

**[Revelation]  
Lesson 12**

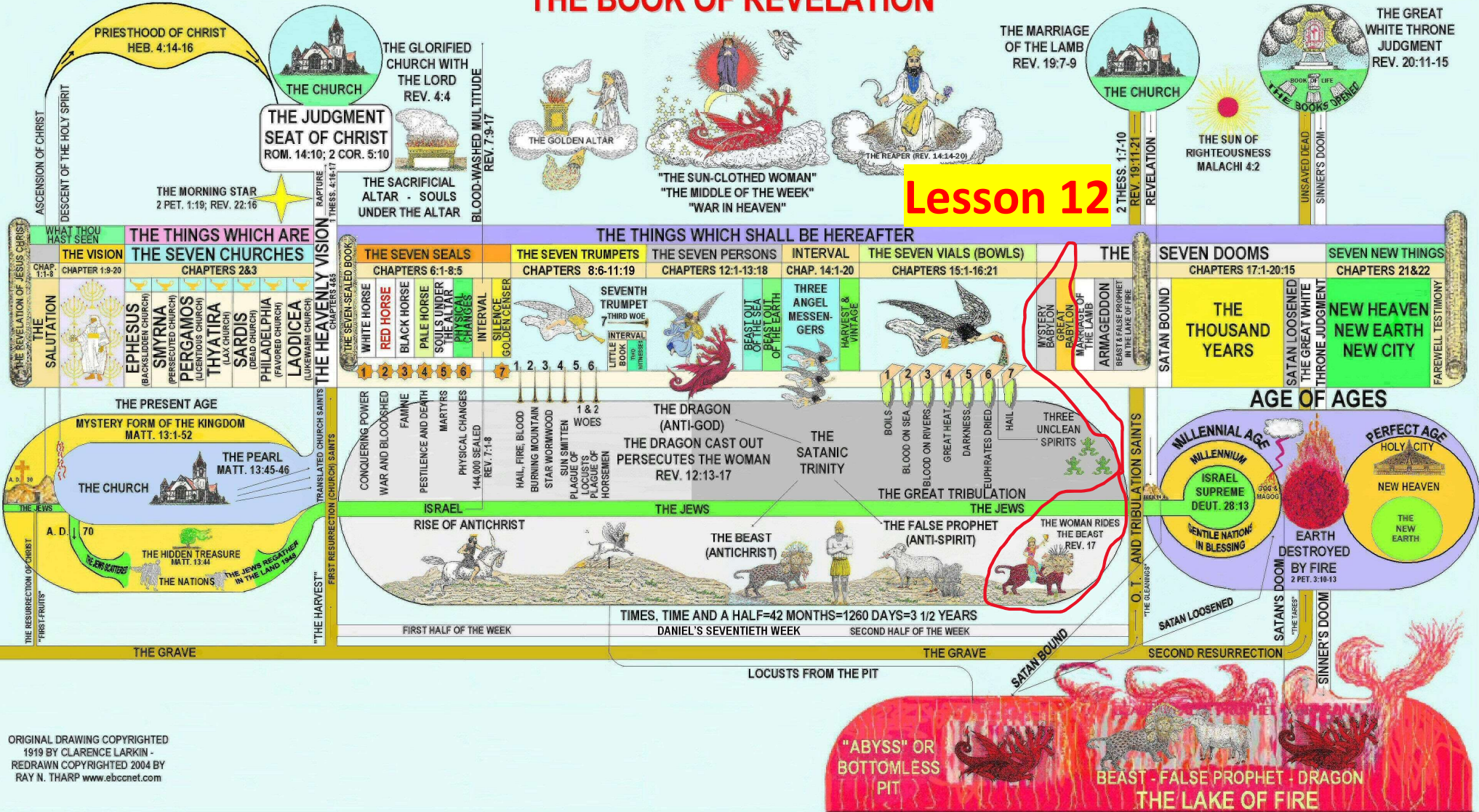
# **Babylon and the Beast**

**(Revelation 17-18)**



# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

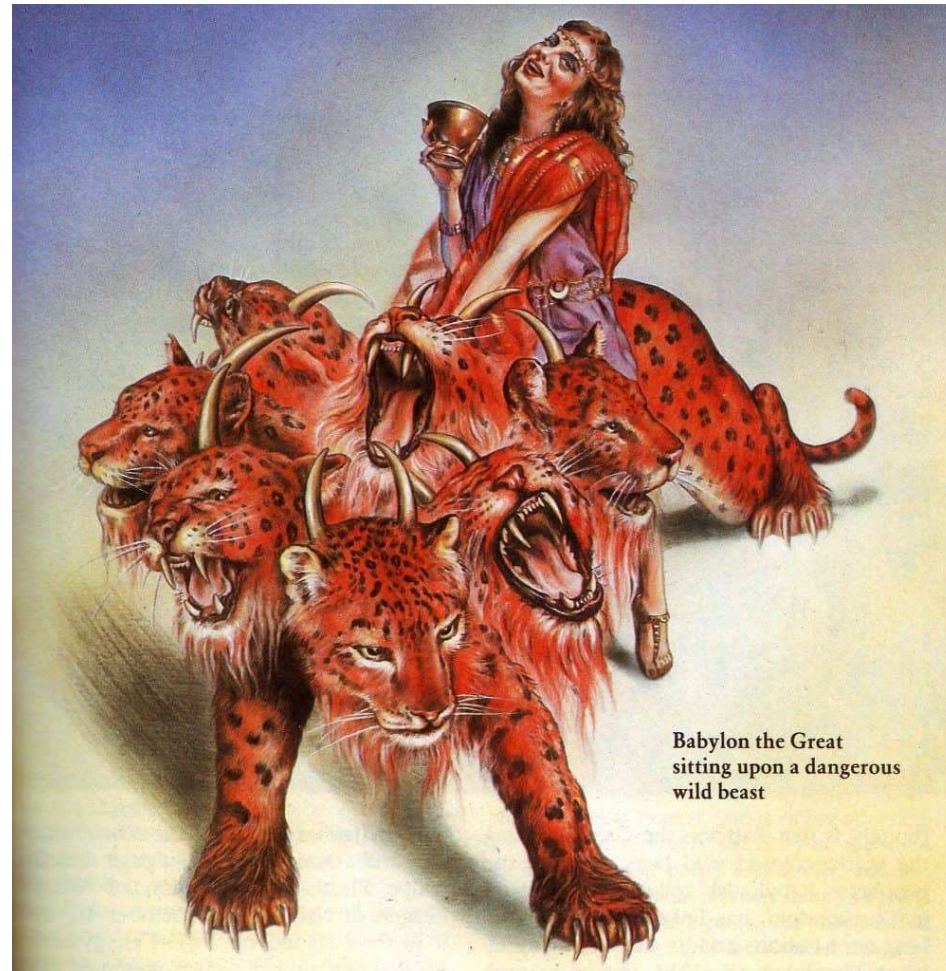
## Lesson 12



# Colour Help Guide

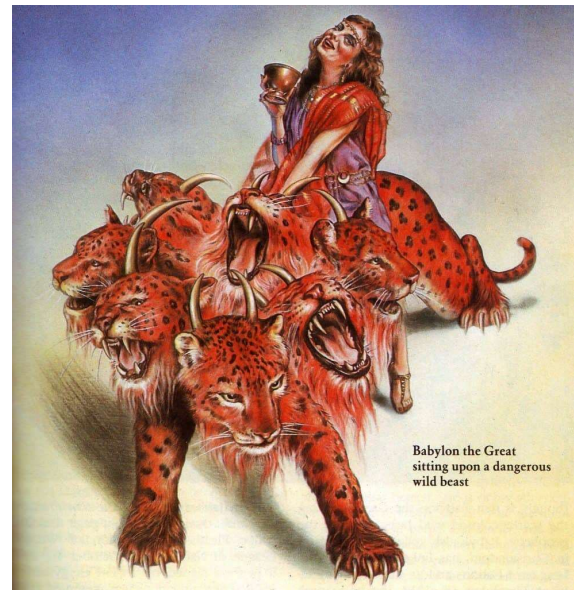
<b>Believers</b> =	<b>Green</b>
<b>God the Father</b> =	<b>Purple</b>
<b>God the Son</b> =	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>God the Holy Spirit</b> =	<b>Blue</b>
<b>The Bible</b> =	<b>Grey</b>
<b>God's Angels</b> =	<b>Brown</b>
<b>Satan's men and demons</b> =	<b>Red</b>

# 1. **Babylon** & the **Beast**



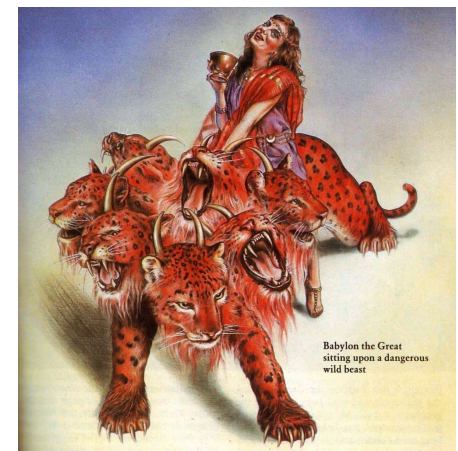
Babylon the Great  
sitting upon a dangerous  
wild beast

(Rev 17:1) And there came **one** of the seven **angels** **which** had the seven vials (**bowls**), and talked with **me** (**John**), saying unto **me**, Come hither (**here**); **I** will shew (**show**) unto **thee** the judgment of the great **whore** (**woman selling self**) **that** sitteth upon (**rules**) many **waters** [**peoples**]:



Babylon the Great  
sitting upon a dangerous  
wild beast

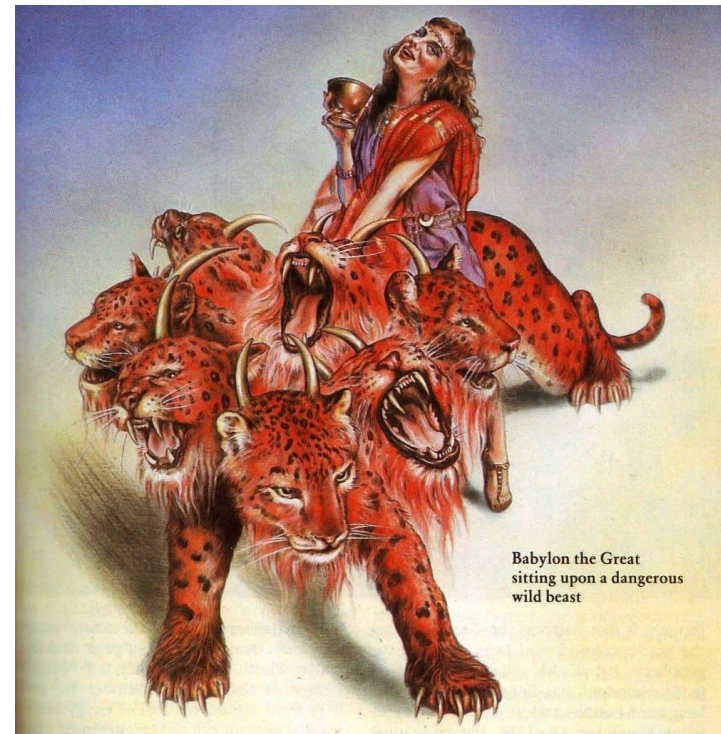
(Rev 17:2) *With **whom** [the whore] **the kings** (governments) of the earth have committed (done—given themselves) fornication (sexual sin—rebellious, godless joining that pleases the flesh and steals the heart—[loving the world & false religion; and NOT loving God]), **and the inhabitants** (people) of the earth have been made drunk (lost control—[given themselves over to the world's way]) **with the wine of her fornication.***





- Many, maybe most Bible teachers of the last 1,000 years have thought the **Roman Catholic Church (RC)** to be the **Whore** of Revelation.
- The **whore (RC)** first sold **herself** to the Roman government by mixing Roman idolatry which started in Babylon. Then many governments (kings) joined with the **RC** seduced by **her** worldly immodesty—showing of fleshly wealth and power.
- **Her** influence reaches many peoples of the earth, and **she** is always willing to change to seduce more people.
- The **RC** is responsible for killing 600,00,000 (600+ lakh) true Christians from 800AD to 1800AD.

(Rev 17:3) So **he** carried **me** away in the spirit [**mind—  
not body**] into the wilderness (**outside place**): and I saw a **woman** sit upon a scarlet (**red**) coloured **beast**, full of names of blasphemy (**bad words—[open rebellion against God]**), having seven heads and ten horns.



Babylon the Great  
sitting upon a dangerous  
wild beast



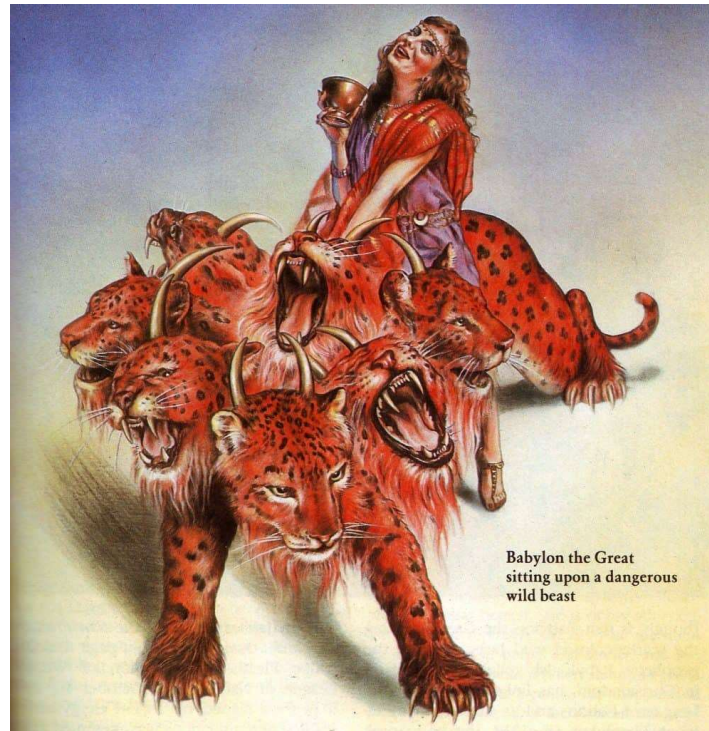
(Rev 17:4) *And the **woman** was arrayed (clothed) in purple and scarlet colour, and decked (clothed) with gold and precious (rich) stones and pearls [like a queen], having a golden cup in **her** hand full of abominations (very bad sins) and filthiness of **her** fornication (sexual sin—[how God views the love of the world—lust of flesh & pride of life]):*



(Rev 17:5) And upon **her** forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**. (6) And **I** saw the **woman** drunken with the blood [**much killing**] of the **saints**, and with the blood of the **martyrs** of **Jesus**: and when **I** saw **her**, **I** wondered with great admiration (**WOW!!**).

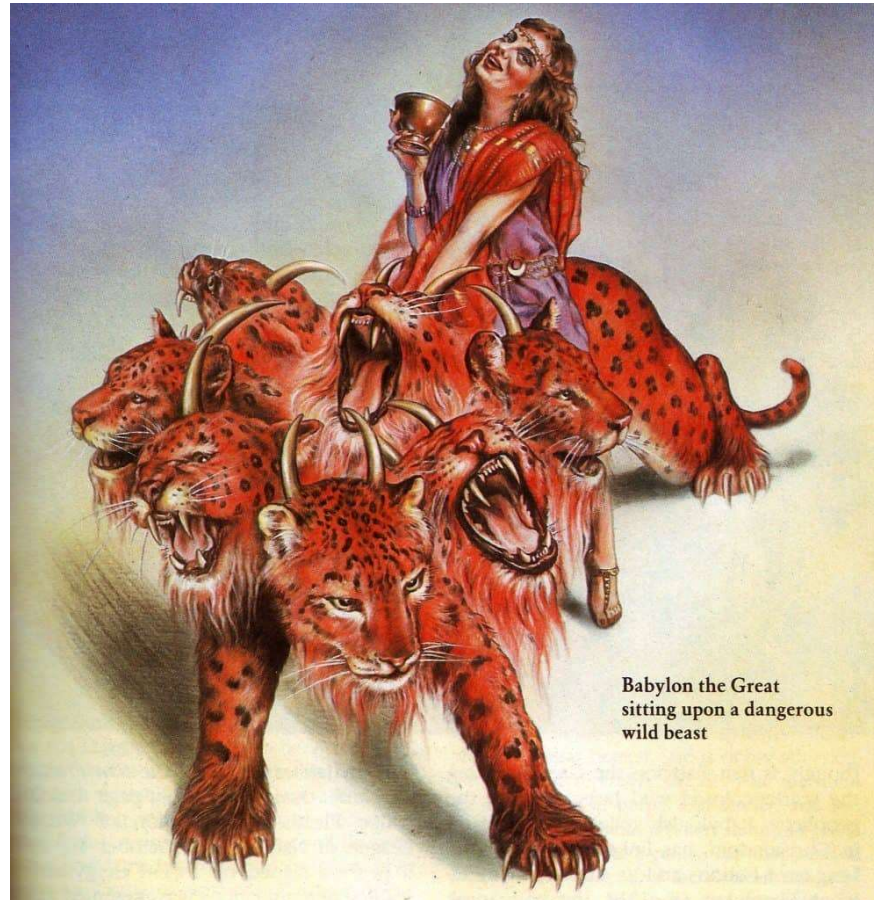


(Rev 17:7) And the **angel** said unto **me**, Wherefore (**why**) didst (**did**) **thou** marvel (**wow!!**)? I will tell **thee** the mystery (**open truth**) of the **woman**, and of the **beast** **that** carrieth **her**, **which** hath the seven heads and ten horns.



Babylon the Great  
sitting upon a dangerous  
wild beast

## 2. **Babylon** & the **Beast** Explained



Babylon the Great  
sitting upon a dangerous  
wild beast

(Rev 17:8) The **beast** that **thou** sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend (go up) out of the bottomless pit (Hell), and go into perdition (Hell): and **they that** dwell on the earth shall wonder (wow!), **whose names** were not written in the book of life from the foundation (start) of the world, when **they** behold the **beast** that was, and is not, and yet is.

(Rev 17:9) *And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which [Rome] the woman sitteth. (10) And there are seven kings (governments): five are fallen (ended), and one is [Rome continues], and the other [??Rome rebuilt??] is not yet come (future); and when he cometh, he must continue a short space (time). (11) And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth [Antichrist's government], and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition (Hell).*

[See Daniel 4 & 7:24-27]

(Rev 17:12) And the ten **horns** **which** **thou** sawest are ten **kings**, **which** have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour (**short time**) with the **beast**. (13) **These** have one mind (**unity**), and shall give **their** power and strength unto the **beast**. (14) **These** shall make war with the **Lamb**, and the **Lamb** shall overcome (**win**) **them**: for **he** is **Lord of lords, and King of kings**: and **they** that are with **him** are **called**, and chosen (**elect**), and **faithful**.

(Rev 17:15) And **he** saith unto **me**, The **waters** which **thou** sawest, **where** the **whore** sitteth, are **peoples**, and **multitudes**, and **nations**, and tongues (**languages**).

(16) And the ten **horns** which **thou** sawest upon the **beast**, **these** shall hate the **whore**, and shall make **her** desolate (**empty**) and naked, and shall eat **her** flesh, and burn **her** with fire. (17) For **God** hath put in **their** hearts to fulfil (**do**) **his** will (**want**), and to agree, and give **their** **kingdom** unto the **beast**, until the **words of God** shall be fulfilled (**done**).



(Rev 17:18) *And the woman which thou sawest is that great city* [Babylon = Rome—ruled the kings of the earth in John's time], *which reigneth* (rules) *over the kings of the earth.*

### 3. **Babylon's** Destruction



(Rev 18:1) *And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. (2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation (house) of devils, and the hold (house) of every foul (unclean) spirit, and a cage (house) of every unclean and hateful (bad) bird.*



(Rev 18:3) For all **nations** have drunk of the wine of the wrath of **her** [Whore / Babylon] fornication [loving the world & false religion; and NOT loving God], and the **kings** (governments) of the earth have committed (done) fornication, with **her**, and the merchants (people focus on money) of the earth are waxed (become) rich through the abundance (much) of **her** delicacies (entertainment / pleasures).

(Rev 18:4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people [example = Lot], that ye be not partakers (join) of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues (destructions). (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities (sins). (6) Reward (give) her even as she rewarded (given) you, and double (give 2x) unto her double according (same) to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

(Rev 18:7) How much **she** hath glorified (pride—exalt) **herself**, and lived deliciously (pleasure), so much torment (suffer) and sorrow (sad) give **her**: for **she** saith in **her** heart, **I** sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. (8) Therefore shall **her** plagues (destruction) come in one day (quickly), death, and mourning (sad), and famine (no food); and **she** shall be utterly (all) burned with fire: for strong is the **Lord God** who judgeth **her**.

(Rev 18:9) And the **kings** of the earth, **who** have committed fornication and lived deliciously with **her**, shall bewail (**cry—sad**) **her**, and lament (**cry**) for **her**, when **they** shall see the smoke of **her** burning, (10) Standing afar off for the fear of **her** torment, saying, Alas (**oh sad!**), alas, **that great city Babylon, that mighty city!** for in one hour (**quickly**) is **thy** judgment come. (11) And the **merchants** (**people focus on money**) of the earth shall weep (**cry**) and mourn (**sad**) over **her**; for no man buyeth **their** merchandise (**money things**) any more:

(Rev 18:12) *The merchandise (money things) of gold, and silver, and precious (rich) stones, and of pearls, and fine linen (rich clothes), and purple, and silk, and scarlet (red clothes), and all thyine wood, and all manner (different) vessels (bowls, cups...) of ivory (white—bones), and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, (13) And cinnamon (spices), and odours (smell-perfume), and ointments (skin care), and frankincense (smell-perfume), and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men (bodies & minds of people).*



(Rev 18:15) The merchants (people focus on money) of these (money) things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment (suffering), weeping (crying) and wailing (loud crying), (16) And saying, Alas (oh—sad!), alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked (clothed) with gold, and precious (rich) stones, and pearls! (17a) For in one hour (quickly) so great riches is come (happen) to nought (nothing)...

(Rev 18:17b) ...And every **shipmaster**, and **all** the **company** (people) in ships, and **sailors**, and as **many** as trade by sea, stood afar off, (18) And cried when **they** saw the smoke of **her** burning, saying, What city is like unto **this great city!** (19) And **they** cast dust on **their** heads, and cried, weeping and wailing (crying), saying, Alas, alas, **that great city**, **wherein** were made rich **all that** had ships in the sea by reason of (because) **her** costliness (riches)! for in one hour (quickly) is **she** desolate (lost).

(Rev 18:20) Rejoice over **her**, thou heaven, and **ye** holy **apostles** and **prophets**; for **God** hath avenged (judge—pay) **you** on **her**. (21) And a mighty **angel** took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall **that** great **city** **Babylon** be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all (**nothing**).

(Rev 18:22) And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters [all entertainment—pleasure], shall be heard no more at all in **thee**; and no craftsman (making), of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in **thee**; and the sound of a millstone [all industry—making] shall be heard no more at all in **thee**;

(Rev 18:23) And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard [no more excitement and life] no more at all (nothing) in thee: for thy merchants (shops) were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. (24) And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain (killed) upon the earth.