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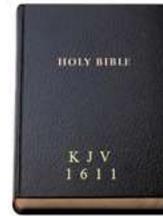
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## Mystery, Babylon The Great

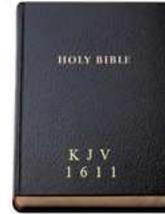
### Zec 12:10

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



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### 1) The cities of refuge

- FLEE

#### **Num 35:6,11-12,15-19**

**6** And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

**11** Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares.

**12** And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

**15** These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

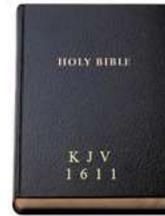
**16** And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

**17** And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

**18** Or *if* he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

**19** The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

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## Num 35:20-29

**20** But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die;

**21** Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; *for he is* a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

**22** But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait,

**23** Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him, that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither sought his harm:

**24** Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:

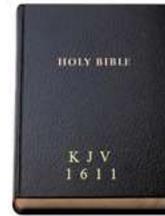
**25** And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

**26** But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

**27** And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:

**28** Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

**29** So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.



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### Deu 19:2-6,9-13

**2** Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

**3** Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

**4** And this *is* the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

**5** As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:

**6** Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

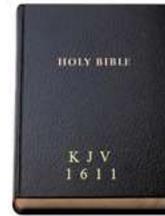
**9** If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

**10** That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.

**11** But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:

**12** Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

**13** Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.



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### Jos 20:1-6

1 The LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you **cities of refuge**, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses:

3 **That the slayer that killeth any person unawares** and unwittingly **may flee thither**: and **they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood**.

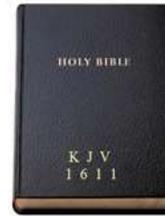
4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and **give him a place**, that he may dwell among them.

5 And **if the avenger of blood pursue after him**, then **they shall not deliver the slayer up** into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 And **he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest** that shall be in those days: **then shall the slayer return**, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, **unto the city from whence he fled**.

- The cities of refuge

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- The cities of refuge are also a type of SALVATION in Christ

## Heb 6:18-20

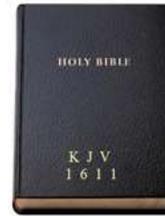
**18** That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

**19** Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

**20** Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

- We were lost sinners being pursued by Satan and death but took refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ by faith
- Just as those who fled to a city of refuge were SAFE and SECURE so are we in Christ
- Just as those who fled to a city of refuge and were found not guilty at trial, could remain in that city of refuge until the death of the high priest, so we who have fled TO Christ and have been found not guilty IN Christ, remain in this safe and secure state until the death of the “high priest”
- Since JESUS CHRIST is our High Priest FOR EVER, our salvation is ETERNALLY safe and secure

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## 2) David's flight from Absalom

- DAVID= a type of ISRAEL; ABSALOM (“father of peace”)= a type of the LUCIFER/THE ANTICHRIST cf. (Eze 28:17; Rev 12:6,13-17)

### 2 Sam 14:25

But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as **Absalom** for **his beauty**: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

### 2 Sam 15:13-17

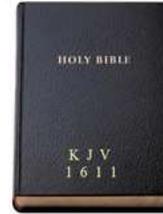
13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, **The hearts of the men** of Israel **are after Absalom**.

14 And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, **Arise, and let us flee**; for **we shall not else escape from Absalom**: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house.

17 And **the king went forth**, and all the people after him, and **tarried in a place that was far off**.



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### Psa 3:1-8

*A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.*

**1** LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

**2** Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

**3** But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

**4** I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

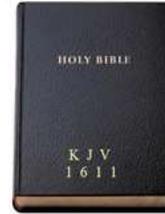
**5** I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

**6** I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

**7** Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

**8** Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

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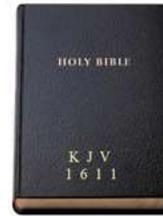
## Jer 51:25

Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and **will make thee a burnt mountain.**

## **A burnt mountain.**

- × MOUNTAIN= a KINGDOM; so the entire USA will be BURNT
- × A BURNT MOUNTAIN= a VOLCANO; will the nuclear attack from Russia also trigger the eruption/explosion of the Yellowstone Caldera?

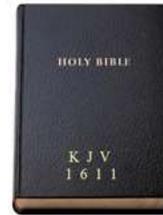
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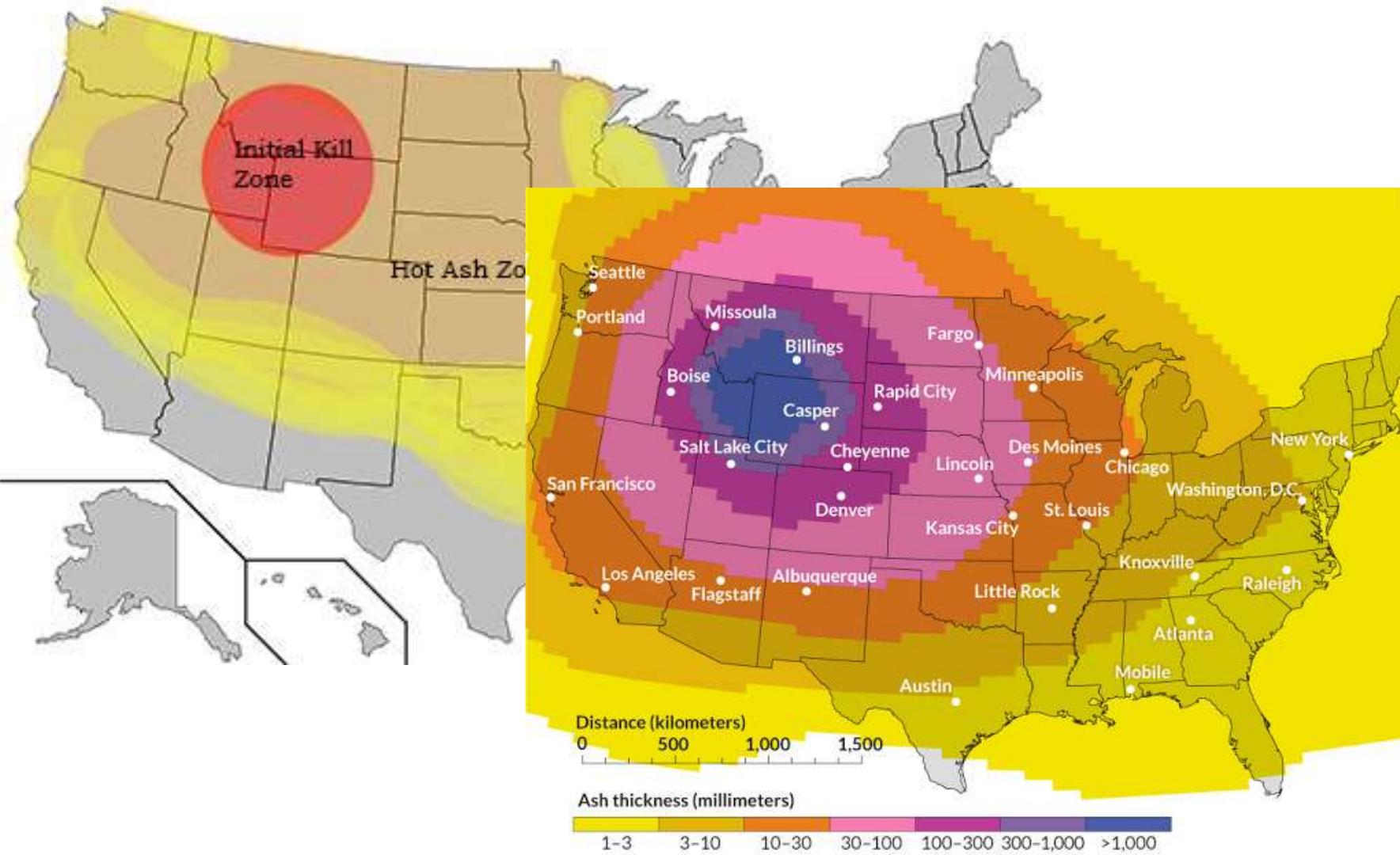
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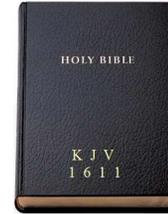


# Daughter Of Babylon USA



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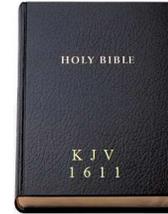
### 7) Revelation 14

#### Rev 14:8

And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**

- × The chapter context of Revelation 14 places it chronologically in the middle of the Tribulation
  - Revelation 13 mentions the worship of the image of the beast (i.e.- the abomination of desolation) and institution of the mark of the beast cf. (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15)
  - Revelation 15 introduces the seven vial judgments, of which the first is poured out upon those who have the mark of the beast and have worshipped his image
- × The context of other events in Revelation 14 is chronologically in the middle of the Tribulation
  - The 144,000 are all in heaven so their earthly ministry is completed
  - An angel flies through heaven warning the world not to worship the image of the beast or receive the mark of the beast

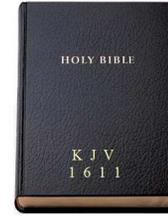
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## Babylon.

- × The first of the six appearances of BABYLON in *Revelation* occurs 2/3 of the way through the book in a chapter that appears to describe events that take place in the middle of the Tribulation
- × When we hear the word “Babylon” we immediately think of the great city-state once located on the banks of the Euphrates river in present day Iraq
- × There is nothing in the immediate context to indicate the word *Babylon* is figurative so our initial impression is that the Babylon of Revelation 14:8 is literal (i.e.- the same as OT Babylon)
- × But the Babylon of the OT fell to the Medes and Persians and eventually became a barren wasteland (as it is today); therefore, if the Babylon of Revelation 14:8 is the same Babylon, then it must be rebuilt and restored to splendor and glory sometime before the beginning of the Tribulation
- × In the 1980s, Saddam Hussein, the dictator of Iraq who viewed himself as the next Nebuchadnezzar, pledged to rebuild Babylon and restore it to its former glory



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- × But after the devastation resulting from two USA-led invasions of Iraq (1991 and 2003), this objective was at least temporarily, if not permanently, dashed
- × Even with modern technology, it would take many years to rebuild Babylon
- × Given the lateness of the hour prophetically, it seems improbable but not impossible that ancient Babylon will be rebuilt
- × It is possible that the city could be rebuilt much sooner than present day technology would allow, if technology yet to be revealed was applied to the task