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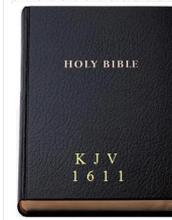
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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This is their resemblance

- Many commentators believe that this vision describes what happened to the Jews while in captivity at Babylon and is a warning to them
- While in Babylon, the Jews learned how to make money, particularly through unscrupulous business practices, and became very wealthy applying these practices

Note: Conspiracy theorists see this as the beginning of the so-called Zionist financial cabal

- At the end of the 70-year captivity, many Jews opted to stay in Babylon rather than obey the decree of Cyrus to return to their own land because Babylon was where their wealth was; consequently, it was where their hearts were (Matt 6:21)
- Jews living in the USA since 1948 have faced the same decision, with the overwhelming majority opting to stay in the USA

Note: the current Jewish population in the USA is approximately 5.3 million (over 2 million in New York City) compared to approximately 5.4 million in Israel.

- This interpretation is supported by the viewpoint that the ephah represents COMMERCE and the woman represents WICKEDNESS exhibited through the commercial activities

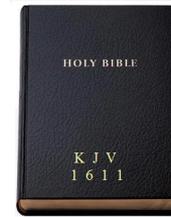
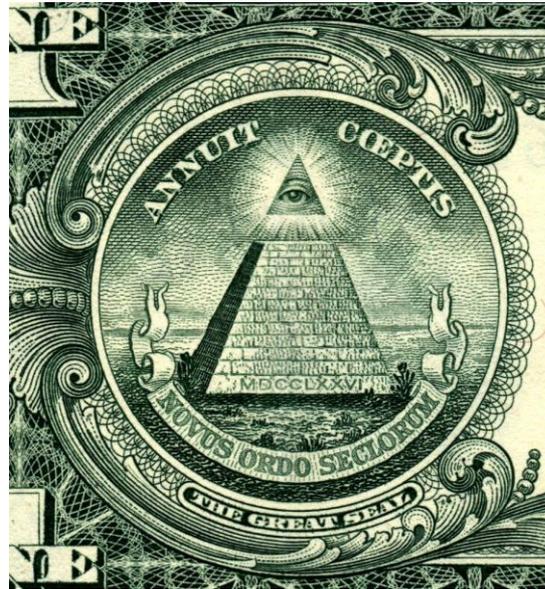
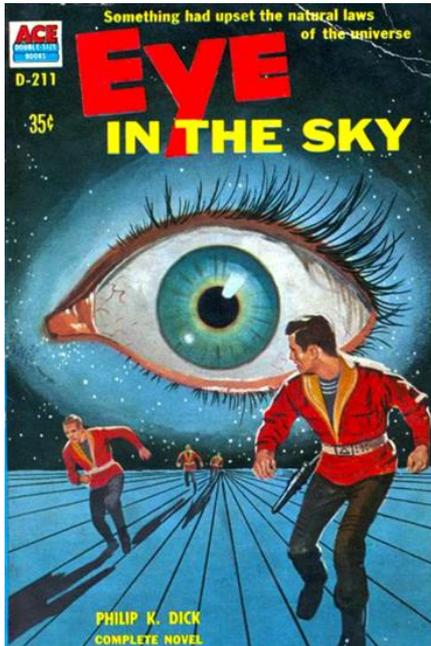
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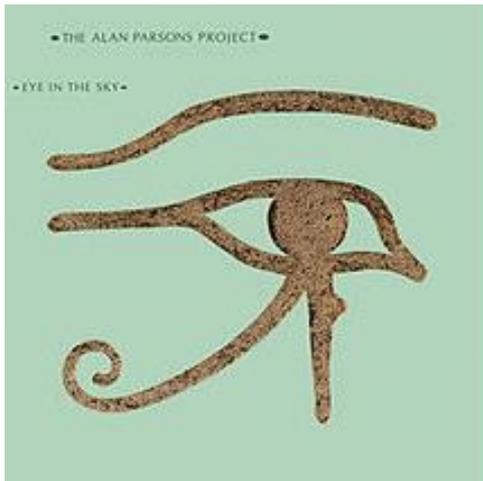
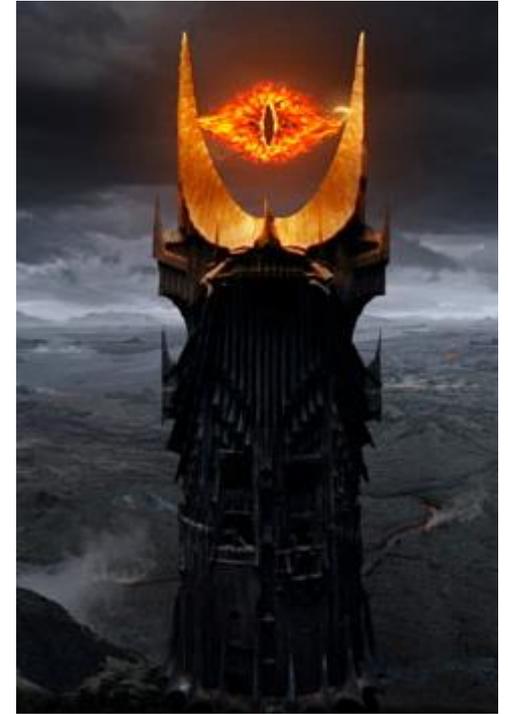
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- This may be an accurate historical application of the vision but there is also a prophetic application
- THIS= the ephah
- THEIR= there is no antecedent in the immediate context for this third person plural pronoun and the pronouns THEY/THEM occasionally appear in reference to SPIRITUAL BEINGS (Gen 6:13; Dan 2:43; 4:25-26)
- Three spiritual beings appear in Zechariah 5:7-9
- RESEMBLANCE= Heb. *ayin*= appears 887x and is predominantly translated EYES (495x) cf. (v.1,5-6,9; 1:18; 2:1,8; 3:9; 4:10; 6:1; 8:6; 9:1,8; Gen 3:5; Pro 15:3; Eze 1:18; 10:12) and SIGHT (216x)
- In this sense, the EPHAH appears to be an example of THEIR vessels, that are used for global surveillance (i.e.- their “eyes in the sky” or “all seeing-eye”) and transportation purposes
- The expression, “eye in the sky” is used to refer to surveillance cameras, high altitude drones with cameras, and space satellites that take pictures

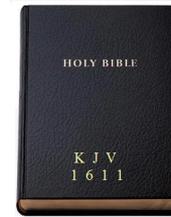
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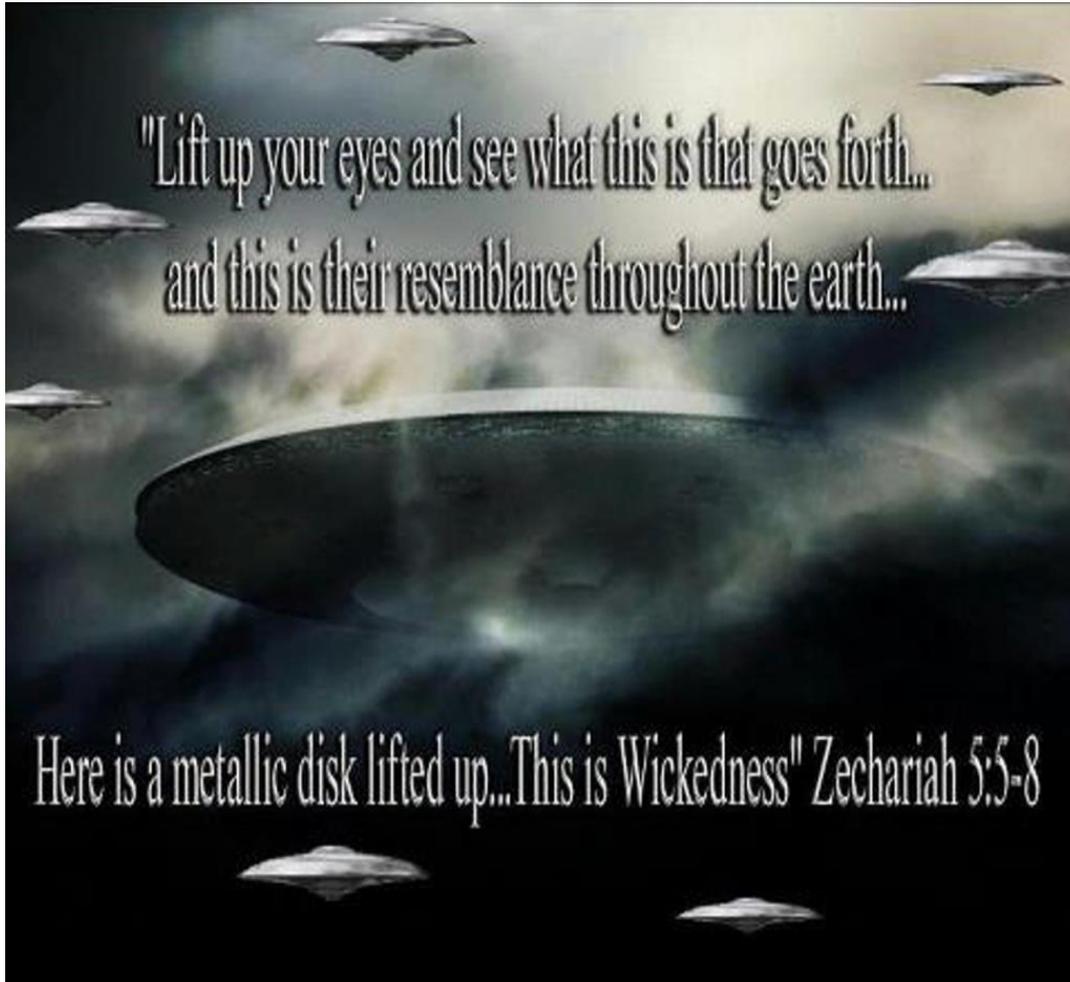
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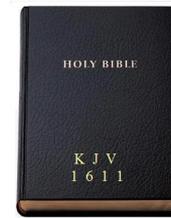
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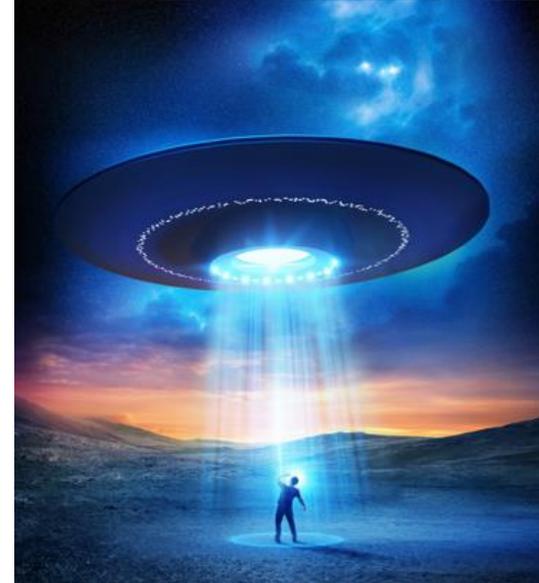
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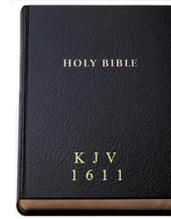


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- THEIR= THEM (Zec 1:3)= Jerusalem and Judah (Zec 1:12) (i.e.- who Zechariah was sent to preach to)
- There is a reason this is the only time *ayin* is translated RESEMBLANCE
- *Resemblance*= “likeness; similitude, either of external form or of qualities; something similar; representation”
- RESEMBLANCE appears 1x (v.6); RESEMBLED appears 1x (Jud 8:18); and RESEMBLE appears 1x (Luke 13:18)
- The definition of *resemblance* as “likeness” is supported by the context of Luke 13:18

Luke 13:18,20-21

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

- LIKEN the kingdom of God= RESEMBLE it
- A WOMAN appears in the context of the word RESEMBLE just like Zechariah 5:6-7 because the two women are one and the same

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Zec 5:6-7

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their **resemblance** through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this *is* **a woman** that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

- In one instance, the woman is hiding something and in the other, she is hidden
- The connection between RESEMBLANCE and ISRAEL is supported by the context of Judges 8:18

Jud 8:18-19

18 Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* **whom ye slew at Tabor**? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; **each one resembled the children of a king**.

19 And he said, **They were my brethren**, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

- The word RESEMBLED is associated with the “children of a king”, who are defined as the BRETHREN of Gideon (i.e.- Jews cf. Matt 8:12; 13:38)
- All of these brethren were SLAIN at Tabor

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- TABOR= a town around the summit of mount Tabor; the root word is *shabar*, which appears 150x in the Hebrew OT (30 x 5= # of DEATH) and is translated BREAK 115x, including a reference associated with the heads of the DRAGONS

Psa 74:13

Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou **brakest** the heads of the dragons in the waters.

- The Aramaic equivalent is *tebar*, which is translated BROKEN in association with the final form of the fourth kingdom

Dan 2:42

And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly **broken**.

- The ephah is the “resemblance” (i.e.- likeness) of Judah and Jerusalem in the sense that what it CONTAINS is taken to the storehouse to be ground and sifted, so afterwards it can be part of an offering and eaten as bread

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- A “resemblance” is also made between ISRAEL and SHEEP that results in Jews being SLAUGHTERED, SACRIFICED, and EATEN in the PLACE OF DRAGONS

Psa 44:11,19,22

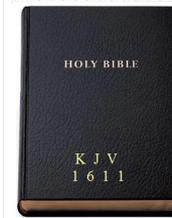
11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Through all the earth.

- This “resemblance” will be carried out on a global scale
- The phrase THROUGH ALL THE EARTH only appears 2x and the other time it appears it refers to the testimony of the heavens (Psa 19:4)



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