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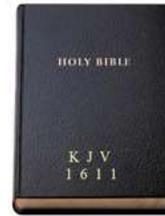
Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great



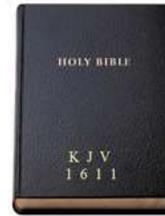
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THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE CONFOUNDED AND ASHAMED

- 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



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- An application can still be made for BABYLON THE GREAT because it is LAST to be judged at the end of the Tribulation and drink of the cup of the Lord's wrath

Rev 16:19

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

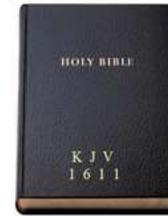
- The near fulfillment in ancient Babylon occurred GRADUALLY over the course of centuries but the far fulfillment in the USA will occur SUDDENLY in a moment in one day

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.

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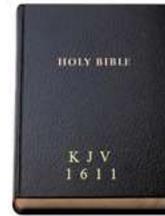
It shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate.

- WHOLLY DESOLATE is defined as NOT INHABITED
- For the historical daughter of Babylon, it is the land of the CITY of Babylon that became wholly desolate and without an inhabitant, not the land of the nation/empire
- If this also applies to the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA) then it is the land of the NATION (v.12) that will be wholly desolate and without an inhabitant- a full scale nuclear strike from Russia would accomplish this (v.14 note)
- The historical and prophetic daughter of Babylon are both like Sodom and Gomorrah in that they are rendered uninhabitable as a result of their judgment

Jer 50:39-40

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.



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- But the prophetic daughter of Babylon is also like Sodom and Gomorrah in that its destruction and desolation will be IN a MOMENT (not over centuries), AS a result of FIRE from above, and AFTER an EVACUATION of the saved (Isa 47:9,11,14; 57:1; Eze 39:6; Matt 13:30) cf. (Gen 19:15-16,24-25)

Because of the wrath of the Lord.

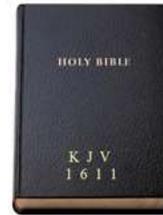
- The wrath of the Lord came upon the historical daughter of Babylon AFTER the completion of a specific 70-year period of time

Jer 25:12

And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

- It is possible that judgment will come upon the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA) not only AFTER the Rapture, but also AFTER the completion of a specific 70-year period of time
- What that 70 year time period could be is a matter of speculation, but one theory is that it is the 70-year anniversary of the nation of Israel

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- The 70th anniversary of the nation of Israel is **May 14, 2018**
- IF this theory is true, then judgment could come upon the USA anytime after May 14, 2018 or the Rapture, whichever happens last because the Rapture can occur at any time

THE PALESTINE POST

STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinet Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a mediator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Sunday.—The minutes after the announcement of the State of Israel, the White House issued a formal statement by President Truman that the U.S. Government intended to recognize the Provisional Jewish Government as the de facto authority governing the Jewish State.

The U.S. is also considering giving the same status to a not known whether in Palestine or in the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

The White House press secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, said no representative would be named as far as the recognition had been unanimously announced. He said the new had been discussed with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Llewellyn, and that the latter had been asked to give his opinion.

Proclamation by Head Of Government

The creation of "Medinet Yisrael", the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, first Prime Minister of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to establish a government in the name of the Jewish People of the State of Israel. The value of the new Jewish Provisional Government for the maintenance and defense of the Jewish State is of primary importance and will be maintained.

In the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben-Gurion called on the Jewish people of Palestine to unite in a common effort to build a Jewish State and to defend its rights and freedom. He also called on the Jewish people of the world to support the Jewish State.

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JEWIS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

The British for Palestine were today when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, retained all the Jewish and Arab territory. The number of soldiers in the zone was estimated at 10,000. The British forces were still being held in the zone, but the British were to be withdrawn from the zone.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine was through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the slightest hint of the date of the new Jewish State, and women in the East State line of settlements near Hebron. They were in a state of excitement and joy. They were in a state of excitement and joy. They were in a state of excitement and joy.

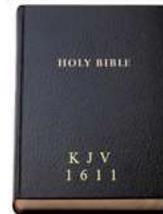
2 Columns Cross Southern Border

By WALTER GOLDSTEIN

Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

Etzion in the Negev District was captured by Arab forces today.

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ZIONISTS PROCLAIM NEW STATE OF ISRAEL; TRUMAN RECOGNIZES IT AND HOPES FOR PEACE; TEL AVIV IS BOMBED, EGYPT ORDERS INVASION

NAVY PUSHES PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MISSILE VESSELS

Defense officials have committed to approve building work on ballistic missile types.

WANTS \$5,000,000 BARRON

Floating submarine plant, its size stressed in plan for diverting \$200,000,000 fund.

By C. P. WINTERBURN

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Heaviest Trading in 8 Years Marks Stock Market Spurt

3,840,000 Shares Change Hands as Wave of Bullish Enthusiasm Increases Securities 1 to 7 Points

The heaviest day of the market since the outbreak of the war was today, as the Dow Jones industrial average advanced 6 1/2 points to 100.12.

The market was buoyed by a wave of bullish enthusiasm, as investors sought to avoid a possible recession in the coming year.

Truman Sees His Election; Calls GOP 'Obstructionist'

By ANTHONY LEWIS

WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Truman today said that he would be re-elected in the White House during the next election.

He said that the GOP was an obstructionist party.

AIR ATTACK OPENS U. S. MOVIES QUICKLY

Planes Cause Fires at Port—Defense Fliers Go Into Action

President Acknowledges de Facto Authority of Israel Immediately

BORDER IS BREACHED TRUCE AIM STRESSED

Cairo Vanguard Takes Soviet Gesture to New Nation Anticipated—Others Due to Act

By HERBERT GOLD

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The United States today announced that it would recognize the new state of Israel immediately.

The president said that he had received word from the Israeli government that it was ready to accept the terms of the UN partition plan.

AT HEEL OF THE JEWISH STATE



Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir

U. N. Votes for a Mediator; Special Assembly Is Ended

By DONALD L. BRONSON

Geneva, Switzerland, May 14.—The United Nations today voted to appoint a mediator to help settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The vote was 13 to 11, with 10 abstentions.

THE JEWS REJOICE

Some Weep as Quest for Statehood Ends—White Paper Dies

HELP OF U. N. ASKED

New Regime Holds Out Hand to Arabs—U. S. Gesture Acclaimed

By GUY WOOD

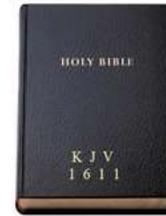
TEL AVIV, Israel, May 14.—The Jewish state today celebrated the end of its quest for statehood.

The new government has asked for the help of the United Nations to settle the conflict with the Arabs.

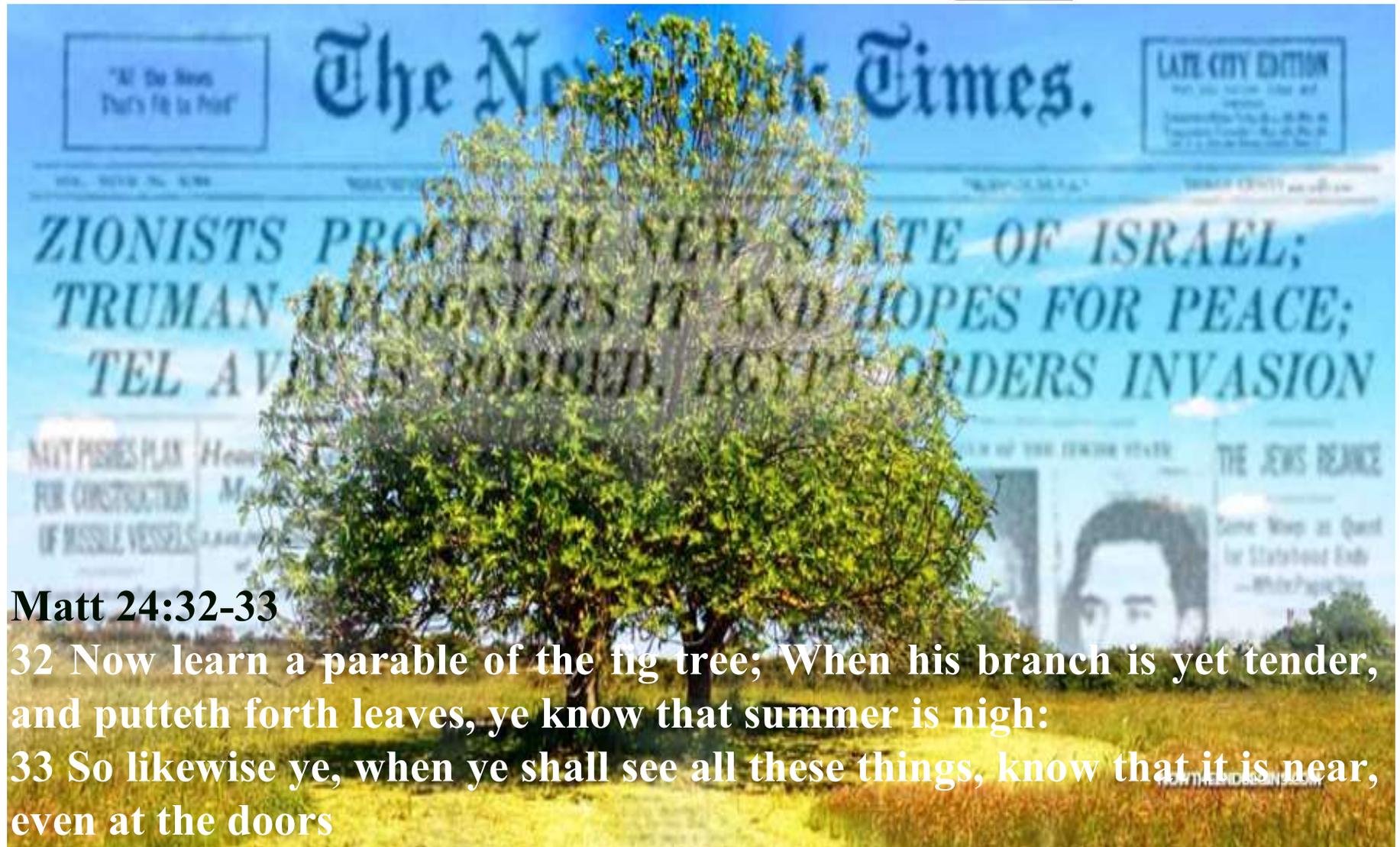
MINNESOTA'S GUARD

CUNNINGHAM GOES AS MANNING ENDS

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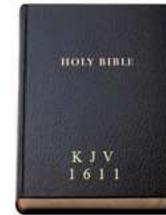


Matt 24:32-33

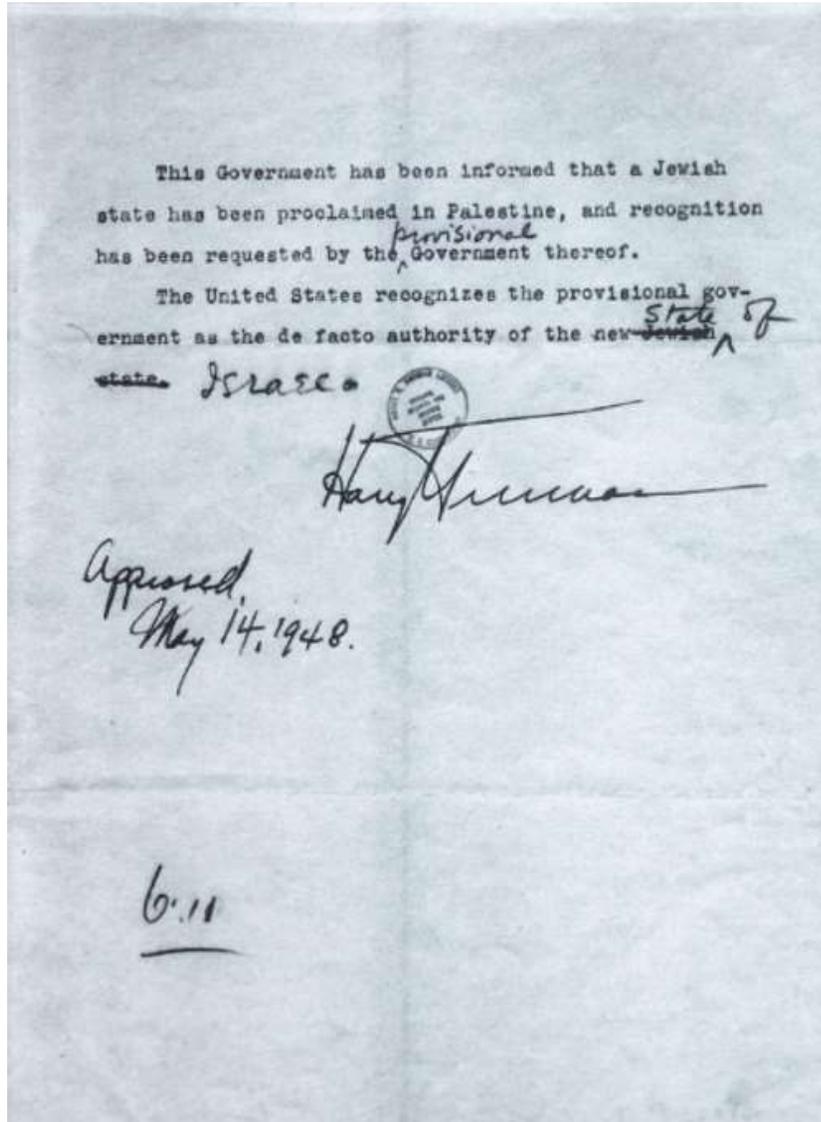
32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors

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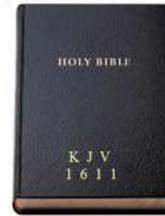
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“I am proud of my part in the creation of this new state. Our Government was the first to recognize the State of Israel.”

Harry S. Truman
33rd President of the United States of America

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Everyone...shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

- Everyone who has been at or near the site of ancient Babylon is left astonished that it was once the capital of a great empire
- The site of the famed “Hanging Gardens” and the great walls (v.15 note) is now nothing but a desert
- HISSING= “the object of scorn and derision; the occasion of contempt”
- The desolation of the historical daughter of Babylon confounded and shamed her mother and left the rest of the world hissing

Jer 51:37

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

- The sudden and complete destruction of the prophetic daughter of Babylon will also confound and shame her mother (v.12) and astound her merchants

Isa 47:15

Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.