

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

July 11, 2021

Revelation 18

REVELATION 18:7

"How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning."

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REVELATION 18:8

Short time.
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17:12;
18:10

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19:19-20;
20:10;
cf. Daniel
7:11

"Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and he shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judged her."

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False Sense of Security

- Rome's **pride** is great, just like Babylon.
- In luxury and haughty splendor she thought she was **invincible**
- She will **receive** torture and misery for her actions (**Isaiah 13:19ff; 47:1-11**)
- Thought herself a **queen** (royalty)
- In her **heart** – "No widow and would not see sorrow"

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Sudden and Swift Destruction

- The punishment would be sudden – "one day," "one hour" certainty of her fall!
- Death, **mourning**, and famine
- **Utterly** burned with fire (complete)
- Though **considered strong** she will be no match in the face of Almighty God!
- **Figurative language** does not demand a "literal burning"
- What is being **destroyed**? Power and authority of the harlot, not the actual buildings themselves.
- The **magnificent city of Rome** of John's day – will be brought to naught!

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REVELATION 18:9

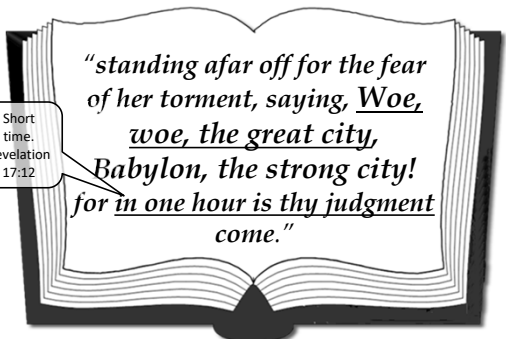
*"And the **kings of the earth**, who committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they look upon the smoke of her burning."*

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REVELATION 18:10

"standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."

Short time.
Revelation 17:12



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Three-fold lamentation over the judgment of Rome ...

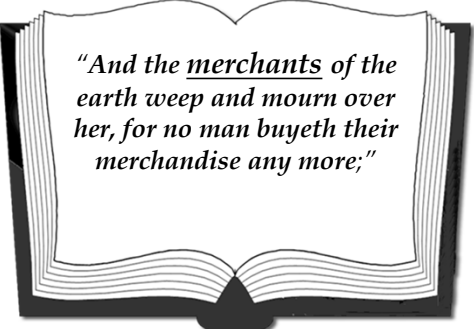
1. Kings of the Earth

- **Sorrow of the earth's rulers** – made rich by her conduct
- **Distressed** – power going up in smoke!
- **Keep their distance** – don't want to be consumed along with Rome!
- **Mighty city has fallen so quickly**
- In many ways – their **fate** is also tied to Rome's!

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REVELATION 18:11

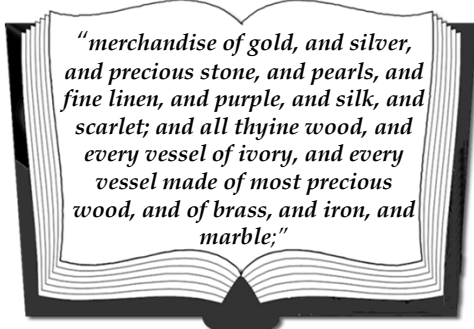
"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise any more;"



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REVELATION 18:12

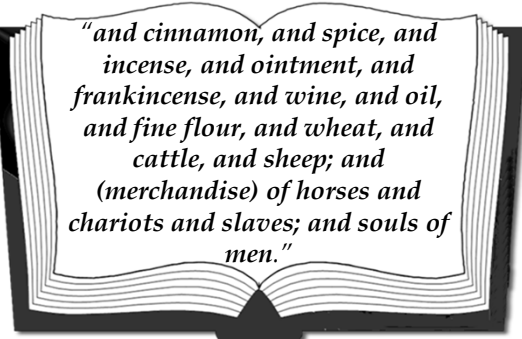
"merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble;"



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REVELATION 18:13

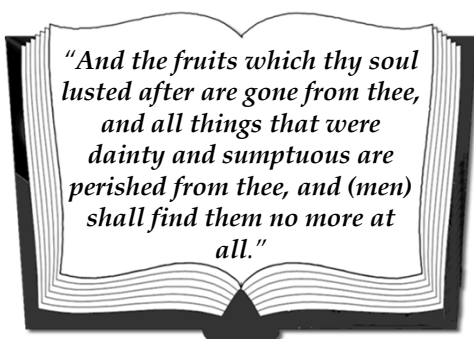
"and cinnamon, and spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep; and (merchandise) of horses and chariots and slaves; and souls of men."

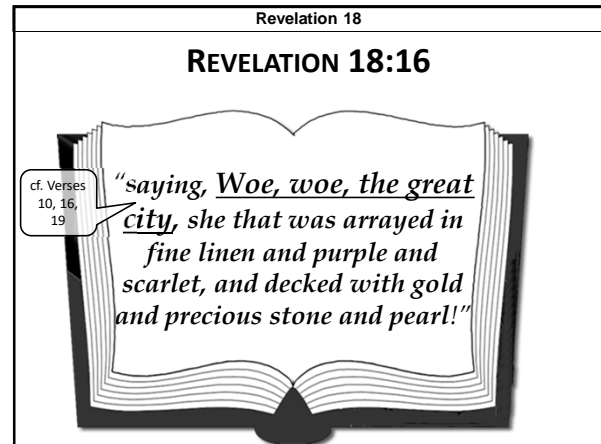


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REVELATION 18:14

"And the fruits which thy soul lusted after are gone from thee, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from thee, and (men) shall find them no more at all."





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Three-fold lamentation over the judgment of Rome ...

2. Merchants of the Earth

- **Sorrow of the earth's merchants** – made rich by trade with her
- Mourn over their financial loss – no goods to sell any longer
- All the merchandise they purchased for the great empire – would no longer be needed!

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Merchants of the Earth

- Look at the **list** of items mentioned:
 - *Gold*
 - *Silver*
 - *Precious stones and pearls*
 - *Fine linen and purple*
 - *Every kind of citron wood, precious woods*
 - *Ivory*
 - *Bronze, iron, marble*

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Merchants of the Earth

- Look at the **list** of items mentioned:
 - *Cinnamon*
 - *Incense*
 - *Fragrant oil and frankincense*
 - *Wine and oil*
 - *Fine flour and wheat*
 - *Cattle, sheep, horses, and chariots*
 - *Slaves of men*
 - *Souls of men*

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Merchants of the Earth

- All the things their souls "**longed for**" have now **vanished!**
- All things of the **rich** and splendor of **luxuries** – have left them!
- No more shall they be able to **obtain** them!
- The "**cash cow**" has expired!
- **Compare with the fall of Tyre.**
Ezekiel 26-28:19

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Merchants of the Earth

- They too **keep their distance**
- **Witnessing** her weeping, torment, and wailing
- **Distressed** that the once “*invincible empire*” clothed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls – laid waste!

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REVELATION 18:17

“for in an hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and every one that saileth any wither, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood afar off,”

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REVELATION 18:18

cf. Jeremiah
51:60-64

“and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What (city) is like the great city?”

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REVELATION 18:19

Short
time.
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17:12;
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“And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.”

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Three-fold lamentation over the judgment of Rome ...**3. Seafarers of the Earth**

- **Sorrow of the ship merchants.**
- Every **shipmaster**, those who **travel by ship**, and **sailors** lament
- Those who used the **sea lanes** to trade with Rome are amazed
- Stood at **distance**

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Seafarers of the Earth

- Witness the “**smoke of her burning**” {destruction}
- “*What is like this great city?*”
- **Dust on their heads** – sign of deep mourning
- Cry with **weeping and wailing**
- **Selfish grief** – had been made wealthy by her – now what will happen to them!
- cf. Revelation 17:12-13

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REVELATION 18:20

cf. Revelation 6:9-11

"Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged your judgment on her."

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Rejoicing of the Saints!

- The **righteous** can now rejoice!
- **Vindication** has now been achieved!
– Revelation 6:9-11; 11:17, 18
- Worldly weep but God's servants rejoice!
- Sinful persecutors have received a **righteous judgment**
Note: Ezekiel 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4
- Not a **happiness** over the loss of life and souls of men – but the **victory** of good over evil! **Righteousness triumphs!**

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REVELATION 18:21

Isaiah 13:17-22; 14:21-23; Jeremiah 50-51

"And a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all."