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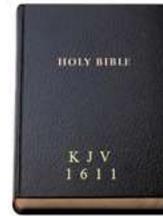
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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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.

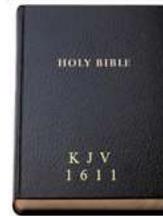
- The wrath of the Lord came upon the historical daughter of Babylon AFTER the completion of a specific 70-year period of time

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.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History
Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

Jews Take Over Security Zones
The British for Palestine were today when the British forces, according to Prime Minister Churchill, had been ordered to leave the Holy Land and to withdraw from the Holy Land.

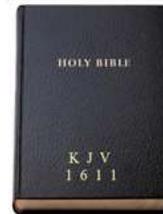
Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down
Tel Aviv, the Jewish State's capital, was today the target of a series of attacks by Egyptian Spitfires. One of the planes was shot down.

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE
WASHINGTON, Sunday.—The United States today announced that it would recognize the Jewish State as the State of Israel.

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.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border
Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

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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 Committee to Approve Making Work on Ballistic Missile Types

WANTS \$5,000,000 BARRON

Floating Submarine Plant; Are Also Studied in Plan for Diverting \$200,000,000 Fund

By C. P. WINTERBURN
WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Navy today began work on a plan to build a fleet of missile vessels, which would have a higher price tag than the fleet of the United States today. The plan would be to build a fleet of missile vessels, which would have a higher price tag than the fleet of the United States today. The plan would be to build a fleet of missile vessels, which would have a higher price tag than the fleet of the United States today.

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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 index here of the Standard & Poor's 500 common stocks rose 6.58 points to 100.12 at the close of the New York stock market today. The market was the most active since the crash of 1929, with a volume of 3,840,000 shares traded. The market was the most active since the crash of 1929, with a volume of 3,840,000 shares traded. The market was the most active since the crash of 1929, with a volume of 3,840,000 shares traded.

Truman Sees His Election; Calls GOP 'Obstructionist'

By ANTHONY LEVINSON
WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Truman today said that he would be re-elected in the White House during the next election. He called the GOP "obstructionist" and said that he would be re-elected in the White House during the next election.

AIR ATTACK OPENS U. S. MOVIES QUICKLY

Planes Cause Fears at Port—Defense Fliers Go Into Action

BORDER IS BREACHED

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

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

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

By ROBERTA L. KROSLIN
The United Nations today voted to appoint a mediator to help settle the Arab-Israeli dispute. The United Nations today voted to appoint a mediator to help settle the Arab-Israeli dispute.

AT HEEL OF THE JEWISH STATE



Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir

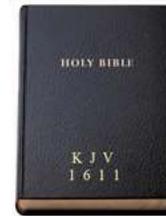
THE JEWS REJOICE

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

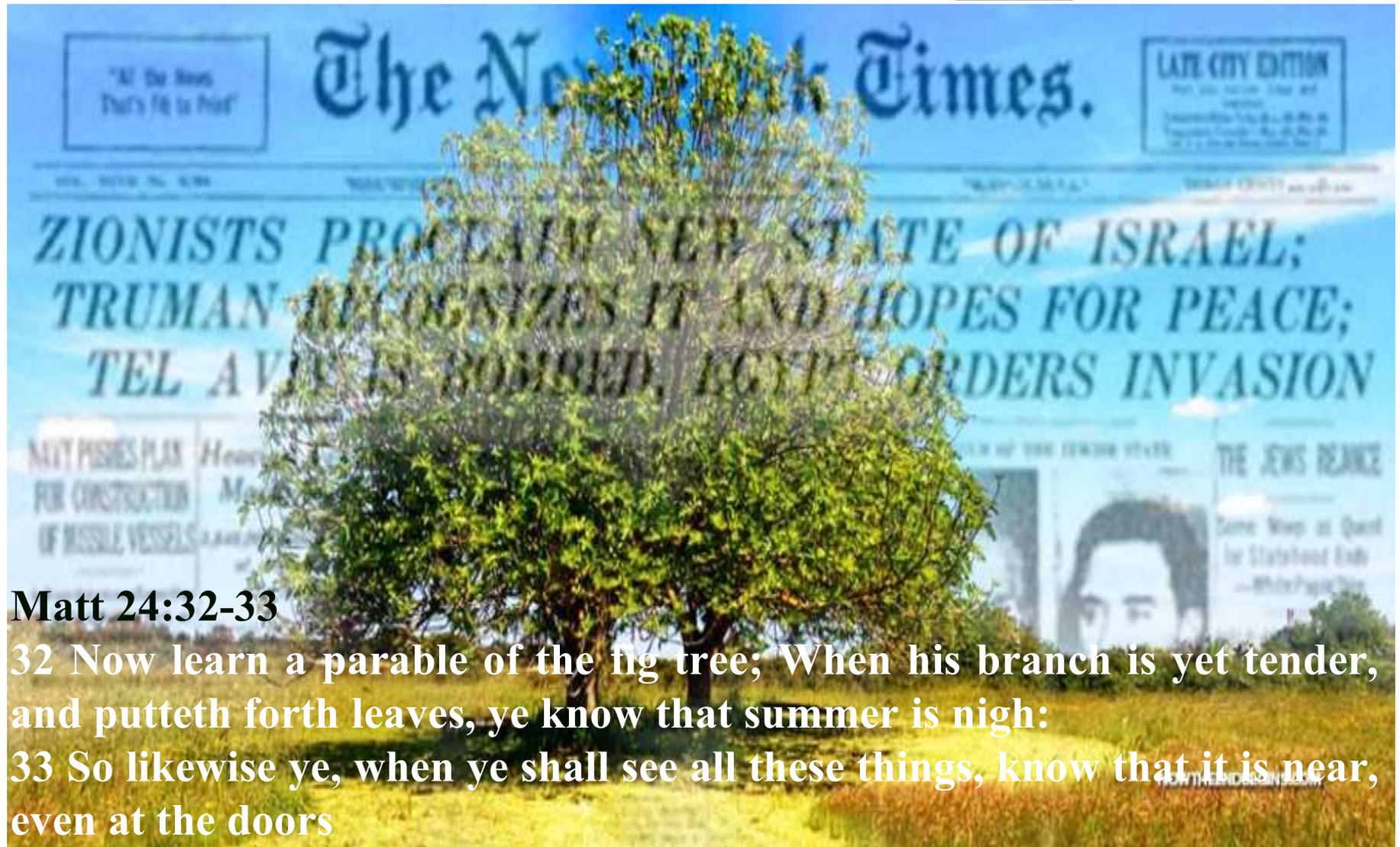
MINNESOTA'S GUARD

CUNNINGHAM GOES AS MANNING ENDS

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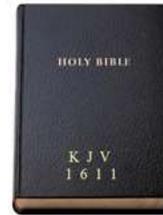


Matt 24:32-33

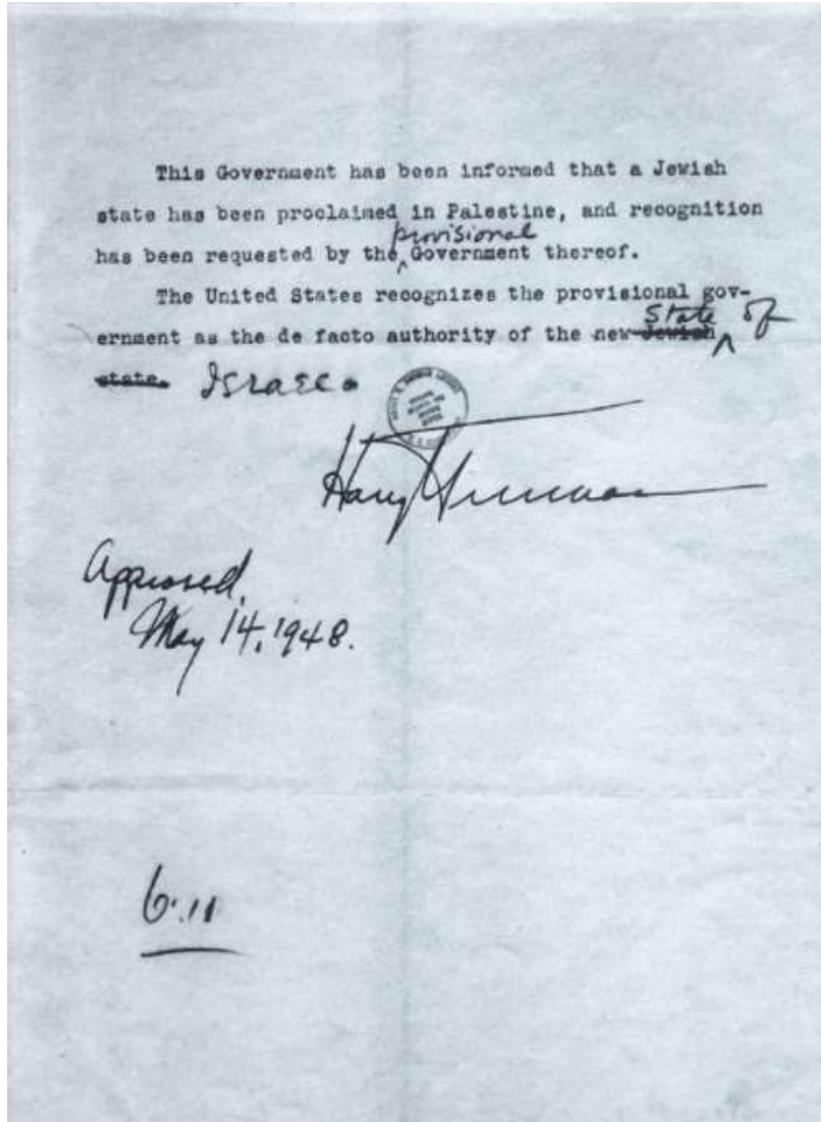
32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

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

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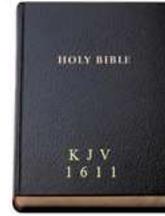
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“I am proud of my part in the creation of this new state. Our Government was the first to recognize the State of Israel.”

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

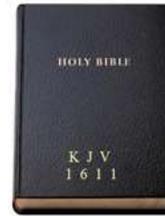
And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

- 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.

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- In contrast, when the mother, Babylon the Great is suddenly and completely destroyed, people stand AFAR OFF from it (rather than go BY it) and the entire world WEEPS and WAILS (rather than HISSES)

Rev 18:8-11,15,17-19

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.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

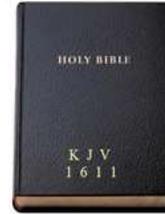
15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city is* like unto this great city!

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.

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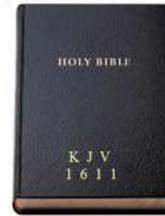
Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about.

- Babylon is completely surrounded by archers with their arrows aimed at her (v.29)
- This was fulfilled when the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon

Shoot at her, spare no arrows.

- The entire arsenal is unleashed against Babylon- since ARROWS represent LONG-RANGE weapons, the equivalent would be 100% of the ICBMs aimed at the USA being launched
- Russia currently has 2,600 weapons of mass destruction that are strategically operational, most of them targeting the USA
- Couple this with the fact that 100% of the weapons launched will hit their target(s), and it is easy to see how the land will be “**a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert**” (v.12) and “**shall not be inhabited, but...wholly desolate**” (v.13)

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She hath sinned against the Lord.

- The ultimate root cause for any divine judgment is SIN
- This part of the prophecy applies to both the daughter of Babylon and the mother, Babylon the Great
- Two specific sins mentioned in Jeremiah 50-51 are PRIDE (v.29,31-32) and COVETEOUSNESS (51:13)

Why The Daughter Of Babylon And Babylon The Great Are Judged

- 1) For sinning against the Lord (v.14; Rev 18:5)- pride (v.29,31-32); covetousness (51:13)
- 2) As a recompense for their deeds (v.15,29; 51:6), especially persecution and execution of Jews (Psa 137:8; Isa 47:6; Jer 51:24,49)
- 3) For striving against the Lord (v.24)
- 4) For making all the earth drunken with her wine (i.e.-corruption; sorceries) (51:7)
- 5) For destroying the temple (51:11)
- 6) For destroying the earth (51:25)