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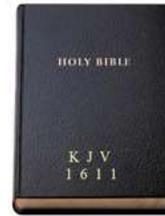
Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great



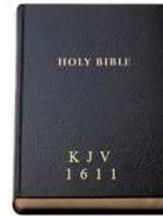
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Their arrows shall be as a mighty expert man.

- 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)

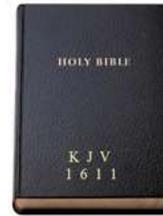


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Chaldea shall be a spoil.

- The first of 6x SPOIL(ED), SPOILER(S) are mentioned in association with Babylon (v.10; 51:48,53,55-56)
- How can Chaldea be a SPOIL and yet be a desolate wilderness without an inhabitant (v.12-13)? The desolation is not immediate but occurs time and in part due to the constant SPOILING of other nations
- This was fulfilled with the Babylon of the Neo-Babylonian empire because it was immediately spoiled when it was conquered by the coalition of nations led by the Medes and Persians but did not become desolate for centuries
- There may not be a far fulfillment to this prophecy since there is NO SPOIL taken from Babylon the Great by the Lord and his armies at his Second Coming (i.e.- all that is of this world will be destroyed), nor does there appear to be any spoil taken from the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA) when she is judged (Isa 47:1-15)
- At least an application can be made for the current nation of IRAQ in that many of its antiquities were stolen or destroyed during the Iraq War of 2003 and some allege that the USA secretly seized control of its oil fields



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Ye destroyers of mine heritage.

- MINE HERITAGE appears 5x (# of DEATH) (v.11; 2:7; 12:7-9)
- MINE HERITAGE= MY LAND (2:7) (i.e.- the land of ISRAEL)
- MINE HERITAGE= MY HOUSE (12:7) (i.e.- the house of ISRAEL)
- One of the reasons for the wrath of the Lord (v.13) and judgment upon Babylon is that they destroyed the LAND of Israel and the HOUSE of Israel

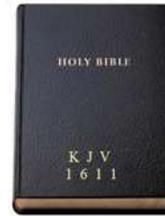
Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced...because ye are grown fat.

- To make matters worse, Babylon also REJOICED and grew RICH from destroying the land and house of Israel
- The near fulfillment is the Babylon that took Judah captive but the far fulfillment is BABYLON THE GREAT

Your mother.

- This statement implies that the BABYLON being addressed is the DAUGHTER OF BABYLON
- The near fulfillment is the Babylon that took Judah captive (v.42; 51:33-34; Psa 137:8; Isa 47:1; Zec 2:6-7) but the far fulfillment is a powerful, proud, pleasure-indulgent, careless, and perverted nation (Isa 47:7-10) of the last days, which could be the USA

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Your mother shall be sore confounded...ashamed.

- The MOTHER of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon is Babylon the Great (Rev 16:19; 17:5; 18:2) cf. (Gen 10:10)
- The true MOTHER of the USA (i.e.- the one who gave birth to the USA) is not England, but Babylon the Great
- The mother will be confounded and ashamed by the judgment of her daughter
- It is not a coincidence that the mother of the daughter is CONFOUNDED because this is what the Lord did to the MOTHER in her beginning

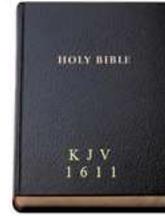
Gen 11:6-9

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there **confound their language**, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because **the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth**: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth



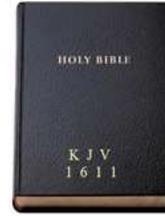
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- CONFOUND(ED) appears 55x= 5 (# of DEATH) x 11 (# of CONFUSION)
- CONFOUNDED= “to pour or throw together; to mingle and blend different things, so that their forms or natures cannot be distinguished; to mix; to throw into disorder; to blend, so as to occasion a mistake of one thing for another; to perplex; to astonish; to terrify; to stupify with amazement; to destroy; to overthrow”
- ASHAMED= “affected by shame; abashed or confused by a consciousness of guilt or inferiority; guilt from exposure of some gross errors or misconduct”
- The words CONFOUNDED and ASHAMED appear in the same verse together 18x (6 + 6 + 6) (v.12; 14:3; 15:9; 22:22; 31:19; Job 6:20; Psa 40:14; 69:6; 70:2; Isa 1:29; 24:23; 41:11; 45:16-17; Eze 36:32; Mic 3:7)

THOSE WHO WILL BE CONFOUNDED AND ASHAMED

- 1) The mother of Babylon (i.e.- Babylon the Great) (v.12)
- 2) Those that do not obey the voice of the Lord (22:22)
- 3) Those that seek after my soul (Psa 70:2) to destroy it (Psa 40:14)
- 4) All those that are incensed against Israel (Isa 41:11)
- 5) Makers of idols (Isa 45:16)



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THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE CONFOUNDED AND ASHAMED

- 1) Those that wait on the Lord and seek him (Psa 69:6)
- 2) (Saved) Israel (Isa 45:17; 54:4)
- 3) Jesus Christ (Isa 50:7)

The hindermost of the nations.

- The BABYLON of (v.12) is clearly the DAUGHTER of Babylon and not the MOTHER
- The DAUGHTER is a NATION cf. (Isa 47:5) with CITIES (51:41,43) but the MOTHER is a CITY (Rev 14:8; 17:18; 18:10,16,18-19,21) STATE
- HINDERMOST= “that which is behind all others; the last” (Gen 33:2)
- The historical daughter of Babylon (i.e.- Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon) was the HINDERMOST of the NATIONS in the sense that it was the LAST NATION judged by the Lord (i.e.- after the 70 years)- the last to drink from the cup of his wrath (25:12,26 notes)
- The prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA) is the HINDERMOST of the NATIONS in that it is the LAST of the great NATIONS in the last days- national sovereignty will be replaced by the revived Roman empire shortly after the judgment of the USA