

Chapter 18

The fal of Babylon, her iudgement, plagues and reuenges: for the which, 9. the Kings, 16. and marchants of the earth that fometime 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 glorie. ² And he cried out in force, faying: Fallen fallen is Babylon the great: and it is become the habitation 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.

Apoc. 14, 8.

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⁴ And I heard another voice from heauen, faying: Goe out from her my people: that you be not partakers of her finnes, and receiue not of her plagues. ⁵ Because her finnes are come euen to heauen, and God hath remembered 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, ^aalso much giue her torment and mourning: because she faith in her hart, I fit a Queen, and widow I am not, and mourning I shal not fee. ⁸ Therefore 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.

Ef. 47, 8.

^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, fhall weep, and bewaile themfelues vpon her, when they fhall fee the fmoke of her burning: ¹⁰ ftanding farre off for the feare of her torments, faying: Woe, woe, that great citie Babylon, that ftrong citie: becaufe in one houre is thy iudgement come.

¹¹ And the marchants of the earth fhall weep, & morne vpon her: becaufe no man fhall buy their merchandife any more, ¹² merchandife of gold and filuer and precious ftone: and of pearle, and fine linnen, and purple, and filke, & fcarlet and al Thyne wood, and al veffels of yuorie, and al veffels of precious ftone and of braffe and yron and marble, ¹³ and cynamon, and of odours, and ointment, and frankincenfe, and wine, and oile, and floure, & wheat, and beafts, and fheep, and horfes, and chariots, & flaues, and foules of men. ¹⁴ And the apples of the defire of thy foule are departed from thee, and al fat and goodly things are perifhed from thee, and they fhall no more find them. ¹⁵ The marchants of thefe things which are made rich, fhall ftand farre from her for feare of her tormentes, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶ & faying: Woe, woe, that great citie, which was clothed with filke, and purple, and fcarlet, and was gilted with gold, and pretious ftone, and pearls: ¹⁷ becaufe in one houre are fo great riches made defolate: and euery gouernour, & euery one that faileth into the lake, and the fhip-men, and they that worke in the fea, ftoode a farre off, ¹⁸ and cried feeing the place of her burning, faying: What other is like to this great citie? ¹⁹ And they threw duft vpon their heads, and cried weeping and mourning, faying: Woe, woe, that great citie, in the which al were made

^a Kings and Marchants are moft encombered, dāgered & drowned in the pleafures of this world: whofe whole life & traficke is (if they be not exceeding vertuous) to find varietie of earthly pleafures. Who feeing once the extreme end of their ioyes and of al that made their heauē here, to be turned into paines & damnation eternal, then fhall houle & weep too late.

rich that had flhips in the fea, of her prices: becaufe in one houre she is defolate.

Ier. 51, 63. ²⁰ a)Reioyce ouer her, heauen, and ye holy Apoftles and Prophets: becaufe God hath iudged your iudgement of her. ²¹ And one ftrong Angel tooke vp as it were a great milftone, and threw it into the fea, fay- ing: With this violence fhall ^bBabylon that great citie be throwen, and fhall now be found no more. ²² And the voice of harpers, and of Muficians, and of them that fing on fhalmes and trompet, fhall no more be heard in thee, & euery artificer of euery art fhall be found no more in thee, and the noife of the mil fhall no more be heard in thee, ²³ and the light of the lamp fhall no more fhine in thee, & the voice of the bride-grome and the bride fhall no more be heard in thee: becaufe thy marchants were the Princes of the earth, becaufe al Nations haue erred in thine inchantment. ²⁴ And in her is found the bloud of the Prophets and Saints, and of al that were flaine in the earth.

^a The Angels and al Saints fhall reioyce & laud God to fee the wicked confunded, & Gods iuftice executed vpon their oppreffours & perfecutours, & this is that which the Martyrs praied for, *c. 6.*

^b By this it feemeth cleere that the Apoftle meaneth not any one citie, but the vniuerfal companie of the reprobate, which fhall perish in the day of iudgemēt. The old Prophets alfo naming the whole number of Gods enemies myftically, Babylon, as *Ierem. c. 52.*