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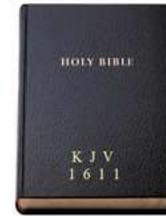
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Jeremiah 50:44-46

Judgment upon Babylon

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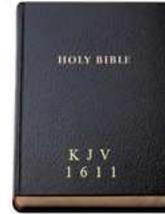
Jeremiah 49:19-21

Judgment upon Edom

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him 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?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.



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From the swelling of Jordan.

- This sounds like some sort of flood associated with the Jordan river
- The words FLOOD and JORDAN are associated with the Antichrist and his pursuit to exterminate the Jews in the middle of the Tribulation

Job 40:23

Behold, **he drinketh up a river**, and hasteth not: he trusteth that **he can draw up Jordan into his mouth**.

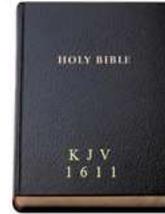
Rev 12:15

And **the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

The habitation of the strong.

- This may refer to the rock city of Petra, where the Jews will flee in the middle of the Tribulation from the Antichrist

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Psa 60:9

Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

Psa 107:7,35-36

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

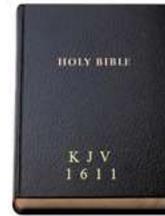
Rev 12:6,14

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

I will make them suddenly run away from her.

- HER= Israel; this may refer to what the Lord does to the armies of the Antichrist positioned in Edom at his Second Coming



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Isa 34:5-10

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

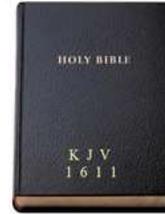
8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

Who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? For who is like me?

- The only one divinely chosen to rule over Israel is the Lord Jesus Christ



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Luke 23:35

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

Acts 17:31

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

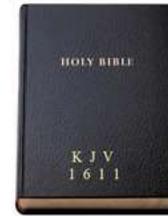
- WHO IS LIKE appears 10x; 7x in reference to THE LORD (v.44, 49:19; Exo 15:11; Psa 35:10; 71:19; 113:5), 1x in reference to ISRAEL (Deu 33:29), 1x in reference to ABNER (1 Sam 26:15), and 1x in reference to THE ANTICHRIST (Rev 13:4)
- The reference to the Antichrist follows his apparent resurrection after he receives a mortal wound to the head cf. (Zec 11:17)

Rev 13:3-4

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

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Who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

- The Lord first asks who is able to stand before him in the passage describing LEVIATHAN (i.e.- Satan) (Job 41:10)
- The Antichrist is the FOOLISH shepherd (married to the FOOLISH woman in Proverbs) and the IDOL shepherd
- BEFORE= AGAINST (Gen 10:9)
- The Antichrist stands up against the Lord following his apparent resurrection from a mortal wound to the head (right eye) and arm

Zec 11:15-17

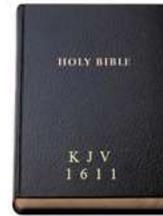
15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Dan 8:25

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.



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Jer 50:45-46

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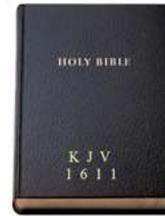
His purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans.

- The Lord's purpose against Babylon (and Babylon the Great) is to make it DESOLATE without an inhabitant (v.3 note)

Jer 51:29

And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for **every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.**

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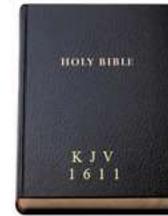
The taking of Babylon.

- Ancient Babylon was TAKEN (v.2,9,46; 51:31,41,56) by the Medes and Persians and Babylon the Great will be TAKEN by the Lord and his armies (Rev 11:15), but the prophetic daughter of Babylon (the USA) does not appear to be taken by anyone but mutually destroyed with the land of Magog (Eze 39:6)
- When something is DESTROYED we say it is “TAKEN out”

The earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

- The fall of ancient Babylon was a big deal, particularly in the manner in which it happened
- The fall of Babylon the Great will be “the end of the world” and will bring the kings and merchants of the earth to uncontrollable tears

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Rev 18:9-11,15-19

9 And **the kings of the earth**, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, **shall bewail her, and lament for her**, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, **that great city Babylon**, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And **the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her**; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, **weeping and wailing**,

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,

18 And **cried when they saw the smoke of her burning**, saying, What *city is* like unto this great city!

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.