



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

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Lord, I never want to become a castaway who was once used mightily by You but who has now become disqualified for further use. I know of other people to whom this has happened. They were once mightily used, but they have since become discredited and disqualified because of their lack of passion or the immoral mistakes they have made in their lives. Help me to maintain Your fire in my soul and to walk a straight and narrow path that leads to life and abundance. I don't want to stray from the path You have set before me or to knock myself out of the race. Holy Spirit, I am asking You today to help me do everything I need to do to remain a viable, useful vessel in the hands of God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

Revelation 18

Revelation 18:1-24 (AMP) 1 THEN I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendor. 2 And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird. 3 For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness. 4 I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues. 5 For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness and [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement]. 6 Repay to her what she herself has paid [to others] and double [her doom] in accordance with what she has done. Mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed [for others]. 7 To the degree that she glorified herself and reveled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], to that measure impose on her torment and anguish and tears and mourning. Since in her heart she boasts, I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering or experience sorrow— 8 So shall her plagues (afflictions, calamities) come thick upon her in a single day, pestilence and anguish and sorrow and famine; and she shall be utterly consumed (burned up with fire), for mighty is the Lord God Who judges her. 9 And the rulers and leaders of the earth who joined her in her immorality (idolatry) and luxuriated with her will weep and beat their breasts and lament over her when they see the smoke of her conflagration. 10 They will stand a long way off, in terror of her torment, and they will cry, Woe and alas, the great city, the mighty city, Babylon! In one single hour how your doom (judgment) has overtaken you! 11 And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more. 12 Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men! 14 The ripe fruits and delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries and dainties, your elegance and splendor are lost to you, never again to be recovered or experienced! 15 The dealers who handled these articles, who grew wealthy through their business with her, will stand a long way off, in terror of her doom and torment, weeping and grieving aloud, and saying, 16 Alas, alas for the great city that was robed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, bedecked and glittering with gold, with precious stones, and with pearls! 17 Because in one [single] hour all the vast wealth has been destroyed (wiped out). And all ship captains and pilots, navigators and all who live by seafaring, the crews and all who ply their trade on the sea, stood a long way off, 18 And exclaimed as they watched the smoke of her burning, What city could be compared to the great city! 19 And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and grieved, exclaiming, Woe and alas, for the great city, where all who had ships on the sea grew rich [through her extravagance] from her great wealth! In one single hour she has been destroyed and has become a desert! 20 Rejoice (celebrate) over her, O heaven! O saints (people of God) and apostles and prophets, because God has executed vengeance for you upon her.

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21 Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found. 22 And the sound of harpists and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you. 23 And never again shall the light of a lamp shine in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again; for your businessmen were the great and prominent men of the earth, and by your magic spells and poisonous charm all nations were led astray (seduced and deluded). 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all those who have been slain (slaughtered) on earth.

Revelation 18. The Fall of Babylon

Babylon, the city on the Euphrates, whose Hanging Gardens were one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, was the city that had taken God's Old Testament people captive. So God uses it as the name of the world power that would take most of the earth's inhabitants captive. John names the "Euphrates," under both the sixth trumpet and the sixth bowl, as the land from which the enemies of God will come.

Chapter 18 describes the destruction of the city of Babylon, which is the seat of Antichrist's political and economic power (also referred to as Babylon the Great). In chapter 17 John described the destruction of the one-world, idolatrous religious system. John begins chapter 18 with "after this," meaning after the religious Babylon is destroyed. He saw a vision of the fall of the city of Babylon the Great. The city, which represents the political and economic systems of the world, had "become a home for demons" (v. 2). The kings of the earth had committed (spiritual) adultery with her and the merchants grew rich from her excessive luxuries (v. 3). For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). Then John hears a voice from heaven, presumably God's voice, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). Similarly, John told us in chapter 12 that "the woman [representing the tribulation saints of Israel] fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days [during the Great Tribulation]" (18:6). Three groups mourn as they see the city of Babylon burn and be utterly destroyed, and with it the heart of the political and commercial system: the kings, the merchants, and the seamen (perhaps a figurative term referring to someone who makes or collects money from the "sea" of mankind). Here John seems to describe a corrupt form of capitalism that eventually brings destruction to the world. At the turn of the millennium there were fears that the world's computer systems would crash. Imagine what would happen if all computers and telecommunications were totally dependent on one city—and that city was destroyed.

The city of Babylon is destroyed as an angel casts a stone, like a great millstone, into the sea (v. 21). This event is foretold in Daniel 2:34–35 : "While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth" (also see Daniel 2:44–45). Most people believe that the stone is Christ. Note the similarities to Jeremiah's dirge over the destruction of the Old Testament city of Babylon in Jeremiah 50–51 (especially the incident of casting the stone into the sea; compare Revelation 18:21 and Jeremiah 51:63–64).

The marriage of leopard beast and lamb beast, this adultery of church and world, called "Babylon," is doomed. As it goes down, all heaven will resound with Hallelujahs! (19:1–5). Then follows the glad strains of the wedding procession, as the Lamb espouses to Himself His true bride. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan ; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 955-957)

Commercial Babylon Falls: Though spiritual Babylon is identified as Rome, commercial Babylon isn't identified with a particular city. With the transfer of the world's wealth to the Middle East, some believe that the original Babylon will be rebuilt. V1-10 The destruction of commercial Babylon will be swift. In one hour it will be utterly burned. Since the onlookers will be standing afar off for the fear of her torment, perhaps there will be radiation contamination. V20-24 While those on earth are mourning the fate of Babylon, heaven is rejoicing. V23 This verse speaks of the merchants. " By thy sorceries were all nations deceived" suggests a Madison Avenue type advertising, which makes people slaves to the acquisition of things. (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For The Day; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 200)

Treasury - Rev 18:24(Amplified Bible)

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Rev 11:7 — But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them. Rev 16:6 — Because they have poured out the blood of Your people (the saints) and the prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. Such is their due [they deserve it]! Rev 17:6 — I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly. Rev 19:2 — Because His judgments (His condemnation and punishment, His sentences of doom) are true and sound and just and upright. He has judged (convicted, pronounced sentence, and doomed) the great and notorious harlot (idolatress) who corrupted and demoralized and poisoned the earth with her lewdness and adultery (idolatry). And He has avenged (visited on her the penalty for) the blood of His servants at her hand.

Jer 2:34 — Also on your skirts is found the lifeblood of the persons of the innocent poor; you did not find them housebreaking, nor have I found it out by secret search. But it is because of [your lust for idolatry that you have done] all these things—[that is everywhere evident.]

Eze 22:9 — In you are slanderous men who arouse suspicions to shed blood, and in you are they who have eaten [food offered to idols] upon the mountains; in the midst of you they have committed lewdness. **Eze 22:12** — In you they have accepted bribes to shed blood; you have taken [forbidden] interest and [percentage of] increase, and you have greedily gained from your neighbors by oppression and extortion and have forgotten Me, says the Lord God. **Eze 22:27** — Her princes in the midst of her are like wolves rending and devouring the prey, shedding blood and destroying lives to get dishonest gain.

Da 7:21 — As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them

Mt 23:27 — Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you are like tombs that have been whitewashed, which look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men's bones and everything impure.

Lk 11:47-51 — Woe to you! For you are rebuilding and repairing the tombs of the prophets, whom your fathers killed (destroyed). **48** So you bear witness and give your full approval and consent to the deeds of your fathers; for they actually killed them, and you rebuild and repair monuments to them. **49** For this reason also the wisdom of God said, I will send them prophets and apostles, [some] of whom they will put to death and persecute, **50** So that the blood of all the prophets shed from the foundation of the world may be charged against and required of this age and generation, **51** From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against and required of this age and generation.

Ac 7:52 — Which of the prophets did your forefathers not persecute? And they slew those who proclaimed beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, Whom you now have betrayed and murdered—

1Th 2:15 — Who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and harassed and drove us out, and continue to make themselves hateful and offensive to God and to show themselves foes of all men,

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Jer 51:49 — As Babylon caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all [her] land

The Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Proverbs 3:26

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain. — The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will. — When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that wait for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. — I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. — Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Daily Light on the Daily Path.

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, pages 2144-2145)