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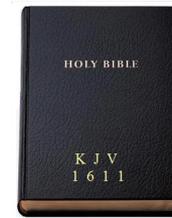


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# Bible Prophecy

*The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39*

Ezekiel 38:13



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## IV. The PROTEST Of The Invasion

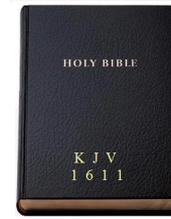
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Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

### Sheba, and Dedan.

- The word *Sheba* means “seven; an oath” and appears 32x
- The word *Sabeans* is derived from Sheba and appears 4x, but specifically refers to the inhabitants of Sheba only 2x (Job 1:15; Joel 3:8)
- The word *Dedan(im)* means, “low country” and appears 12x
- Sheba and Dedan appear 5x together (v.13; Gen 10:7; 25:3; 1 Chr 1:9,32) implying a geographical proximity and/or close relation between them

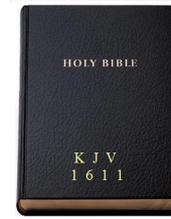
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- There are two sets of “Sheba and Dedans” mentioned in the Bible
  - The first Sheba and Dedan are the sons of Raamah, a son of Cush (Gen 10:7; 1 Chr 1:9)
  - The second Sheba and Dedan are the grandsons of Abraham through his second wife Keturah (Gen 25:3; 1 Chr 1:32)
- Concerning the Sheba and Dedan from the line of Cush, Josephus states that their descendants were the Sabeans and Judadeans, the latter settled in western Ethiopia (*Antiquities* Book 1, Chapter 6, 135)
- Concerning the Sheba and Dedan from the line of Abraham, Josephus states that they and their descendants took possession of Troglodytis (i.e.- both coasts along the Red Sea) and the country of Arabia (*Antiquities* Book 1, Chapter 15, 239)
- Sheba is also the name of one of the 13 sons of Joktan, in the line of Shem (Gen 10:22-28; 1 Chr 1:20-22)
- The most famous inhabitant of Sheba was the queen of Sheba (1 Kin 10:1-13; 2 Chr 9:1-12), known as MAKEDA in Ethiopian tradition
- Both Sheba and Dedan were merchants of Tyre (Eze 27:15,20,22-23)

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- Both Sheba (Job 6:19) and Dedan (Jer 25:23; 49:7-8; Eze 25:13) are associated with Tema(n), which is the southernmost part of EDOM (Amo 1:12); implying a geographical proximity between the three
- Based on archaeology, it has been determined that Dedan was probably the habitat of the Arabs on the northern part of the Arabian Desert in present day SAUDI ARABIA (the ancient capital of Saudi Arabia is still called *Dedan* on many maps today)
- Dedan(im) is also associated with Buz and Edom (Jer 25:23); and said to be among the kings of ARABIA (Isa 21:13; Jer 25:24)

## Isa 21:13

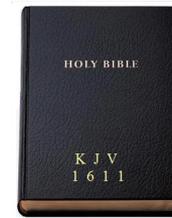
The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.

## Jer 25:23-24

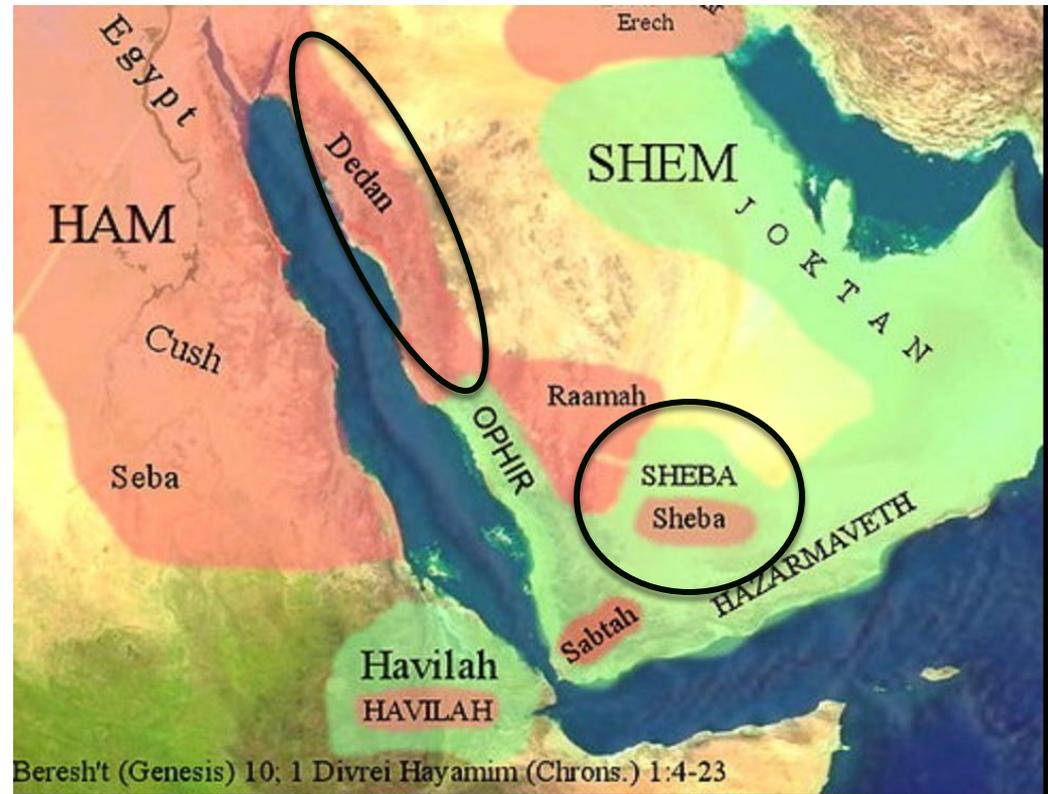
Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,

And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

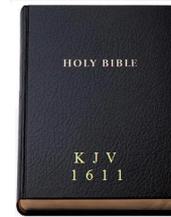
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- Sheba is a place of gold and incense (Psa 72:15; Isa 60:6; Jer 6:20)
- Sheba is SOUTH of Israel (1 Kin 10:1; Matt 12:42)
- Sheba is known in history as *Saba* in Southern Arabia and the *Sabaeans* of classical geography
- Based on recent archaeology, it has been determined that Sheba was on the southwestern edge of the Arabian Peninsula in present day YEMEN, across the Red Sea from present day Eritrea and Somalia

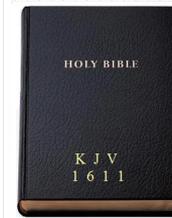


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