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# Bible Prophecy

*Mystery, Babylon The Great*

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## Details Regarding Hiram Abiff From Masonic Legend (cont'd)

- The Master Mason candidate's role in the ritual is to be identified with Hiram Abiff and the ritual is led by the "Worshipful Master" of the Lodge
- The Master Mason candidate is properly prepared for the ritual- there have been historical variations but all include the candidate being blind-folded and stripped (to varying degrees) (e.g.- one shirt sleeve rolled up, one pant leg rolled up, or both pant legs rolled up)
- The blind-folded candidate is escorted around in a circle by the "Senior Deacon" to symbolize the journey through life
- He is then confronted, one by one, by the "Junior Warden", "Senior Warden" and "Worshipful Master", who portray the three ruffians
- Each demands that the candidate (as Hiram Abiff) reveal the secrets of a Master Mason under threat of death
- The "Senior Deacon" responds each time on behalf of the candidate, choosing to die before revealing the secrets
- The candidate is symbolically stricken each time and then killed following his refusal to the third ruffian

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## **Details Regarding Hiram Abiff From Masonic Legend (cont'd)**

- The candidate is pushed backward onto a canvas held by those assisting in the ritual as a picture of the candidate's association with the death of Hiram Abiff
- His identification with the death of Hiram Abiff is indicative of death to his "old self" (i.e.- before becoming a Mason)
- As in the legend of Hiram Abiff, three attempts are made to "resurrect" the candidate
- The Senior Deacon attempts to raise the candidate with the grip of the first degree ("Apprentice") but it fails
- He then attempts to raise the candidate with the grip of the second degree ("Fellowcraft") but it fails
- The Worshipful Master then successfully raises the candidate using the grip of the third degree ("Master Mason"; the grip of the "lion's paw")
- The candidate has been raised in "the image of Hiram Abiff"
- The Worshipful Master then whispers "Ma-Ha-Bone" in the candidate's ear and instructs him on the "Five Points of Fellowship" (i.e.- foot to foot; knee to knee; breast to breast; hand to back; and mouth to ear)
- He then asks the candidate to repeat the secret word of a Master Mason (i.e.- "Ma-Ha-Bone") in his ear

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- Once the candidate responds with the secret word of a Master Mason, he is welcomed and charged as a Master Mason
- The ritual of the Master Mason teaches that Masons who live and endure in the likeness of Hiram Abiff (i.e.- grow in knowledge of Freemasonry and keep the secrets unto the death) will one day enter the great Celestial Lodge

## **The Counterfeits In The Masonic Ritual Of The Third Degree**

- 1) Hiram Abiff is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ
  - He was the chief builder of the temple (Matt 16:18)
  - He was in the Holy of Holies, a place reserved for the high priest and Christ is our great High Priest (Heb 3:1)
  - He was killed by his brethren (John 1:11)
  - His death is associated with acacia (John 19:2)
  - He died, was buried, and rose again after the THIRD (day) (1 Cor 15:3-4)
- The Antichrist will counterfeit the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, only his wounds will not be in his hands and feet, but in his arm and right eye

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## Psa 22:16

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

## Luke 24:40-41

40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

## Zec 11:17

Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

## Rev 13:3,14

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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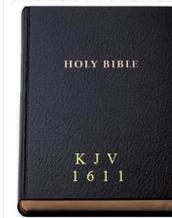


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- 2) The Master Mason candidate is a counterfeit of a born again Christian
- 3) The Worshipful Master is a counterfeit of a pastor
- 4) The ritual is a counterfeit of water baptism since water baptism is the door to local church membership

## Details Regarding Hiram (the craftsman) From Scripture

- The name HIRAM (or HURAM) appears 6x in reference to him (1 Kin 7:13,40,45 ; 2 Chr 4:11) but he is never called, “Hiram Abiff”
- Freemasonry bases the name “Hiram Abiff” on an expansion of the Hebrew transliteration of the phrases “**Huram my father’s**” (2 Chr 2:13) and “**Huram his father**” (2 Chr 4:16), which is *Churam-Ab*
- The “Huram” of (2 Chr 2:13) does not even refer to the craftsman Hiram but to the king of Tyre’s father (a.k.a- Abibalus; Abibaal), possibly because *Hiram* was not a proper name but a TITLE for the kings of Tyre (e.g.- “Pharoah”; “Abimelech”; “Caesar”)



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