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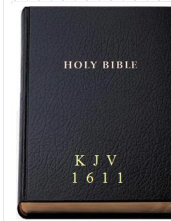
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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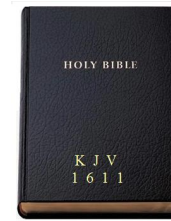


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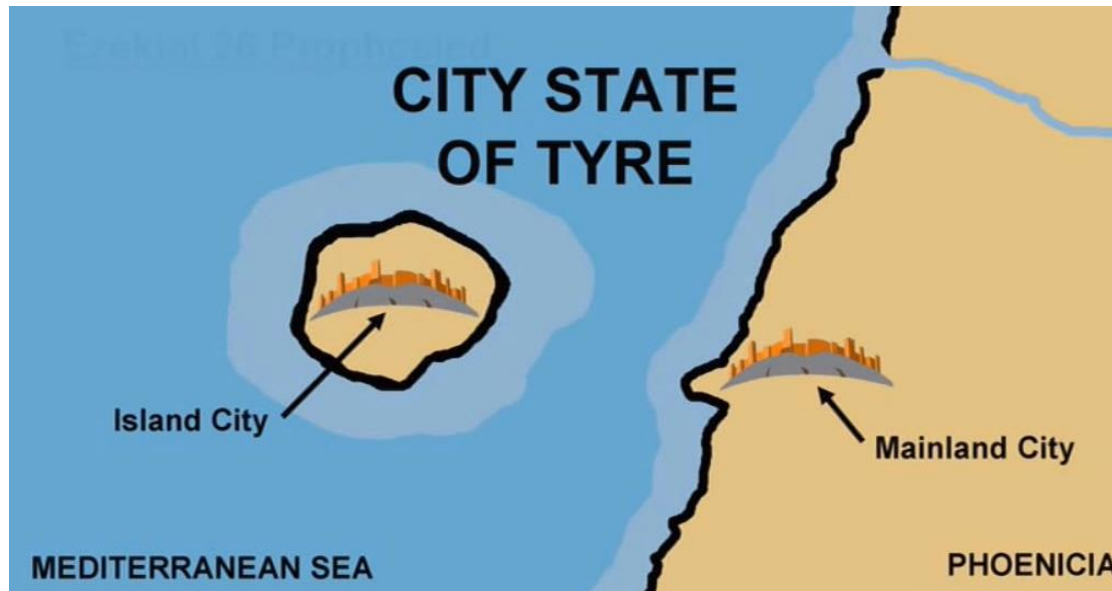
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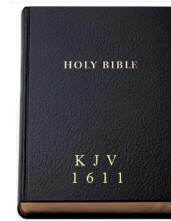


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- 13) Tyre was destroyed in two stages separated by 240 years because it consisted of two separate but interdependent cities; and Babylon the Great will be destroyed in two stages separated by 3 ½ years and may consist of two separate but interdependent cities
- The ancient city/state of Tyre consisted of a mainland city (Old Tyre) and an island city (New Tyre) built later about a half mile out from the mainland
 - When Nebuchadnezzar invaded the mainland city, many fled to the fortified island city for refuge



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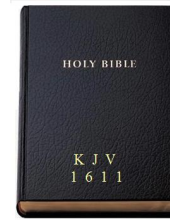


Eze 26:19

For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when **I shall bring up the deep upon thee**, and great waters shall cover thee;

- Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the mainland city but did not have a navy to attack the island city, so he set up a blockade to cut off supply routes to the island
- The island city surrendered and agreed to pay tribute in 572 BC, 13 years after the siege began
- The island city was destroyed 240 years later in 332 BC by Alexander the Great after a 7-month siege
- Alexander built a causeway out to the island city from the ruins of the old mainland city fulfilling Ezekiel 26:19

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- Babylon the Great is destroyed in two stages from two different perspectives
- From one perspective, stage 1 could apply to the destruction of ancient Babylon that began with the conquest of the Medes and Persians (Dan 5:31) and was a partial fulfillment of the prophecies in Isaiah 13 and Jeremiah 50 and 51; and stage 2 could apply to the destruction of “new” Babylon in the Tribulation (Rev 17-18) and is a complete fulfillment of the prophecies in Isaiah 13 and Jeremiah 50-51
- From another perspective, both stages of Babylon the Great’s destruction take place during the Tribulation

Stage 1: in the middle of the Tribulation by the 10 kings

Rev 17:1-2,16-17

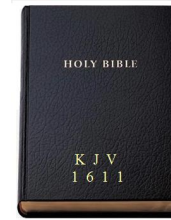
1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom **the kings of the earth have committed fornication**, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

16 And **the ten horns** which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and **shall** make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and **burn her with fire**.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and **give their kingdom unto the beast**, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

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Rev 18:8-9

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and **she shall be utterly burned with fire**: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 And **the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication** and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

Stage 2: at the end of the Tribulation by the Lord Jesus Christ

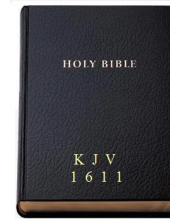
Rev 16:17-19

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**.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and **there was a great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

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.

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14) When judgment is completely fulfilled, both Tyre and Babylon the Great will be found no more at all and will never be built again

Eze 26:14,21

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be *a place* to spread nets upon; **thou shalt be built no more**: for I the LORD have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

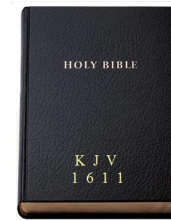
21 I will make thee a terror, and **thou shalt be no more**: though thou be sought for, yet **shalt thou never be found again**, saith the Lord GOD.

Rev 18:21

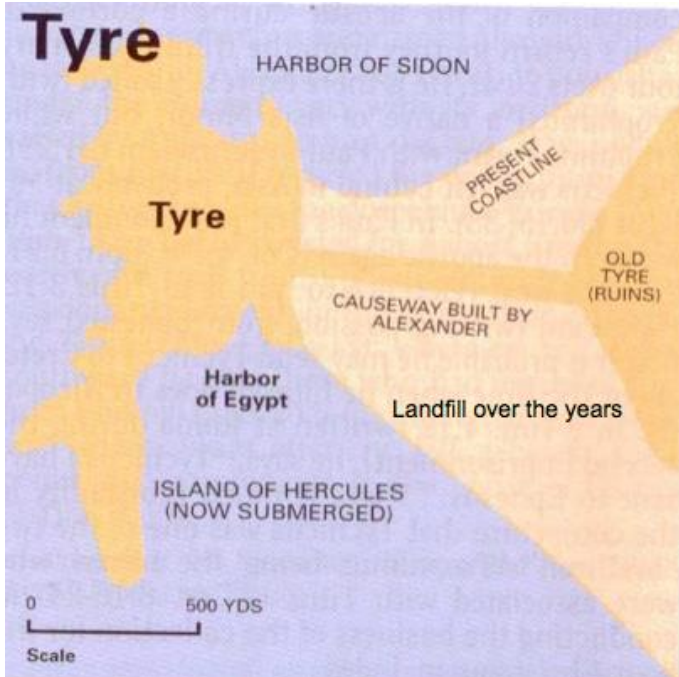
And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and **cast it into the sea**, saying, Thus with violence shall **that great city Babylon** be thrown down, and **shall be found no more at all**.

- Although the island city of Tyre was destroyed in 332 BC by Alexander the Great, it was rebuilt during the Roman period
- While it never regained its former prominence and prosperity, it is mentioned 12x in the NT (Matt 11:21-22; 15:21; Mark 3:8; 7:24,31; Luke 6:17; 10:13-14; Acts 12:20; 21:3,7), of which 8x refer to it as a contemporary city

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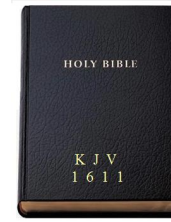


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- Over time, landfill connected the former mainland and the island
- Could this picture a connection between “Old Babylon” (Babylon) and “New Babylon” (Rome?) that has become visible over time?
- Today, Tyre (Sur) is the fourth largest city in Lebanon (est. 117,000 people) behind Beirut, Tripoli, and Sidon
- Tyre will participate in the war of Psalm 83 (Psa 83:7) so her judgment is not yet completely fulfilled

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Additional truths about Tyre that may provide insight into Babylon the Great

- The PRINCE of Tyre is a type of the Antichrist

Eze 28:2,7-8

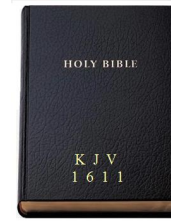
2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.

- He professes to be DEITY (2 The 2:4; Rev 13:4)
- He sits in the SEAT OF GOD (Dan 11:45; 2 The 2:4)
- He is SCARRED and SLAIN by a SWORD (Zec 11:17; Rev 13:3)
- He goes down to THE PIT (Rev 17:8)
- If Tyre is a type of BABYLON THE GREAT (and the evidence supports this) and the Antichrist is the PRINCE of ROME (Dan 9:26-27), then Babylon the Great is the city of ROME

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- The KING of Tyre is SATAN

Eze 28:12-15

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

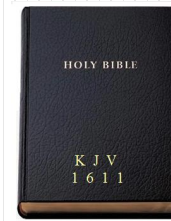
14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

- There is only one king of Tyre given by name (or title) and that is HIRAM (Hiram), and he is associated with MASONS and MESSENGERS, who are HIS SERVANTS

2 Sam 5:11

And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.



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