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The Fall of Commercial and Political Babylon

18: 1-24



The judgment against **Babylon (14:8)** is against **her** pride, ruthlessness, greed (**First Timothy 6:9-10**) and materialism. It is a just judgment (**15:3, 16:5** and **7, 18:10** and **20, 19:2**), praised by **God's** people but mourned by the worldly and the wicked who share **her** values. **Chapter 18** is very somber and is, in reality, a dirge for humanity.

Much in this chapter resembles the lamentation of **Ezeki'el 27-28** over the commercial center and port of **Tyre**. It is significant that **Tyre** is often understood as a substitute for **Satan's** realm of activity, and **Tyre's** king a surrogate for **Satan** (especially on **Ezeki'el 28:11-19**). By analogy, then, the destruction of **Babylon** in this chapter is really the destruction of **Satan's** kingdom; and the destruction of **Satan** himself in **Chapter 20** reminds us of **Gog and Magog** as described in **Ezeki'el Chapters 38** and **39**, which also resembles **Ezeki'el Chapters 27** and **28**.³⁸⁴ With the destruction of **Satan's** last and greatest human empire, the stage will be set for the triumphal return of **Yeshua Messiah**.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **You** for making a home in heaven that is worth more than all the money in the world. **For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil - some, longing for it, have gone astray from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (First Timothy 6:10). You** so want to give good things to **Your children (John 1:12; First John 3:1, 3)** and have prepared such a wonderful home in heaven (**John 14:1-3**) for all who love and follow **You** as **Lord** and **Savior (Romans 10:9-10)**. In heaven there will be no crying, no dying, no sadness nor pain (**Revelation 21:4**). Entrance ticket for heaven's eternal peace and joy is - Love for **God** as number one in your life. **You** will reign eternally and all who love **You** will live with you in heaven forever! We love, worship*



*and bow before **You**, thanking you for being so wonderful! No one nor anything else could ever come near the great joy of loving **You**! In the Holy name of **Your Son** and **His** power of resurrection. Amen*