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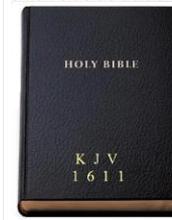
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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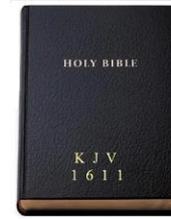


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Bible Prophecy

*Mystery, Babylon The Great
(Pt.2)*

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- Jezebel not only had Naboth killed but also his sons (2 Kin 9:26)
- This pictures the fact that Babylon the Great is not only responsible for the death of Jesus Christ but also of the saints (Rev 18:24)
- Her execution of the saints is further pictured by the execution of Stephen, who was also the target of a two-fold charge of blasphemy from the mouth of false witnesses set up by religious leaders

Acts 6:9-13

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and **Alexandrians**, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

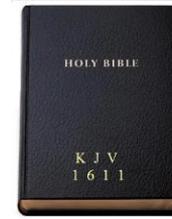
11 Then **they suborned men**, which said, We have heard him **speaking blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.**

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to **the council**,

13 And **set up false witnesses**, which said, This man ceaseth not to **speaking blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:**

- The religious leaders responsible for “setting up” Stephen on charges of blasphemy were the COUNCIL (i.e.- the Sanhedrin) (v.12) and before that, a group that included ALEXANDRIANS (v.9)

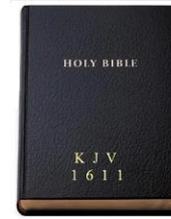
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- This is the only time the word ALEXANDRIANS appears in the Bible and it is associated with WICKED RELIGIOUS men who DISPUTED with a Bible-believing, Spirit-filled preacher over what he SPOKE, and bribed men to be FALSE WITNESSES and accuse him of BLASPHEMY
- ALEXANDRIA, Egypt was founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC and is the second largest city and major economic center in Egypt
 - It became an important center of Hellenistic civilization and remained the capital of Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Egypt for almost 1,000 years
 - It was the intellectual and cultural center of the ancient world for a long time—the Lighthouse of Alexandria (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World) and the great Library of Alexandria (the largest in the ancient world) were there
 - It was a major seaport city that inherited the trade of a ruined Tyre (destroyed by Alexander the Great) and became the center of commerce between Europe and the Middle East
 - It was once the largest city in the world and, for some centuries more, the second largest city in the world only to Rome
 - It was Egypt's main Greek city, with Greek people from diverse backgrounds
 - It was also home to the largest urban Jewish community in the world
 - ALEXANDRIA was to the ancient world what NEW YORK CITY is today

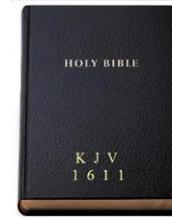
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- It is easy to see how many early Christians could have believed Alexandria, Egypt was BABYLON THE GREAT (Rev 18) even though it was just a “daughter”- the daughter can be mistaken for the mother because they look and act alike (Eze 16:44)
- In addition, Alexandria is where the Septuagint was produced, a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament- one theory is that it was produced in 250 BC by a group of 72 Jews (six from each of the 12 tribes of Israel- *The Letter Of Aristeas 2:21*)
- The Christian School of Alexandria (founded by St. Mark according to Jerome) became one of the two major centers of theology and Biblical exegesis (the other being ANTIOCH)- this school spawned the heresies of Clement and Origen (possibly the true author of the Septuagint)
- Alexandria was considered the third most important seat of “Christianity”, after Rome and Constantinople- the bishop of Alexandria was second in power and influence behind only the bishop of Rome (i.e.- the pope)
- It is also the exact or approximate location where most of the perverted copies of scripture were produced- hence, this group of manuscripts are called the ALEXANDRIAN text type, in contrast to the ANTIOCHAN text type which is the name attributed to the divinely preserved copies of scripture
- ALEXANDRIA and ALEXANDRIANS appears 4x (Acts 6:9; 18:24; 27:6; 28:11) and in Acts 27:6, the ship of Alexandria is headed for ROME

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Rev 19:11,13,15

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

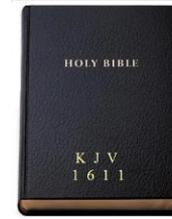
This cursed woman.

- Jezebel was not only a CORRUPT woman but also a CURSED woman- picturing the fact Babylon the Great is also cursed
- Recall from a previous study three significant CURSED things and their connection to each other

CURSED THINGS

- 1) A cursed WOMAN (2 Kin 9:34)= **Jezebel**
- 2) A cursed THING (Deu 7:26; 13:17)= graven **images/other gods**
- 3) Cursed CHILDREN (2 Pet 2:14)= **false prophets** and false teachers

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2 Kin 9:30,34

30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, **Jezebel** heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this **cursed woman**, and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter.

Deu 7:25-26

25 **The graven images of their gods** shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

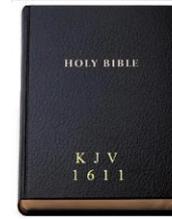
26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a **cursed thing** like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a **cursed thing**.

Deu 13:13,17

13 *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve **other gods**, which ye have not known;

17 And there shall cleave nought of the **cursed thing** to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

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2 Pet 2:1,14-15

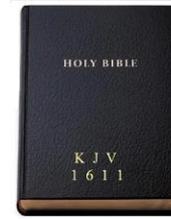
1 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; **cursed children**:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of **Balaam** *the son of Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

- It is notable that the specific false prophet mentioned in 2 Peter 2 is BALAAM
- An IMAGE, a JEZEBEL (Babylon the Great), and a FALSE PROPHET play a major role in prophetic events cf. (Rev 13; 17)
- Since Babylon the Great is described as both a WOMAN and a CITY (Rev 17:18), then she is not only a cursed woman (represented by JEZEBEL) but also a cursed city (represented by JERICHO)
- The connection between Jezebel and Jericho is also seen in 1 Kings 16:31 where the cursed city of Jericho is rebuilt by Hiel in the days of Ahab and Jezebel

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- The connection between Jezebel and Balaam is seen in Revelation 2 where Jezebel is called a false prophetess and both are mentioned as indoctrinating the people of God to eat things sacrificed to IDOLS and to commit fornication

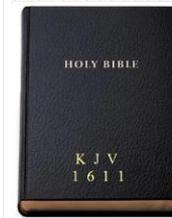
Rev 2:14,20

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

She is a king's daughter.

- Jezebel was the daughter of Eth-baal king of Zidon (16:31) and Babylon the Great is the daughter of Nimrod king of Babel (Gen 10:8-10; 11:1-9; Isa 10:10; 23:13)



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