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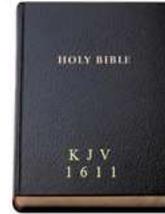
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Isa 24:10

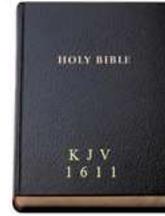
The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

How is Babylon become a desolation.

- (v.3) ref.

Thou wast not aware.

- The near fulfillment is that ancient Babylon was taken by surprise by the attack of the Medes and Persians, who stopped the water flow under the gate of Babylon (v.38) and came under the gate completely undetected into the city (Dan 5:30-31)
- Babylon was taken unawares in spite of the fact she saw the “handwriting on the wall” regarding her judgment (Dan 5:25-28)
- The far fulfillment is that Babylon the Great (the world system) will also be taken completely by surprise by the attack of the Lord and his armies from heaven in spite of the fact she has also foreseen her judgment written in the book of Revelation



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Psa 35:8

Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

Matt 24:44

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Luke 21:34

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

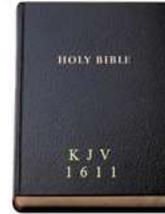
1 The 5:2-4

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

- There is also an application to the prophetic daughter of Babylon since she is also unaware of her judgment when it comes



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Isa 47:11

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**.

Because thou hast striven against the Lord.

- STRIVE= “to make efforts; to endeavor with earnestness; to labor hard; to contend or contest; to struggle in opposition to another; to oppose with contrary qualities”
- One of the reasons Babylon (the Great) is judged is because she has stood in direct opposition of the Lord and the things of the Lord for all of history cf.(v.14 notes)- she is the ENEMY of God; she is THE WORLD as well as a city/state

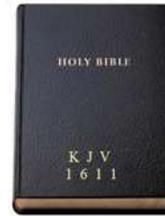
Jam 4:4

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 John 2:15

Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

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The weapons of his indignation.

- WEAPONS OF HIS INDIGNATION appears 2x (v.24; Isa 13:5) and both refer to judgment upon BABYLON
- The near fulfillment of the WEAPONS of the Lord's indignation is the dual army of the Medes and Persians (51:11,28; Isa 13:17) and the far fulfillment is the dual army of the saints and angels from heaven that return with Christ at the Second Coming

Isa 13:1,3-6

1 The burden of **Babylon**, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

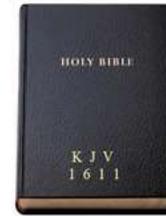
3 I have commanded **my sanctified ones**, I have also called **my mighty ones** for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of **a great people**; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth **the host** of the battle.

5 **They come from a far country**, from **the end of heaven**, *even* **the LORD**, and **the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.**

6 Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD is at hand**; it shall come as a **destruction** from the Almighty.

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Come against her from the utmost border.

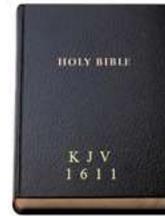
- The Lord's army comes from THE END OF HEAVEN (Isa 13:5)

Open her storehouses.

- The Medes and Persians spoiled ancient Babylon (v.10 notes) and that is likely the only fulfillment because there will be no spoil taken from Babylon the Great

Destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

- The UTTER DESTRUCTION of Babylon is defined as there being NOTHING LEFT of her cf. (v.29)- her land is EMPTIED (51:2)
- While it took centuries to be fulfilled, there is nothing left of ancient Babylon to this day
- The DAUGHTER of Babylon will be DESTROYED (Psa 137:8) due in part to PRIDE (v.29,31-32) because pride goes before DESTRUCTION (Pro 16:18)
- PRIDE was also a sin of Sodom (Eze 16:49), so the destruction of the daughter of Babylon is like the destruction of SODOM and Gomorrah (v.40)- this applies to both the historical and prophetic daughter of Babylon



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- When Babylon the Great is destroyed there will be NOTHING left of her also- no traces of her will carry over into the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ

Rev 18:8,14,17,21-23

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.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and **all things** which were dainty and goodly **are departed from thee**, and **thou shalt find them no more at all**.

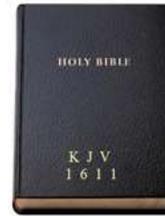
17 For in one hour so **great riches is come to nought**. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall **that great city Babylon** be thrown down, and **shall be found no more at all**.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, **shall be heard no more at all** in thee; and **no** craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, **shall be found any more in thee**; and the sound of a millstone **shall be heard no more at all** in thee;

23 And the light of a candle **shall shine no more at all** in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride **shall be heard no more at all** in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

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Jer 50:27-34

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for **their day is come, the time of their visitation.**

28 The voice of **them that flee** and escape out of **the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD** our God, **the vengeance of his temple.**

29 Call together **the archers** against Babylon: **all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her:** for **she hath been proud against the LORD,** against the Holy One of Israel.

30 Therefore shall **her young men fall in the streets,** and **all her men of war shall be cut off in that day,** saith the LORD.

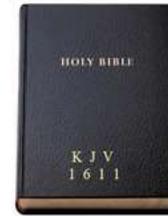
31 Behold, **I am against thee, O thou most proud,** saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for **thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee.**

32 And **the most proud shall** stumble and **fall,** and **none shall raise him up:** and **I will kindle a fire in his cities,** and **it shall devour all round about him.**

33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **The children of Israel** and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and **all that took them captives** held them fast; they **refused to let them go.**

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong; **the LORD** of hosts *is* his name: he **shall** thoroughly plead their cause, that he may **give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.**

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Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter.

- When the Medes and Persians came into Babylon, they slew the sacred bulls that were used in idolatrous worship
- These BULLOCKS could also represent MEN OF WAR (v.30), in the sense that they are SLAUGHTERED to be FOOD
- The armies of Gog are likened to animals sacrificed/slaughtered for food

Eze 39:4,17-20

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: **I will give thee unto the ravenous birds** of every sort, **and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.**

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto **every feathered fowl**, and to **every beast of the field**, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to **my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you**, even **a great sacrifice** upon the mountains of Israel, **that ye may eat** flesh, and drink blood.

18 **Ye shall eat** the flesh of **the mighty**, and drink the blood of **the princes** of the earth, of **rams**, of **lambs**, and of **goats**, of **bullocks**, all of them **fatlings** of Bashan.

19 And **ye shall eat** fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of **my sacrifice which I have sacrificed** for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with **mighty men**, and with all **men of war**, saith the Lord GOD.