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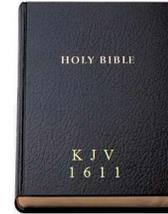
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great

Isa 47:12

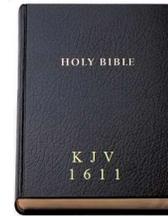
Stand now with **thine enchantments**, and with the multitude of **thy sorceries**, **wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth**; if so be **thou shalt be able to profit**, if so be **thou mayest prevail**.

Stand now.

- × The Lord tells the daughter of Babylon to try to stand after commanding her to come down from her throne and sit in the dust (v.1) cf. (v.13)

Enchantments...sorceries...wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth.

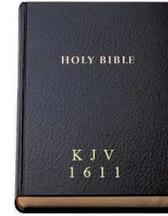
- × If the daughter of Babylon is the USA then she has laboured in sorcery from the time of her youth
- × The formation and foundation of the USA is two sides of the same coin
- × Just as the Lord sowed the good seed in what is now the USA and it became the prime producer and exporter of the SCRIPTURES so the devil sowed the tares and it became the prime producer and exporter of SORCERY



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- × If the daughter of Babylon is the USA, then this is “insider information” regarding the history of the USA
- × Because the USA has a Christian heritage, we want to believe that she has always stood for what is right and good, and opposed and fought evil
- × We don’t want to consider the possibility that there is another side to the coin, a side of the USA that is the complete opposite of what we perceive her to be
- × Yet, if the daughter of Babylon is the USA, it is not only possible but certain
- × This scripture may give us a look “behind the curtain” into the dark and relatively unknown activities of the USA just like the Lord gave Ezekiel regarding Judah in the days leading up to their judgment (Eze 8:1-18)
 - While there was a graven image publicly situated at the door of the inner gate toward the north, there were also 70 of the ancients of Israel secretly worshipping images of false gods portrayed on the wall
 - While there were women publicly weeping for Tammuz at the door of the gate of the temple, there were also 25 men in the inner court of the temple secretly worshipping the sun with their backs to the temple
- × What the word of God may be telling us is that the USA is guilty of far more abominations that what we can clearly see



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If so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

- × The daughter of Babylon produces and propagates her sorceries for two reasons: (1) to PROFIT; and (2) to PREVAIL against the word of God
- × The former makes DOLLARS and the latter makes DISCIPLES
- × The definitions of PREVAIL and DISCIPLES comply with the objective of SORCERY
- × PREVAIL= “to overcome; to be in force; to have effect; power or influence; to extend over with force or effect; to persuade or induce”
- × DISCIPLE= “one who receives instruction from another; a follower; an adherent to the doctrines of another”
- × All the “sorceries” of the USA (e.g.- drugs, alcohol, music, movies, TV shows, video games, religion, sports, money, etc.) seek to supplant the place the word of God should have in peoples lives and counterfeit its results