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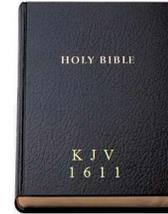
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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)*

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## Mystery, Babylon The Great

### Isa 47:13

Thou art **wearied in** the multitude of **thy counsels**. Let now **the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up**, and **save thee from these things** that shall come upon thee.

### **Thou art wearied in.**

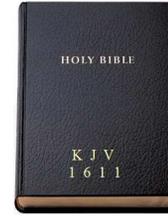
- × WEARIED IN appears 2x (v.13; 57:10)

### Isa 57:10

**Thou art wearied in** the greatness of thy way; *yet* saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

### **The multitude of thy counsels.**

- × The daughter of Babylon has a long line of “counselors” that includes astrologers, stargazers, and monthly prognosticators, but not the Lord or his word
- × If the daughter of Babylon is the USA then THE root cause for her judgment is not hearing and heeding the counsel of the Lord from the word of God



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### Psa 16:7

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

### Psa 33:11

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

### Psa 73:24

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

### Psa 119:24

Thy testimonies also are my delight *and* my counsellors.

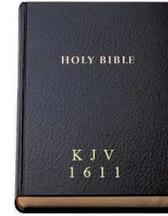
### Pro 1:25,30

**25** But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

**30** They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

### Isa 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.



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### **The astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators.**

- × The words ASTROLOGER(S), STARGAZERS, and MONTHLY PROGNOSTICATORS appear 11x (# of CONFUSION) (v.13; Dan 1:20; 2:2,10,27; 4:7; 5:7,11,15) cf. (Matt 2:2)

### **Stand up.**

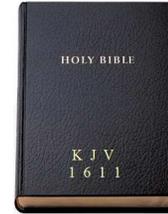
cf. (v.12) note

### **Isa 47:14**

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.*

### **They shall be as stubble.**

- × THEY= the astrologers, stargazers, and monthly prognosticators (v.13)
- × STUBBLE= “the stumps of wheat, rye, barley, oats left in the ground; the part of the stalk left by the sythe or sickle”
- × The STUBBLE LEFT could be comparable to the TARES that REMAIN



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### **Matt 13:30,49-50**

**30** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first **the tares**, and **bind them in bundles to burn them**: but gather the wheat into my barn.

**49** So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever **the wicked** from among the just,

**50** And shall **cast them into the furnace of fire**: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

### **The fire shall burn them.**

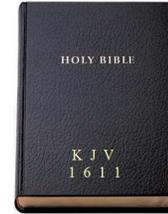
× The judgment of the daughter of Babylon involves desolation that comes suddenly (v.11), in a moment in one day (v.9), by FIRE

### **Jer 50:32**

And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and **I will kindle a fire** in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

### **Jer 51:25**

Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and **will make thee a burnt mountain**.



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- × This fire is sent AMONG them that DWELL CARELESSLY in the isles

### Eze 39:6

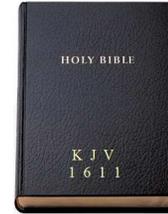
And **I will send a fire** on Magog, and **among them that dwell carelessly in the isles**: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

- × The daughter of Babylon DWELLS CARELESSLY (v.8)
- × AMONG= “mixed or mingled with; as TARES among wheat”
- × The FIRE judgment is directed to the TARES (i.e.- the lost) left in the field (i.e.- the world) after the WHEAT (i.e.- the saved) have been gathered into the Lord’s BARN (i.e.- heaven), just like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

### Matt 13:30,38

**30** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first **the tares**, and **bind them in bundles to burn them**: but **gather the wheat into my barn**.

**38** **The field is the world**; **the good seed are the children of the kingdom**; but **the tares are the children of the wicked one**;



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### **They shall not deliver themselves.**

- × Just like the earlier statement, “**thou shalt not be able to put it off**” (v.11), the implication is that the daughter of Babylon will try to appease the Lord in order to forego judgment
- × All efforts will be unsuccessful because she does not come the LORD’S WAY cf. (John 14:6)

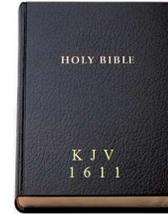
### **Eze 33:7,12,17,20**

7 So thou, O son of man, **I have set thee a watchman** unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and **warn them from me.**

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, **The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him** in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth.

17 Yet **the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal:** but as for them, their way is not equal.

20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, **I will judge you** every one after his ways.



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- × The large Jewish population dwelling in the land of the daughter of Babylon will be DELIVERED because they will FLEE the land before it is judged

**Jer 51:6,45**

**6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul:** be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

**45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul** from the fierce anger of the LORD.

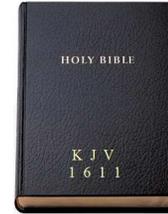
- × As illustrated in the days of king Josiah, there comes a time when judgment against a nation is set in spite of the genuine repentance and reforms of some of its inhabitants (and even its leaders) after the fact

**2 Chr 34:3,8,18-21,24-28**

**3** For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, **he began to seek after** the **God** of David his father: and in the twelfth year **he began to purge** Judah and Jerusalem from **the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.**

**8** Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to **repair the house of the LORD his God.**

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18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

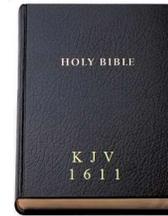
24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard;

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.

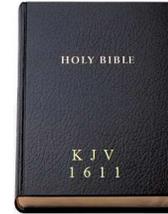
28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.



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- × In spite of all the genuine reforms that Josiah implemented and the repentance of some of the people, judgment against the kingdom of Judah was set and would not change because the Lord said **“I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof”**
- × The Lord saw the tenderness of Josiah’s heart and his humbleness before the word of God so he promised him two things: (1) the Lord would GATHER him; and (2) he would NOT SEE the EVIL that would come upon the place and people
- × If judgment could be set against Judah and God’s covenant people in spite of reforms how much more so could judgment be set against the USA which is as a drop of a bucket with the Lord (Isa 40:15) in spite of reforms that we might see?
- × Even though judgment against the USA may be set, those who truly repent (like Josiah) will be GATHERED (Matt 13:30) by the Lord (1 The 4:16) and will NOT SEE the EVIL (v.11) that will come upon it
- × There will be an EXODUS of Jews and an EVACUATION of Christians from the USA before her judgment is executed



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- × In addition, just because judgment against the USA may be set, we should not be discouraged or deterred from doing what is right and obeying the word of God- Josiah wasn't

### 2 Chr 34:29-33

29 Then **the king** sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he **read in their ears all the words of the book** of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And **the king** stood in his place, and **made a covenant before the LORD**, to walk after the LORD, and **to keep his commandments**, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And **Josiah took away all the abominations** out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and **made all that were present in Israel** to serve, *even* **to serve the LORD** their God. *And* **all his days they departed not from following the LORD**, the God of their fathers.