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- Recall that the ephah is a basket used for gathering and CARRYING grain (e.g.- wheat) from the field to the store HOUSE, and that GRAIN also represents the BODIES of BELIEVERS (1 Cor 15:37)
- What Nebuchadnezzar did pictures what is going to happen in the Tribulation
- There are many other scriptures that describe where Nebuchadnezzar carried the vessels of the temple and when they are pieced together, they may provide additional information on the “house” built for the ephah in the land of Shinar

Dan 1:2

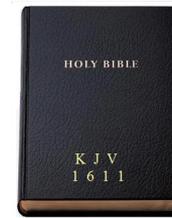
And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

2 Chr 36:7,18

7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

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Ezr 1:7

Also Cyrus the king brought forth **the vessels of the house of the LORD**, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them **in the house of his gods**;

Ezr 5:14,17

14 And **the vessels** also **of gold and silver of the house of God**, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them **into the temple of Babylon**, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one*, whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in **the king's treasure house**, which *is* there **at Babylon**, whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

Ezr 6:1,5

1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in **the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon**.

5 And also let **the golden and silver vessels of the house of God**, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought **unto Babylon**, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his place, and place *them* in the house of God.

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Where The Vessels Of The Temple Were Carried

- 1) Into the LAND OF SHINAR (Dan 1:2)
- 2) To/unto BABYLON (2 Chr 36:7; Ezz 6:5)
- 3) To the HOUSE of his (i.e.- Nebuchadnezzar's) god (Dan 1:2)
- 4) In the HOUSE of his (Nebuchadnezzar's) gods (Ezz 1:7)
- 5) Into THE TEMPLE of Babylon (Ezz 5:14)
- 6) In HIS (Nebuchadnezzar's) TEMPLE at Babylon (2 Chr 36:7)

Note: The temple at Babylon (i.e.- the temple of Marduk) was called HIS temple because Nebuchadnezzar built it

Dan 4:30

The king spake, and said, Is not this **great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom** by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

- Nebuchadnezzar is credited with significant construction activities in Babylon including the Hanging Gardens, the Ishtar Gate, and the temple of Marduk
- He also built a new section of the city on the west bank of the Euphrates and connected the two sections of the city with a bridge over the Euphrates river

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- It is possible that Nebuchadnezzar's construction activities picture what the Antichrist will do in the Tribulation
- The Antichrist may expand the city of Rome, try to reconstruct some of what is destroyed across the world from the seal and trumpet judgments, and even build a HOUSE on the site of the ancient city of Babylon
- The phrase GREAT BABYLON only appears 2x (Dan 4:30; Rev 16:19)
- The first appearance refers to Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon and the second appearance refers to Babylon the Great

Rev 16:19

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.

- The Lord promised to take VENGEANCE on those who defile and destroy his TEMPLE by DESTROYING them

1 Cor 3:17a

If any man **defile the temple** of God, him **shall God destroy**;

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- BABYLON was a CITY and a KINGDOM that destroyed the FIRST temple (587 BC) so the Lord took vengeance for his temple by DESTROYING it

Jer 50:28

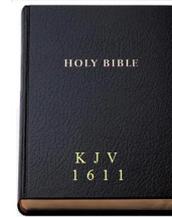
The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Jer 51:11

Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

- ROME is a CITY and a KINGDOM (i.e.- the “new Babylon; Babylon the Great) that destroyed the SECOND temple (70 AD) but the fact it still stands today is evidence that the Lord temporarily stayed his vengeance to DESTROY it
- Rome is called “the eternal city” and the so-called “city of God”
- The Lord did not destroy Rome after it destroyed the second temple because he knew it would also be guilty of defiling and destroying the THIRD (Tribulation) (20?? AD), and that this would be connected with the Antichrist defiling the temple of THE BODY (through the mark of the beast)

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Rev 11:1-2

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure **the temple of God**, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and **the holy city shall they tread under foot** forty *and* two months.

2 The 2:3-4

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition**;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

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.

Dan 11:31

And arms shall stand on his part, and **they shall pollute the sanctuary** of strength, and **shall take away the daily sacrifice**, and **they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.**

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Matt 24:15

When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Rev 13:14-18

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.

15 And he had power to give life unto **the image of the beast**, that **the image of the beast** should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**.

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:

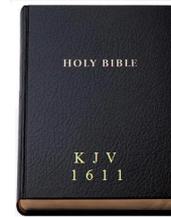
17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had **the mark**, or **the name of the beast**, or **the number of his name**.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count **the number of the beast**: for it is the number of a man; and his number is **Six hundred threescore and six**.

1 Cor 3:16

Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

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- The Lord will REMEMBER what Rome did to the SECOND temple in 70 AD and the THIRD temple, and RECOMPENSE her with DOUBLE DESTRUCTION at his Second Coming

Rev 18:6

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Jer 17:18

Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

- The Lord will also DESTROY the Antichrist for defiling the temple of THE BODY

1 Cor 3:17

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

2 The 2:8

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

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Where The Vessels Of The Temple Were Carried (cont'd)

7) Into the TREASURE house of his god (Dan 1:2)

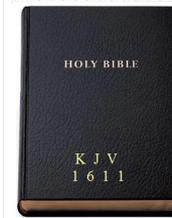
8) In the king's TREASURE house (Ezr 5:17)

Note: This TREASURE house appears to have included the house of the ROLLS (Ezr 6:1), a place where copies of the decrees of the king and other legal or sacred documents were kept- a picture of the WORD OF GOD (Eze 3:3)

- Recall that many believe the vessels from the second temple are currently in a “treasure house” at the Vatican in Rome
- The Vatican also has a vast library of over 2 million catalogued items
- The things brought into the TREASURY of the house of the Lord were things DEDICATED (i.e.- offered) to the Lord; therefore, the things brought into the TREASURE house of a false god are likely things DEDICATED and OFFERED to that false god

1 Kin 15:15

And he brought in the things which his father had **dedicated**, and the **things which himself had dedicated, into the house** of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.



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