

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.

Apoc. 14, 8. **A**nd 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, ſaying: 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.

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Ef. 47, 8. ⁴ And I heard another voice from heauen, ſaying: 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 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, ^aſo 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.

^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 fmoke 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 filke, & scarlet and al Thyne wood, and al vessels of yuorie, and al vessels of precious stone and of braffe 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 foules of men. ¹⁴ And the apples of the desire of thy foule 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 filke, 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 faileth into the lake, and the ship-men, and they that worke in the sea, stood 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

^a Kings and Marchants are most encombered, dāgered & 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 heauē here, to be turned into paines & damnation eternal, then shal 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, faying: With this violence fhall ^{b)}Babylon 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 inchantments. 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.*