

**Text: Revelation 18**

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<sup>10</sup> standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

<sup>11</sup> "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

<sup>12</sup> merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

<sup>13</sup> and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

<sup>14</sup> The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

<sup>15</sup> The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

<sup>16</sup> and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

<sup>17</sup> For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

<sup>18</sup> and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What is like this great city?'

<sup>19</sup> "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

<sup>20</sup> "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

Revelation 18:9-18

## **1. The Mourning for the Fall of Babylon**

### **a) The kings of the earth**

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Revelation 18:11-17a

**c) The shipmasters/ sailors. traders**

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Revelation 18:17b-19

2. The prophets and apostles

"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" Revelation 18:20

- a) Heaven
- b) Apostles
- c) Prophets
- d) Rejoicing over Justice being upheld