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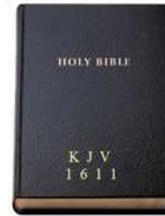
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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)*

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## Mystery, Babylon The Great

- Although the Jews were commanded to flee ancient Babylon many opted to stay there after the 70-year captivity
- A relatively large population was there in the days of Ezra, 80 years after the end of the captivity; and a remnant was there in the first century AD

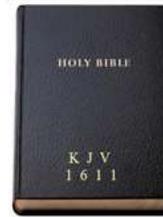
### Ezr 8:1

These *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me **from Babylon**, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

### 1 Pet 5:13

The *church that is* **at Babylon**, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Marcus my son.

- Since the command in Zechariah 2:6-7 is for Jews to flee specifically from the DAUGHTER OF BABYLON just prior to judgment, then Jeremiah 51:6 could apply to a Jewish exodus from the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA) just prior to judgment (v.6-9)
- There is no indication or implication from prophetic scriptures dealing with Israel that a large proportion of Jews will be living outside of Israel in the Tribulation
- As of 2015, there were over 5.3 million Jews living in the USA (40.2% of the world's Jewish population) compared to 5.4 million in Israel (40.9%)



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- It would appear that there must be a mass exodus of Jews from the USA to Israel sometime between now and the beginning of the Tribulation (or the middle at the latest)
- The unlikely alternative would be that most refuse to leave and are cut off in her iniquity when her fiery judgment is executed
- The far fulfillment is the command for Jews to flee into the wilderness out of Babylon the Great in the middle of the Tribulation
- This command becomes effective when the abomination of desolation (i.e.- the image of the beast) is set up ushering in the final 3 ½ years of the Tribulation

### Matt 24:15-21

**15** When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

**16** Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

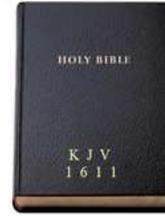
**17** Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

**18** Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

**19** And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

**20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

**21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.



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### 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.

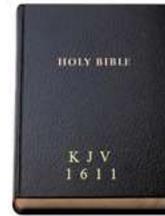
- Since the Jews are fleeing from JUDEA (Matt 24:15) and the command is to flee from and come out of BABYLON (THE GREAT), then the nation of Israel must be part of BABYLON THE GREAT at that time

### Rev 18:2,4

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

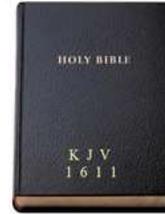
- This is possible when it is understood that BABYLON THE GREAT is not just a city and a false religious system, but THE WORLD system



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- When the Jews flee Judea in the middle of the Tribulation they leave EVERYTHING behind- it is a complete physical removal from their nation, their land, their possessions, and from all society and civilization
- They are fleeing from THE WORLD SYSTEM under the Antichrist that their nation was previously part of, rather than from a particular city (e.g.- Jerusalem; Rome; New York; a rebuilt Babylon) or nation (e.g.- Israel, Italy, the USA, Iraq)
- While many Jews survived who disobeyed the command to flee ancient Babylon or risk being cut off in her judgment, that will not be the case for Jews who refuse to flee Babylon the Great in the middle of the Tribulation
- Those who do not flee will be CUT OFF one way or another- either by the Antichrist or one of the vial judgments (Rev 16:1-21) including the destruction of Babylon the Great (Rev 16:19) cf. (Rev 18:4)
- Those who do not flee are the REBELS who the Lord promised to PURGE- this number appears to constitute 2/3 of the Jewish population



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### Eze 20:36-38

**36** Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

**37** And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

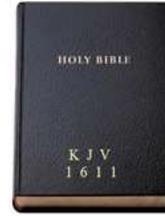
**38** And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

### Zec 13:8-9

**8** And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

**9** And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

- Those who do flee are the REMNANT who the Lord promised to PRESERVE- this number appears to constitute 1/3 of the Jewish population



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- The remaining 1/3 (Zec 13:9) will flee into the wilderness to the place God has prepared for them and they will be divinely protected and provided for throughout the last 3½ years of the Tribulation (Rev 12:6,14)
- Since they will have absolutely NOTHING, they will need to have faith in God to protect them from the Antichrist and provide them their daily bread just like the children of Israel had to have faith in the Lord when they left Egypt and wandered in the wilderness for 40 years (Eze 20:36)
- This 1/3 will be tried by fire but all who will keep the faith, hold fast unto the end, and endure to the end by staying within the confines of the place God has prepared for them, will “call on the name of the Lord” and be saved at the Second Coming of Christ

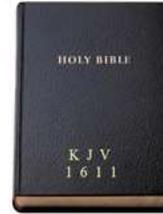
### Heb 3:6,14

6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm **unto the end**.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold** the beginning of our confidence **stedfast unto the end**;

### Heb 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast** *our* profession.



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**Heb 10:23**

**Let us hold fast** the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

**Matt 24:13**

But **he that shall endure unto the end**, the same **shall be saved**.

**Zec 13:9**

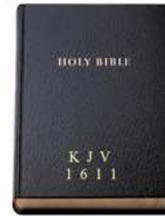
And **I will bring the third part through the fire**, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: **they shall call on my name**, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

**Joel 2:32**

And it shall come to pass, *that* **whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in **the remnant** whom the LORD shall call.

**Acts 2:21**

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### Zec 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and **they shall mourn** for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

### Rom 11:26

And so **all Israel shall be saved**: as it is written, **There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer**, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

- FLEE= “to run with rapidity, as from danger; to attempt to escape; to hasten from danger or expected evil; to depart; to leave; to avoid; to keep at a distance from”
- FLEE appears 105x (7 x 5 x 3) cf. (Gen 16:8 note); FLY appears 25x (5 x 5); and FLIGHT appears 8x
- These words have a clear prophetic association with the nation of ISRAEL, both in direct prophecies which have already been addressed (Matt 24:15; Rev 12:6,14), and prophetic types