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# Mystery, Babylon The Great



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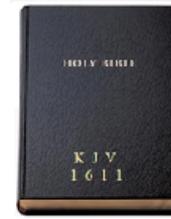
## Jer 51:30

**The mighty men of Babylon have forboren to fight**, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed; **they became as women**: **they have burned her dwellingplaces**; her bars are broken.

### **The mighty men of Babylon have forboren to fight.**

- FOREBEAR= “to stop; to cease; to hold from proceeding; to pause; to delay; to abstain from; to refuse; to decline; to restrain from action or violence; to avoid voluntarily; to be patient”
- As previously mentioned (50:38 note), the Greek historian Herodotus described the fall of Babylon occurring under miraculous circumstances in *The Histories Of Herodotus* (1:189-191)
- The Persian army, under the command of Cyrus the Great, diverted the flow of both the Tigris and Euphrates rivers during a time of drought (v.32; 50:38 note), the latter enabled the army to enter the city under the gate completely undetected
- The Babylonians knew the reputation of the Medo-Persian armies and feared them (50:43), so once they were within the city gates and walls, the Babylonians offered very little resistance- even the soldiers stayed in their holds and refused to fight out of fear (v.32)

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- The same occurred during the Gulf War of 1991 and the Iraq War of 2003—rather than fight the overwhelming US forces, Iraqi soldiers surrendered in droves as soon as the attack was commenced
- When Jesus Christ and the armies of heaven suddenly enter this world (Babylon the Great) at his Second Coming, the mighty men of the Antichrist's armies run and duck for cover rather than engaging in the fight

## Rev 6:12-17

**12** And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

**13** And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

**14** And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

**15** And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

**16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

**17** For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

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- What the Medes did to the Babylonians historically is a type of what Jesus Christ and his armies will do to Babylon the Great
- The sword upon the mighty men of Babylon was the sword of the Medes, but the sword upon the MIGHTY MEN of Babylon the Great will be the SWORD OF THE LORD (50:36)

## Isa 13:13-15,17

13 Therefore **I will shake the heavens**, and **the earth shall remove out of her place**, in **the wrath of the LORD** of hosts, and in **the day of his fierce anger**.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: **they shall** every man turn to his own people, and **flee every one into his own land**.

15 **Every one that is found** shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* **shall fall by the sword**.

17 Behold, I will stir up **the Medes** against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it.

## Rev 19:18,21

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of **mighty men**, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

21 And the remnant **were slain with the sword** of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

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- The MIGHTY MEN of Babylon the Great include fallen angels manifest in flesh and genetically modified men who are no longer “human” (50:36 note)
- MIGHTY MEN= Heb. *gibbowr*= translated GIANT (Job 16:14), and is used to describe the GIANTS (Gen 6:4) and GOLIATH (1 Sam 17:51)

## **They became as women.**

- Traditionally, women do not fight but stay inside at home; this expression (Nah 3:13) indicates the mighty men were too scared to fight (v.32)

## **Isa 19:16**

In that day shall Egypt be **like unto women**: and **it shall be afraid and fear** because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

## **They have burned her dwellingplaces.**

- The Medes/Persians did not completely burn Babylon but they did burn some of the buildings
- DWELLINGPLACES= Heb. *mishkan*= the same word is translated TABERNACLE
- Prophetically, this could apply to the burning of CHURCHES belonging to Babylon the Great (Rev 17:16)

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## Jer 51:31

**One post shall run to meet another**, and **one messenger** to meet another, **to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken** at *one* end,

### **One post shall run to meet another...one messenger.**

- POST= “a messenger or a carrier of letters and papers; one that goes at stated times to convey the mail or dispatches; the troops stationed in a particular place”
- A POSTMAN is a MESSENGER

### **To shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken.**

- The KING of Babylon at the time it was taken by the Medes/Persians was BELSHAZZAR (Dan 5:30-31), who ruled as viceroy for his father Nabonidus cf. (Dan 5:29 note)
- Belshazzar was warned that very day by Daniel that God was going to judge Babylon and give its kingdom to the Medes and Persians (Dan 5:25-28), so he should not have been surprised when the news reached him that they had breached the city

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## Jer 51:32

And that **the passages are stopped**, and **the reeds they have burned with fire**, and **the men of war are affrighted**.

### **The passages are stopped.**

- PASSAGE= “a channel, path, or course by land or water; a way of entrance or exit”
- This refers to Cyrus and his armies diverting the flow of the Euphrates river (50:38 note) so they could enter the city right under the gate without anyone noticing

### **The reeds they have burned with fire.**

- In addition to diverting the flow of the Euphrates, the armies of Cyrus burned the reeds in the low standing water to create a diversion and smoke screen so they could enter the city undetected

### **The men of war are affrighted.**

- These MEN OF WAR are the MIGHTY MEN who remain in their holds and refrain from fighting the Medes/Persians (v.30)

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- The Babylonians knew the merciless reputation of the Medo-Persian armies (Isa 13:17-18) and feared them (50:43) so once they were within the city gates and walls, they probably thought any resistance was useless



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## Jer 51:33

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; **The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.**

### **The daughter of Babylon.**

- This is the fourth of 5x the phrase DAUGHTER OF BABYLON appears (v.33; 50:42; Psa 137:8; Isa 47:1; Zec 2:7)
- The DAUGHTER of Babylon is NOT the same as the MOTHER, Babylon the Great (Rev 17:5; 18:2)
- The Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar (v.34) is called the DAUGHTER of Babylon because both the EMPIRE and the CITY were NEW
  - The empire (i.e.- “Neo-Babylonian”) was new because Nabopolassar and his son Nebuchadnezzar were CHALDEANS, and the Chaldeans were not native Mesopotamians
  - The city was new because Nebuchadnezzar initiated major reconstruction of the city in the aftermath of all the battles with the Assyrians



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