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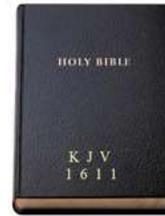
Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Mystery, Babylon The Great



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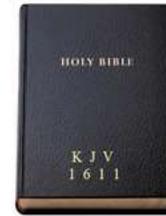
The wild beasts of the desert...the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there.

- These expressions appear together only 3x (v.39; Isa 13:21-22; 34:14) and it is clear that they describe spiritual beasts or DEVILS. See: (Isa 13:21-22 notes)
 - Babylon was to be (and is) DESOLATE of all men and physical BEASTS (v.3)
 - These wild beasts of the desert and islands are associated with OWLS (and other UNCLEAN birds), SATYRS, and DRAGONS (51:37; Isa 34:13)
 - Unclean BIRDS represent unclean SPIRITS or DEVILS, and they inhabit Babylon the Great (Rev 18:2)
 - The word transliterated SATYR (Heb. *saiyr*) is translated DEVILS (Lev 17:7; 2 Chr 11:15)
 - Since THE DRAGON is THE DEVIL (Psa 74:14; Isa 27:1; Rev 12:9), DRAGONS are DEVILS (Psa 74:13)

It shall be no more inhabited for ever.

- The near fulfillment is ancient Babylon (v.3 note) and the far fulfillment is Babylon the Great

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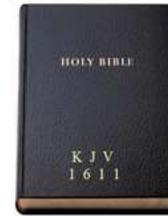
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Neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation

- Jeremiah 50:39-40 is virtually identical to Isaiah 13:19-22

Jeremiah 50:39-40	Isa 13:19-22
<p>39 Therefore the <u>wild beasts of the desert</u> with the <u>wild beasts of the islands</u> shall dwell <i>there</i>, and the <u>owls shall dwell therein</u>: and <u>it shall be no more inhabited for ever</u>; <u>neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation</u>.</p> <p>40 As God overthrew <u>Sodom and Gomorrah</u> and the neighbour <i>cities</i> thereof, saith the LORD; <i>so</i> shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.</p>	<p>19 And <u>Babylon</u>, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, <u>shall be as</u> when God overthrew <u>Sodom and Gomorrah</u>.</p> <p>20 <u>It shall never be inhabited</u>, <u>neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation</u>: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.</p> <p>21 But <u>wild beasts of the desert shall lie there</u>; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and <u>owls shall dwell there</u>, and satyrs shall dance there.</p> <p>22 And the <u>wild beasts of the islands</u> shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in <i>their</i> pleasant palaces: and her time <i>is</i> near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.</p>

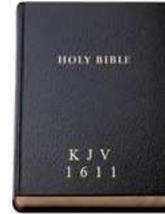
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As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah...so shall no man abide there.

- Babylon is a “no man’s land”
- Those who teach that Babylon the Great must be a rebuilt Babylon usually use this verse in support of their theory
- The argument is that since ancient Babylon was destroyed gradually over the course of centuries and not immediately by fire from heaven like Sodom and Gomorrah, it must be rebuilt and destroyed accordingly in order to fulfill this prophecy
- However, the phrase SO SHALL NO MAN ABIDE THERE shows that the similitude applies to the EXTENT of the destruction of Babylon and not necessarily the MANNER
- Ancient Babylon is the near fulfillment of this prophecy because, even though it took centuries, it became like Sodom and Gomorrah in that NO MAN ABIDES THERE; and according to (v.39), far from being rebuilt, it shall never be inhabited again
- The far fulfillment is Babylon the Great (Rome) which will be rendered utterly desolate and without an inhabitant like Sodom and Gomorrah



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- However, unlike ancient Babylon, the MANNER of Babylon the Great's destruction will also be like that of Sodom and Gomorrah because it will be destroyed IMMEDIATELY by FIRE

Gen 19:24-25

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

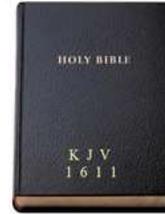
Rev 18:8,16-17,19

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.

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

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,

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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- The destruction of the prophetic daughter of Babylon (the USA) will also be like Sodom and Gomorrah in both manner and extent

Isa 47:9,14

9 But these two *things* shall come to thee **in a moment in one day**, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; **the fire** shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of **the flame**: *there shall not be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.

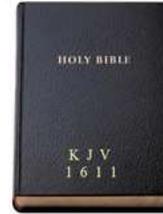
- The similitude used to describe judgment against Israel, Edom, and Moab and Ammon is also that of Sodom and Gomorrah

Deu 29:23

And that **the whole land thereof is brimstone**, and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, **like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah**, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

Amo 4:11

I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.



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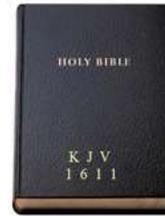
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Jer 49:18

As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, **no man shall abide there**, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

Zep 2:9

Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely **Moab shall be as Sodom**, and the children of **Ammon as Gomorrah**, *even* the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and **a perpetual desolation**: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.



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Jer 50:41-46

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

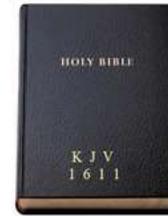
43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

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A people shall come from the north.

- Judgment against all the nations comes out of the NORTH through BABYLON (1:14 note), and Babylon is called a GREAT NATION (6:22) from a FAR COUNTRY (4:16; Isa 39:3)
- Likewise, judgment against Babylon comes out of the NORTH (v.9,41; 25:26; 51:48) through a GREAT NATION (v.41) that is an ASSEMBLY of great nations (v.9) from a FAR COUNTRY (Isa 13:5)
- The historical or near fulfillment is the armies of the MEDES AND PERSIANS (51:11,28; Isa 13:17) under Cyrus the Great (Isa 45:1-2), who were part of an assembly of great nations from the north country (v.9), which included the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz (51:27)
- The prophetic or far fulfillment is the armies of the SAINTS AND ANGELS (Isa 13:3) from HEAVEN (Isa 13:5; Rev 19:14) under the Lord Jesus Christ, which destroy Babylon the Great at his Second Coming (Isa 13:11; Rev 16:19)

A great nation.

- A GREAT NATION appears 7x; 5x in regard to ISRAEL (Gen 12:2; 17:20; 21:18; 46:3; Exo 32:10); 1x in regard to BABYLON (6:22); and 1x in regard to the MEDES/PERSIANS (v.41)