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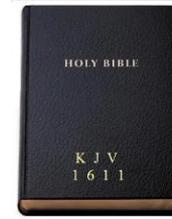
Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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2. CHAPTER STUDY

Chapters Containing Prophecies Related To Babylon

- Isaiah 13-14
- Isaiah 47-48
- Jeremiah 50-51
- Revelation 14,16-18

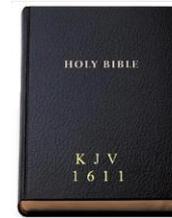
1) Isaiah 13= judgment against the KINGDOM of Babylon

- ISAIAH is considered the greatest of the writing prophets
- The events in Isaiah take place during the reigns of four Judean kings: (1) Uzziah; (2) Jotham; (3) Ahaz; and (4) Hezekiah
- The time period is approximately 62 years from 760 BC to 698 BC

Isa 1:1

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

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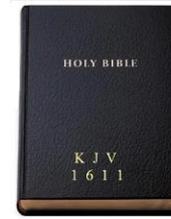


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- The dominant Gentile power of this time was ASSYRIA not Babylon
- BABYLON was under Assyrian control during the entire time of Isaiah's writing
- It was during this time that the Assyrians took the northern kingdom of Israel into captivity (721 BC)
- Interestingly, tradition states that Romulus founded ROME during this period of time (753 BC)

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Isa 13:1-2

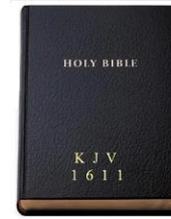
1 **The burden** of **Babylon**, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

The burden.

- BURDEN= “that which is borne or carried; a load; a weight; that which is grievous, wearisome, or oppressive”
- The BURDEN is the WRATH OF GOD (John 3:36; Rom 2:5) placed upon Babylon in JUDGMENT
- BURDEN appears 69x; 18x (6 + 6 + 6) in Isaiah, 10x (# of the GENTILES) in reference to judgment against specific entities (v.1; 15:1; 17:1; 19:1; 21:1,11,13; 22:1; 23:1; 30:6)
- It is interesting that Isaiah mentions Babylon FIRST in judgment because when divine judgment is actually executed, Babylon will be LAST

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Jer 25:15-26

15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

18 *To wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as *it is* this day;

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which *are* beyond the sea,

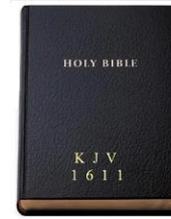
23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

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Jer 50:12-13

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

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.

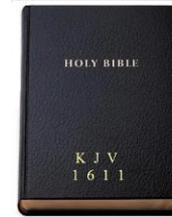
Rev 18:2,4,8

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

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.

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Babylon.

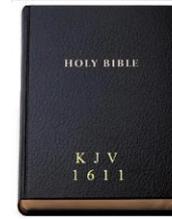
- BABYLON appears $286x = 13$ (# of REBELLION) x 11 (# of CONFUSION) x 2 (# of UNION)
 - There is A UNION that is REBELLION against the word of God and CONFUSION- the union between a WOMAN and a BEAST
 - This pictures the union between BABYLON THE GREAT and the ANTICHRIST (Rev 17:1)

Lev 18:23

Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: **neither shall** any **woman** stand before a **beast** to **lie down** thereto: **it is confusion.**

- Isaiah gives this prophecy on the judgment of BABYLON in 713 BC, nearly 100 years before it gained independence from the Assyrians (627 BC)
- It is one of the earliest chronological appearances of BABYLON; in fact, the first appearance of BABYLON (2 Kin 17:24) occurs in the same chapter as the Assyrian captivity of the northern tribes (2 Kin 17:6) (i.e.- 721 BC)

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Isa 13:3

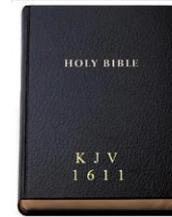
I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

- What follows is a description of the Lord's HOST (v.4)- a dual army composed of his SANCTIFIED ONES and his MIGHTY ONES
- This dual army is typified by the dual army of the MEDES and PERSIANS that conquered BABYLON in 537 BC (v.17)

My sanctified ones.

- SANCTIFIED ONE is the definition of the word SAINT
- SANCTIFIED and SAINT come from the same root word in Hebrew (*qadash*) (v.3; Deu 33:2) and Greek (*hagios*) (1 Cor 1:2) and mean, "holy; sacred; consecrated; separated; set apart by God and/or for God's use"
- The SAINTS clearly accompany the Lord at his Second Coming and include all Old Testament saints, the Church, and resurrected Tribulation saints

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Deu 33:2

And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and **he came with ten thousands of saints**: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.

Zec 14:5

And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and **the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.**

Jude 14

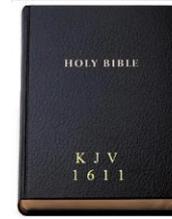
And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

- The phrase THE CHURCH is equated to the word SAINTS because every member of the spiritual church is a saint

1 Cor 1:2

Unto **the church** of God which is at Corinth, to **them that are sanctified** in Christ Jesus, called *to be* **saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

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Rev 19:7-8,14

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

My mighty ones.

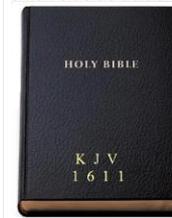
- MIGHTY= Heb. *gibbowr*; the same word is translated GIANT (Job 16:14), MIGHTY MEN (in reference to the GIANTS) (Gen 6:4), and CHAMPION (in reference to GOLIATH, the GIANT) (1 Sam 17:51) to denote SUPERNATURAL strength

Job 16:14

He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

Gen 6:4

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.



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