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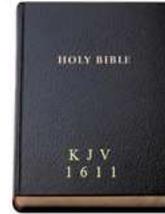
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great

Jer 50:21-26

21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

22 A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

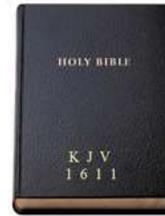
24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

The land of Merathaim.

- MERATHAIM= “double rebellion”; the dual form of the Hebrew word (*mar*) for “rebellion; bitterness”
- A prophetic name attributed to Babylon reflecting the DUAL fulfillment of its judgment (i.e.- ancient Babylon and Babylon the Great) and the DOUBLE recompense upon Babylon the Great (Rome)



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Rev 18:6

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and **double unto her double** according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

The inhabitants of Pekod.

- PEKOD appears 2x (v.21; Eze 23:23) and both times it is associated with BABYLON
- Pekod was possibly a nomadic tribe in SE Babylonia bordering Elam that was part of the Babylonian army

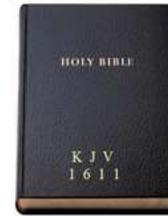
Eze 23:23

The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, **Pekod**, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

Great destruction.

- The two words that best describe the judgment of Babylon (the Great) are: DESTRUCTION and DESOLATION (v.23); the former appears 12x in Jeremiah 50-51 in its various forms, the latter appears 8x in its various forms

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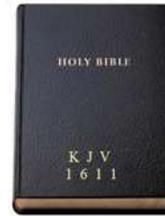
The hammer of the whole earth.

- A hammer is an instrument used to BUILD, BEAT, or BREAK something- Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon were the hammer that beat and broke Judah and all the nations round about (25:9) Cont: (51:20)
- An application can be made for the prophetic daughter of Babylon because the USA is a nation whose power (military, political, economic) has been used by God to judge other nations (e.g– Nazi Germany, Iraq)
- HAMMER(S) appears 10x (v.23; 10:4; 23:29; Jud 4:21; 5:26; 1 Kin 6:7; Psa 74:6; Isa 41:7; 44:12)

WHAT HAMMERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH

- 1) **Babylon (v.23)**
- 2) The enemies of the Lord who destroy the temple (Psa 74:4-7) (i.e.- Babylon in 587 BC; Rome/Babylon the Great in 70 AD and 2xxx)
- 3) The making of graven images (Isa 44:9-12), particularly those resembling Christmas trees (Jer 10:4)
- 4) **The word of God (Jer 23:29)**
- 5) The killing of Sisera (a type of the Antichrist) (Jud 4:21; 5:26)

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- There are two different “hammers”: (1) the hammer of the whole earth, which is BABYLON; and (2) the hammer of the Lord, which is his WORD

Jer 23:29

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

- The hammer of the word of God breaks THE ROCK in pieces
- This rock refers to the false rock which has a corrupt vine (Sodom), corrupt grapes, corrupt wine (alcohol), and is a counterfeit of the Lord

Deu 32:3-4,31-33

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he.

31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.