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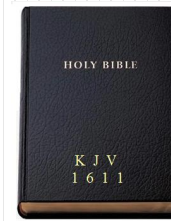
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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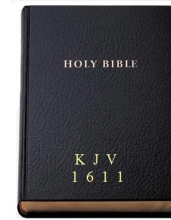


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Jer 25:8-15,26

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Because ye have not heard my words,**

9 Behold, I will send and take **all the families of the north,** saith the LORD, and **Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant,** and will bring them **against this land,** and against the inhabitants thereof, and **against all these nations round about,** and will **utterly destroy them,** and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And **this whole land shall be a desolation,** and an astonishment; and **these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**

12 And it shall come to pass, **when seventy years are accomplished,** that **I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation,** saith the LORD, for their iniquity, **and the land of the Chaldeans,** and **will make it perpetual desolations.**

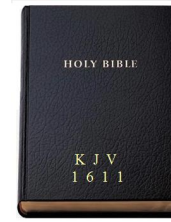
13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; **Take the wine cup of this fury** at my hand, and **cause all the nations,** to whom I send thee, **to drink it.**

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and **all the kingdoms of the world,** which *are* upon the face of the earth: and **the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.**

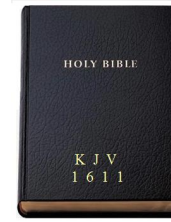
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- Nebuchadnezzar is called God's SERVANT (Jer 25:9; 27:6; 43:10) Cont: (Isa 44:28; 45:1) because he and the Babylonians served as God's instrument to destroy the land of Israel and all the nations round about
- The reason for the judgment was rejection of the word of God (2 Chr 36:15-20; Jer 25:4-7),
- This typifies the Antichrist who is God's instrument of judgment upon a Christ-rejecting world and a ROD of chastisement upon Israel for rejecting Jesus as their Messiah (Isa 10:5-6; Eze 20:37-38)
- The 70 years of judgment under the Babylonians pictures the 7-year judgment of the Tribulation under the Antichrist and Babylon the Great
- The king of Babylon and the nation of Babylon were judged at the end of the 70 years just as the Antichrist and Babylon the Great will be judged after the 7-year Tribulation
- God's judgment is pictured as a CUP of FURY or WRATH that all the nations drink from

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Job 21:20

His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

Psa 75:8

For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink *them*.

Isa 51:17

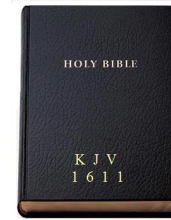
Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung *them* out.

Eze 23:31-32

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

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Rev 14:9-10

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall **drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into **the cup of his indignation**; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

- The cup of God's wrath is what Jesus Christ drank from for all of us

Luke 22:42

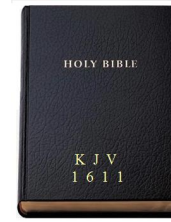
Saying, Father, if thou be willing, **remove this cup from me**: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

- SHESHACH only appears 2x (Jer 25:26; 51:41) and is another name for BABYLON

Jer 51:41

How is **Sheshach** taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is **Babylon** become an astonishment among the nations!

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- SHESHACH= Heb. Rxnc (Sheshak)= “thy fine linen” cf. (Jos 7:21); possibly derived from *Shach*, the Babylonian goddess of love (i.e.- the equivalent of the Roman Venus or Greek Aphrodite)
- SHESHACH= a possible cypher-form for BABEL in that the three letters in the word (Schin, Schin, and Caph) are the same distance from the end of the Hebrew alphabet as the three letters in Babel (Beth, Beth, and Lamed) are from the beginning of the alphabet
- The partial fulfillment of the king of Sheshach (Babylon) drinking after all the other nations drank was the fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians and the execution of Belshazzar after the 70 years were completed

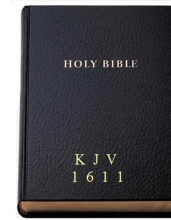
Dan 5:30-31

30 In that night was **Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.**

31 And **Darius the Median took the kingdom,** *being* about threescore and two years old.

- The complete fulfillment will be the fall of Babylon the Great to Jesus Christ and the damnation of the Antichrist after the 7-year Tribulation

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Rev 16:17,19

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Rev 18:2

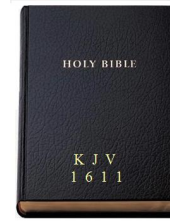
And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev 19:19-20

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

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- BABYLON was more than just a CITY, it was a LAND (Jer 25:12-13), a PEOPLE (Jer 6:22), a PROVINCE (Dan 2:48-49; 3:1,12,30), a KINGDOM (Isa 13:19; Dan 4:29-30), and a NATION (Jer 25:12)
- BABYLON was also part of a FAMILY (Jer 1:15; 25:9)
- FAMILY= “the collective body of persons who live in one house under one head; a household, including parents (a father and a mother) and children; those who descend from a common progenitor; a tribe or race; kindred; a collection or union of nations or states”
- A family has a FATHER, a MOTHER, and CHILDREN (e.g.- DAUGHTERS)
- There are two FAMILIES and two GENERATIONS

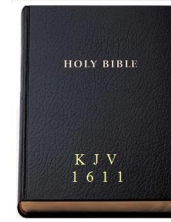
John 8:44

Ye are of **your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Gal 4:6

And because ye are sons, **God** hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, **Father**.

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Rev 17:5

And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER** OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Gal 4:26

But **Jerusalem which is above** is free, which is **the mother of us all**.

Matt 13:38

The field is the world; the good seed are **the children of the kingdom**; but the tares are **the children of the wicked one**;

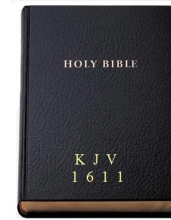
Luke 16:8

And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for **the children of this world** are in their generation wiser than **the children of light**.

1 John 3:10

In this **the children of God** are manifest, and **the children of the devil**: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

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Matt 23:33

Ye serpents, ye **generation of vipers**, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

1 Pet 2:9

But ye *are* **a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

- FAMILIES= the same word as KINDRED
- Gendering is permitted only among those of the same KIND; those of different KINDS are not to be unequally yoked together

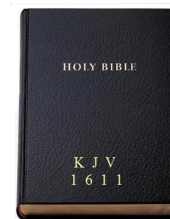
Lev 19:19

Ye shall keep my statutes. **Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind**: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

Deu 22:10

Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

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2 Cor 6:14-18

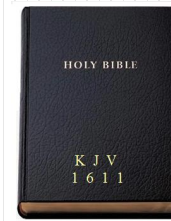
14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

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,

18 And **will be a Father unto you**, and **ye shall be my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty.



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