rev 18:2

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

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- The Second Coming of Christ is likened to a woman in travail (John 16:21-22) because Israel will be born again at that time

Isa 66:7-8

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

- The phrase IS FALLEN is repeated to emphasize the certainty of the prophecy cf. (Gen 41:32) and to point to the fact “Babylon” will fall twice- first to the Medes and Persians, and then to Jesus Christ and the armies of heaven
- The first fall of Babylon was the fall of the DAUGHTER of Babylon (Psa 137:8; Isa 47:1)
- The second fall of Babylon will be the fall of the MOTHER (Rev 17:5) (Babylon the Great) (Rev 16:19; 19:14-16)

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Isa 48:14,20

14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these *things*? The LORD hath loved him: **he will do his pleasure on Babylon**, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.

20 **Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans**, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, **The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob**.

Isa 44:28

That saith of **Cyrus**, *He is* **my shepherd**, and **shall perform all my pleasure**: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

- The Lord did his pleasure on Babylon (i.e.- judgment) through Cyrus
- Cyrus is a type of JESUS CHRIST in that he is called the Lord's SHEPHERD and ANOINTED, and brings judgment upon BABYLON
Cont: (Jer 25:9)

Isa 45:1-2

1 Thus saith the LORD to **his anointed**, to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and **make the crooked places straight**: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

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- The first of six times the Lord commands his people to leave, flee, or remove from “Babylon” (Jer 50:8; 51:6,45; Zec 2:6-7; Rev 18:4)
- They are to leave Babylon (a type of the WORLD) because he redeemed them cf. (2 Cor 6:14,17-18)
- As we have seen, BABYLON is equated with the land of the NORTH and the Babylon that took the Jews captive is the DAUGHTER of Babylon

Zec 2:6-7

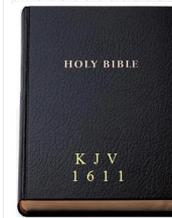
6 Ho, ho, *come forth*, and **flee from the land of the north**, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* **the daughter of Babylon**.

- There is a 7th command if the command to remove from the STRANGE WOMAN is counted
- The STRANGE WOMAN in Proverbs is a type of BABYLON THE GREAT, who is the MOTHER of harlots (Rev 17:5)

Pro 5:8

Remove thy way far **from her**, and come not nigh the door of her house:



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