#547 The Reagan/Regan-Bush Habitation of Devils – The Exorcist's Regan

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The Exorcist. The movie *The Exorcist* (1973) received ten Academy Award nominations in 1974. It lost out to *The Sting* (1973) for Best Picture. It did, however, win the Golden Globe award for Best Motion Picture Drama.

Demon-possessed

Regan. Actress Linda Blair (*right*), who played the demonpossessed girl Regan MacNeil in the film, received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress.

The movie opens in the northern Iraqi desert.

The film begins with an elderly priest, Father Merrin (Max Von Sydow, *right*), taking part in an archeological dig. He comes across two items that are both of interest and troubling to him. He is in a room with another gentleman. As he is examining one of the pagan artifacts, he says, "evil against evil." Soon, he feels the need to depart from Iraq. The last scene in Iraq shows Father Merrin at some ruins. He seems aware of the presence of the devil,

ruins. He seems aware of the presence of the devil, as dogs who are nearby start to fight, obviously agitated by the presence of evil spirits. High up on the rocks, he sees and then faces a stone-winged figure of the devil – a devil with wings, the

demon Pazuzu. They are about fifteen feet apart. We learn later in the movie that he is experienced at exorcism, this experience coming from earlier in his life in Africa. It seems now as if there will be a rematch with the dark lord, who is the devil Pazuzu. Where will this re-match take place? The scene fades and shifts to Georgetown, Washington D.C. It is there that the demon Pazuzu would indwell Regan.



Scene with Pazuzu from The Exorcist





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Key Understanding: *The Exorcist, and Iraq and America*. The Lord's purpose for *The Exorcist* was to reveal the prophetic roles and meanings of worldwide events surrounding the Reagan presidency. Let's start by understanding that in *The Exorcist*, the demon Pazuzu that would indwell Regan in Georgetown, Washington D.C., was – at the beginning of the movie – associated with the modern nation of Iraq, the country in which ancient Babylon was located. In Revelation 18:2, Babylon the Great, or the Second Babylon – which is America – is the *"habitation of devils."*

[Note: The site of the archeological dig depicted in the movie was near Nineveh, the capital city of the ancient Assyrians, in today's northern Iraq (near Mosul).]

Revelation 18:1-2 (KJV) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, <u>BABYLON THE GREAT</u> IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, AND IS BECOME THE <u>HABITATION OF DEVILS</u>, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

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