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Pro 7:21-27

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

- The phrase FAIR SPEECHE(S) appears 2x; it refers to the STRANGE WOMAN and to those MARKED as contrary to the doctrine we have learned and do not serve the Lord Jesus Christ- both apply to ROME

Rom 16:17-18

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

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- The strange woman uses FLATTERY to deceive (v.5; 2:16)
- It is the flattery and deceitful words of the false prophet that will CAUSE people to receive the MARK of the beast (Rev 13:15)
- The words OX and SLAUGHTER appear in the same verse together 2x (v.22; Jer 11:19)- the former refers to the simple young man captured by Babylon the Great and the latter to Jeremiah who received death threats for preaching the truth of the word of God and impending judgment

Jer 11:18-19

18 And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know *it*: then thou shewedst me their doings.

19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

- The words DEATH and HELL appear in the same verse together 13x (# of REBELLION; CURSE); 2x in association with the strange woman (v.27; 5:5)

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- ROME and the VATICAN are filled with CHAMBERS OF DEATH (7:27)
 - The CATACOMBS of Rome are at least 40 ancient underground burial sites, mostly for Christian martyrs, located beneath the city of Rome
 - The VATICAN GROTTOS contain chapels dedicated to various saints and tombs of kings, queens, and popes dating from the 10th century; it is located just below St. Peter's Basilica but above the Necropolis
 - The VATICAN NECROPOLIS ("city of the dead") is an open air cemetery with tombs and mausoleums located below the Grottos beneath St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City
 - The Necropolis was not originally one of the underground catacombs of Rome but was a burial ground built on the southern slope of Vatican Hill adjacent to Caligula's Circus because Roman law prohibited burial of the dead within the city walls
- The Roman Catholic Church boasts that "there is no salvation outside of The Church" (i.e.- the Roman Catholic Church), yet HER HOUSE is the WAY TO HELL not to heaven
- This is the AIM of the strange woman (Babylon the Great)

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Pro 22:14

The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

Pro 23:26-30

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For **a whore is a deep ditch**; and **a strange woman is a narrow pit**.

28 **She also lieth in wait as for a prey**, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the **wine**; they that go to seek **mixed wine**.

- The MOUTH of the strange woman is a deep pit because she uses FLATTERIES and FAIR speeches; SWEET and SMOOTH words to entice men to come in to her and bring upon them death and damnation
- She lies in wait for her prey which consists primarily of the WEAK, YOUNG, and WOUNDED but also includes many STRONG men (7:7,26)
- She uses WINE (Rev 17:2; 18:3) as well as WORDS to seduce men

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Outline Of The Characteristics Of The Strange Woman In Proverbs

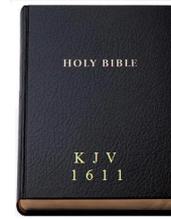
1) HER WORDS/LIPS/MOUTH (2:16; 5:3; 7:5,21; 30:20)

- Flattery (2:16; 6:24; 7:5,21)
- Fair speech (7:21)
- Her words are sweet as a honeycomb and smoother than oil (5:3)

2) HER HOUSE (2:18; 5:8; 7:8,11,27; 9:14)

- Her house leads to death (2:18) and goes down to the chambers of death (7:27)
- We are not to come near the door of her house (5:8)
- Her house is the way to hell (7:27)
- She sits at the door of her house (9:14)
- Her house is in the high places of the city (9:14)
- Her house is home to the dead and the damned (9:18)

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3) HER PATHS/WAYS/FEET/STEPS (2:18; 5:5-6; 7:11,25)

- Her paths incline to the dead (2:18)
- Her feet go down to death and her steps take hold on hell (5:5)
- Her ways are moveable (5:6)
- Her feet abide not in her house (7:11)
- We are not to let our heart decline to her ways and we are not to go astray in her paths (7:25)

4) HER END (5:4)

- Her end is bitter as wormwood (5:4)
- Her end is sharp as a two-edged sword (5:4)

5) HER BEAUTY/EYELIDS (6:25)

- We are not to lust after her beauty in our heart (6:25)
- We are not to let her take us with her eyelids (6:25)

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6) HER CORNER (7:8)

- Her corner is on the way to her house (7:8)

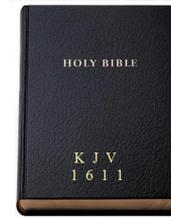
7) HER GUESTS (9:18)

- Her guests are in the depths of hell (9:18)

Additional Characteristics Of The Strange Woman In Proverbs

- The word of God is the only protection and defense against her wiles and words (2:1,16; 6:23-24; 7:1-5)
- She forsook the guide of her youth (2:17)
- She forgot the covenant of her God (2:17)
- She doesn't want men to ponder the path of life (5:6) (i.e.- consider Biblical salvation)
- She doesn't want men to know her ways (5:6) (i.e.- they are intentionally mysterious)

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- She is associated with a (round) piece of bread and wants men to eat this bread in a secret ritual (6:26; 9:17)
- She is a hunter and destroyer of souls (6:26,32)
- She is associated with a Roman goddess who is the queen of heaven (6:26)
- She is a pedophile (7:7)
- She preys upon the weak, young, and wounded (7:7,26; 9:16)
- She is subtil, loud, stubborn, and impudent (7:10-11,13)
- She is religious, aggressive, and possesses extensive riches and resources (7:14-17)
- She professes to be the bride of Jesus Christ (7:19) but is actually the consort of the strange god (Dan 11:39)
- She does her work in the dark, in secret, at night (7:9; 9:17)
- She uses fair speeches to deceive men from Bible doctrine (7:21)
- She uses wine as well as words to seduce men (23:28-30)
- She professes to have done no wickedness (30:20)

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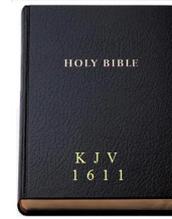


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Potential Test Questions for Mystery Babylon The Great

1. What are five popular theories regarding the identity of Babylon the Great? Give one scriptural reason in support of each theory
2. What is the true identity of Babylon the Great as a city? Give three scriptural reasons as support
3. Why is Babylon the Great symbolized by a whore? What is the scriptural symbolism of a whore/harlot?
4. Why is she called BABYLON since the city of Babylon no longer exists?
5. Give five types of Babylon the Great and two actual or potential truths illustrated by each type
6. Give three things that Babylon the Great will do after the Rapture
7. Give four chapters that are devoted in their entirety to the judgment of “Babylon”

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7. Delilah

- DELILAH= “delicate”; the root word means “feeble; impoverished; to draw out”
- DELILAH appears 6x (Jud 16:4,6,10,12-13,18)

Jud 16:4-9

4 And it came to pass afterward, that **he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek**, whose name was **Delilah**.

5 And **the lords of the Philistines** came up unto her, and said unto her, **Entice him**, and **see wherein his great strength lieth**, and **by what means we may prevail against him**, **that we may bind him to afflict him**: and **we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver**.

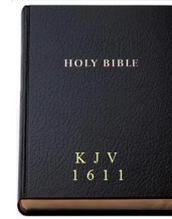
6 And **Delilah said to Samson**, **Tell me**, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

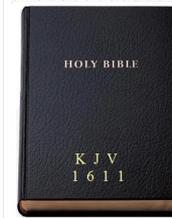
9 Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, **The Philistines be upon thee, Samson**. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

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- Samson is a type of CHRIST in a number of particulars, including that he gave up his life to defeat the enemy of his people; however, in most particulars he is a type of a CARNAL BELIEVER
- Samson's weakness was STRANGE WOMEN, particularly Philistine women: (1) a woman in Timnath (14:1-3); (2) a harlot in Gaza (v.1); and (3) a woman (Delilah) in the valley of Sorek (v.4)
- The lords of the Philistines hired Delilah to entice Samson to reveal the source of his strength and how they could overcome him
- Their purpose was to BIND him and AFFLICT him, which is often the purpose of the enemy against the man of God cf. (1 Kin 21:27)
- This implies that Samson's strength was SUPERNATURAL and that he did not look like a SUPERMAN
- The lords of the Philistines offered to pay Delilah 1,100 pieces of silver each, and since there were five (# of DEATH) of them (Jos 13:3; 1 Sam 6:16-18) this equated to 5,500 pieces of silver (100 x 5 x 11)
- The words FIVE, LORDS, and PHILISTINES appear in the same verse together 5x (# of DEATH) (3:3; Jos 13:3; 1 Sam 6:4,16,18)



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