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

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Mystery, Babylon The Great

The archers...that bend the bow, camp against it round about.

- (v.14-15 notes)

Let none thereof escape.

- The judgment upon Babylon results in NOTHING left of her (v.26) and NO ONE escaping
- For ancient Babylon, no one escaped the arrows shot by the archers of the Medes and Persians
- While no arrows are used against Babylon the Great, no one will escape the sword that proceeds out of the Lord's mouth specifically, ALL HER MEN OF WAR (v.30)

Isa 13:15

Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword.

Joel 2:3

A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.



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- For the prophetic daughter of Babylon, no one will escape the arrows (i.e.- long-range weapons like ICBMs with nuclear warheads) launched against her

Recompense her...according to all that she hath done, do unto her.

- RECOMPENSE= doing to someone as they have done to others (v.15)

Jer 51:6,24,35,49

6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will **render unto her a recompence.**

24 And **I will render unto Babylon** and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea **all their evil that they have done** in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.

35 **The violence done to me** and to my flesh **be upon Babylon**, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

49 **As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.**



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- RECOMPENSE= a just REWARD

Psa 137:8

O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

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.

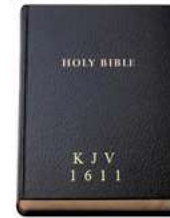
She hath been proud against the Lord.

- Being PROUD against the Lord is just one of many reasons Babylon is judged (v.14 note)
- Babylon is not the only one guilty of pride against the Lord but she is THE MOST PROUD (v.31-32)
- The near fulfillment of ancient Babylon is seen by Nebuchadnezzar's boast

Dan 4:30

The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that **I** have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

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- The far fulfillment of Babylon the Great is seen in her heart-filled boast

Rev 18:7

How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

- There is also an application to the prophetic daughter of Babylon- no nation in the last days has exhibited more pride against the Lord than the USA

Isa 47:7-8,10

7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

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Therefore shall her young men fall...all her men of war.

- Babylon's YOUNG MEN are defined as MEN OF WAR and her HOST

Jer 51:3

Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and **spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.**

- Since ALL her men of war are cut off there is a 100% fatality rate IN THAT DAY (i.e.- the day of Babylon's judgment)
- The same judgment (almost verbatim) is pronounced against DAMASCUS (49:26)
- These MEN OF WAR are likened to BULLOCKS going to the slaughter (v.27)
- There is no historical record to substantiate that 100% of ancient Babylon's men of war were killed when the Medes and Persians took Babylon
 - Option 1: this verse has a near fulfillment in ancient Babylon and 100% of her men of war were killed when the Medes and Persians took Babylon even though history does not record it
 - Option 2: this verse was not partially fulfilled in ancient Babylon and only has far fulfillment



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- There is an obvious fulfillment in Babylon the Great in that 100% of the Antichrist's army will be slaughtered IN THAT DAY (i.e.- the day of the Lord) and NONE shall escape (v.29 note).
- If this also applies to the prophetic daughter of Babylon, then her judgment must be global because the USA has men of war deployed at bases all over the country and the world, as well as at sea
- In order to kill 100% of the men of war without destroying all the lands they are based in would require tactical weapons aimed specifically at these military targets and the hand of God to guide them

I am against thee.

- I AM AGAINST THEE appears 13x (# of REBELLION/CURSE) (v.31; 21:13; 51:25; Eze 21:3; 26:3; 28:22; 29:3,10; 35:3; 38:3; 39:1; Nah 2:13; 3:5) cf. (21:13 note)