



REVELATION 18:9-24 SOWING AND REAPING

Babylon will be utterly destroyed – **within a single hour apparently.**

Isaiah 47:9–11

9 And these two shall come to you in a moment, in one day:

the loss of children and widowhood shall come on you completely, in spite of your many sorceries, in spite of the power of your great enchantments.

10 And you felt secure in your wickedness; you said, “No one sees me.”

Your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, “I am, and besides me there is no one.”

11 And evil shall come upon you, you will not know; it will be on the lookout for her.

And disaster shall fall upon you; you will not be able to avert it.

And ruin shall come on you suddenly; you do not know.

9 And the kings of the earth will weep and mourn over her, those who committed sexual immorality and lived sensually with her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

10 standing far off because of the fear of her torment, saying, “Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon the powerful city,

because in one hour your judgment has come!”

Atomic event?

IAEA – International Atomic Energy Agency

- 2 weeks ago reported that Iran will have a atomic warhead within a year.
- Deliverable against Jerusalem/Israel

- **Bullinger:** “The suddenness and completeness of Babylon's judgment and disappearance from the face of the earth is the one prominent feature of this prophecy: and it effectually proves that it has not yet taken place. For Jehovah's prophecies are far too accurate and particular for this suddenness and completeness to be fulfilled by the gradual decay of old Babylon, the site and ruins and remains of which are still to be seen in the land of Shinar.” ¹

The Beast and the Ten Kings will assist in her destruction:

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns that you saw and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked, and they will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

Her destruction will be permanent!

Revelation 19:3. And a second time they said, “Hallelujah!” And her smoke goes up forever and ever.



11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo any more—

12 cargo of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple cloth and silk and scarlet cloth and all kinds of scented wood and all kinds of ivory goods and all kinds of goods of precious wood and bronze and iron and marble

¹ Bullinger, [Commentary On Revelation](#), Rev. [18:8](#).

13 and cinnamon and amomum and incense and ointment and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine wheat flour and wheat and domesticated animals and sheep and horses and carriages and slaves and human lives.

14 “**And the fruit your soul desires has departed from you,** and all the luxury and the splendor has perished from you, and they will never find them anymore.”

- They “cry and lament” (v9), they “weep and mourn” (v11) – not over her loss, but over their loss of profit and greed.

15 The merchants of these things, who became rich from them, will stand far off, weeping and mourning because of the fear of her torment,

16 saying, “Woe, woe, the great city, dressed in fine linen and purple cloth and scarlet cloth, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls,

17 **because in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!”**

And every **shipmaster**

and every **seafarer** and **sailors**

and all those who labor on the sea stood far off

18 and began to cry out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, “Who is like the great city?”

- What good is it to defy God, breaking almost every law to make money if it is all gone within an hour?
- Entire World economy DIES – in one hour!
 - Babylonian economy based upon SEXUAL IMMORALITY
 - Entire International community has made \$\$\$\$ through her immorality.

Revelation 18:5 **because her sins have reached up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.**

19 And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, “Woe, woe, the great city, in which all those who had ships on the sea **became rich from her prosperity,**

because in one hour she has been laid waste!”

20 Rejoice over her, heaven and the saints and the apostles and the prophets, because God has pronounced your judgment on her!”

- Repeated, and repeated:
- **IN ONE HOUR!**
 - Revelation 17:12** but they will receive authority as kings for **one hour** with the beast.
 - Revelation 18:10** because in **one hour** your judgment has come!”

Revelation 18:17 because in **one hour** such great wealth has been laid waste!"

Revelation 18:19 because in **one hour** she has been laid waste!"

- **But she considers herself invulnerable!**

Revelation 18:7 As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury, give to her so much torment and mourning, **because in her heart she said, 'I sit as a queen, and am not a widow, and I will never see mourning!'**

HOW WILL SHE FALL?

- Lucifer, the Antichrist, and the 10 Kings – will destroy her – burn her with fire!

21 And one powerful angel picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "In this way Babylon the great city will be thrown down with violence, and will never be found again!"

22 And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute players and trumpeters will never be heard in you again!

And every craftsman of every trade will never be found in you again!

And the sound of a mill will never be heard in you again!

KERPLUNK!

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION

- Like a great millstone thrown into a lake!
- One moment there – the next moment GONE!

23 And the light of a lamp **will never shine in you again!**

And the sound of a bridegroom and bride **will never be heard in you again!**

For your merchants were **the most important people** of the earth, because with your sorcery they deceived all the nations.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints and all those who had been slaughtered on the earth.

- The most Important people
 - The most wealthy people
 - Seeming invincible, invulnerable people
 - The people that seem to get away with *everything*

Mark 8:36. For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

Alas, alas – they have lost everything – in ONE HOUR!

Benediction

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears,
may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly to our hearts,
that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living,
to the honor and praise of Thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.