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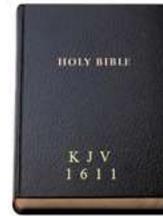
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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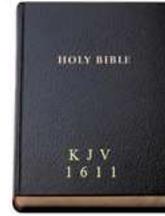
Mystery, Babylon The Great

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)



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- What sets Babylon and Media/Persia apart from all other “great” nations in history to warrant their association with Israel as A GREAT NATION is not what they accomplished historically but what they represent prophetically- SPIRITUAL great nations
- NATION= “a body of people inhabiting the same country, or united under the same sovereign or government”
- MEDIA/PERSIA represents the city of NEW JERUSALEM, the dual company of the SAINTS and ANGELS, and the KINGDOM OF GOD
 - The children of Israel and the church are similarly described because both are the PEOPLE OF GOD

Exo 19:5-6

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be **a peculiar** treasure unto me above all **people**: for all the earth *is* mine:

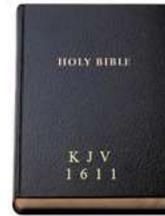
6 And ye shall be unto me **a kingdom of priests**, and **an holy nation**. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Pet 2:9-10

9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, **an holy nation**, **a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

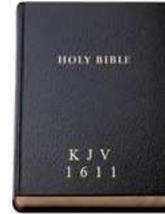
10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now **the people of God**: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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- **BABYLON** represents **BABYLON THE GREAT**, which is the city of **ROME**, the collective body of all the **LOST**, and the **WORLD**
 - Just like New Jerusalem consists of saved **MEN** and holy **ANGELS** under **GOD** (Heb 12:22-24), so Babylon the Great consists of lost **MEN** and fallen **ANGELS** under **SATAN**, the god of this world (2 Cor 4:4)
 - The world will become home to fallen angels from above (Rev 12:4,9) and devils from below (Rev 9:1-12) during the Tribulation, that form a supernatural army of 200,000,000 (Rev 9:14-21)
 - The army of ancient Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar pictures this demonic army under the Antichrist- both are God's instrument of judgment
- The fact that the phrase **FROM THE NORTH** appears in both verses referring to the Medes/Persians (v.41) and to Babylon (6:22) as **A GREAT NATION** further supports that these are **SPIRITUAL** nations prophetically
 - The four **DIRECTIONS** correspond to the four **DIMENSIONS**
 - **EAST** and **WEST**= **LENGTH** and **WIDTH**
 - **SOUTH**= **DEPTH**; **NORTH**= **HEIGHT**
 - **HEIGHT** is the direction of the **FOURTH** dimension or the **SPIRIT** realm (Gen 14:18; Job 11:8-9; 22:12; Psa 148:1-2; Pro 25:3; Isa 14:14; 24:21; Eph 3:18; 6:12)



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Many kings.

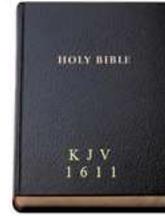
- The Medes/Persians were accompanied by at least the kings from Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz (51:27)
- This company of **KINGS** pictures the **SAINTS** (1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6) in the Lord's army at his Second Coming

From the coasts of the earth.

- **COAST**= “the exterior line, limit, or border of a country; the edge or margin of the land next to the sea; the sea shore; a side”
- The word **COASTS** is used to refer to the farthest extent (25:32; 31:8)
- The nation of the Medes/Persians comes from the **COASTS** (i.e.- the limit or border) of the earth picturing the saints/angels coming from the **END** of heaven with the Lord

Isa 13:5

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.



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- In contrast, the nation of Babylon comes from the SIDES of the earth, which is the opposite of the sides of THE NORTH where New Jerusalem is located and is equivalent to the sides of THE PIT

Jer 6:22

Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

Psa 48:2

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Isa 14:13,15

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They shall hold the bow and the lance.

- LANCE= “a spear; an offensive weapon consisting of a shaft (or handle), the wings, and the dart, that was thrown by hand”