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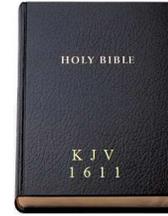
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great

Isa 13:17-18

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 *Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

I will stir up the Medes against them.

- × The INSTRUMENT of Babylon's judgment is clearly identified as the MEDES (and PERSIANS)

Isa 21:2,9

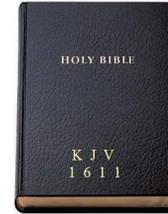
2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

Jer 51:11,28

11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.



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Dan 5:28,30-31

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old.

- × Darius was the general who conquered Babylon but CYRUS the Great was the king
- × The Bible prophesies of Cyrus by name 150 years before his birth and he is a type of CHRIST

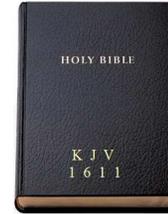
Isa 44:28

That saith of Cyrus, *He is my shepherd*, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Isa 45:1-2

1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:



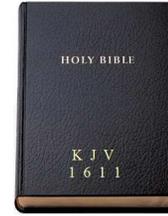
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CYRUS AS A TYPE OF CHRIST

1. He is the Lord's SHEPHERD and the Lord's ANOINTED (Heb. *Mashiyach*= messiah) cf. (Zec 13:7; Luke 2:26)
 2. He PLEASED the Lord in doing his will cf. (Matt 17:5; John 8:29)
 3. He built up Jerusalem and REBUILT the TEMPLE cf. (Zec 6:12)
 4. The CROOKED places were made STRAIGHT before him cf. (40:4)
 5. NATIONS are subdued before him cf. (Rev 11:15)
- × As previously stated, the dual army of the MEDES and PERSIANS are a type of the dual army of the SAINTS of God and the ANGELS of God that accompany the Lord at his Coming (v.3-5) to judge Babylon the Great
 - × The attack on Babylon by the Medes and Persians is a type of the DAY OF THE LORD (v.6,9)- Babylon was taken by surprise and Babylon the Great will be taken by surprise (i.e.- the Lord comes as a thief in the night)

Which shall not regard silver; and gold.

- × The instruments of Babylon's judgment (the Medes and Persians; the Lord's host) cannot be bought or bribed



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Shall dash the young men to pieces...shall not spare children.

- × The young men AND the children of Babylon are dashed to pieces cf. (v.16 note)

They shall have no pity.

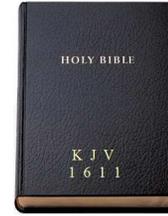
- × NO PITY= NO MERCY
- × The Medes and Persians showed no mercy on Babylon in 536 BC and the Lord and his host will show no mercy on Babylon the Great at the Second Coming

Jer 50:41-43

41 Behold, **a people shall come from the north**, and **a great nation**, and **many kings** shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: **they are cruel, and will not shew mercy**: their voice shall roar like the sea, and **they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array**, like a man to the battle, **against thee, O daughter of Babylon.**

43 **The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them**, and **his hands waxed feeble**: anguish took hold of him, *and* **pangs as of a woman in travail.**



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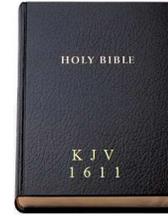
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Isa 13:19

And **Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.**

Babylon, the glory of kingdoms.

- × GLORY= “splendor; excellence; brightness; luster; magnificence; honor”
- × Babylon was home to the Ishtar Gate; the temple of Marduk; great walls that were 56 miles long, 320 feet high, and 80 feet wide; and the hanging gardens (one of the seven ancient wonders of the world)
- × The Greek historian Herodotus wrote in 450 BC, “Babylon surpasses in SPLENDOR any city in the known world”
- × Babylon was a CITY (14:4) and a KINGDOM represented by symbols of prominence- it is the HEAD of GOLD in Daniel 2 and the LION with WINGS in Daniel 7
- × The word GLORY is associated with the HEAD, and BABYLON is the HEAD on the image in Daniel 2 that represents the four Gentile KINGDOMS of the times of the Gentiles



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Job 19:9

He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown *from* my head.

Pro 16:31

The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

Dan 2:37-38

37 Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

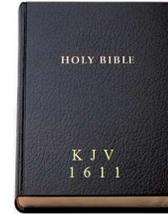
38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

The beauty of the Chaldees' excellency.

- × The Neo-Babylonian empire rose to excellence under Nebuchadnezzar, who was a CHALDEAN (Ezr 5:12) and boasted of the magnificent kingdom he built

Dan 4:30

The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?



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- × The words GLORY and BEAUTY appear in the same verse together 8x (v.19; 28:5; Exo 28:2,40; 1 Chr 16:29; Job 40:10; Psa 29:2; Pro 20:29) and applies to PRIESTLY GARMENTS (Exo 28:2,40) and the LORD (28:5; 1 Chr 16:29; Psa 29:2)- both of which are counterfeited by BABYLON (47:8,10; Jos 7:21)

Shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

- × Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown by the Lord raining fire and brimstone down upon them from heaven

Gen 19:24-25

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

- × The fact that ancient Babylon was conquered by the Medes and Persians and was slowly destroyed over the course of centuries, has led many to believe that ancient Babylon MUST be rebuilt and be destroyed in an instant by fire from heaven to fulfill this prophecy