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*Mystery, Babylon The Great
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Jer 51:39

In their heat I will make their feasts, and **I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice,** and **sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake,** saith the LORD.

I will make them drunken.

- THEM= BABYLON (v.37); and specifically, her PRINCES, WISE MEN, CAPTAINS, RULERS, and MIGHTY MEN (v.57)
- Babylon (the Great) will be drunken from the cup of the fierceness of God's wrath

Jer 25:15-16,26-27

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.

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and **the king of Sheshach shall drink** after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; **Drink ye, and be drunken,** and spue, and **fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.**

Rev 16:19

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and **great Babylon came in remembrance** before God, **to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

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That they may rejoice.

- Drinking is usually part of a time of REJOICING but at the end of Babylon's mirth is divine RETRIBUTION

Ecc 9:7

Go thy way, eat thy bread with **joy**, and **drink thy wine with a merry heart**; for God now accepteth thy works.

Isa 22:13

And behold **joy** and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: **let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.**

- Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon had a feast and drank wine from the Lord's vessels (Dan 5:1-4) not realizing that as they did so they were drinking from the cup of God's wrath
- Belshazzar did not have to wait until tomorrow to die (Isa 22:13) because he was slain that very night as Babylon fell (Dan 5:30)
- Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon fell in ONE night, so judgment against the prophetic daughter of Babylon will occur suddenly, in a moment, in ONE day (Isa 47:9,11), and judgment against Babylon the Great will occur in ONE day, in ONE hour (Rev 18:8,10,17,19)

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Sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake.

- DRINKING is usually followed by SLEEPING (i.e.- “crashing”)
- Babylon (the Great) will DRINK the cup of God’s wrath and CRASH
- PERPETUAL= “never ceasing; continuing forever in future time; destined to be eternal; continuing without interruption; permanent; fixed; everlasting; endless”
- SLEEP represents DEATH (Psa 13:3) so a PERPETUAL sleep represents ETERNAL death (i.e.- the second death) (Rev 20:14; 21:8)

Psa 13:3

Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I **sleep the sleep of death**;

Rev 20:14

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is **the second death**.

Rev 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is **the second death**.

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Jer 51:40

I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

Like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

- The BABYLONIANS are likened to LAMBS, RAMS, and GOATS (i.e.- animals that are SLAUGHTERED for food or in sacrifice)
- Previously, their MEN OF WAR were likened to BULLOCKS for the same reason (50:27 note)

Jer 50:27,30

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

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Jer 51:41

How is Sheshach taken! and how is **the praise of the whole earth surprised!**
how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

How is Sheshach...how is Babylon

- SHESHACH appears 2x (v.41; 25:26) and both references are in the context of the Lord making Babylon DRINK (v.39) from his cup of wrath

Jer 25:26

And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and **the king of Sheshach shall drink** after them.

- SHESHACH= Heb. שֶׁשַׁח (Sheshak)= “thy fine linen”; possibly derived from *Shach*, the Babylonian goddess of love (i.e.- the equivalent of the Roman Venus or Greek Aphrodite)
- SHESHACH is clearly another name for BABYLON and could be a cypher-form for BABEL, in that the three letters in the word (Schin, Schin, and Caph) are the same distance from the end of the Hebrew alphabet as the three letters in Babel (Beth, Beth, and Lamed) are from the beginning of the alphabet

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# Beginning	Letter	# End	# Beginning	Letter	# End
1	Aleph	22	12	Lamed	11
2	Beth	21	13	Mem	10
3	Gimel	20	14	Nun	9
4	Daleth	19	15	Samech	8
5	He	18	16	Ain	7
6	Vau	17	17	Pe	6
7	Zaain	16	18	Tzaddi	5
8	Cheth	15	19	Koph	4
9	Teth	14	20	Resh	3
10	Jod	13	21	Schin	2
11	Caph	12	22	Tau	1

The praise of the whole earth.

- Babylon is called: (1) the glory of kingdoms (Isa 13:19); (2) the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency (Isa 13:19); (3) the golden city (Isa 14:4); and (4) the praise of the whole earth (v.41)
- The excellency and might of Babylon relative to other Gentile empires is seen by the fact that Babylon is likened to a HEAD of GOLD (Dan 2:37-38) and a LION (Dan 7:4)

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- GOLD is superior to silver, brass, iron, and clay; and the HEAD is superior to the breast and arms, belly and thighs, legs, and feet and toes
- The LION is strongest among beasts (Pro 30:30)
- As the praise of the whole earth, BABYLON (the Great) usurps the place of the Lord

Psa 48:10

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Psa 138:4

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Hab 3:3

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

Become an astonishment.

- (v.37 note)

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Among the nations.

- The last of 5x (# of DEATH) AMONG THE NATIONS appears in Jeremiah 50-51
 - 1) Blow the trumpet among the nations (v.27)- to prepare them against Babylon
 - 2) Declare ye among the nations (50:2)- that Babylon is taken
 - 3) The cry is heard among the nations (50:46)- over the taking of Babylon
 - 4) Babylon is become an astonishment among the nations (v.41)
 - 5) Babylon is become a desolation among the nations (50:23)

Jer 51:27

Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.

Jer 50:2,23,46

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

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

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

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Jer 51:42

The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

The sea is come up upon Babylon.

- The SEA could be literal WATERS, as is the case in the judgment of Babylon the Great (v.63-64; Rev 18:21)

Rev 18:21

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Jer 51:63-64

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

- This is typified by the judgment against Tyre when Alexander the Great took the ruins of the old city destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and pushed them into the sea to build a causeway to the new city



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