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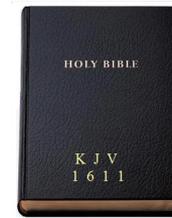


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Bible Prophecy

*Mystery, Babylon The Great
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Jud 16:20-21

20 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And **he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.**

21 But **the Philistines** took him, and **put out his eyes**, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Rev 3:14-17,20

14 And unto the angel of **the church of the Laodiceans** write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then **because thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

17 Because **thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**

20 Behold, **I stand at the door**, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and **open the door, I will come in** to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

- The Laodicean church thinks it is spiritual and godly and that the Lord is in their midst, but the truth is it is miserable, poor, BLIND, and naked, and the Lord is on the outside looking in

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- The Laodicean church represents the professing church during the seventh and last stage of church history before the Rapture (Rev 4:1)
- This last stage began between 1884-1901 AD when the church did exactly what Samson did- surrendered THE SOURCE OF IT'S STRENGTH (i.e.- the word of God) to the STRANGE WOMAN (i.e.- Babylon the Great)
- Recall that the word of God is the only protection and defense against the strange woman; that is why she HATES it and will stop at nothing to keep men from it
- She cannot DESTROY it, so she seeks to DISCREDIT it by casting DOUBT about it in men's minds or by DENYING it altogether

2 Cor 11:3

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Gen 3:1,4

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

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- In 1884 and 1901, the British and American church respectively, surrendered the preserved word of God for a perverted counterfeit because they trusted the words of two men who were agents planted and paid by the enemy to entice the church to surrender the source of it's strength
- The English Revision Committee of 1881 was commissioned to produce an updated translation of the English Bible
- The underlying texts for this updated translation were supposed to be the same as those of the King James Bible (i.e.- the Masoretic text and Textus Receptus)
- The translation itself was supposed to simply update the language from early 17th century English to late 19th century English
- The members of the English Revision Committee **had no idea** that there were enemy agents planted in their midst who were paid to entice them to surrender the source of their strength
- Brooke Foss Wescott & Fenton John Anthony Hort presented their own perverted text to the Committee and persuaded the overwhelming majority to accept it as a replacement to the Textus Receptus
- The result was the Revised Version (1884) in England and the American Standard Version (1901) in the United States

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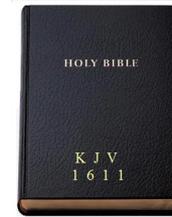
- EVERY English translation that has been published since has been based partially or completely on the Wescott & Hort text type and the consequences to the church and nations is evident
- Samson's hair began to grow again his strength returned
- Samson's hair grew again because the enemy only shaved it from his head and did not pull it out by the roots
- He got right with the Lord and used his strength to defeat the enemy
- This OT example (1 Cor 10:11) may give us insight that Babylon the Great intends to confiscate the word of God and enable governments all over the world to incarcerate true Christians on the grounds that they have destroyed their countries

Jud 16:24

And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and **the destroyer of our country**, which slew many of us.

- An essential lesson here is the importance of having the word of God **ROOTED** in our hearts so the enemy **CANNOT** take it away- we need to choose **MY WORDS** over **HER WORDS**

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8. Dagon

Jud 16:21-30

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

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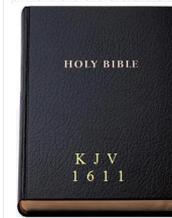
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28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, **O Lord GOD, remember me**, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And **Samson took hold of the two middle pillars** upon which **the house** stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And **he bowed himself** with *all his* might; and **the house fell** upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So **the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.**

- It is interesting that GRINDING is associated with a believer (Samson) being TAKEN to a prison that was part of the HOUSE of a false god (Dagon) cf. (Zec 5:11)
- DAGON appears 13x (# of REBELLION) (v.23; 1 Sam 5:2-5,7; 1 Chr 10:10) ; the city of BETH-DAGON appears 2x (Jos 15:41; 19:27)
- DAGON= from the Hebrew word *dagan* meaning “corn; wheat; grain” and the Hebrew root word *dag* meaning “fish”
- Dagon was the national god of the Philistines, the god of fertility and reproduction, and was said to be the father of Baal



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