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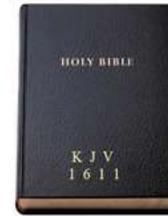
*Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)*

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# Mystery, Babylon The Great



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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

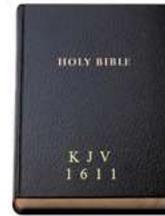
### **Zec 2:6-7**

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

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- At that time, the circle will be complete for the Jews since their racial beginning was signified by God's command for their father Abraham to leave the land of the CHALDEANS for the land of CANAAN

## Gen 11:31

And Terah took **Abram** his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they **went forth** with them **from Ur of the Chaldees**, **to** go into **the land of Canaan**; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

## Gen 12:1,5

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, **Get thee out of thy country**, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, **unto a land that I will shew thee**:

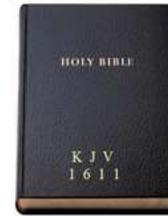
5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go **into the land of Canaan**; and into the land of Canaan they came.

## Acts 7:3-4

3 And said unto him, **Get thee out of thy country**, and from thy kindred, and **come into the land which I shall shew thee**.

4 Then **came he out of the land of the Chaldæans**, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

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## Jer 50:9-16

9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

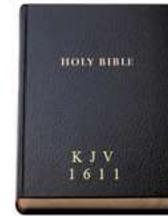
13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

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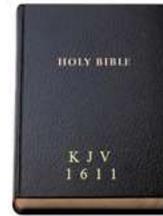
## Against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north.

- The historical or near fulfillment is the coalition of nations led by the Medes and Persians (v.3 note)- some of the nations are specifically named (51:27)
- An application can be made to the coalitions led by the USA against IRAQ in both the Gulf War (i.e.- *Operation Desert Storm*) of 1990-1991 and the Iraq War (i.e.- *Operation Iraqi Freedom*) of 2003
- The prophetic or far fulfillment is the armies IN HEAVEN that accompany Jesus Christ at the Second Coming (Rev 19:14), which includes the ANGELS and the SAINTS (Isa 13:3)
- The SAINTS include all the saved in heaven at that time, but in particular THE CHURCH, which is the called out ASSEMBLY (Heb. *qahal*; Gr. *ekklesia*)

### Heb 12:22-23

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,



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### **She shall be taken.**

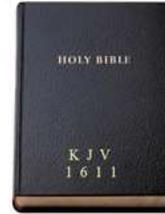
- Babylon is TAKEN, so the far fulfillment is BABYLON THE GREAT (v.2 note)

### **Their arrows.**

- This is the first of four different types of WEAPONS or delivery systems used against Babylon
- These WEAPONS appear a total of 15x (3 x 5= # of DEATH) in Jeremiah 50-51

### **WEAPONS USED AGAINST BABYLON**

- 1) ARROWS appear 3x (v.9,14; 51:11) and represent LONG-RANGE weapons that are SHOT or LAUNCHED
- 2) BOW appears 4x (v.14,29,42; 51:3) and represents the DELIVERY system for the long-range weapon (e.g.- arrow)
- 3) SWORD appears 7x (v.16,35-37; 51:50) and represents SHORT-RANGE weapons that are used in hand-to-hand combat
- 4) LANCE appears 1x (50:42) and represents MID-RANGE weapons that can be THRUST or THROWN



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- All four of these weapons were used by the Medes and Persians against Babylon
- In contrast, the only weapon used against Babylon the Great is the SWORD that comes out of the Lord's mouth in the form of a FIRE

### Rev 19:14-15,21

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

15 And **out of his mouth** goeth **a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

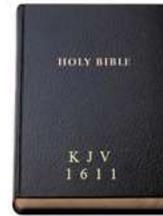
21 And **the remnant were slain with the sword** of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

### Psa 68:2

As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: **as wax melteth before the fire**, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

### Zec 14:12

And this shall be the plague wherewith **the LORD will smite all the people** that have fought against Jerusalem; **Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet**, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.



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### Isa 30:27-28,33

27 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning *with* his anger, and the burden *thereof* is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and **his tongue as a devouring fire**:

28 And **his breath, as an overflowing stream**, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

33 For Tophet *is* ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the pile thereof *is* fire and much wood; **the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone**, doth kindle it.

### Isa 34:5-6,8-10

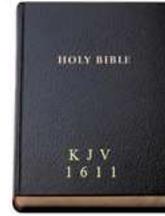
5 For **my sword** shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, **to judgment**.

6 **The sword of the LORD is filled with blood**, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

8 For **it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance**, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9 And **the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch**, and **the dust thereof into brimstone**, and **the land thereof shall become burning pitch**.

10 **It shall not be quenched night nor day**; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.



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### Isa 66:15-16

15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For **by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh**: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

- This FIERY SWORD is the WORD OF GOD

### Psa 147:18

He sendeth out **his word**, and **melteeth them**: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

### Jer 23:29

**Is not my word like as a fire?** saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?

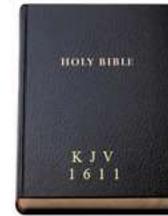
### Eph 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**:

### Heb 4:12

For **the word of God is** quick, and powerful, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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## **Their arrows shall be as a mighty expert man.**

- An application can be made to the advanced precision weaponry the USA introduced into warfare against Iraq during both the Gulf War (1990-1991) and the Iraq War (2003)

## **None shall return in vain.**

- This clearly states that 100% of the long-range weapons (i.e.- arrows) that are launched will hit their intended target(s)
- Since no ARROWS are used against Babylon the Great but they were used against the Neo-Babylonian empire, which is also called the DAUGHTER OF BABYLON, it is possible that if there is a far fulfillment of this prophecy, it is fulfilled in the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA)
- If so, then the ARROWS could represent Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) armed with nuclear warheads launched from Russia (i.e.- the NORTH) cf. (Isa 47:8-9,14; Eze 39:6 notes)
- While no arrows will be used against Babylon the Great, it is still true that the sword of the Lord will not return void but will accomplish what the Lord pleases (Isa 55:11)