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Jer 51:46

And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

Ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land.

- RUMOUR= “a popular report; a report of a fact; tidings; fame; news; a current story passing from one person to another without any known authority for the truth of it”
- The near or partial fulfillment of this rumor was some sort of news the Jews heard in the land of Babylon that made them afraid, but what it was exactly is not clear
- The far or complete fulfillment could apply to the Jews in the wilderness in the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation since they are the ones who go out of the midst of Babylon (the Great) (v.45) cf. (Rev 18:4)
- If so, then the rumor could be that the Messiah has come (Matt 24:23-26), which is actually fake news hatched by the Antichrist in an effort to cause the Jews to go forth from their divinely protected place of refuge (Rev 12:6,14)

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Matt 24:23-26

23 Then **if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there;** believe *it* not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore **if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.**

- It is also possible that a rumor bringing fear to the hearts of Jews will circulate while they are in the land of the prophetic daughter of Babylon (the USA)
- What this rumor might be is the subject of pure speculation but it could be something along the lines of growing anti-Semitism

A rumour shall both come one year, and after than in another year.

- The word LEST at the start of the verse indicates that this is another rumor; tidings that the Lord sends to his people in Babylon in an effort to prevent or quench their fears over the first rumor
- Tidings from the word of God quenches our fears of evil tidings, especially if it promises defeat of our enemies that persecute us

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Psa 112:7-8

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

- It appears this second rumor circulated among the Jews in Babylon for two years, possibly the final two years leading to Babylon's judgment (v.45,47), which was 539 BC- 537 BC
- It is pure speculation but, since Daniel was alive at the time and knew Babylon's rule would eventually come to an end, maybe Daniel sent tidings of encouragement to his brethren in captivity
- As for the far or complete fulfillment, the Tribulation Jews in the wilderness have the promise of the word of God that when their Messiah comes, they will KNOW it, not because of a rumor, but because they will SEE him (Matt 24:27)

Matt 24:26-27

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

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- Since the rumor from the Lord is heard for two years, most likely the final two years of the Tribulation, then the first (and false) rumor about the Messiah's appearing must start between the first and second year the Jews arrive at their place of refuge
- If this verse also applies to Jews dwelling in the USA, then tidings from the Lord will come to them in the USA during the final two years leading up the their exodus from the USA and/or the judgment of the USA
- What this rumor might be, like the first, is the subject of pure speculation but it could be news of the unprecedented peace and prosperity secured by the nation of Israel as a result of winning the War of Psalm 83
- Recall that if Jeremiah 50:4-8 applies to the USA and Jews in the USA, then there will be a massive exodus of American Jews to Israel right before divine judgment falls upon the USA

Violence in the land.

- VIOLENCE was one of the prime characteristics of the pre-Flood world (Gen 6:11,13) and Jesus said the conditions of the world just before his Second Coming would be like the days of Noah (Luke 17:26)

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Ruler against ruler.

- This is a kingdom divided against itself (Mark 3:24)
- The near or partial fulfillment is the in-fighting that occurred within the Neo-Babylonian empire in its last days
 - Nabonidus, the last Babylonian king and son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar, assumed the throne by overthrowing his predecessor, Labashi-Marduk, in a violent coup
 - Nabonidus was not a Chaldean like his predecessors but was a proud Assyrian, Babylon's ancient enemy to the north- this made him very unpopular during his reign
 - Nabonidus fueled additional division in the kingdom and angered the priests and commoners by elevating the moon god SIN (viewed primarily as an Assyrian deity at the time) and neglecting Marduk, the chief deity of Babylon
 - Early in his reign, Nabonidus left Babylon to go to the Arabian desert city of Tayma, leaving his son Belshazzar in charge- the reason for his departure is unclear
 - Nabonidus returned to Babylon amid the growing threat of Cyrus the Great and growing discontent with his son Belshazzar
 - When he returned, he relieved Belshazzar of command as well as a number of administrators
 - Nabonidus left Babylon again on a military campaign against the Medes and Persians, leaving Belshazzar again in charge- it was during this time that Babylon fell

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- The far or complete fulfillment could be the wars that continue after the false peace of the Antichrist is instituted (Dan 11:40-44; Rev 6:4) culminating with the 10 kings turning on Babylon the Great, burning her with fire, and removing her from power so they can give all their power to the Antichrist (Rev 17:12-13,16-17)

Dan 11:40-44

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

Rev 6:4

And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

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Rev 17:12-13,16-17

12 And **the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but **receive power as kings one hour with the beast**.

13 These have one mind, and **shall give their power and strength unto the beast**.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these **shall hate the whore**, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, **and burn her with fire**.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and **to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast**, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

- If an application can be made for the USA, then it is possible that the political and ideological division in our nation between Democrat and Republican leaders, as well as liberal/progressive leaders and conservative leaders will become VIOLENT on a regular basis



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