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The Great Tree



Finding America in the Book of Daniel

In all the "Great Gentile Nations" shown to Daniel, I wondered, where is America? I had to believe that somewhere in Daniel's dreams and interpretation of dreams—showing the great long span of the entire Gentile nations—America must be represented as a "Great Gentile Nation."

I believe the image of the tree, found in Daniel Chapter 4, is America.

The tree is Babylon of Old in Daniel's day, but here again I believe we have a double-layered prophecy. The "Great Tree" is Babylon of Old and also the Babylon to come forth in the last days. As I read about the "Great Tree" it was impressed upon my mind that the "Great Tree" is America, which has become like Babylon of Old.

Babylon of Old was the beginning of the "Great Gentile Nations" and culminates in modern day with America, the "Last Great Gentile Nation," which sadly, has become a "Modern Day Babylon."

Babylon of Old was described by historians = Fallows said that the inhabitants were "addicted to self-indulgence and effeminacy." Curtius says that the "rites of hospitality were polluted by the grossest and most shameless lusts" and that "money dissolved every tie, and that all the enjoyments that accompany drunkenness were commonplace."

Babylon was known as the center of iniquity, carnality, and worldliness.

Everything connected with it was in opposition to all righteousness and had the effect of leading men downward to the destruction of their souls. It made war with the righteous among them-seeking to destroy them!

<u>Inspired men in New Testament times applied the name Babylon = to any force determined to spread spiritual confusion, wickedness or darkness.</u>

Who Are the "Watcher" and the "Holy One"?



Michael the Archangel

Word "Watcher" in the Hebrew 5894 = Angel or Guardian also 5782 = opening the eyes; wake up

Daniel 7:13 "Watcher" is referred to as "The Ancient of Days" = Adam the Archangel

The "Holy One" is Christ

2 Nephi 6:50 For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, hath spoken it. (also see Doctrine and Covenants 77:3e-f)

Why is the "Great Tree" in Daniel = America, A Modern Day Babylon?

First we must look at the words of Nephi in the Book of Mormon

2 Nephi 11:116-118

116 But behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles; yea, behold all the nations of the Gentiles, and also the Jews, both those who shall come upon this land, and those who shall be upon other lands; yea, even upon all the lands of the earth; behold, they will be drunken with iniquity, and all manner of abominations; 117 And when that day shall come, they shall be visited of the Lord of hosts, with thunder and with earthquake, and with a great noise, and with storm and with tempest, and with the flame of devouring fire;

118 And all the nations that fight against Zion, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

Why is America = The "Great Tree"

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- 1. <u>Daniel 4:9-10</u> Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. = The Tree was seen in the midst of the earth = That means it is a center focus by which the earth was dominated = America is "The World Power" of our day!

 America is the "Center Focus"!
- 2. <u>Daniel 4:11</u> The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth. = The height being great was the power by which it stood. This means it had great resources, money, armies etc. <u>It is a great world power</u>. Quote from a Bible Study Guide: "The vision which Nebuchadnezzar had here, of a tree so conspicuous as to be seen from any part of the world, was one that would be naturally applied to a sovereign--having a universal sway." As we know, America is a land with great resources, she has everything needful = oil, coal, gas, lumber, wheat, corn, minerals, etc.
- 3. <u>Daniel 4:12</u> Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much. = Leaves are the has everything—oil, coal, gas, lumber, cotton, wheat, corn, minerals—people of America, and their fruits are their productivity, inventions, goods, etc. America has been a nation of great inventions—inventions that have changed the world. Thomas Edison the light bulb and many other things; Wright Brothers invented the airplane; Alexander Graham Bell the telephone; George Stibitz the modern computer, etc. etc. We can also look at this as spiritual. The good or bad fruits of their hands. Does America and its people produce good fruit? (Read Matthew 7:29)
- 4. <u>Daniel 4:12</u> And in it was meat for all. = America has provided meat/food for all the earth. America has truly fed the nations of the earth. It has spent 321 billion dollars since World War II on feeding the poor of the world. Plus all the different organizations who feed the poor and needy from America.
- 5. <u>Daniel 4:12</u> <u>Under which the beasts of the field dwelt</u>. = Many nations have dwelt under the protection of the United States = Have dwelt in its shadow/protection. Nations that are our Allies, etc.
- **6.** <u>Daniel 4:12</u> <u>And upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation</u> = The fowls of the air are the different religious sects that have found freedom in America. They have dwelt safely in her branches.
- 7. <u>Daniel 4: 22 It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.</u> = America is a world power. Her president does have universal sway.

Also, the word "Tree" in the Hebrew = Mighty Man but also Chief Politically, Powerful, Mighty in Strength. The United States Presidency is the most powerful office in the world. The president has the power to command the armed forces, make treaties, approve and veto acts of congress, receive diplomats, make pardons and make sure all the laws are fulfilled.



Revelation 18:7-13 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore, 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thine wood, and all manner of vessels of ivory, and all manner of vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

What about slaves and souls of men = State Department = estimated that up to 50,000 women and girls are trafficked each year into the United States. The Truth: There are over 26,000 trafficking fronts in the United States; that's over 10,000 more than there are Starbucks. Trafficking is all around you; it can happen anywhere, on your own street and your own neighborhood. It happens on busy street corners, in homes and hotels. Most commonly, sex trafficking takes place in spas, strip clubs and through thousands of online ads and media.

Revelation 18:19 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.

<u>What about ships and her costliness</u> = Los Angeles Harbor, Port Everglades Florida, Port Canaveral Florida, Port of Miami Florida, Port Jacksonville Florida, New York and New Jersey

Verse 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints and all that were slain upon the earth =

Hauns Mill Massacre



Given at the time the church officials were directed to appeal to the officers of the government, up to the president, for redress, for loss of their rights and of their lands through mob violence in Jackson County, Missouri. If that appeal was refused =

D&C 98:12b and if the president heed them not, then will the Lord arise and come forth out of his hiding place, and in his fury vex the nation, and in his hot displeasure, and in his fierce anger, in his time, will cut off these wicked, unfaithful, and unjust stewards, and appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers; even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

America Will Receive a Harsh Judgment

What Did Our Prophet of This Last Dispensation say Concerning America

- DC 83:23c nevertheless, let the bishop go unto the city of New York, and also to the city of Albany, and also to the city of Boston, and warn the people of those cities with the sound of the gospel, with a loud voice, of the desolation and utter abolishment which awaits them if they do reject these things;
- 23d for if they do reject these things, the hour of their judgment is nigh, and their house shall be left unto them desolate.



Yet a Little While

- Sec. 83:24c for I, the Lord, have put forth my hand to exert the powers of heaven; ye can not see it now,
- yet a little while and ye shall see it, and know that I am, and that I will come and reign with my people.
- I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Amen.



The Process of Change

<u>Daniel 4:13-14</u> 13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven; 14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches.

Apostle Charles Fry= America in Prophecy

- The initial stroke bringing Babylon to the dust stands out in the prophecies as one of the greatest events of the world since the flood, though like the flood it will take the world unaware.
- This downfall may be a process requiring time, But the stroke that produces it will be sudden, even the stroke of the stone upon the feet of the image was sudden
- The blow will fall upon a single nation, and that nations is the United States, the breaking of which will lead to the falling of others.

 The nation that strikes the blow must be a great strong one to be able to destroy



The Kingdom Will Come forth

Charles Frye continued

"That nation has been called " a destroying wind, The rod of mine anger, the staff of mine indignation, destroying mountain, destroyer of the Gentiles.

God uses such instruments as his means of effecting the changes in the political world. It is just such a nation that God will use to destroy.

Apostle Fry then states= that great nation is Russia.

But today we know that China is also capable and if you put the two together it would make a formidable foe. During this process of change, thus indicated, the Kingdom of God will come into being, and that kingdom God has pledged to preserve. It may suffer war, but it will not be overcome or destroyed. The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed.



Will America Be Hewn Down?



Remember this prophecy is double sided; it is speaking about Babylon of Old and Modern Day Babylon at the same time. But Babylon of Old was never destroyed by invading armies. The battle was fought out in the plain and then

they just walked into the city. Babylon of Old was not destroyed/hewn down.

Pride was what brought down Nebuchadnezzar = <u>Daniel 4:29-31 29</u> At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. <u>30</u> The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that <u>I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty? <u>31</u> While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, <u>O king Nebuchadnezzar</u>, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.</u>

Will Pride Bring Down America??? = Words of Jesus Christ = 3rd Nephi 7:34-41

Christ's Words to America About Being Cut Off = 3 Nephi 9:101-106 101 Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles, except they repent, for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots, and I will cut off the cities of thy land and throw down all thy strongholds; 102 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: 103 Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; 104 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. 105 And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, shall be done away. 106 For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day, whosoever will not repent and come unto my beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel, and I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

Notice how many times it says "Cut Off" The great tree was cut off only the stump remained.



When the tree is hewn down there will be a fall of nations which are upon the earth, starting with America. The branches and tree are all connected. The leaves are the many peoples, kindreds and tongues. They are shaken when the tree falls; governments fall and the systems fail. Everything is shaken throughout the earth!

Daniel counsels Nebuchadnezzar to repent, <u>Daniel 7:27</u>; but he did not listen and continued in his pride and wickedness. He was totally lifted up in his own pride, verses 30-31, so God brought judgment upon him. He went insane for seven years but then he came to himself and repented and glorified God.

We are in the time frame where America has gone insane. She no longer knows who she is, or from whence she came and she has lost her identity. She has become a wild beast, even Babylon the Great.

Ether 1:31-32 31 And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fullness of his wrath shall come upon them. 32 And the fullness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity; for behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God, or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God.

<u>Daniel 4:34</u> And at the end of the days (7 Years) <u>I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.</u>

America, like Nebuchadnezzar, must lift up her eyes unto heaven/God. She must recognize God once again. The prodigal son had to come to himself, <u>Luke 15:17</u>; America has to come to itself.

God Always Gives Us a Road of Escape

A City of Refuge, A Place of Safety

- Sec.45:12c and it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the most high God;
- 45:12d and the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it; and it shall be called Zion.
- 45:13a And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety.

Sandy's Testimony = God will gather



Will America Survive?

America = If America will repent and come unto Christ and acknowledge God as the ruler of heaven and earth, as Nebuchadnezzar did, then Repentant America, the America that is once again founded on God, will be restored.

God's kingdom will roll forth and all nations of the earth will acknowledge that God is sovereign and Jesus, as our Lord of Lords and King of Kings, reigns over the whole earth.

Read <u>Daniel 4:34-37</u> to see King Nebuchadnezzar's acknowledgement that God is sovereign.

America must acknowledge that God is sovereign. See <u>Mosiah 2:20.</u>

George Washington Saw That America Would Survive



I saw hordes of armed men . . . I saw these vast armies devastate the whole country . . . the Angel upon whose head still shone the word Union, and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descend from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well nigh overcome. . . . Then they won the battle and were Victorious The Angel said: "The most fearful is the third, but in this great conflict the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and the Union.

America must survive to be able to bring forth the Kingdom of Zion = New Jerusalem

Ether 6:4-6 4 Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land; and he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come; after it should be destroyed, it should be built up again a holy city unto the Lord; 5 Wherefore it could not be a New Jerusalem, for it had been in a time of old, but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the Lord: and it should be built up unto the house of Israel . . . 6 And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land.

The Women of the Church Can Become the Point of God's Spear = Testimony from Pat Chadwick = <u>D&C 38:9c</u> And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded. (Also, see flash card #8)

You Were Chosen For Such a Time as This



He Will Use You In Ways You Know Not Of

- A Generation of Women Who Know How to Go to War Through Prayer and Action. See Sec.65, 38:9 A Generation of Women Who Will "Be Still and Know Their God", Love Him and Serve Him = Put Him 1st in Their Lives. See Sec. 98 & Ps. 46
- A Generation of Women Who Move out in Faith to Accomplish the Task Before Them = Zion. See Heb. 11th Chapter = "Noah moved out in faith"
- Women Who, Through Christ Jesus, Are the Point of His Spear = In Hebrewspear meant "a flame of fire" The battle is fought in prayer as the Holy Spirit the "flame of fire" works through prayer. Your Prayers Make a Difference! They Are Powerful!

- Point of His Spear
- It is a military idiom for being the first to go into battle. A Force Used to Puncture the Enemies Defense System.
 Women of The Church = Let us, through prayer become a invasion force, breaking down Satan's defense system.
 The let us go forth in faith to serve God. There is much work to be done
 We Must Move Out In Faith = Action



Pray for the Church, Pray for Priesthood & Endowment, Pray for Zion, Pray for our Nation



Alma 8:31 Yea, and I say unto you, that if it were not for the prayers of the righteous, who are now in the land, that ye would even now be visited with utter destruction;

The remaining Stump is Bound with Iron and Brass meaning the earthly kingdoms will grow no more until the little season.

<u>Daniel 4:15</u> Nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass.



Word "Band" in the Hebrew = Strong's = 612-612 = Imprisonment, Prisoner, A Prison We must ask ourselves, "Who is imprisoned when the Gentile Nations are cut down and Christ returns to the earth?"

Revelation 20:1-3 1 And I saw an angel come down out of heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season.

<u>D&C 43:7b-c</u> <u>7b</u> For the last time, call upon the inhabitants of the earth; for in my own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment; and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth; for the great millennial, which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come; for Satan shall be bound; and when he is loosed again, he shall only reign for a little season, and then cometh the end of the earth; <u>7c</u> for the great millennial, which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come; for Satan shall be bound; and when he is loosed again, he shall only reign for a little season, and then cometh the end of the earth.

This a song the Saints will sing:

<u>D&C 83:16, 17a-b 16 ...</u> shall lift up their voice, and with the voice together sing this new song, saying: <u>17a</u> The Lord hath brought again Zion: The Lord hath redeemed his people, Israel, According to the election of grace, Which was brought to pass by the faith And covenant of their fathers. <u>17b</u> The Lord hath redeemed his people, And Satan is bound, and time is no longer: The Lord hath gathered all things in one: The Lord hath brought down Zion from above: The Lord hath brought up Zion from beneath; The earth hath travailed and brought forth her strength; And truth is established in her bowels; And the heavens have smiled upon her, And she is clothed with the glory of her God: For he stands in the midst of his people: No more wicked nations upon the earth until the little seasons and then when Satan is loosed they can sprout up again. Satan is the root/stump of the wicked nations.

But right now we are in a time of choosing, and preparing for all of these events that are soon to come to pass.

Let us quickly now repent and prepare!

A Time to Repent, Choose and Prepare

Time To Prepare



• DC 108:5a Hearken and hear
O ye inhabitants of the earth.

5b Listen, ye elders of my
church together, and hear the
voice of the Lord, for he
calleth upon all men and he
commandeth all men
everywhere to repent; for,
behold, the Lord God hath
sent forth the angel, crying
through the midst of heaven,
saying: 5c Prepare ye the way
of the Lord, and make his
paths strait, for the hour of
his coming is nigh,

WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME



Mark 1:15 KJV

- DC 32:2f yea, open your mouths and they shall be filled, saying, Repent, repent
- and prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight;
- for the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Day Of Choosing



- DC 102:10b and let those commandments which I have given concerning Zion and her law, be executed and fulfilled, after her redemption.
- 10c There has been a day of calling, but the time has come for a day of choosing; and let those be chosen that are worthy; and it shall be manifest unto my servant, by the voice of the Spirit, those that are chosen, and they shall be sanctified;
- 10d and inasmuch as they follow the counsel which they receive, they shall have power after many days to accomplish all things pertaining to Zion.

Believe That God's Kingdom Will Come Forth and work Towards that Goal

