

THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 18:9-20

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10 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.

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

12 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,

13 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.

14 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.

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

16 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!

17 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,

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

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, 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.

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

Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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There are two basic reactions to the fall of Babylon:

- (1) Those who are grieved by it, 18:9-19.
- (2) Those who are gladdened by it, 18:20.

Let's begin with the first one:

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a. The Monarchs, 18:9-10

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- The International Labour Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally.
 - 81% of them are trapped in forced labor.
 - 25% of them are children.
 - 75% are women and girls.
- The International Labor Organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry worldwide.
- The U.S. Department of Labor has identified 148 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor.
- In 2017, an estimated 1 out of 7 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex trafficking victims.
 - Of those, 88% were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran.

<https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/facts>

❖ Consider the commercial perspective of Christmas and Easter!

Made in America Christmas: Are You In?

The average American will spend \$700 on holiday gifts and goodies this year, totaling more than \$465 billion, the National Retail Federation estimates. If that money was spent entirely on US made products it would create 4.6 million jobs. But it doesn't even have to be that big. If each of us spent just \$64 on American made goods during our holiday shopping, the result would be 200,000 new jobs.

<https://abcnews.go.com/WN/mailform?id=14998335>

How much will the average American spend on Easter?

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Easter spending across the country won't rise to quite the same level it did last year, though it will only be a bunny-hop behind.

That's according to the annual survey released earlier this month by the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics, which found Easter spending is expected to total \$18.2 billion this year. While that's behind the record \$18.4 billion spent last year, this Easter is expected to represent the second-highest spending level on record for the holiday.

<https://www.mcall.com/business/mc-biz-easter-spending-national-retail-federation-survey-20180330-story.html>

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c. The Mariners, 18:17b-19

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Conclusion

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for **a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

Phil. 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for **I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.**

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; and ***be content with such things as ye have***: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.