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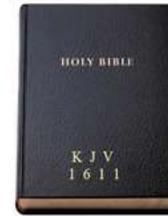
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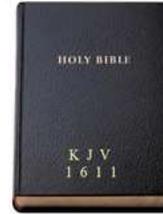
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Out of the north there cometh a nation against her.

- Judgment against all the nations comes out of the NORTH through BABYLON (1:14 note), and Babylon is called a GREAT NATION (6:22) from a FAR COUNTRY (4:16; Isa 39:3)
- Likewise, judgment against Babylon comes out of the NORTH (v.9,41; 25:26; 51:48) through a GREAT NATION (v.41) that is an ASSEMBLY of great nations (v.9) from a FAR COUNTRY (Isa 13:5)
- The historical or near fulfillment is the armies of the MEDES AND PERSIANS (51:11,28; Isa 13:17) under Cyrus the Great (Isa 45:1-2), who were part of an assembly of great nations from the north country (v.9), which included the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz (51:27)
- The prophetic or far fulfillment is the armies of the SAINTS AND ANGELS (Isa 13:3) under the Lord Jesus Christ which destroy Babylon the Great (the world) at his Second Coming (Isa 13:11; Rev 16:19)
- The FAR COUNTRY the Lord's army comes from is HEAVEN (Isa 13:5; Rev 19:14) which is NORTH (Psa 75:6-7)- where there is a CITY (Psa 48:2) and a CONGREGATION (Isa 14:13)



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Isa 13:3

I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

Joel 3:11

Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

Rev 19:14

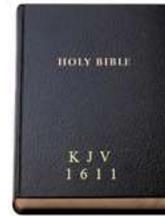
And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Psa 48:2

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Isa 14:13

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:



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Make her land desolate.

- The first appearance of DESOLATE in Jeremiah 50-51; appears 8x in its various forms (50:3,13,23,45; 51:26,29,43,62)
- The near fulfillment is the Babylon of the Neo-Babylonian empire although it would take centuries to fulfill
- The context indicates the far fulfillment is Babylon the Great (i.e.- the world)

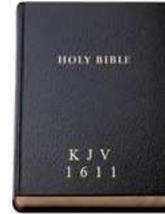
Isa 24:1,6

1 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein **are desolate**: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Joel 2:3

A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: **the land is** as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them **a desolate wilderness**; yea, and nothing shall escape them.



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None shall dwell therein.

- This defines the extent of the desolation of Babylon and shows that it is absolute
- Similar expressions are used throughout Jeremiah 50-51 highlighting the certainty of the desolation

Jer 50:13,39-40

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

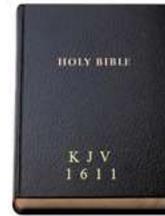
39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

Jer 51:29,37

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.



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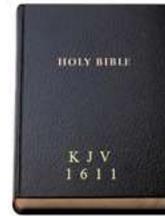
- While it took centuries to fulfill, the site of ancient Babylon today is covered by the sands of the Iraqi desert
- Former Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein had ambitions to rebuild Babylon in the 1980s but the Gulf War of 1990 and the Iraq War of 2003 obliterated that dream
- As for the far fulfillment, it is the CITY of Babylon the Great (i.e.- Rome) that will be made desolate and without an inhabitant

Rev 18:19

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, **that great city**, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for **in one hour is she made desolate**.

They shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

- This clarifies that NONE dwelling in Babylon includes both man and beast
- This does not contradict v.39 but complements it because the BEASTS of v.39 that dwell in Babylon are not physical but spiritual- they are DEVILS



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Jer 50:39

Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

Isa 13:19-22

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

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

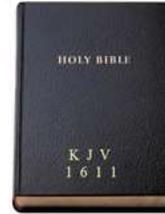
21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

- The far fulfillment is in the CITY of Babylon the Great which, being desolate of any man and beast, will become the habitation of DEVILS

Rev 18:2

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.



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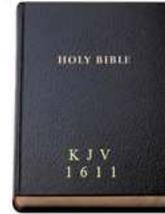
- The part of the prophecy that states men and beasts REMOVE and DEPART (v.3) from Babylon may only apply to ancient Babylon because its DESOLATION took centuries and was the result of both DESTRUCTION and DESERTION
- In contrast, the desolation of Babylon the Great takes place in ONE HOUR in ONE DAY and is solely the result of fiery destruction

Rev 18:8,19

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.

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, **that great city**, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for **in one hour is she made desolate**.

- This could not apply to the prophetic daughter of Babylon either because her desolation takes place SUDDENLY, in A MOMENT in ONE DAY



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Isa 47:9.11

9 But these two *things* shall come to thee **in a moment in one day**, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and **desolation shall come upon thee suddenly**, *which* thou shalt not know.

In those days...the children of Israel shall come...to Zion.

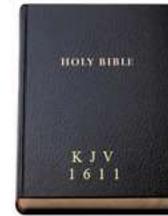
- In the days and time of the judgment of Babylon (v.2-3,8-9) there will be a regathering of Jews back to Israel (v.4-5)
- The near fulfillment was the regathering under Zerubbabel and Joshua following the Babylonian captivity cf. (Ezr 2:1-70)
- The far fulfillment is the final regathering that will take place at the Second Coming of Christ following the judgment of Babylon the Great

Matt 24:30-31

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see **the Son of man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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Remove out of the midst of Babylon.

- This is the second of 6x God's people are commanded to flee, remove, or come out of Babylon (Isa 48:20; Jer 50:8; 51:6,45; Zec 2:6-7; Rev 18:4)
- This REMOVAL from Babylon precedes the REGATHERING to Israel and is the response to impending judgment upon Babylon (v.9)
- The near fulfillment is the exodus of Jews from Babylon following the 70-year captivity

Zec 2:6-7

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.**

- Since this historical exodus of the Jews is specifically from the DAUGHTER OF BABYLON just prior to judgment, then the command of Jeremiah 50:8 could apply to a Jewish exodus from the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA?) just prior to judgment (v.9-10)
- The far fulfillment is the exodus of Jews from Babylon the Great prior to its judgment (Rev 16:19; 18:4) following the 7-year Tribulation