Chapter 18

The fal of Babylon, her iudgement, plagues and reuenges: for the which, 9. the Kings, 16. and marchants of the earth that ſometime did cleaue vnto her, shal mourne bitterly: 20. but heauen, and the Apoſtles and Prophets shal reioyce.

And after theſe things I ſaw another Angel comming downe from heauen, hauing great power: and the earth was illuminated of his
Apoc. 14, 8. glorie. 2 And he cried out in force, ſaying: Fallen fallen is Babylon the great: and it is become the habitation
φυλακὴ of Diuels, and the cuſtodie of euery vncleane Spirit, & the cuſtodie of euery vncleane & hateful bird; 3 becauſe al Nations haue drunke of the wine of the wrath of her fornication: and the Kings of the earth haue fornicated with her: and the marchants of the earth were made rich by the vertue of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heauen, ſaying: Goe out from her my people: that you be not partakers of her ſinnes, and receiue not of her plagues. 5 Becauſe her ſinnes are come euen to heauen, and God hath remembred her iniquities. 6 Render to her as she alſo hath rendred to you: and double ye double according to her workes: In the cup wherein ſhe hath mingled, mingle ye double vnto her. 7 As much as ſhe hath glorified her ſelf, & hath been in delicacies, [a]ſo much giue her torment
Eſ. 47, 8. and mourning: becauſe ſhe ſaith in her hart, I ſit a Queen, and widow I am not, and mourning I ſhal not ſee. 8 Therfore in one day ſhal her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine, & with fire ſhe ſhal be burnt: becauſe God is ſtrong that shal iudge her.

[a] The meaſure of paines and damnation, according to the wicked pleaſures, or vnlawful delights of this life. Which is a fore ſentence for ſuch people as turne their whole life to luſt and riot.

9 And a)the Kings of the earth, which haue fornicated with her, & haue liued in delicacies, ſhal weep, and bewaile themſelues vpon her, when they ſhal ſee the ſmoke of her burning: 10 ſtanding farre off for the feare of her torments, ſaying: Woe, woe, that great citie Babylon, that ſtrong citie: becauſe in one houre is thy iudgement come.

11 And the marchants of the earth ſhal weep, & morne vpon her: becauſe no man ſhal buy their merchandiſe any more, 12 merchandiſe of gold and ſiluer and precious ſtone: and of pearle, and fine linnen, and purple, and ſilke, & ſcarlet and al Thyne wood, and al veſſels of yuorie, and al veſſels of precious ſtone and of braſſe and yron and marble, 13 and cynamon, and of odours, and ointment, and frankincenſe, and wine, and oile, and floure, & wheat, and beaſts, and ſheep, and horſes, and chariots, & ſlaues, and ſoules of men. 14 And the apples of the deſire of thy ſoule are departed from thee, and al fat and goodly things are periſhed from thee, and they ſhal no more find them. 15 The marchants of theſe things which are made rich, ſhal ſtand farre from her for feare of her tormentes, weeping and mourning, 16 & ſaying: Woe, woe, that great citie, which was clothed with ſilke, and purple, and ſcarlet, and was gilted with gold, and pretious ſtone, and pearls: 17 becauſe in one houre are ſo great riches made deſolate: and euery gouernour, & euery one that ſaileth into the lake, and the ſhip-men, and they that worke in the ſea, ſtoode a farre off, 18 and cried ſeeing the place of her burning, ſaying: What other is like to this great citie? 19 And they threw duſt vpon their heads, and cried weeping and mourning, ſaying: Woe, woe, that great citie, in the which al were made

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a Kings and Marchants are moſt encombered, dãgered & drowned in the pleaſures of this world: whoſe whole life & traficke is (if they be not exceeding vertuous) to find varietie of earthly pleaſures. Who ſeeing once the extreme end of their ioyes and of al that made their heauẽ here, to be turned into paines & damnation eternal, then shal houle & weep too late.

rich that had ſhips in the ſea, of her prices: becauſe in one houre she is deſolate.

20 a)Reioyce ouer her, heauen, and ye holy Apoſtles and Prophets: becauſe God hath iudged your iudgement of her. 21 And one ſtrong Angel tooke vp as it were a great milſtone, and threw it into the ſea, ſaying: With this violence ſhal b)Babylon that great citie be throwen, and ſhal now be found no more. 22 And the voice of harpers, and of Muſicians, and of them that ſing on ſhalme and trompet, ſhal no more be heard in thee, & euery artificer of euery art ſhal be found no more in thee, and the noiſe of the mil ſhal no more be heard in thee, 23 and the light of the lamp ſhal no more ſhine in thee, & the voice of the bride-grome and the bride ſhal no more be heard in thee: becauſe thy marchants were the Princes of the earth, becauſe al Nations haue erred in thine inchantments. 24 And in her is found the bloud of the Prophets and Saints, and of al that were ſlaine in the earth.

Ier. 51, 63.

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a The Angels and al Saints shal reioyce & laud God to ſee the wicked confunded, & Gods iuſtice executed vpon their oppreſſours & perſecutours, & this is that which the Martyrs praied for, *c. 6.*

b By this it ſeemeth cleere that the Apoſtle meaneth not any one citie, but the vniuerſal companie of the reprobate, which shal perish in the day of iudgemẽt. The old Prophets alſo naming the whole number of Gods enemies myſtically, Babylon, as *Ierem. c. 52.*