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# Mystery, Babylon The Great



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## Jer 51:53

Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

### Though Babylon should mount up to heaven.

- Satan attempted this with Babylon the Great through Nimrod and will do the same with the Antichrist but fail

## Gen 11:4

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

## Isa 14:4,12-13

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

### Yet from me shall spoilers come unto her.

- SPOILED (all forms)= 6x in Jeremiah 50-51 (v.48, 53,55-56; 50:10) See: (50:10 note)

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## Jer 51:54

A sound of **a cry cometh from Babylon**, and **great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans**:

### **A cry cometh from Babylon.**

- There is a cry FROM Babylon (the Great) when it is destroyed and a cry BECAUSE Babylon (the Great) is destroyed

## Jer 50:46

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

## Rev 18:17-19

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And **every shipmaster**, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And **cried when they saw the smoke of her burning**, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

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**.

### **Great destruction.**

- See: (50:22 note)

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## From the land of the Chaldeans.

- See: (50:1 note)



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## Jer 51:55

Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

### The LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed.

- SPOIL= “to plunder; the plunder taken from an enemy; pillage; booty; that which is taken from others by violence, particularly in war; to strip or seize by violence; to take by force; to rob; to corrupt; to cause to decay and perish; to render useless by injury; to injure fatally; to ruin; to destroy”
- Ancient Babylon was SPOILED in two ways: (1) it was plundered, both immediately and over the course of centuries due after its conquest by the Medes and Persians; and (2) it was eventually destroyed and became a ruin
- In this verse, the Lord SPOILED Babylon in the sense of DESTROYING it- this also applies to Babylon the Great and the prophetic daughter of Babylon

### Destroyed out of her the great voice.

- The near or partial fulfillment is in Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon and the far or complete fulfillment is in Babylon the Great and the Antichrist cf. (Dan 7:11)

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## Rev 18:21-23

**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.

**22** And **the voice** of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, **shall be heard no more at all in thee**; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

**23** And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and **the voice** of the bridegroom and of the bride **shall be heard no more at all in thee**: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

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## Jer 51:56

Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.

### The spoiler is come upon her...upon Babylon.

- THE SPOILER= THE LORD (v.55)
- Historically, the Lord sent the armies of the Medes and Persians as his instrument of spoiling against ancient Babylon (v.48,53)
- Prophetically, the Lord and the armies of the saints and angels of heaven will directly spoil (destroy) Babylon the Great (Rev 16:19; 19:11-16)

### Her mighty men are taken.

- MIGHTY MEN= Heb. *gibbowr*= the same word used to describe the GIANTS (Gen 6:4) and translated CHAMPION (referring to Goliath the GIANT) (1 Sam 17:51) and GIANT (Job 16:14)
- MIGHTY MEN appears 4x (# of SPIRIT REALM) in Jeremiah 50-51 (v.30,56-57; 50:36) and 10x in Jeremiah (5:16; 26:21; 41:16; 46:9; 48:41; 49:22)
- These MIGHTY MEN might be “super-soldier” hybrids that are part of the MINGLED PEOPLE (50:37; Dan 2:43)

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- TAKEN= “destroyed; slain”; they are killed by the sword of the Lord at Armageddon

## Matt 24:39

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

## Luke 17:26,36-37

**26** They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

**36** Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

**37** And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

## Rev 19:17-18,21

**17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

**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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## 1 Sam 17:46

This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and **take** thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day **unto the fowls of the air**, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

### **Every one of their bows is broken.**

- The words BOWS and BROKEN appear together in the same verse 3x and they are associated with MIGHTY MEN (v.56; 1 Sam 2:4) and the WICKED (1 Sam 2:4)
- BOW= a weapon DELIVERY mechanism; an arrow is of no value without a bow
- The Lord discomfits and destroys his enemy's ability to launch a first strike or counter attack, rendering them completely defenseless

### **The LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.**

- Judgment upon Babylon (the Great) is a RECOMPENCE and RETRIBUTION for what she did to the Lord's PEOPLE and the Lord's TEMPLE (v. 6,11,24,35-36,49,56; 50:15,28-29) cf. (Psa 137:8)



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