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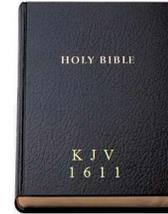
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great

Psa 137:1,3

1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

- × The term DAUGHTER OF BABYLON can apply to the BABYLON that took Judah captive under Nebuchadnezzar- How can that be?

Jer 50:17,42

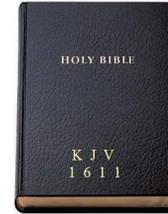
17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

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.

Jer 51:33-34

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshingfloor, *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.



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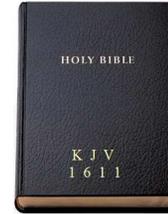
- The Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar was a different “Babylon” than the one founded under Nimrod (Gen 10:8-11)- it was a future GENERATION of the ORIGINAL, just like a DAUGHTER is a future generation of her MOTHER
- The DAUGHTER can have the same name as the MOTHER (i.e.- Babylon) and still not be the mother- this is why the MOTHER is specifically called “Babylon THE GREAT” (Rev 17:5)
- × The daughter of Babylon took the Jews captive and became the temporary dwelling place of the Jews

Psa 137:8-9

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

- × The daughter of Babylon will be destroyed
- × The daughter of Babylon is guilty of brutally killing Jewish children and is recompensed accordingly



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Zec 2:3-9

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, **Jerusalem shall be** inhabited *as* towns **without walls** for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 ¶ Ho, ho, *come forth*, and **flee from the land of the north**, saith the LORD: for **I have spread you abroad** as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

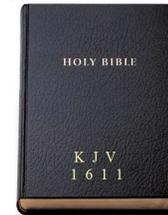
7 **Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.**

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto **the nations which spoiled you**: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and **they shall be a spoil** to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

- × The daughter of Babylon is where a large Jewish population settled following their scattering abroad (v.6-7)
- × The LAND of the daughter of Babylon is NORTH of Israel (v.6)
 - The land of Babylon that took Judah captive was considered NORTH of Israel even though it was more EAST than north
 - Those traveling to Babylon from Jerusalem went north and those traveling from Babylon to Jerusalem came from the north because of the vast desert directly between the two
 - New York City is actually further north from Jerusalem than Babylon

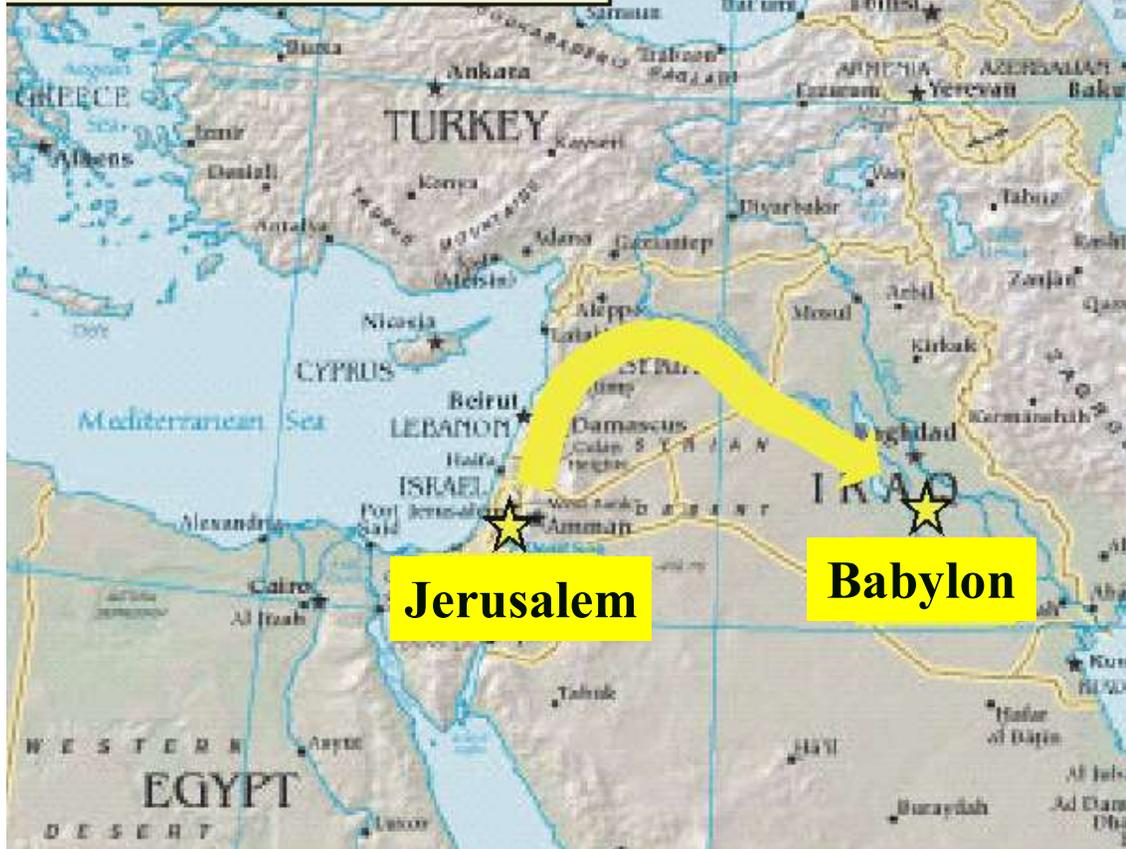
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Modern Map of the Middle East

**Possible path of the Israel captives
to Babylon circa 605 B.C.**



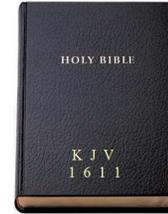
Geographic Coordinates

Jerusalem= 31.77N, 35.21E

Babylon= 32.32N, 44.25E

New York= 40.73N, 74.00W

- Even though the USA is far more WEST, it can still be considered NORTH of Israel
- There are over 5.3 million Jews living in the USA (40.2% of the world's Jewish population) compared to 5.4 million (40.9% of the world's Jewish population) living in Israel
- There are 2.68 million Jews living in the metro areas of New York City and Los Angeles compared to 3.90 million in the metro areas of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem
- There are 1.1 million Jews living in New York City, second in the world only to Tel Aviv with 3.53 million



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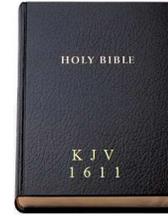
- × The Jews living in the land of the daughter of Babylon are told to flee in order to deliver themselves- this implies impending judgment upon the land (v.6-7)
- × The timing of this flight from the land of the daughter of Babylon is when Jerusalem is WITHOUT WALLS (v.4), and just before judgment is meted out against nations that seek to SPOIL Israel, and their judgment is that they will be spoiled by Israel
- × These details are strikingly similar to those described in Ezekiel 38-39

Eze 38:11-13

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?



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Eze 39:10

So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and **they shall spoil those that spoiled them**, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

- × Another connection between Ezekiel 38-39 and the daughter of Babylon is that the Lord sends a FIRE among them that DWELL CARELESSLY in Ezekiel 39:6, and the daughter of Babylon is one that DWELLEST CARELESSLY and is burned with FIRE in Isaiah 47:8,14
- × Evidence will be presented in a later lesson that those that those that DWELL CARELESSLY is (or at least includes) the United States of America

Eze 39:6

And **I will send a fire** on Magog, and **among them that dwell carelessly** in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Isa 47:8,14

8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; **the fire shall burn them**; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall not be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.