

REVELATION 18: THE POWER AND GLORY OF GOD AND HIS "CALLED OUT"

INTRODUCTION:

From the previous chapter we have been able to identify the period or time of the eighth beast as that leading up to and included the destruction of the great city, Babylon the Great which ends with the pronouncement: 'the kingdoms of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ and they shall reign forever', at the sounding of the 7th Trumpet, **Revelation 11: 15 (Joshua 6: 16)**.

We also know that the (eighth) scarlet beast with its 7 heads and 10 horns is presided over by the 8th King which is of the 7th King and that beastly power is a fusion (mixture of the colours of both beasts) of the great red dragon and the leopard, cream, yellow, orange in the back, black spots (colours in right proportion) body beast, Pagan Rome, both having 7 heads and 10 horns, this is Papal Rome. This is the beast that was and is not and yet is and goes into perdition and is the one that killed also the Two Witnesses, **Revelation 11: 7**. The Whore has been identified as the Woman, that City which rules over all the kings of the earth and sits upon 7 mountains, **Revelation 17: 9 & 18**, which we know to be only **the city of Rome** as all other Cities which had that unique characteristic no longer holds this universal influence. (These included Eden, Jerusalem, Babylon, and Constantinople).

The Pope as the Head of Catholic Church is the Head of State for Rome, the Sovereign City, a 108.6 acres enclave in Italy. Hence He is identified as the man of sin. According to one of its 'saint,' Malachy, the current Pope is the last one to preside unto the destruction of Rome, according to the 112 popes that were left to come, which he saw in his 12th Century vision. Pope Francis is the 112th Pope of that vision. If we are to hold this as true he then is this 8th King which is that man who is under the direct control of the devil himself and so we have termed him: the man of sin.

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We saw from the previous chapter how the power and glory of God as revealed in creation, the Man, who stood in His stead, and the Woman, were corrupted by the enemy with sin and that which replaced the power and glory of God was fallen, the whore of a woman which now rides the scarlet coloured beast or 8th Beast.

A man is truly driven or ridden by his faith or lack thereof. The Woman, the Whore, the Great City, Babylon the Great sins hath reached unto Heaven as she exercised all power over all the earth and glorified herself as a Queen who shall see no sorrow nor be a widow (lost her husband).

We understood from the previous chapter also that there will be a disagreement between the scarlet beast and the whore and the 10 kings shall hate Rome (the whore city). And they shall make her naked, desolate, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God had put it in their hearts to fulfill his will and to give their kingdom unto the beast until His words be fulfilled, **Revelation 17: 17**. Previously these ten kings had no kingdom but they shall receive power with the beast for 1 hour, a similar time period in which the city is destroyed. These shall give their power and strength unto the Beast and shall make war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome them for He is the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings and with Him are the called, chosen and faithful.

We are still in the third set of 7 chapters hence we continue along the theme of the **Power and Glory of God** to bring forth which accords with the genesis measure on the measuring rod. This is the fourth chapter in this set hence the measure of 'exothos' the pronunciation of the word: exodus. Hence I have decided to dub **Revelation 18: The Power and Glory of God and His 'Called Out.'**

His 'Called Out' is a term that refers not only to those who are called, that obey His Words (chosen and found faithful), but also, the Word of God and His will as

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summarized in the Decalogue and the Penta-tuech and enacted through the two Covenants, the Old and New Testaments.

Essentially, we are speaking of the allegory: the ‘Two Witnesses’ from **Revelation 11**, which testify of firstly, the works that are approved of God and secondly, of what God has wrought by and through us in the ‘Penta-tuech’ and or our failure to exercise our faith in Him. This is the witness that the Penta-tuech gives of God servants and others in the books of Genesis through to Deuteronomy, **Deuteronomy 31: 26**.

(Please take note that this Chapter and Chapter 11 are the fourth in their respective set of 7 Chapters; likewise Chapter 4 from which time John was called up higher and shown the things which should hereafter be, **Revelation 4: 1**, prophecy, so then the ‘called out’ pertains to the Testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy, **Revelation 19: 10**). The Words of God is also a reflection or a transcript of God’s character or image, hence the Son, who said if you have seen me you have seen the Father, **John 14: 9**, Jesus, is also considered by the appellation or title of The Word of God, **John 1: 1**.

There are **Two Mighty Witnesses (Angels) in Revelation 18, verses 1 & 21 (first and last verse)**, the first having great power and the whole earth was lightened by his glory, the second demonstrated His power by casting a great milestone into the sea as an allusion to the great violence with which the great Babylon will be cast down and be no more. Then there was a third: **another voice from heaven**, saying: ‘Come out’ of her my people! Firstly, the point is: it is the voice of God that is heard through the testimony of the Two Witnesses.

Secondly, the question I ask: who are what summoned the First Mighty Witness to ‘come out’ from Heaven and down to the earth? In the previous chapter the earth where the scarlet beast and whore were was portrayed as a wilderness, **Revelation 17: 3**, now it was lightened again by the glory of this Witness as it was once filled with the Glory of God! Over in the first set of 7 chapters we saw that when the 5th seal was opened the souls of them that were beheaded for Christ

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were seen under the altar and they 'cried out': how long Holy and Sovereign Lord that Thou does not judge and avenge our blood? **Revelation 6: 9-10**. And white robes were given to them and they were told to rest for a season until their fellow servants, like them were slain, **Revelation 6: 11**.

Israel sighed and 'cried out' in Egypt, **Exodus 2: 23**, and God came down and sent a man 'drawn out' of water called Moses to lead His people up out of Egypt, **Exodus 2: 10 & 3: 8**. Pharaoh would not let them go until God plagued him, his people and his land sorely and then he expelled them 'out' of Egypt and they went up 'out' of that land, **Exodus 3: 18-20**.

Where is Israel who will 'cry out' for deliverance today? There is a voice that will come from between the horns of the golden altar in response even as that voice commanded the 4 Witnesses to unleash upon the men with the mark of the beast! **Revelation 9: 13**. Who among these that shall 'cry out' will be 'called out' and be chosen and found faithful to be with the Lamb, who is the King of kings and Lord of lords? **Revelation 17: 14**.

When we shall have turned to the Lord God of heaven with all our hearts and cry out then He will come down in the Latter Rain of the Holy Ghost and we will be directed to the Law and the Testimony, to behold wondrous things from out of His Law, **Psalms 119: 18**, and we will be mighty, having the power to succeed, **Joshua 1: 8**, thus by the Law and the Testimony we will speak and the whole earth will be lit by the glory of God, **Isaiah 8: 20**, and His army of the faithful stands mobilized. O that that day will come quickly!

Righteousness shall exalt a nation! But, sin is a reproach unto all people! **Proverbs 14: 34** The witness of the Decalogue is tenfold of the works that are righteous and approved of God! This is the moral Law of His Commandments embedded with 7 precepts! Do you see the parallel or contrast between the ten horns upon the 7 headed Beasts? **Revelation 12: 3, 13: 1 & 17: 3**.

As the Penta-tuech the 5 Books of Moses called the Mosaic Law were placed in the side of the Ark of the Covenant as a Witness against the children of Israel, **Deuteronomy 31: 26**, even so the Genesis of Heathen kingdoms, Babylon, whose

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prerogative was and attained worldwide dominion, **Daniel 2: 31-32 & 2:37-38**; the Exothos of Heathen kingdoms, the Two in one Ram having two high horns, **Daniel 2: 32 & 39 & 8:3**, The Medes and Persians, whose prerogative was and attained worldwide dominion, **Exodus 29: 1, 15-18**, was used as one: the whole burnt offering and the two: the consecration ram, **Exodus 29:1, 19-28**, by God that Israel should 'go out' of Babylon again unto Jerusalem to rebuild, recommence and consecrate the Priestly Ministry unto the coming of Messias; the Levi of Heathen kingdoms, the he goat with the notable horn between his eyes, **Daniel 2: 39 & 8:5 & 8**, Alexander the Great, the Grecian King was designated the Paschal or Lord's Goat with a string of parallels as the Messias that was to come (like Messias he was considered a bastard as his mother was not of pure Marcedonian blood; contrary to his teacher, Aristotle, he held the view that all men were equal and promoted inter-racial marriage to the outrage of some his country men as Messias went among the gentiles and sinners; he rode a white horse as Messias; his army were not conscripted but were volunteers as Messias did; and he was married at the age of 30 to an Iranian Princess as Messias was espoused to His church when he was baptized at the same age, and they both died at the age of 33); and the Numbers of Heathen kingdoms, the Iron & clay kingdom, **Daniel 2: 40, 7: 8 & 23 & 8: 8-9**, whose prerogative was and attained worldwide dominion (and numbered on all four quadrants: east, west, north and south, which are the four horns that stood up out of Alexander's goat kingdom, and out of one of them came a little horn, whose looks were stouter than his fellows and by him were three of the other horns plucked up and he exalted himself even against the Host of the Covenant and he spake blasphemy, **Daniel 8: 23-25**. This little horn power, his the second 'scape'-goat of the day of Atonement or Judgement, **Leviticus 16: 8, 10 & 26**), all these will be a Witness for or against all the inhabitants of earth (along with the two kingdoms that preceded these: the Adamic and Israel's Theocracy) and the 5th or Deuteros Kingdom of God and His Christ, **Daniel 2: 44**, in which the Judgement will be held.

Do you see any parallel or contrast in the foregoing (long) paragraph and this statement: 'and there are 7 kings, five are fallen, and one is (6th), and the other (7th) is not yet come, and when he is come he shall continue a short time'?

Revelation 17: 10. Here is where I was previously confused, when doing Chapter 17.

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This statement is to be understood on two levels: the micro, individual level which applies to the Kingdom of Pagan (became *Papal*) Rome and its wicked kings and the macro, universal level, referring to: the first: Adamic, second: Israel, third: Babylon, fourth: Medes and Persians, fifth: Grecia and sixth: Pagan Rome which is transformed into the 7th (Pope Benedict's?) Papal Rome. Now what lessons can we learn from the history of the nations about God's Law or Hebrew: Torah, Torah, which means a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Penta-teuch-Law? First and foremost that it is of universal dominion, authority and power and there is nothing beyond or above it! God's Law reigns being Spirit and life! And He uses it as a tool to bring us unto His Knowledge and Goodness even though it is in much of a paradoxical way!

Imagine, we like Jonah running from God, when He is everywhere! How can we hide from Him? The Most High rules in the Kingdom of men and sets up the basest of men over it, **Daniel 4: 17**. As God's Law rule in the political realm even so should we allow it to rule our heart! And this Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shall meditate in it day and night that thou might observe to do all that is written therein, for then shall thou be prosperous and then shall thou have good success, **Joshua 1: 8**. The Law is also prefigured to rule in the natural physical realm as revealed in the Sun and the Nine Planets inside the centre of the universe with the stars in the side on the outside of them. The same holds true in the Spirit Realm where God as the King of the Universe is enshrined between the Two Cherubims upon His Throne or Ark of His Covenant with the Books of the Law, the Penta-tuech in the side and the Decalogue inside, beneath the mercy seat, **Exothos 32: 15 & 25: 21; Deuteronomy 31: 26 & Revelation 11: 19**.

Once the Law is written upon the fleshly tables of the heart, **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**, righteousness shall exalt that nation, **Psalms 119: 18**, sinners shall be a reproach and the fallen of the people, as the glory and power of God shall shine forth as a consuming fire that devours and lights the entire earth.

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Yea, the Most High is invoked as the Witness of the age old Covenant of Galeed, **Genesis 31: 44-52**, and He will execute His fierce anger as The Judge against all Chaldeans or Babylonians who passed over to do harm unto His people! We thank thee Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Thy ways King of Saints! We shall fear Thee and give glory to Thy Name! For Thee alone art Holy! All nations shall come and worship before Thee! For Thy righteousness have been revealed!

THE STRONG TOWER: GREAT POWER AND GLORY

V1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Whosoever shall call upon (called out) the Name of the Lord shall be saved, **Romans 10: 13**. The Name of the Lord which is a Strong Tower is called upon (out) in two ways verbally, orally and by an adjuration when that which is done (or said) is done seven times to invoke His action or summons Him, **Joshua 6: 26 & 2 Kings 5: 10**. Righteousness exalts a nation and those who follow on to know the Lord shall know Him for His going forth is as prepared as the morning and He shall come upon us as the former and latter rain comes upon the earth.

We need to make up our minds and to decide now: choose ye this day whom ye will serve...., as for me and my house we will serve the Lord, **Joshua 24: 15**. Once we have decided and do follow on to know the Lord, viz.: to obey His Law (Words or 'called out') then we would have become like this other Messenger or Witness (Angel) who came down out of heaven that we possess great power and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord as we speak to the Law and the Testimony which possess the Light of the World, **Isaiah 8: 20**. These are they who seize not to call upon the Name of the Lord which to them is a strong tower, having great power and glory, in which they run into and they are saved, **Proverbs 18: 10**.

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Thus Daniel and the three blessed the Name of the Lord for when they 'called out' to the Lord, He answered them by a vision and the king's matter was revealed unto Daniel by night, **Daniel 2: 19-20**. Blessed is the Name of the Lord!

These had decided not to defile themselves with the king's meat according to the Law, **Daniel 1: 8**. The three were tested yet again and they decided not to bow down and worship the king's idol (image) according to the Law, **Daniel 3: 10-15**. Nebuchadnezzar adjured in their behalf to destroy them by fire heating the furnace one seventh time hotter, **Daniel 3: 19**.

But the power and the glory of the Son of God the fourth man in the furnace was so glorious that those who had bound and cast them into the furnace were struck dead and no harm came unto them, **Daniel 3: 21-23**.

How God chooses to answer when He is summoned is purely His decision but He delivers His servant's soul(s) from sins every time for sure. Stephen nevertheless suffered death as he slept but Saul was rescued according to his prayer and became the champion for the salvation of souls, **Acts 7: 59-60**. That first Sabbath that I kept when 'my friend' stepped out and down the stove and pot exploded! Glory hallelujah! We must live in the Strong Tower of the Name of the Lord as the 144K who has the Name of the Lord written in their foreheads, **Revelation 14: 1**. This is **the First Witness, Messenger or Angel** of the first verse having great power that the earth is lightened by his glory.

V8 **Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.**

As those who bound the three and cast them into the fiery furnace were destroyed by the power and the 'fiery' glory thereof even so the wicked city shall be plagued in one day, death, mourning, famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire by the Strong Tower: the Lord God who judges her.

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The Presence of the Lord is a consuming fire that devours the wicked! Yet, He is a bulwark to those who trust in Him. The Strong Lord is in the congregation of the righteous, **Psalm 82: 1**.

V15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

Nebuchadnezzar summoned his officers, **Daniel 3: 24**, looking from afar off for fear of the torment, weeping and wailing of those who were destroyed by the furnace, wondering, even so shall her merchants which were made rich by the city shall stand afar off gazing upon the destruction of the city.

V22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

No more shall the great city as the tower of Babel ‘cry out’ unto heaven as the voice and sound of her musicians, craftsmen and even the city’s millstone shall not be heard at all from her mouth as she is destroyed and the breath of life goes out of her mouth. Only the Name of the Lord having great power and glory as the Strong Tower shall remain. Glory! Hallelujah!

STRONG VOICES OF THE GREAT (MIGHTY):

V2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

As a man sows even so shall he also reap, **Galations 6: 7**, (Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach unto all people, **Proverbs 14: 34**. This is how the mighty has fallen, **2 Samuel 1: 19**). The mighty can only pronounce that which the great had become: fallen! And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free, **John 8: 32**.

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Those that have great power and glory (the Name of the Lord) according to this Law (rule) in the natural and the realm of the Spirit can only pronounce the truth thereof. And thy Law which is good, holy is spiritual and truth, **Romans 7: 12**. For sure Babylon the great is fallen, depraved or reprobate, therefore, her tower as Babel shall also fall for she has become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul, spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird or spirits. Thy Law O God is the great expositor of the realms! O that we give our hearts totally to it that we might rule as Thee upon Thy Throne!

V9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

The voice of the fallen is also mighty but it is one of lament and wailing not of profession, as the preacher of righteousness and judgement. The kings of the earth, her adulterers, shall bewail (mighty moaning) and lament her when they shall see the smoke of her torment.

V16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

The great city though she was clothed in fine linen, purple and scarlet and decked with gold, precious stones and pearls she had not adorned the hidden man of the heart with a meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of God is of great price, **1 Peter 3: 4**. She was not of this great value in the sight of God, but as Jezebel, a chaste rebel, therefore, the expression of disappointment and sadness: Alas, alas that great city! Remember, except ye be born again ye shall not see the kingdom of heaven, **John 3: 3**.

V23 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 at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

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The least of light, that of a candle, shall shine no more at all in the great Babylon. She was so fallen and became unholy that the union of marriage which is holy and the bed undefiled between the bridegroom and the bride shall be no more in her that their voices will not be heard. Babylon was nothing but the least of all being an abomination committing sorcery, **verse 23**, and deceiving all the nations though her merchants were the great men of the earth. They served mammon instead of the God of Heaven. Babylon was great or mighty because she had a sorcerer's voice which was used to attain unto greatness! And a sorcerer, one with a familiar spirit, shall not be allowed to live, **Exodus 22: 18**. Therefore she must be cast out of this world!

STRONG JUDGEMENT HOUR (PERIOD):

V3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

The influence of Babylon extends and includes all nations, the kings, and the merchants of the earth. They all have drunk of the wine or doctrine of the wrath of her fornication or sorcery; they were involved with her in this abominable practice and were made rich through the abundance of her prized practices or festivities.

For a moment this utterance seems far fetch but just think and you will see the realities of it. Babylon has so embedded itself in the activities of the nations that one can scarcely escape its influence, consider the so called Christian high holidays of Easter and Christmas with their pagan rituals and practices, doesn't the merchants benefits from these?

Consider also the pharmaceutical society and the dispensing of drugs and mixtures used by witches and sorcerers, of course these practices are not known to majority of the unsuspecting patrons who believe they are given drugs to make them well and recover from their ill-health.

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If only we knew the great risks in consuming some of these mixtures and that at times we are being fed with things to attract evil spirits we will be more cautious. The true nature of her delicacies are concealed and not known to many.

Consider also why would someone use the actual blood and flesh of a person for a beatification or for a sainthood ceremony? How can these ceremonies be considered to be holy? How can someone look upon a picture of a saint and be healed? If it is not the work of the devil and his evil spirits! Remember, in that day many shall come unto me and say Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in thy Name done many wonderful and marvelous things? Then shall Jesus declares, depart from me ye workers of evil I knew you not! **Matthew 7: 23.**

Therefore, after the sixth or stigma seal is opened and the great earthquake, the darkening of the sun, the moon turning to blood, the stars falling from heaven as a fig tree casts her untimely figs upon the earth; and the heaven departing as a scroll rolled up and every mountain and island moved from out of their places the rich men, the poor, every bondmen and the kings of the earth shall run to the rocks and mountains and 'cry out' to them to fall on us for the great day of the wrath of the Lamb is come and who shall be able to stand, **Revelation 6: 12-17.** For they all had committed fornication with Babylon the great.

V10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

Though they drank of the wine of the wrath of her fornication that great city Babylon is judged first, and they standing afar off for fear of her torment, cry out, saying: Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgement come.

V17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

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Revelation 14: 7, bears the second Angel's or Messenger's message to fear God and give glory to him for 'the hour of his judgement' is come. This term refers to the time or period of judgement and is considered generic. However, in this verse the 1 hour of judgement that bring the great riches of Babylon to nought or nothing is considered to be specific and the exact time that Babylon is reduced to rubble. Thus the hour of His judgement includes this 1 hour of strong judgement to reduce Babylon to nought.

The 108.6 acre enclave of Rome while it burns shall be viewed from the sea by every shipmaster, all company of ships, and sailors and as many that trades by the sea.

V24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

She had done great evil that all the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth from righteous Able even unto her time was found in her. What an evil woman, 'taken out' of the man of sin!

THE STRONG 'CALLED OUT':

V4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Out of the man of sin comes the woman, the whore, Babylon the great city. And out of the Whore comes God's people as they, His sheep, know and hears His voice and follow Him, **John 10: 27**: Come out her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues! To Jesus was divided a portion with the great and now He divides a portion with the strong, **Isaiah 53: 12**.

The Two Spies had gone into the City of Jericho to see if there was any that understands and seek God, **Psalms 14: 2**.

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They had all gone aside and had all together become filthy there was none that did good, no not one, **Psalms 14: 3**, but Rahab, the harlot understood that the God of Israel was able to deliver and destroy and so she made a pact or covenant with the Two Spies or Witnesses and hid them from those who sought to slay them and sent them on their way.

So that when they returned in the hour of Judgement the harlot and her family within was ‘called out’ and delivered from the strong judgement of the Great God of Israel. And of the lineage of this once of a whore of woman came the Word of God, the ‘Called Out’ or Messiah, the Savior of the World. Glory! Hallelujah to our God who is able to deliver His people!

Will you enter into covenant with God’s Two Witnesses that you will be delivered when they return in the hour of Judgement? You must heed the voice of God which ‘calls out’ His people out of the darkness of Babylon as He telleth the stars and calls them all out by their names that their light shine forth to be a guide to all who will heed the glory of God which lights the world.

V11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

There is yet another ‘bawl out’ but one of weeping and mourning as the servants of mammon bewail their losses for no man buys their merchandise anymore. This is the vexation of the merchants’ spirit.

V18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

Babylon has borne the strong, people of God, and her patrons continues to ‘cry out’ as a woman in travail when they see the smoke of her burning, saying: What city is like unto this great city!

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TAKE NOT 'THE STRONG TOWER' IN VAIN:

V5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Woe unto the man by whom offences come, **Matthew 18: 7**. We are counseled, take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones for their angels in heaven do always behold the face of my Father, **Matthew 18: 10**. Babylon heeded not this counsel and murdered the saints for in her was found the blood of all the saints and prophets and so her sins had reached unto and was recorded in heaven.

Her actions like the tower of Babel had reached unto and were recorded in heaven and now God renders her account and repay her for her iniquities. Those who called upon the Name of the Lord, which is a Strong Tower, were slain by her. They were abused and mistreated as she blasphemed the Name of the Lord by which they were enjoined and became one with God.

V12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

Babylon was only concerned with mammon and merchandise despising the righteous injunction: man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, **Matthew & Luke 4: 4**. She cared not about holiness and that God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must do so in Spirit and in truth, **John 4: 24**. She instead decked herself with and traded in the most precious of stones, cloth, and merchandise. She despised the Spirit.

V19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

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The wages of sins is death, **Romans 6: 23**. The One hour judgement heaped upon Babylon was because of her blasphemy, therefore she is made desolate. Her mourners were so taken up during and after this time bewailing their loss and the destruction of the city, casting dust upon their heads, weeping and wailing, saying: Alas, alas that great city, wherein we were made rich all that had ship in the sea because of her costliness, that they did not realize that their own destruction too was imminent.

STRONG REWARD OR VENGEANCE: DOUBLE FOR DOUBLE

V6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

The wine of the wrath of God which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation, **Revelation 14 & 16: 10**, is so filled by Babylon to her double as she has done to the saints, prophets and the people of God. As she has sown even so now she reaps. She made all nations drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, **Revelation 14: 8 & 18: 3**. She as host served all with her judgement which is double as she heeded the injunction whatever ye findeth to do, do it with all thy might, her works were done to the double against the people of God.

She was so set against the children of God who were sealed with a double portion of His Spirit, living and proclaiming the truth to a dying world. In order to uproot and slay them, her works were intensified to that degree.

V13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

For Babylon all things were considered merchandise, the previous verse, **12**, spoke of clothing, ornaments and decorations for the outward adorning, now in this verse we are told of fragrances, essence, drink, food, animals and weapons, slaves (human trafficking), and the souls of men.

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Many would think that Babylon was innocent of such charges of slavery (human trafficking) since the institution has publicly voiced its opposition to human trafficking but my friend you must by now understand that their evil is done with such a veil of secrecy that makes them almost unidentifiable. The life or souls of many were slain in the dark ages and those days are expected to return when the beast deadly wound is healed and all the world wonders again after the beast. What do you think purgatory, penance, and indulgences are all about if not a trade in the souls of mankind in exchange for money?

This is the great conspiracy that the devil gave wealth, power, prestige and authority to Babylon in exchange for great merchandising of creation. Everything is done for profit and to accumulate wealth and power.

V20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Vengeance is mine I will repay saith the Lord, **Romans 12: 19**. Heaven and the earth: the holy apostles and prophets are commanded to rejoice over her judgment as God hath avenged them upon her. Glory! Hallelujah!

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY (STRONG) FALLEN?

V7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Babylon had so much power, that she was called 'the great' and she lived deliciously as she glorified herself with much pomp and pride. But she did so as **she gave great torment and sorrow to so many**. Babylon's power and glory was only to this end to destroy the people of God causing them **torment and sorrow hence she must fall being evil**. She enticed many by her wiles as a woman, she is pompous and proud, and **pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall, Proverb 16: 18**.

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She thinks of herself so highly despite her evil, saying in her heart, I sit as a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrow. In this first recount we shall review her, person, presence, function, mark of identity or individuality, her appellation or titles, her power, authority and character in the light of the glory and power of God and His **First Witness**:

- 1 **The First Witness**, Messenger or Angel from heaven is mighty and strong, having great power that the whole earth is lightened with his glory or presence. Whereas the great Babylon has power and glorified herself; and the gentiles by her tread down the whole earth: the title of Sheh-bah or Name of the Lord by blasphemy, **Revelation 11: 2**, that it became a wilderness for her pomp and pride, this First Witness lightens the whole earth with the power and glory of God extolling the Name of the Lord and His Sabbath. By him the Presence of God is experienced and known. Who is He? Only the Sun causes the earth and the planets to be lightened by its glory and power! The Decalogue is the First Witness that testifies of the works that are approved and wrought by God as righteous, this is the enlightened one who speaks of morality. Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach unto all people. To the law and testimony if they speak not according it is because there is no light in them, **Isaiah 8: 20**. The earth being trodden down, the fourth object from the sun in our solar system; parallels the fourth in the Decalogue which speaks to her work of blasphemy or vilification, speaking harshly against God and that which pertains to Him. The First Witness, Messenger, or Angel is the allegory of the Decalogue and is recorded in this first verse of this Chapter as the precept of the Name of the Lord is embedded in each of these 10 Commands as they, the first four speaks to how we relate to the person, presence, function, power, authority, and character of God and the last six of how we relate to

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man(kind) who was made in the image and likeness of God, being bearers of the Name of the Lord.

- 2 We know that the Law is spiritual (holy, just and good, **Romans 7: 12**) but I am carnal sold under sin, **Romans 7: 14**. And that whatsoever things the law says it saith unto all that are under the law that every mouth may be stopped and all the world become guilty before God, **Romans 3: 19**. Even so the First Witness cried with a **mightily strong voice: Babylon is fallen, is fallen and is become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird**. Babylon is confounded by her sins and has become a reproach and unholy being a habitation, possessed with evil spirits. She has become a reprobate, cast off from God. Therefore, the testimony of the Law which is holy condemns her as fallen as she had become.
- 3 Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth, **John 17: 17-18**. Thy Law is truth, **Psalms 119: 142**. Jesus saith: I am the way the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by me, **John 14: 6**. As the Husbandman He came to sanctify and cleanse the church with the washing of water by the word, **Ephesians 5: 26**. Remember, except ye be born of the water and the Spirit ye cannot enter into the Kingdom of heaven, **John 3: 5**. Therefore be ye not drunken with wine (of the doctrine of Babylon's fornication) wherein there is excess but be filled with the Spirit of God, **Ephesians 5: 18**. For when He the Spirit of Truth is come He will guide you into all truth, **John 16: 13**. On the contrary all nations shall be drunken with the wine or doctrine of the wrath of her fornication (as the devils or evil spirits with whom she is filled lead them astray) with whom also the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the merchants are waxed rich through the abundance of Babylon's delicacies.

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- 4 From the Lion of Babylon, **Daniel 7: 4**, the eater and drinker of the blood of God's people, **Revelation 18: 24**, came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness, **Judges 14: 14**. These, 'the sweetness', are they whose souls are converted, they are joyous hearts, they are humble and wise, they have enlightened eyes, they have the true and righteous judgements of God as they desired above all, gold and honeycomb, that which is sweeter, yea, Thy Law, its Statutes, and Testimony, The Commandments and Thy Judgements, **Psalms 19:7-11** . My sheep know my voice and they hear and follow, **John 10: 4 & 27**. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold them must I also bring and they shall be one fold, **John 10: 16**. From heaven came the Witness of the first verse who cried mightily from verses 2 unto verse 3, now again also from heaven came yet another voice: **come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues!** The First Witness's message reminds us of God's standard of righteousness which can only be attained unto by faith to effect the exodus or the call out of Babylon! Yea, they that be wise shall be as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many unto righteousness shall shine as the stars in heaven, **Daniel 12: 3**. The voice of God follows the message of the First Witness.
- 5 Sins are only imputed when there is the Law, **Romans 5: 13**. The voice of God continues: **her sins have reached unto heaven and God have remembered her iniquities**. The First Witness work is one of warning, if the Commandments of God is not preached then the world will not be warned and if they have not been spoken to then they would have a cloke for their sins but once they have been told they have no covering for their sins, **John 15: 22**. In the light of the First Witness Testimony then it behooves us to be reconciled unto

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God! The voice of God attends to this work and in so doing confirms its importance.

- 6 All of God's works are done in truth and righteousness! Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap. God's judgements are true and altogether righteous, **Psalms 19: 9**. Therefore, for the unjust Babylon there is the just God who will reward her even as she has rewarded his people, double for her double according to her works which she had filled the cup full to her double.

V14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

How has the mighty fallen, **the love of money (mammon) is the root of all evil which while some covet after they have erred from the faith** and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows, **1 Timothy 6: 10**. Against such is the Law of the Decalogue and the judgements of the Eternal Spirit which speaks of the great commandment as: to love the Lord Thy God with all of thy heart, mind, strength and soul and to love thy neighbor as thy self, **Matthew 22: 36-40**.

Her soul and spirit lusted for or coveted only the fruits: all the things that were dainty and goodly, therefore, are they taken from her and she shall find them no more at all. She did not heed the spiritual injunction, covet the best spiritual gifts, yet show I thee a more excellent way, **1 Corinthians 12: 31**. Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts, rather that ye may prophesy, **1 Corinthians 14: 1**.

For her, wealth or money afforded these 'better things in life' and given her soul lusted for them she was ruthless in her pursuit. In this second recount we shall look at what shall befall such who hath this lust of soul and spirit even as we continue to listen to 'the voice from heaven' the Spirit of God which is heard above His words or Law:

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- 8 Her plagues shall come in one day: death, mourning, famine and she shall be burned with fire for strong is the Lord which judges her.
- 9 The kings of the earth that had an adulterous relationship with her instead of a right relationship with God and lived deliciously shall bewail and lament her when they see the smoke of her burning.
- 10 The lament and wailing is an expression of great disappointment: 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour thy judgements is come.
- 11 The weeping and mourning extends to include the merchants for no one buys their merchandise anymore.
- 12 All the merchandise have become worthless too as no one buys them anymore. Babylon had control of the economy of the world and with her destruction the whole economic system and world trade collapses.
- 13 The merchandise includes slaves and the souls or life of men. The city upon 7 mountains had equated the worth of souls to that of possessions and traded in them as merchandise, thus this verse removes her mask and the veil upon her face for all to see her as she truly is having no regard for neither, God nor her fellow man.

V21 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.

How are the mighty fallen? Three times David asked this question, **2 Samuel 1: 19, 25 & 27**. This is the 3rd set of seven verses (unto verse 21) that addresses that question. Behold the Testimony of the **Second or Last Witness**, Messenger or Angel who demonstrates the application of the parable of the millstone that's hung around the one who offends one of these little ones, **Matthew 18: 6**. Babylon is this millstone whose weight of sins when it is thrown or cast will cause it to plunge into the depths of the sea headlong that it should be found no more at all.

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This Last Witness along with the First constitutes the **Two Witnesses**, Messengers or Angels and the two covenants of the Old and the New Testaments. The five Books of the Law or Penta-teuch provides the testimony or witness by which God overthrew and cast down the nations of Canaan with great violence because of the evil which they did. It was also to be used as Witness against Israel if they choose to depart from the living God, **Deuteronomy 31: 26**. Throughout the generations of time God has used the Penta-teuch of Kingdoms (as explained before herein) to execute His judgements in all the earth and this continues unto the end of time.

Verse 21, the first and the last verse of the chapter identifies the Second or Last Witness, Messenger or Angel, who personifies, embodies or is an allegory of the first Book of the Penta-tuech, Genesis unto the last or Deuterios Book. Herein too is the voice of God heard above His Law and so we continue to hear the voice from heaven in the things that is said pertaining to this Second or Last Witness in the recount that follows:

15 The Lord is nigh them that are of a broken spirit and save such that be of a contrite heart, **Psalm 34: 18**. **The merchants** that forsake God who keeps mercy to a thousand generations that love Him and keep His commandments, **Deuteronomy 7: 9**, because of impenitence shall surely have a broken spirit one way or the other, they, by choice elect a broken spirit that dries the bone, **Proverbs 17: 22**. They who were **made rich** by her will **stand a far off for fear of Babylon's torment weeping and wailing**. Had the destruction of Babylon lasted for more than an hour in one day, their broken spirit would have dried their bones that it would have killed them. So in this too the just God was merciful to the wicked.

16 The Old Testament Law called for a sanctuary that the Eternal Spirit might dwell among Israel, thus His House was established: let them build Me a Sanctuary that I might dwell among them, **Exodus 25: 8**. Here He says: my House shall be a house of prayer for all nations, **Mark 11: 17**.

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Thus anyone could beseech the mercies of God. And what know you not your body is the Temple of God which ye have of God and that you are not your own, therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit that are his, **1 Corinthians 6: 19**, this is the reality of the New Covenant in Christ, **Matthew 26: 28**. And an outworking is yet to be fulfilled in the New Jerusalem of **Revelation 21**.

However, those who would not heed the warnings: Thou shall have no other gods before me, **Exodus 20: 3**. And thou shall not make any graven image or any likeness of anything in the heaven above, or in the earth below, or in the sea beneath the earth, **Exodus 20: 4**, went and made their city. Now the patrons of this city express their disappointment in its destruction: Alas, alas that great city, Babylon, that was clothed in fine linen, purple and scarlet and decked with gold, precious stones and pearls.

17 Even as for the first king, Nebuchadnezzar, of **the Genesis of Heathen Kingdoms** made the pronouncement: Is not this the great Babylon that I have built for the House of the kingdom by the might of my power for the honour of my majesty or glory? **Daniel 4: 30**. And in the selfsame hour his power (kingdom) was taken away from him, **Daniel 4: 33**, that He may know the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever He wills, **Daniel 4: 32**. Likewise only one hour is needed to **bring to nought the great riches of the Babylon** of the end of our days. Every shipmaster and all the company of ships and sailors and as many that trade by sea shall stand afar off and behold her destruction.

18 The question cried out: **what city is like unto this great city?** Finds it answer in one such city of the Exothos of Heathen Kingdoms of the Medes and Persian, when the children of Israel went out of Babylon and returned to rebuild the city Jerusalem and consecrate the Priesthood to ministry unto the first coming of Messias.

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Darius I established **Persepolis** (meaning: the city of the Persians or Pars) as a capital city in Persia (modern Iran), in the late 6th century B.C. Persepolis served as **treasury, residence, and burial site for the kings of the Achaemenid Dynasty**. In 331 B.C. Alexander the Great sacked Persepolis (meaning: city of Persians or Pars) and set fire to the palaces. In May 330 B.C., a little over a month before Alexander the Great went after the escaped, last, Great King of the Achaemenid (in its golden era) Persians (Darius III), he burned the king's palaces at Persepolis for reasons we will never know for sure. Especially since Alexander later regretted it, scholars and others have puzzled over what motivated such vandalism. The reasons suggested generally boil down to intoxication, policy, or **revenge** ("perversity") [Borza].

19 **And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.** And Joshua rent his clothes in token of sorrow and distress (**comp. Leviticus 10:6; Leviticus 21:10**). Verse 6 - And Joshua rent his clothes. A token of grief usual among the Jews (**see Genesis 37:29, 84; 44:13**, etc. Knobel cites **Leviticus 21:10**); and though Joshua was not the high priest, yet from his peculiar position he might be expected to adopt somewhat of the high priest's demeanour, and at least not to display this outward sign of grief without the strongest reason. **This was a common custom among the Greeks.** (See Lucian, De Luetu, 12). Homer mentions the custom (Iliad, 18). Thus this verse is a portrayal of the custom of mourning of the Levi of Heathen Kingdom, Grecia.

Pope's translation runs thus: - "Cast on the ground, with furious hands he spread The scorching ashes o'er his graceful head. His purple garments and his golden hairs, Those he deforms with dust, and these he tears." Lines 26-30.

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20 Those who have been gathered, sealed or numbered in this penultimate kingdom (of the Heathens) on all four quadrants down in the feet of iron and of clay of the 10 kings who ruled for one hour with the scarlet coloured beast of the people of God, the apostles, the prophets and the inhabitants of heaven are encouraged by the voice from heaven: **‘rejoice over her for God hath avenged you upon her’.**

CONCLUSION:

V22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

V23 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 at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

V24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Thus by great power and glory God shall bring forth the destruction of Babylon even as He ‘called out’ at creation so it will be done to bring Babylon to its end. In this chapter three times we have examined the subject on how the mighty has fallen, in the first 21 verses, by listening to the views from the perspective of the Two Witnesses and that expressed by the voice from heaven. The latter 3 verses above speak to the finality of its end.

Jonah’s desire to rejoice over the destruction of the great Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was premature to his time as it seems as if it was confused in his mind with the great Babylon, the great capital city of our time. Somehow, Nineveh prefigured the Babylon of our day, except that by the rebellion of the prophet who took flight to Tarshish, a place on the Mediterranean, from the Presence of

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God, the great tempest of the ‘sea of glass’ before His Throne and the act of throwing him overboard and his miraculous survival and calming of the storm was communicated to the King of Nineveh that gave his kaw-raw, ‘calling out,’ or cry against the city greater power that all its inhabitants repented from their evil deeds. So then Jonah’s flight from the presence of God aided and added to the efficacy of His preaching.

The Babylon of our day despite the miraculous delivery of the woman of Prophecy from the floods that the dragon cast out of his mouth that she be swept away, **Revelation 12: 15**, doesn’t add or aid the efficacy of our preaching. As Babylon is incorrigible and refuses to repent! Therefore rejoice all ye heaven, and ye apostles and prophets for God has avenged you upon her. Glory! Hallelujah!

Cry aloud and spare not lift up your voice like a trumpet and let my people know their sins, the house of Jacob their iniquity, **Isaiah 58:1**. If the preaching of the gospel in our time equates with the ram’s horn blast around the walls of Jericho, the loud cry of Revelation 18 suggests an increase in intensity of preaching which begins on the 7th day and climaxes the 7th time around at the sounding of the long blast of the ram’s horn, **Joshua 6: 5, 16**, before the pronouncement is made by the great voices in heaven the kingdoms of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, **Revelation 11: 15**. The Laodicean time is the 7th time period in our age which suggests the loud cry is for our time.

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