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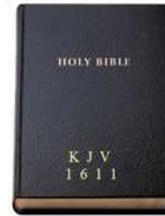
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Jer 50:17-20

17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

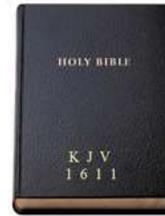
18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be none*; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away.

- Israel was first scattered spiritually by their leaders (v.6; 23:1-2; Matt 15:14) and then scattered physically by the Assyrians and Babylonians
- The kings of Assyria and Babylon are called LIONS because they SCATTERED Israel and when lions attack, they SCATTER their prey
- They are also called LIONS because they are two of the heads on the dragon (Rev 12:3) and Satan is called a LION cf. (1 Pet 5:8)
- Nebuchadnezzar (a type of the Antichrist) is not only called a LION but also THE DESTROYER of the Gentiles who comes from HIS PLACE in (4:7) cf. (Rev 9:11)



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First the king of Assyria...and last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

- The near fulfillment is SHALMANESER in 721 BC and NEBUCHADNEZZAR in 606 BC
- The far fulfillment is the ANTICHRIST, who is typified by THE ASSYRIAN and NEBUCHADNEZZAR, and will be responsible for the final scattering of Israel before the Second Coming of Christ (v.19-20)

Dan 12:7

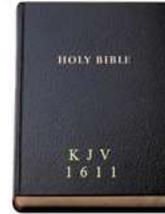
And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that **it shall be for a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished **to scatter** the power of **the holy people**, all these *things* shall be finished.

I will punish the king of Babylon and his land.

- The Lord promised to bring judgment upon the king of Babylon and his land after the 70 year captivity was completed, and that was fulfilled in 537 BC through a coalition of nations led by the Medes and Persians

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.



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As I have punished the king of Assyria.

- The punishment against the king of Babylon is the same as the punishment against the king of Assyria (Isa 10:12)
- The Lord promised that Babylon would become perpetual DESOLATIONS and that is exactly what happened to NINEVEH and the king of Assyria
- The Lord used a coalition of nations led by the Babylonians to capture and destroy the Assyrian capital of Nineveh in 612 BC
- The ruins of the city remain to this day across the Tigris river from the Iraqi city of Mosul

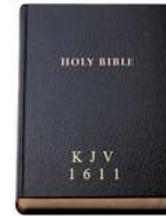
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Zep 2:13

And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and **destroy Assyria**; and will **make Nineveh a desolation**, *and* dry like a wilderness.

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I will bring Israel again to his habitation.

- This refers to the final regathering and restoration of Israel at the Second Coming of Christ because it is a time when their sins are taken away (v.20)

Isa 11:11

And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that **the Lord shall set his hand** again the second time **to recover the remnant of his people**, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

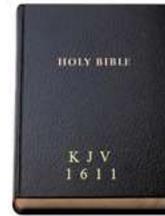
Jer 29:14

And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and **I will gather you from all the nations**, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and **I will bring you again into the place** whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

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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He shall feed on Carmel and Bashan...mount Ephraim and Gilead

- CARMEL= "fruitful field; plentiful field; garden"
- BASHAN= "fruitful; soft, rich soil"
- All four areas will be gloriously restored from the devastation they incurred during the second half of the Tribulation

Isa 33:8-10

8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: **he hath broken the covenant**, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

9 **The earth mourneth and languisheth**: Lebanon is ashamed *and* hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and **Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits**.

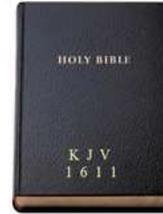
10 **Now will I rise, saith the LORD**; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

Nah 1:3-4

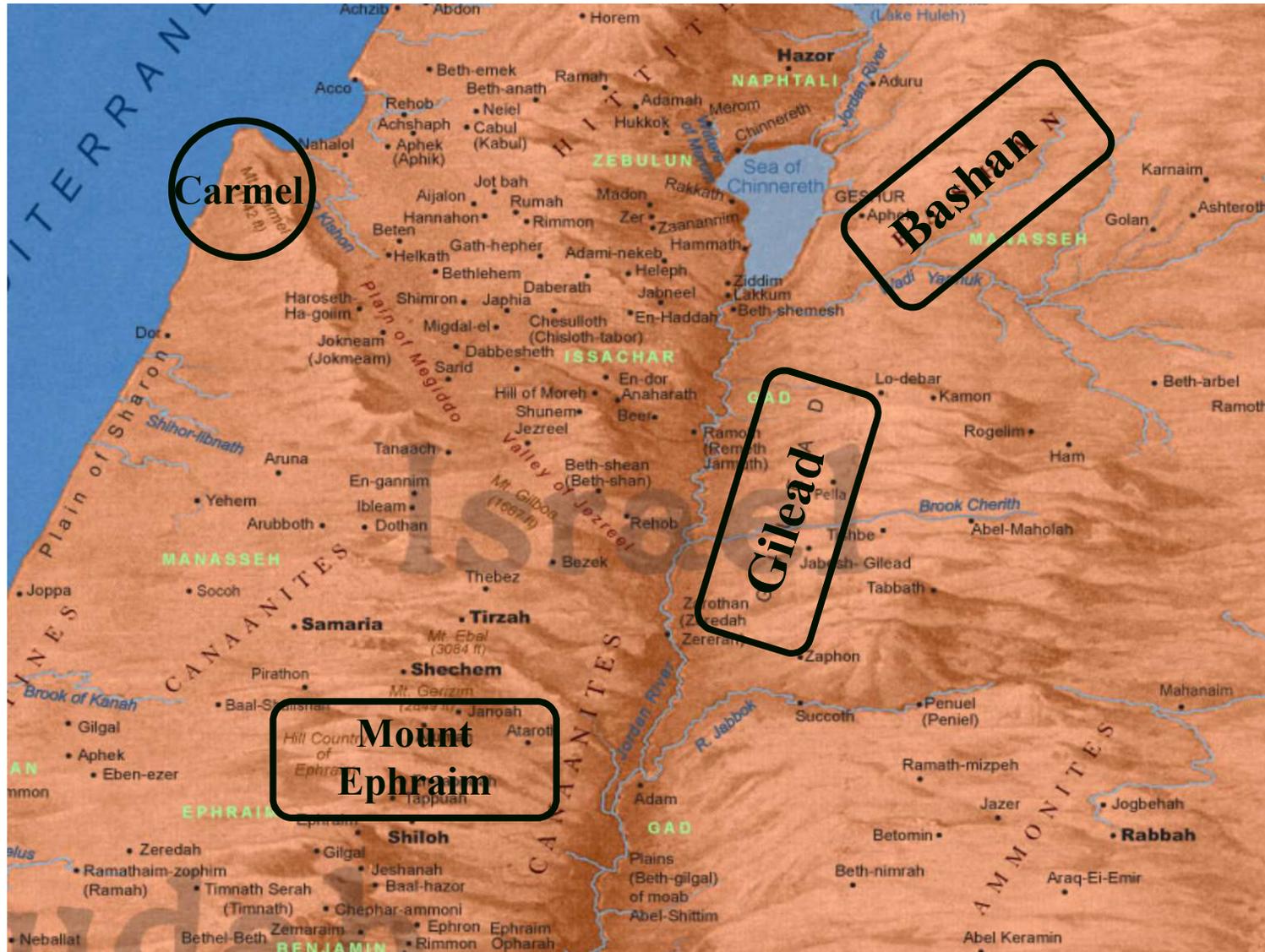
3 The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet.

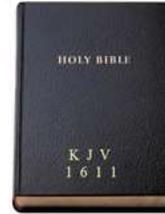
4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: **Bashan languisheth, and Carmel**, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

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- Carmel, Bashan, and Gilead appear to be specific locations where the Jews will flee in the second half of the Tribulation (Matt 24:15-16,21; Rev 12:6)

Note: Since Gilead is currently part of JORDAN, this flight must take place after the war of Psalm 83 cf. (Dan 11:41)

- The armies of the Antichrist will pursue them and destroy the land in an effort to flush/starve out the Jews from their hiding places
- But the Lord will feed them there in the wilderness and mountains just as he did when Israel came out of Egypt (i.e.- with manna from heaven)

Rev 12:6,14-15

And **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she hath **a place prepared of God**, that they should **feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days**.

14 And to **the woman** were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might **fly into the wilderness**, into her place, where **she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.

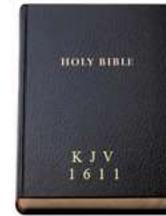
15 And **the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman**, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Mic 7:14-15

14 **Feed thy people** with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, **which dwell** solitarily *in* the wood, **in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead**, as in the days of old.

15 **According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt** will I shew unto him marvellous *things*.

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In those days...the sins of Judah...shall not be found.

- The time Israel is brought back to their land and feeding upon Carmel and Bashan is the same time their sins are taken away, which is fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ

Jer 31:31,34

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Acts 3:19-20

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

Rom 11:26-27

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.