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Eze 17:3-7,12-15

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.

6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean?* tell *them,* Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things?* or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

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- (The king of) Babylon (a type of the ANTICHRIST) is symbolized by a great eagle

Deu 28:49

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;

Jer 48:40

For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

Jer 49:22

Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

Lam 4:19

Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

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Dan 7:3-4,17

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 **The first** was like a lion, and **had eagle's wings**: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

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.

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.

- Babylon is a land of traffic and a city of merchants
- TRAFFICK= “the business of buying and selling; trade; commerce”
- TRAFFICK appears 5x (# of DEATH) (Gen 42:34; 1 Kin 10:15; Eze 17:4; 28:5,18) and is associated with two cities, BABYLON (Eze 17:4,12) and TYRE (Eze 28:5,18) cf. (Isa 23:8) because both are types of BABYLON THE GREAT (ROME)

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Rev 18:2-3,11-13,15,17,19,23

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.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants** of the earth **are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies**.

11 And **the merchants** of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for **no man buyeth their merchandise any more**:

12 **The merchandise** of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

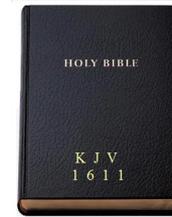
15 **The merchants** of these things, which **were made rich by her**, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

17 For in one hour **so great riches** is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and **as many as trade by sea**, stood afar off,

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, **that great city, wherein were made rich** all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for **thy merchants were the great men** of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

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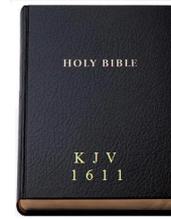
Rev 13:16-17

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that **no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark**, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

- The Antichrist is the mystery of iniquity (2 The 2:7) and king of the revised ROMAN empire, so Satan (who indwells him) is called the king of BABYLON (Isa 14:4,12) and the king of TYRUS (Eze 28:12-14)
- The king of Babylon engaged in transplanting SEED (Eze 17:5,13) and so will the Antichrist (Dan 2:43)
- The king of Babylon made a COVENANT with the king of Judah (Eze 17:13) and so will the Antichrist (Isa 28:15,18; Dan 9:27)
- Zedekiah was hand picked by Nebuchadnezzar to replace Jehoiachin on the throne as a vassal king
- Zedekiah took an oath to obey Nebuchadnezzar and as long as he did so, he could occupy the throne
- The VINE represents JUDAH and the other GREAT EAGLE represents EGYPT because Zedekiah secretly solicited an alliance with Egypt to defeat Nebuchadnezzar

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- Hoshea, the last king of the 10 northern tribes, did the same thing to the king of Assyria with disastrous consequences (2 Kin 17:4-6)
- Zedekiah broke the covenant and when Nebuchadnezzar found out, the final phase of the Babylonian captivity began culminating in the burning of the temple
- As for Zedekiah, he was deposed from rule, saw his sons slain before him, had his eyes put out, and then was carried into captivity to Babylon
- Prophetically, the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel will also be **BROKEN**, but the role of betrayer belongs to the Antichrist

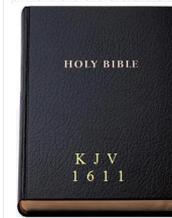
Note: The coming of Jesus Christ (Eze 17:22-24) follows a **BROKEN COVENANT** between the king of Babylon (a type of the **ANTICHRIST**) and Israel (Eze 17:13,18)

Dan 9:27

And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and **in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Psa 55:20

He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: **he hath broken his covenant**.



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