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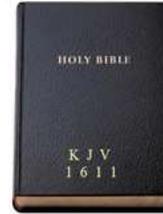
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Mystery, Babylon The Great

Matt 20:22-23

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of **the cup** that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of **my cup**, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Luke 22:42

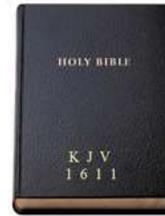
Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove **this cup** from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

John 18:11

Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: **the cup** which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Rev 16:19

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In the Lord's hand.

- The CUP in the Lord's hand has WINE in it representing his FURY and the FIERCENESS OF HIS WRATH that is for ALL NATIONS and ALL THE WICKED to drink

Jer 25:15-17

15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

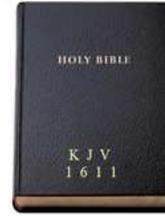
17 Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

Psa 75:8

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and drink them.

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- The near fulfillment was the 70-year Babylonian captivity and servitude followed by judgment upon ancient Babylon

Jer 25:9,11-12

9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and **Nebuchadrezzar** the king of **Babylon**, my servant, and **will bring them against this land**, and against the inhabitants thereof, and **against all these nations round about**, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

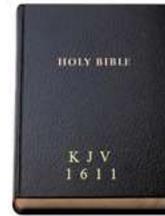
11 And **this whole land** shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; **and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**

12 And it shall come to pass, **when seventy years are accomplished**, *that* **I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation**, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

- The far fulfillment is the 7-year Tribulation followed by judgment upon Babylon the Great

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- The golden cup of Jeremiah 51:7 is in the hand of THE LORD and is Babylon, whereas the golden cup of Revelation 17:4 is in the hand of BABYLON THE GREAT
- The two cups are not the same- the golden cup in the hand of Babylon the Great is not full of the fury and fierceness of God's wrath but with abominations and the filthiness of her fornication
- It is also filled with the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus

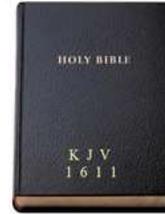
Rev 17:4,6

4 And **the woman** was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, **having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:**

6 And I saw **the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:** and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

The nations have drunken of her wine...are mad.

- The nations “drank her Kool-Aid” and it made them go insane
- The Lord used the WINE of ancient Babylon and Babylon the Great as instruments of judgment against the nations of the world



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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.

Rev 17:1-2,18

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

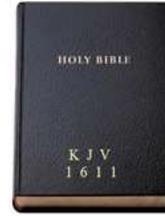
2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Rev 18:2-3

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.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.



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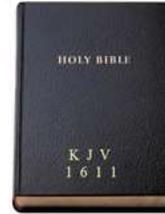
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- An application can also be made for SORCERIES of the prophetic daughter of Babylon (the USA)- “...as is the mother, so is the daughter” (Eze 16:44)

Isa 47:9,12

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.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with **the multitude of thy sorceries**, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.



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Jer 51:8

Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: **howl for her**; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

Babylon is suddenly fallen.

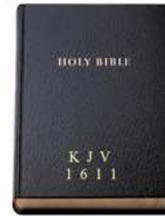
- SUDDENLY= used in the sense of “unexpectedly; not aware”

Jer 50:23-24

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! **how is Babylon become a desolation** among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O **Babylon**, and thou **wast not aware**: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

- The near fulfillment is the fall of ancient Babylon because, even though they knew the Medes/Persians were an imminent threat, they were still taken by complete surprise when their armies attacked and took the city cf. (50:38 note)
- The FALL of Babylon (the Great) is mentioned a total of 4x (# of the SPIRIT REALM) (v.8; Isa 21:9; Rev 14:8; 18:2)



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- In the first mention, Isaiah prophesied of the fall of Babylon nearly 100 years before Babylon became the dominant world power by defeating the Assyrians and destroying Nineveh

Isa 21:9

And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

- The far fulfillment is the fall of Babylon the Great

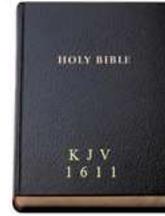
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- The reason the phrase IS FALLEN is stated twice in (Isa 21:9; Rev 14:8; 18:2) is possibly due to the fact that Babylon falls TWICE in history- first ancient Babylon and then Babylon the Great



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- The sudden FALL of Babylon the Great coincides with the sudden DESTRUCTION that comes upon the world at the Second Coming of Christ

Mark 13:34-36

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

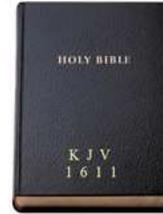
36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

1 The 5:2-3

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

- An application can also be made for the prophetic daughter of Babylon (i.e.- the USA) because she will experience SUDDEN DESOLATION



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Isa 47:11

Therefore shall evil come upon thee; **thou shalt not know** from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and **desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.**

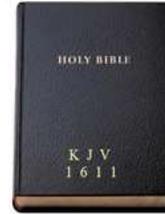
Howl for her.

- HOWL= “to cry in horror or anguish; a loud, protracted, and mournful sound expressive of distress; to wail; to weep aloud; to cry like a dog or wolf”
- HOWL appears 29x and is defined as, to CRY (25:34; 47:2; 48:20,31; 49:3; Isa 14:31; 65:14; Eze 21:2); to WEEP (Isa 15:3; Joel 1:5; Jam 5:1); to LAMENT (4:8; Joel 1:13); and to WAIL (Mic 1:8)
- It is almost always associated with JUDGMENT, so the first appearance is associated with THE DAY OF THE LORD when Babylon the Great (the world system) is judged and destroyed

Isa 13:6,11

6 **Howl** ye; **for the day of the LORD is at hand**; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

11 And **I will punish the world** for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.



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- While there may have been some howling over the fall of ancient Babylon, it is clear the inhabitants of the earth will be horrified and in utter anguish over the fall of Babylon the Great
- WEEPING and WAILING over the fall and destruction of Babylon the Great is mentioned 4x (# of the SPIRIT REALM) in Revelation 18

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,

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,

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.

- It does not appear that an application can be made to the prophetic daughter of Babylon because, outside of merchants wandering about, there is no indication that the world will howl over her sudden desolation (Isa 47:11-15)