

Back in chapter 14 the second warning angel declared Babylon the great has fallen (14:8ⁱ). That angel described her as “*she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,*” which identifies her as the great prostitute of chapter 17. In chapters 15 and 16 we are told of the seven angels with the seven bowls of the wrath of God poured out on the earth. Then in chapter 17 John sees the prostitute riding the scarlet beast. **She is called a prostitute in a spiritual sense for she offers substitutes for God,** things we tend to idolize as the source of our satisfaction. She is drunk on the blood of the saints, and the dwellers on the earth are drunk along with her. She sits on many waters, representing the nations of the world. She is in a spiritual war with God and His people. We were given one of the many forward looks to encourage us to persevere in 17:14. ¹⁴ *They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”*

The beast she rides has ten horns representing ten kingdoms, and strangely those horns decide to give their power to the beast to destroy the prostitute and burn her with fire. One of the great mysteries of Revelation is why the beast would destroy the prostitute. Why would the Antichrist destroy the world system that promotes the idolatry of things and is the enemy of Christians? And how does this fit in with the bowls of wrath?ⁱⁱ

Perhaps my thinking is skewed by the time in which we live, but it seems to me that something similar is happening now. There are people who would like to take us back to the days before petroleum was our main source of fuel. Our standard of living for most people would be what we call poverty today. Nevertheless, they see climate change as such a crisis that it is necessary. And if billions of people die, so much the better for the planet, they say. The consequences of destroying the current power systems would be devastating. With such a reduction in population, would the current systems be able to continue? Does the Antichrist so love death and destruction that he will do this even though it destroys so much of the things the world worships? Perhaps it is so that he will be the sole object of worship. That is what he has craved since the time of his fall (Isaiah 14:13,14ⁱⁱⁱ). He will declare that he is god, like the pharaohs of Egypt and Roman emperors of old.

¹ *After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory.* ² *And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.* Revelation 18:1,2 An angel so bright with the glory of God that he illumines the earth declares a double fallen on Babylon. That is like saying it has really fallen! The great ancient city of Babylon that had conquered Judah and destroyed the temple was thought to be invincible. The Medo-Persians diverted a river that ran under the walls and through the city making a way to enter under the walls and destroy the city just as the prophets had predicted. They even declared it would not be rebuilt and would remain desolate (Isaiah 13:21^{iv}; Jeremiah 50:39^v; Zephaniah 2:14,15^{vi}).

That ancient city that God used to judge the idolatry of Judea became a symbol for the coming of this united world government that is against Christians and our God. It is instead a promoter of worshiping anything else until all worship the Antichrist. Just as

Babylon of old seemed invincible, so will this world alliance. Who could imagine the power it rides would rise and destroy what makes it great? Yet, the previous chapter tells us God puts it in their hearts to do just that in carrying out His purpose (17:17^{vii}).

³ *For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.*” Revelation 18:3 The angel now tells of why Babylon, which includes the nations, has come under God’s judgment. They have drunk of the wine of her sexual immorality. We have seen before how the Bible often refers to sexual immorality as being idolatry, being unfaithful to God (1 Samuel 15:23^{viii}). Often the gods of other nations promised fertility which equated to financial success, and their worship sometimes engaged in sexual activities as part of their so-called worship. But as we will see in this chapter, what God is judging is man’s worship of the things He has made and even blessed us with. The problem is that we put them before God. We can live for things or experiences, dreaming about them, saving for them, to the extent that they are first in our heart and thoughts. It can be material things, or a person, or a relationship, or as is stated above, wealth or luxurious living, anything that we put before God, that we live for, that which is most important to us. God intends for us to enjoy His blessings and give Him thanks for them (1 Timothy 6:17^x). However, when that thing becomes our god, we are spiritual adulterers. We are drinking the wine of Babylon’s sexual immorality, looking to that thing for our soul’s satisfaction. We are being unfaithful to the One who has given us life and every good gift (James 1:17^x).

⁴ *Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; ⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.* Revelation 18:4,5 The Lord is repeating what He said through the prophet Jeremiah. After predicting the fall of Babylon, the Lord said, ⁴⁵ *“Come out of her, my people! Run for your lives! Run from the fierce anger of the LORD.”* Jeremiah 51:45 (NIV) While the chapter we are studying tells of the judgment on Babylon as a representation of the world’s cities that promote idolatry and persecute believers, the voice from heaven does not first tell God’s people to leave lest they suffer in the judgment. That is the reason the Lord said to the Jews through Jeremiah. In our passage, “Come out of her my people,” is followed by “lest you take part in her sins.” That comes first, then it is followed by escaping judgment. The first reason to come out is emphasized by verse 5. Her sins are heaped as high as heaven. The voice calls to “my people.” It must therefore be the voice of the Lord. It is a repeated theme in Scripture as the world always calls us to compromise (Ephesians 5:11^{xi}). We see a picture of that in the account of Lot sitting the city gate of Sodom (2 Peter 2:8^{xii}).

How many ways do cities of the world offer the enticement to sin? There is a huge market for the drugs and sex trafficking because our nation is turning away from God. How many scams are there to get rich quick or con people out of their money? Lawlessness is on the increase. But because of the internet and our availability to travel so easily the allure of Babylon’s promise to satisfy us reaches everywhere.

So how do we come out of her? It is not by moving to a rural community, for you will not escape it there. It is a heart matter. Jesus must be first. **We come out of her by finding our satisfaction in Christ, by having fellowship and accountability with other believers.** We engage in our church and love one another and share one another’s burdens. We live for Jesus and His glory instead of always trying to gratify our flesh.

The sins of this world are heaped as high as heaven and will be judged. This world seems to rarely get justice right, but true justice is coming. Evil will not escape justice. God does not just let it slide. That is why this voice from heaven tells us to get our hearts out of Babylon, just like God wanted the Children of Israel to get their hearts out of Egypt (Acts 7:39^{xiii}). This is a greater exodus than the one from Egypt. It is spiritual freedom from the slavery of sin. We are being called home to the city of God. Do you hear God calling to you, “Come out of her my people!”? He does not want you to fall for her enticing but enslaving offers or to end up with her in the judgment.

⁶ Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed. ⁷ As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.’ ⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.” Revelation 18:6-8 The voice from heaven now speaks to the angels that will bring the judgment upon Babylon. It may be to the seven angels that had the bowls of wrath (15:1^{xiv}). She paid back others with addictions, theft, abuse, extortion, pornography, using the lives of people as if they were animals, withholding justice for financial gain. She destroyed lives in abortion mills and withholds what is needed to save lives. Now it is her turn to finally reap what she has sown. Why is she paid back double? God is always just. There must be a just reason for the double portion in her cup. I would venture to guess that it may be because of how the destruction of one life hurts so many others. A drug addicted father not only destroys his own life but harms his wife and children, often resulting in them going down the same path. When we harm someone others are affected.

Verse seven says that her heart attitude that has no fear of God is a factor in her judgment. Like Babylon of old she thinks she is unmovable and that nothing can breach her walls. She refuses to believe God will hold her accountable. She thinks her wealth has made her secure and can protect her from all harm. Isaiah’s prophecy to ancient Babylon is applied in this passage to Babylon of the end times. Isaiah 47:7,8 *⁷ You said, “I shall be mistress forever,” so that you did not lay these things to heart or remember their end. ⁸ Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children”:* Babylon is made up of the self-indulgent who believe that they are accountable to no one, and that their sins will not be exposed nor their lies discovered (Psalm 94:5-7^{xv}).

Hamilton helps us define the gifts of God which are being misused: The voice from Heaven gives specifics about which gifts are in view. *Babylon presumes on her stature as queen: “I sit as a queen.” God made her queen, and she thanked him by killing his servants (18:24). Babylon presumes on her companionship: “I am no widow.” God gave her companionship, and she lived in sensuality and became a prostitute. Babylon presumes on her future security: “and mourning I shall never see.” God gave her joy, and she celebrated only herself.*^{xvi} That is why the judgment of the Lord will be swift and complete. God will not tolerate injustice forever. Once Babylon passes a certain point, which includes the murder of every Christian that can be found (13:7^{xvii}), judgment will fall, justice will be served; *“for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her!”* Are the plagues in verse 8 the bowls of wrath? In verse 8 we are told it all happens in a day, but

later in the rest of the chapter we see three mentions of it happening in one hour. The point is not a specific amount of time but that it happens suddenly. The world's dependence on all man has created will suddenly be no more (Luke 17:26,27^{xviii}).

The just nature of our holy God should give us a healthy fear of God (Malachi 3:5^{xix}). Recognizing God must be just should lead us to the cross as the only refuge from that justice. Then seeing what a great price Jesus paid to redeem us should result in lives of sacrificial service that honors God and glorifies Jesus with continual gratitude for what He has done for us. Babylon is just the opposite. We must check our hearts daily to see in which city we reside. Never underestimate the allure of Babylon. Never take for granted the blessings of God or let your heart become fixated on them.

⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰ They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come." Revelation 18:9,10 Kings of the earth and probably all those who idolized the luxuries of the world and rejected godliness when they realize the life they once lived is no longer possible will weep and wail. Instead of looking into their own hearts and realizing they lived for what is temporal rather than what is eternal; they weep and wail because their luxuries are no more.

We could point our finger at the ultra-rich and ignore the fact that all of us in the west live like kings compared to the third world. Would we weep and mourn if our luxuries were suddenly taken from us? Having lived in third world conditions, I know I am more attached to soft living than I would like to think. But the issue is where the heart is fixed. Anyone would prefer comfort over hardship, but if the comfort is taken away would we feel that all was lost? Those who love Christ will endure, because what they live for has not changed.

¹¹ And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, ¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls. Revelation 18:11-13 First we had kings weeping and mourning, and now we have the merchants. They grew wealthy because they sold the things which people longed for. The list is a catalog of what the wealthy worship. It is almost the same today. Precious metals would still be on the list, along with fine clothes, good food, and nice cars. The end of list is meant to be shocking, human souls. While we no longer have slaves, we can still use people and not consider the fact that they are eternal souls. From underpaid workers to the sex trade, human souls are abused.

I do not want to give the impression that having nice things is evil. Listen to Paul's words to the wealthy in 1 Timothy 6:17-19. *¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.* God richly provides us with everything to enjoy. Our hope should not be set on riches but rather on the Provider. We have the good things of this life so that we can share, which breaks the hope that those things will bring us satisfaction and reminds us of our hope in

God and the place He has prepared for us (John 14:2^{xx}). Paul is reminding us to see where our hope should be placed. Is your heart set on things of this world or on things above (Titus 2:13^{xxi})?

¹⁴ *“The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!”* Revelation 18:14 Your soul is your mind, will, and emotions. Are you living for that day when you will be able to buy some object? Things are not evil, but if that is the chief desire of your soul, what you think the most about, what you are putting your efforts toward hoping it will make you happy, you are flirting with idolatry and living for yourself. Or are you living for the day you see Jesus face to face and in the meantime thanking Him and holding loosely to the blessings of this life? Are you joyful now because of His abiding love for you. Are you living to love God and your neighbor (Luke 10:27^{xxii})?

There is a finality in verse 14: *“all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!”* Whether we live until that day of the fall of our world’s system or die of old age, the expression is true: you will never see a U-Haul behind a hearse. The Egyptians tried to take it with them, and now those delicacies and splendors are in museums. Every display says you cannot take it with you. Every estate sale reminds us we leave everything behind.

¹⁵ *The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,* ¹⁶ *“Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls!”* ^{17a} *For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”* Revelation 18:15-17a John repeats the cry of the merchants who like the kings lament the suddenness of the destruction with the expression “in a single hour.” The kings noted it was sudden judgment, while the merchants see a sudden waste of all that wealth.

^{17b} *And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off* ¹⁸ *and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, “What city was like the great city?”* ¹⁹ *And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out, “Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in a single hour she has been laid waste.* Revelation 17b-19 First mentioned were kings, the upper class, then merchants, the middle class, and now shipmasters and sailors. They stand far off, perhaps because it is nuclear, or perhaps just fearing the spread of whatever caused this destruction. Have you ever seen how many ships and flights are moving at any one time? The world’s current system depends entirely on trade. Here is a picture of shipping at a given moment. The red and green are cargo vessels and tankers. <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home/centerx:1.8/centery:-33.9/zoom:2> And here is a picture of the flights at a given moment, mostly transporting people and commercial goods, but also cargo flights, mail, etc. <https://www.flightradar24.com/29.08,-112.00/2>

Can you imagine it all stopping at once, in a single hour! Will there be ports or airports left? And if any survive, how overwhelmed they would be! Total panic would ensue for all those who do not have peace with God (Psalm 119:165^{xxiii}). They do not try to save Babylon or people that died in its destruction. They are only grieving over the things they crave being taken from them. They do not consider the righteous judgments of God or think of how foolish it was to set their hearts on things that perish.

²⁰ *Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!”* Revelation 18:20 Here is the great contrast.

Those who lived for this world are weeping and mourning, but in heaven the saints, apostles, and prophets are rejoicing. Why do they rejoice. It is because justice is served. It is not because of the destruction but because evil is vanquished. The things man worships are destroyed. The worship of money is no more. God has vindicated the saints and their choice of living for what is eternal.

²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; ²² and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, ²³ and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, Revelation 18:21-23a
Jeremiah predicted the destruction of Babylon in his prophecies with very similar wording (Jeremiah 51:60-64^{xxiv}). The God who guides history foreshadowed the end of man’s kingdoms in the fall of ancient Babylon. Like many other prophecies, this one has an intermediate fulfillment and an ultimate fulfillment. It also carries out Jesus’ warning in Matthew 18:6: *⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.* It makes me think of those 300,000 unaccompanied minors that are unaccounted for along with all the young girls who have been trafficked - no more! Here in our little rural town we have children who have been abandoned by their parents and are homeless – no more! It is all because of the selfish greed of man which will be - no more! The repeated expression of “no more” is meant to remind us of how temporal the pleasures of Babylon are. It reminds us not to set our hearts on those things. We should not think this is a warning only to those outside the church. Babylon’s allure is constantly calling to our flesh. That is why Paul wrote: *⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming.* Colossians 3:5,6

^{23b} and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.” Revelation 18:23b,24 Why will Babylon fall to rise no more? It is because all nations were deceived by her sorcery. Part of that sorcery is advertising. Now it includes social media with manipulated algorithms to put out messages that feed lies. It is news feeds that do the same. It is any means of communicating that things will satisfy your soul and ultimate truth does not exist. Sadly, it has even taken over most of academia, polluting the minds each generation, teaching that all things are relative, that man is basically good, that we can solve our problems and have no need of some imaginary God. They say we are an accident of time and chance, while at the same time knowing the impossibility of that being true. And the result of the sorcery of Babylon is that *“in her is found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on the earth.”*

Though we cannot escape Babylon physically, we must come out of her spiritually. We can live in New Jerusalem while being surrounded by Babylon. We must discern truth from a lie by knowing God’s Word. We must live for what is eternal rather than the temporal. We must serve our Lord instead of ourselves and in doing so snatch out of Babylon all who will listen and receive the love of God in Christ Jesus (Jude 1:23^{xxv}).

Congratulations! You have made it through the toughest passages. There are a few more paragraphs of warning, but the last chapters focus on the bride's glorious future.

Questions:

- 1 How do chapters 14-17 lead up to this chapter?
- 2 What is Babylon the great?
- 3 What is God's command to us in this chapter? Why?
- 4 How can we obey that command?
- 5 Compare Babylon of old to the end-time Babylon.
- 6 What are the three groups that mourn and why does each mourn?
- 7 Can you imagine those maps suddenly becoming empty?
- 8 What does that say to you about the world in which we live?
- 9 Contrast the reaction of the wicked and the righteous.
- 10 What is the final statement about the reason for her judgment?

ⁱ **Revelation 14:8 (ESV)**

⁸ Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

ⁱⁱ David Guzik DGBC Revelation "*Religious Babylon of Revelation 17 is judged at the mid-point of the seven-year period of tribulation. Commercial Babylon is judged at the end of that period.*"

ⁱⁱⁱ **Isaiah 14:13-14 (ESV)**

¹³ You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

^{iv} **Isaiah 13:21 (ESV)**

²¹ But wild animals will lie down there, and their houses will be full of howling creatures; there ostriches will dwell, and there wild goats will dance.

^v **Jeremiah 50:39 (ESV)**

³⁹ "Therefore wild beasts shall dwell with hyenas in Babylon, and ostriches shall dwell in her. She shall never again have people, nor be inhabited for all generations.

^{vi} **Zephaniah 2:14-15 (ESV)**

¹⁴ Herds shall lie down in her midst, all kinds of beasts; even the owl and the hedgehog shall lodge in her capitals; a voice shall hoot in the window; devastation will be on the threshold; for her cedar work will be laid bare. ¹⁵ This is the exultant city that lived securely, that said in her heart, "I am, and there is no one else." What a desolation she has become, a lair for wild beasts! Everyone who passes by her hisses and shakes his fist.

^{vii} **Revelation 17:17 (ESV)**

¹⁷ for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

^{viii} **1 Samuel 15:23 (ESV)**

²³ For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

^{ix} **1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV)**

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

^x **James 1:17 (ESV)**

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

^{xi} **Ephesians 5:11 (ESV)**

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

^{xii} **2 Peter 2:8 (KJV)**

⁸ (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

^{xiii} **Acts 7:39 (ESV)**

³⁹ Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt,

^{xiv} **Revelation 15:1 (ESV)**

¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

^{xv} **Psalms 94:5-7 (ESV)**

⁵ They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage. ⁶ They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; ⁷ and they say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."

^{xvi} ¹¹ James M. Hamilton Jr., *Preaching the Word: Revelation—The Spirit Speaks to the Churches*, ed. R. Kent Hughes (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 338.

^{xvii} **Revelation 13:7 (ESV)**

⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

^{xviii} **Luke 17:26-27 (ESV)**

²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

^{xix} **Malachi 3:5 (ESV)**

⁵ "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

^{xx} **John 14:2 (ESV)**

² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

^{xxi} **Titus 2:13 (ESV)**

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

^{xxii} **Luke 10:27 (ESV)**

²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

^{xxiii} **Psalms 119:165 (ESV)**

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

^{xxiv} ⁶⁰ *Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written concerning Babylon. ⁶¹ And Jeremiah said to Seraiah: "When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words, ⁶² and say, 'O LORD, you have said concerning this place that you will cut it off, so that nothing shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, and it shall be desolate forever.' ⁶³ When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, ⁶⁴ and say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disaster that I am bringing upon her, and they shall become exhausted.'"*

^{xxv} **Jude 1:23 (ESV)**

²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.