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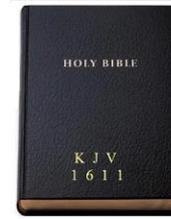
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# Mystery, Babylon The Great



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## The weapons of his indignation.

- This phrase appears only 2x (v.5; Jer 50:25) and both refer to the judgment of BABYLON

### **Jer 50:24-25,28**

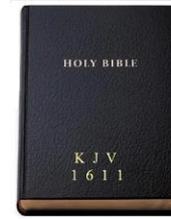
**24** I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, **O Babylon**, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

**25** The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth **the weapons of his indignation**: for this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

**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**.

- The partial fulfillment of the weapons of his indignation are the armies of the Medes and Persians and the perfect fulfillment is the armies of heaven composed of the saints and the angels
- The judgment is against BABYLON and Babylon is identified as the one responsible for destroying the Lord's TEMPLE
- BABYLON (i.e.- literal Babylon) was responsible for destroying the first temple and no longer exists; ROME (i.e.- mystery Babylon) was responsible for destroying the second temple but still exists (she boasts of being the “eternal city”)

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## To destroy the whole land.

- The DESTRUCTION of the land will make it DESOLATE (v.9)
- The near (partial) fulfillment of the LAND is the land of the CHALDEANS, the land of BABYLON

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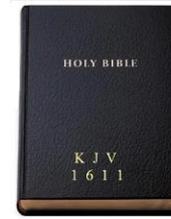
### **Jer 25:12**

And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

### **Jer 51:29**

And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

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- The far (perfect) fulfillment of the LAND is the WORLD/the EARTH because BABYLON THE GREAT is THE WORLD system
- The destruction and desolation of the land occurs at the Second Coming of Christ and includes the cities and the inhabitants of the world, and Babylon the Great

## Isa 13:9,11

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to **lay the land desolate**: and he shall **destroy the sinners thereof** out of it.

11 And I will punish **the world** for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

## Isa 24:1,3,6,10

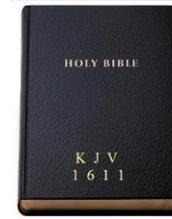
1 Behold, the LORD maketh **the earth empty**, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

3 **The land** shall be utterly **emptied**, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured **the earth**, and **they that dwell therein are desolate**: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

10 **The city of confusion is broken down**: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

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## Jer 4:19-20,23,26-27,31

**19** My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, **the sound of the trumpet**, the alarm of war.

**20** **Destruction upon destruction** is cried; for **the whole land** is spoiled: **suddenly** are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment.

**23** I beheld **the earth**, and, lo, *it was* without form, and **void**; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

**26** I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and **all the cities thereof were broken down** at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.

**27** For thus hath the LORD said, **The whole land** shall be **desolate**; yet will I not make a full end.

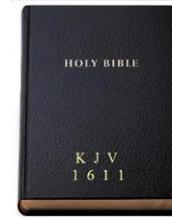
**31** For I have heard **a voice** as of **a woman in travail**, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of **the daughter of Zion**, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

## 1 The 5:2-3

**2** For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so **cometh** as a thief in the night.

**3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction cometh** upon them, as **travail upon a woman** with child; and they shall not escape.

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## Isa 66:6-8

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, **a voice of the LORD** that rendereth **recompence to his enemies**.

7 Before she **travailed**, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall **a nation be born at once**? for as soon as **Zion travailed**, she brought forth her children.

## 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.

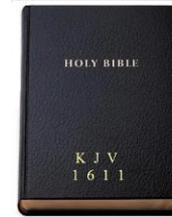
## Rev 17:16

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate **the whore**, and shall make her **desolate** and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

## Rev 18:19

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, **that great city**, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for **in one hour is she made desolate**.

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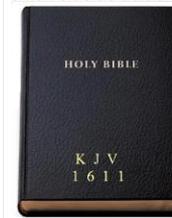
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## Isa 13:6

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

### The day of the Lord.

- The INSTANT (i.e.- the timing) of Babylon's judgment is THE DAY OF THE LORD
- The judgment of literal Babylon was initiated at the hands of the Medes and Persians (v.17) under Cyrus the Great in 537 BC
- Since the Medo/Persian conquest of Babylon did not take place on the day of the Lord and literal Babylon no longer exists, that means this prophecy has not been completely fulfilled and the word BABYLON means more than the literal historical city-state (i.e.- it refers to MYSTERY Babylon)
- THE DAY OF THE LORD appears 25x (5 x 5= # of DEATH) and is characterized as follows:
  - It is the day of the Lord's VENGEANCE (34:8)
  - It is the day of the Lord's ANGER (Lam 2:22; Zep 2:2-3)
  - It is the day of the Lord's WRATH (Zep 1:18)
  - It is the day of the Lord's SACRIFICE (Zep 1:8)



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