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Characteristics of the DAUGHTER OF BABYLON (and Babylon) that do not appear to apply to the USA (yet)

1. A nation that commits atrocities against the Jewish people (Psa 137:8-9), takes them into captivity (Isa 47:6), treats them cruelly (Jer 50:11,33; 51:35), and kills them (Jer 51:49)- the USA could become the primary persecutor of Israel, but up until now has been Israel's best (and often only) friend
2. A land NORTH of Israel (Zec 2:6-7)
 - The daughter of Babylon will be destroyed (Psa 137:8)
 - As a daughter of Babylon, it is possible that the USA will suffer a similar judgment to Babylon the Great (i.e.- destruction by fire in one day)

Rev 18:8

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.

Eze 39:6

And **I will send a fire** on Magog, and **among them that dwell carelessly in the isles**: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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They had wings like the wings of a stork.

- The fact these two WOMEN are spirit beings with WINGS, has served as the basis for the false belief that ANGELS look like long, blond haired women with wings (an equally false belief is that the cherubim are rosy cheeked babies with little bows and arrows)
- ALL angels in the Bible are described as (young) MEN and NONE of them are said to have wings
 - The Bible specifically states that the seraphim and four beasts have six wings (Isa 6:2; Rev 4:8) and the cherubim have four wings (Eze 1:6; 10:21) but NEVER mentions wings with angels
 - The Bible specifically states that angels FLY (Dan 9:21; Rev 8:13; 14:6) but NEVER mentions wings used to fly
- These women have wings like a stork and the STORK is an UNCLEAN bird (Lev 11:19)
- BIRDS represent SPIRITS- the Holy Spirit is represented by a CLEAN bird (i.e.- a dove) (Matt 3:16); but Satan and devils are represented by UNCLEAN birds (Matt 13:4,19; Rev 18:2) cf. (Isa 13:21; 34:11-15)
- These female spirit beings are NOT part of God's angelic order but are demonic just like the creatures in the pit (Rev 9:7-10)

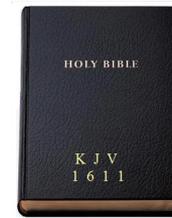
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- Their equivalent in Greek and Roman mythology are the HARPIES
 - *Harpy*= “winged monsters, having the face of a woman and the body of a vulture, with their feet and fingers armed with sharp claws; they seem originally to have been WIND spirits; their name means ‘snatchers’”
 - Zeus used the harpies in punishment against King Phineus of Thrace for betraying the gift of prophecy he gave him
 - Phineus was blinded and put on an island with a buffet of food but every time he got his hands on food, one of the harpies swooped down and snatched it out of his hands before he could eat it (hence to “harp on something”)
 - Hesiod referred to them as “two lovely-haired creatures” named *Aello* (“storm swift”) and *Ocypete* (“the swift wing”), although Virgil added a third, *Celaeno* (“the dark”)
 - They were seen as the personifications of the destructive nature of WIND
 - In spite of their sinister mythos, harpies are often depicted as beautiful women with wings
- Whether these creatures are actually female or just choose to appear as female is not clear but it is important to note that one of the manifestations of Satan is BAPHOMET, who possesses both male and female features

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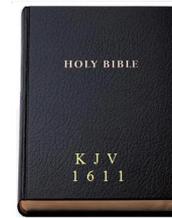
- In legend, STORKS are associated with delivering BABIES

Note: Is this why the “baby Jesus” is often depicted in between the two winged women in Catholic art?

- In several mythologies, storks are a symbol of fidelity and monogamy because it is widely believed that a single pair mates for life
- Storks were also believed to be harbingers of good fortune
- If storks are the answer given to the question, “Where do babies come from” what truth are storks replacing?
- Recall that the name *Ephah* means, “darkness; obscurity; COVERED WITH WINGS; to fly”
- In Zechariah 5 there is an object (i.e- an ephah) with a lid, that has something in it, and it is flanked by two winged beings on either side
- Where have we seen this picture before?



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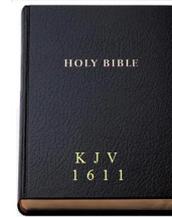


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- **The ark of the covenant** had a lid, had something in it, and was flanked by two winged beings on either side

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Exo 25:10-20

10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

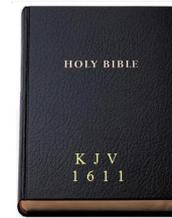
16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.



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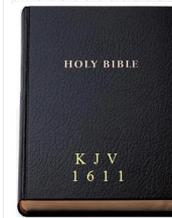
The Ark

- The lid= the mercy seat of gold
- The contents= (1) the two tables of the 10 commandments; (2) the pot of manna; and (3) Aaron's rod that budded
- The covering= two cherubims



The Ephah

- The lid= a talent of lead
- The contents= the woman (wickedness)
- The covering= two stork-winged women (devils)



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