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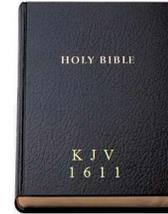
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great

Isa 14:21-23

21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

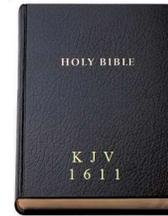
His children...them.

- × HIS= LUCIFER'S (v.12)= the KING OF BABYLON (v.4)
- × THEM= Lucifer's children= all of the lost

Babylon.

- × BABYLON consists of all the king of Babylon's (i.e.- Satan) children= the LOST WORLD
- × It is evident again that BABYLON THE GREAT is not just a CITY (Rev 17:18; 18:10,16,18-19,21) (i.e.- Rome), or a specific RELIGIOUS SYSTEM (i.e.- what we know today as Roman Catholicism) (Rev 17:5), but in the broadest and most extensive sense, it is the WORLD SYSTEM (13:1,11; Rev 16:19)

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Cut off...the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew.

- × When the judgment of Babylon is completed, ALL LOST PEOPLE will be eliminated from the earth, there will not be any one left to carry on the name of Babylon
- × The Millennial kingdom will begin with only saved people and there will be REJOICING and REST (v.7-8)

Babylon...a possession for the bittern.

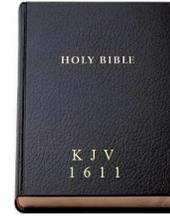
- × The BITTERN is an UNCLEAN BIRD (34:11; Zep 2:14) and unclean birds represent UNCLEAN SPIRITS- Babylon the Great will become the habitation of DEVILS
- × What is THE HABITATION of DEVILS? The LAKE OF FIRE (Matt 25:41)

Rev 18:2,8

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.

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.

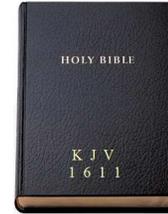
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Sweep it with the besom of destruction.

- × BESOM= “broom”; the Lord will make a “clean sweep” of Babylon the Great at the Second Coming
- × DESTRUCTION is one of the two words that aptly describes the intensity of the judgment of Babylon (v.23; Jer 50:21,26; 51:3,8,11,54)- the other is DESOLATION (13:9,22; Jer 50:3,13,23,45; 51:26,29,43,62)



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3) Isaiah 47

A. The DECEPTION of the Daughter of Babylon (v.1-5)

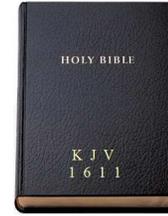
B. The DEEDS of the Daughter of Babylon (v.6-10)

- PROSTITUTION (v.2-3)
- PERSECUTION of the Jews (v.6)
- PRIDE (v.7-8,10)
- PLEASURES (v.8)
- PITILESS (v.8)
- PREPONDERANCE of sorceries and enchantments (v.9)
- PERVERTED wisdom and knowledge (v.10)

C. The DESTRUCTION of the Daughter of Babylon (v.11-15)

Isa 47:1

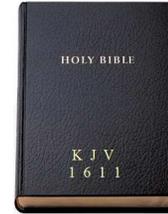
Come down, and sit in the dust, O **virgin daughter of Babylon**, sit on the ground: *there is* no **throne**, O **daughter of the Chaldeans**: for thou shalt no more be called **tender and delicate**.



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Daughter of Babylon.

- × DAUGHTER= “the female offspring of a man or woman; a female child of any age; a woman; female inhabitants; a female descendant”
- × The DAUGHTER is not the same as the MOTHER, and the mother is BABYLON THE GREAT (Rev 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:2,10,21)
 - Babylon the Great= ROME/Vatican City (in the sense of a CITY-STATE)
 - Babylon the Great= what we know today as the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (in the sense of a CHURCH-STATE)
 - Babylon the Great= the WORLD SYSTEM (in the sense of a godless SOCIETY)
- × Since Babylon the Great is the MOTHER OF HARLOTS, and harlots are FEMALE, it is reasonable to conclude that DAUGHTERS OF BABYLON are HARLOTS
- × The imagery of a WHORE/HARLOT in scripture is used to represent something that is PERVERTED from what is PRESCRIBED by the word of God, and the perversion is usually perpetuated for PROFIT
 - The Bible prescribes the bounds for SEXUAL relations- they are to be between one man and one woman within the confines of marriage so any relations outside these bounds (regardless of how the participants feel about each other) constitutes FORNICATION and is a PERVERSION

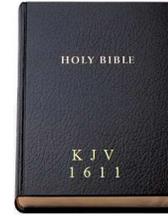


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- The HARLOT is the epitome of fornication and sexual perversion
- The Bible also prescribes the bounds for SPIRITUAL relations- man is to worship the one true living God and him alone, and the only way to come to him is through faith in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ so any relations outside these bounds constitutes SPIRITUAL FORNICATION and is perversion
- × The HARLOT is the epitome of FORNICATION and SEXUAL perversion so any entity or ideology (religious, political, economical, philosophical, or scientific) that engages in and/or promotes SPIRITUAL fornication is a HARLOT system
- × All of these harlot systems can eventually trace their lineage back to a single source, their MOTHER- the godless religious/political/economic system created by Nimrod at Babel (Gen 10:8-11) that scattered abroad the face of all the earth after the confusion of tongues (Gen 11:1-9)
- × That means all of these harlot systems are DAUGHTERS OF BABYLON

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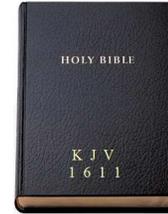


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A HARLOT system meets one or both of the following conditions

1. Entities or ideologies that give any false gods/idols the place that should only be occupied by the one true living God
 2. Entities or ideologies that promote that one can come to God or attain salvation any other way than through his only begotten Son Jesus Christ and him ALONE
- **All false religions** (e.g.- Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taosim, Confucianism, Kabbalah, New Age mysticism, Wicca, Satanism, etc.) are harlot systems
 - **All false churches and Christian cults** (e.g.- Church of Christ, Seventh-Day Adventist, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, etc.) are harlot systems
 - **All worldly philosophies** (e.g.- Atheism, Communism, Capitalism, Environmentalism, etc.) are harlot systems because their "idols" are science, nature, man, government, or wealth (money)

Conclusion: all false religions, false churches/Christian cults, and worldly philosophies are HARLOTS and DAUGHTERS OF BABYLON the Great



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- × Since Isaiah 47 is a prophecy against the DAUGHTER of Babylon, the primary application is not to BABYLON THE GREAT but an entity that she produced
- × While the DAUGHTER is not the same entity as the MOTHER, the daughter can be strikingly similar in APPEARANCE, ATTITUDE, and ACTIONS because she is a DESCENDANT of the mother
- × The daughter could even be easily mistaken for the mother (at least a younger version of her)

Eze 16:44

Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, **As is the mother, so is her daughter.**

- × If Babylon the Great (the mother) is ROME/VATICAN CITY then the most distinguishing feature of her appearance is the OBELISK and DOME
 - The Vatican obelisk and St. Peter's Basilica in St. Peter's Square
 - The Macuteo obelisk and the Pantheon in Piazza della Rotonda