

# Structure of Rev 18:1-8

Rev 18:4-8

## Third Vision “in the Spirit”

17:1-21:8, Defeat of Satan’s System

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1-8, **Heavenly Speeches**

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4-7, **Commands** with reasons

8, **Doom** with reason

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9-10, Kings

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20-24, **Heavenly Speeches**

20, **Command** with reason

21-24, **Doom** with reasons

1-8, **Heavenly Speeches**

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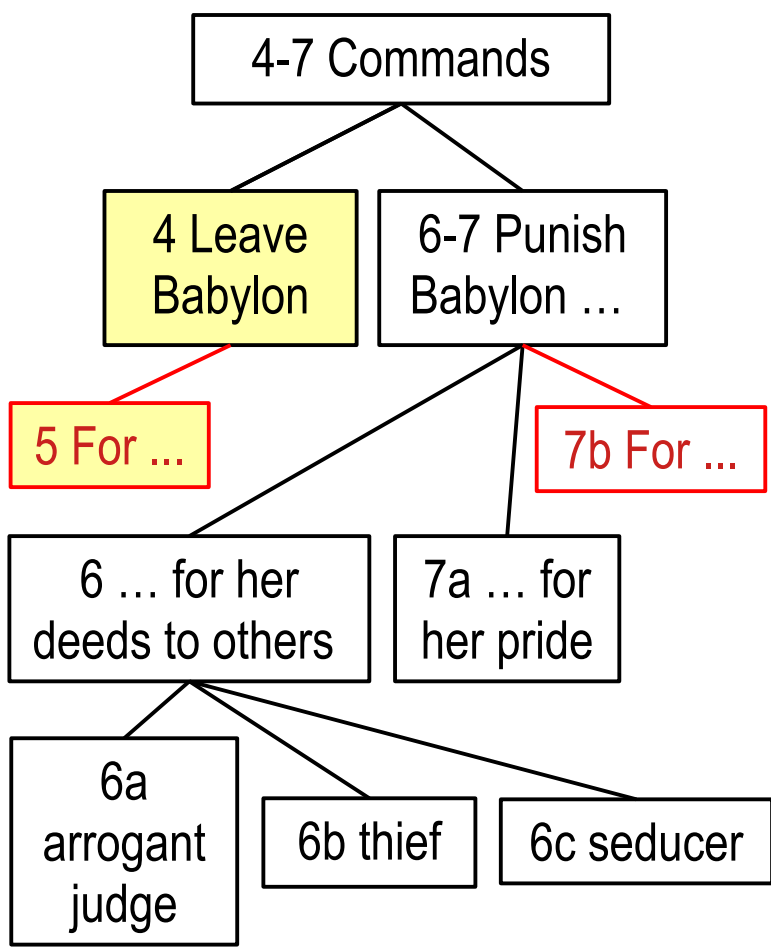
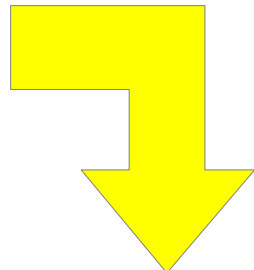
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# The Commands of 18:4-7

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## 4 leave Babylon → avoid her plagues

Gen 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, **Arise**, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; **lest thou be consumed** in the iniquity of the city.

Num 16:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, **Get you up** from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, **Depart**, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, **lest ye be consumed** in all their sins.

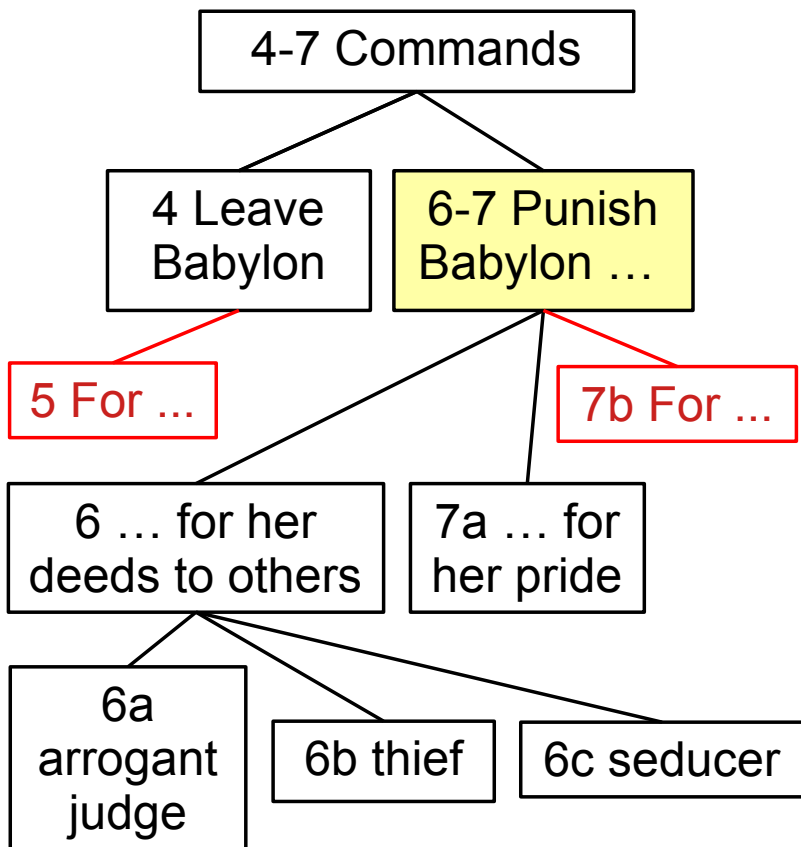
Numbers 16: 26

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How did God punish the people who opposed Moses?



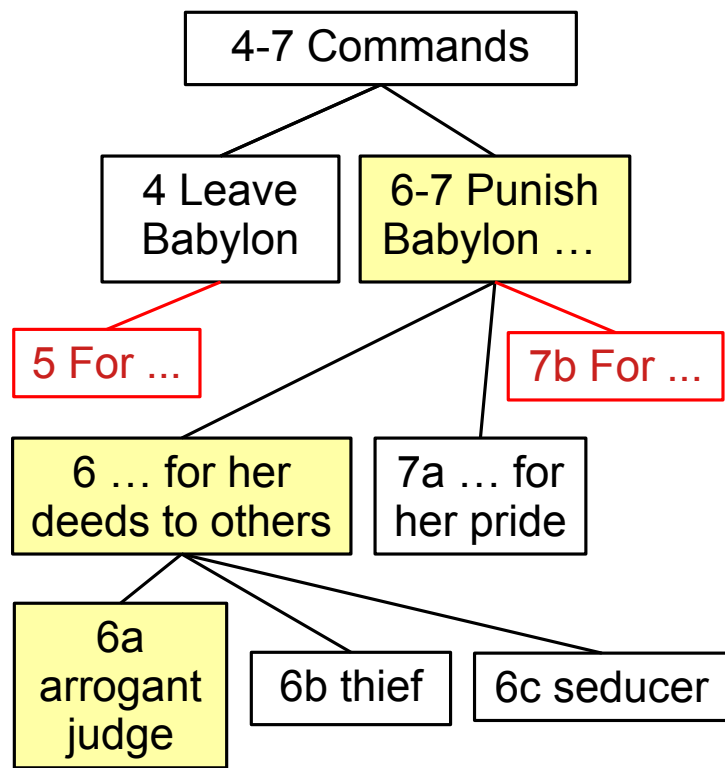
# Who Brings the Judgment?



Rev 19:14 And the **armies** which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen**, white and clean.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints**.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and **judgment** was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and **reigned** with Christ a thousand years.



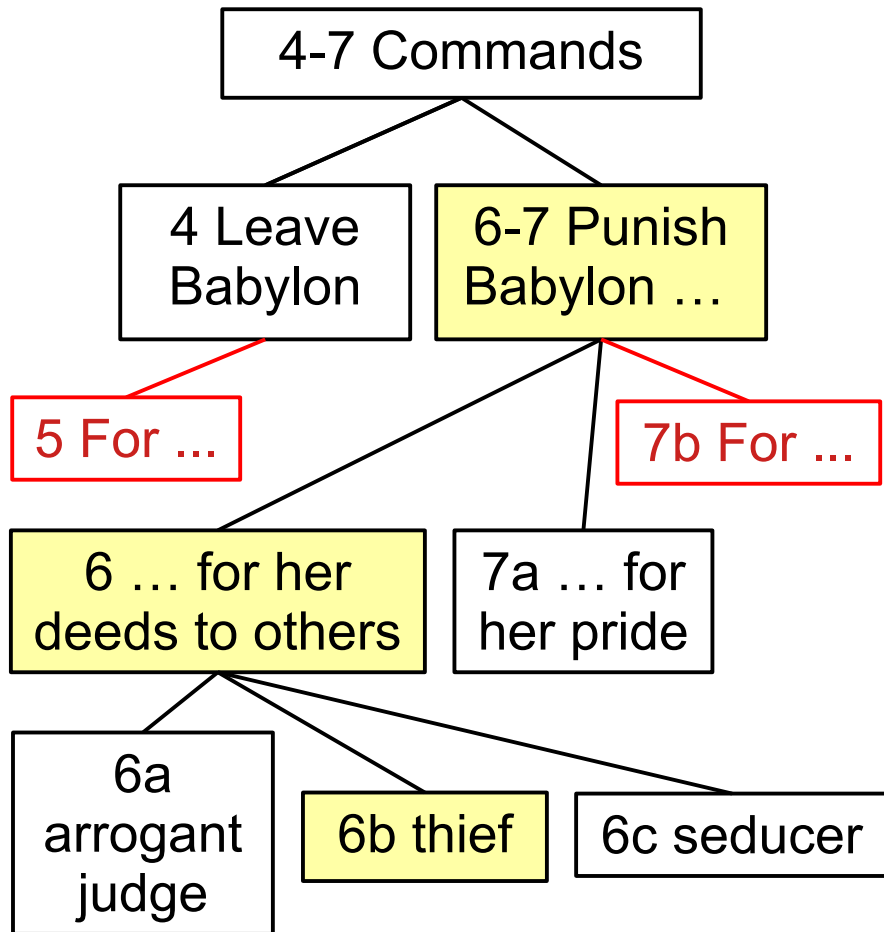
# 6a Punish Babylon, the Arrogant Judge

**Reward her even as she rewarded you**

Isa 10:5 O Assyrian, the **rod of mine anger**, and the staff in their hand is **mine indignation**. 6 **I will send him** against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7 Howbeit **he meaneth not so**, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few. ... 13 For he saith, **By the strength of my hand I** have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: ... 15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? ... 16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

Ex. 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity** of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

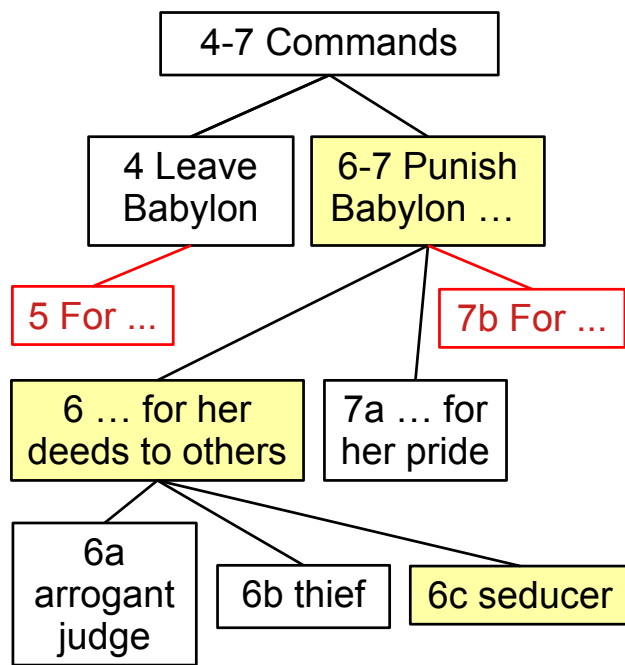
Psa. 137:8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, **that rewardeth thee as thou hast served [rewarded] us.**



# 6b Punish Babylon, the Guilty Thief

## Double unto her double

Exo 22:4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore **double**. ... 7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay **double**. ... 9 For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay **double** unto his neighbour.



# 6c Punish Babylon, the Seducer

## Fill ... the cup which she hath filled

Jer 51:7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

Jer 25:15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. ... 17 Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me: 18 To wit, Jerusalem, ... 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, ... [many more] ... 26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of **Sheshach** shall drink after them.

Jer 51:41 How is **Sheshach** taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is **Babylon** become an astonishment among the nations!

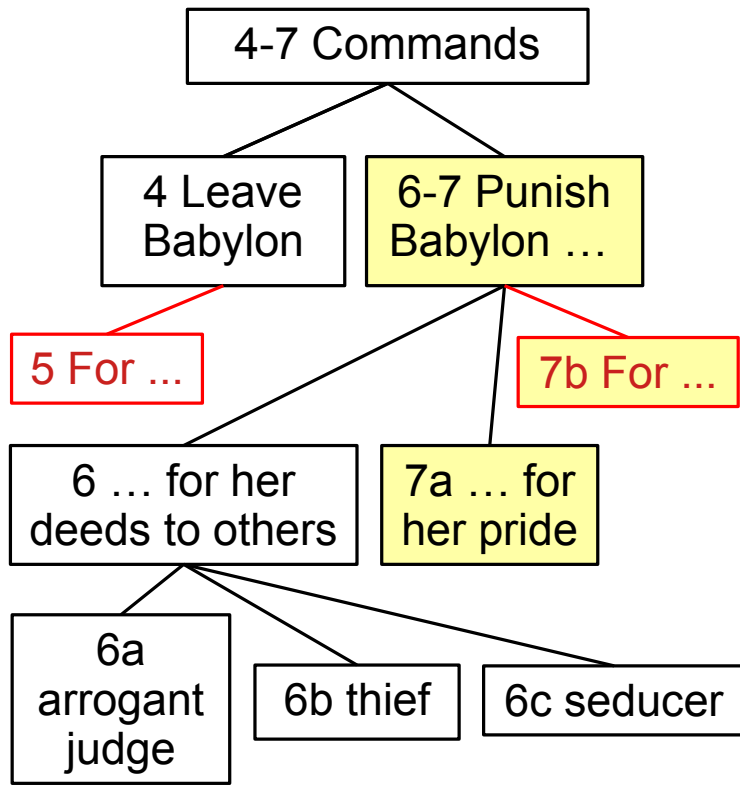
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Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a **golden cup** in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Pro 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 **At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.**

# Punish Proud, Selfish Babylon



## Glorified herself

Isa 64:5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. 6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isa 65:3 A people that provoketh me to anger ... 5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for **I am holier than thou**. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, **I thank thee, that I am not as other men are**, ... even as this publican.

Isa 47:7 And thou saidst, **I shall be a lady for ever**: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. 8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; **I shall not sit as a widow**, neither shall I know the loss of children: 9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.