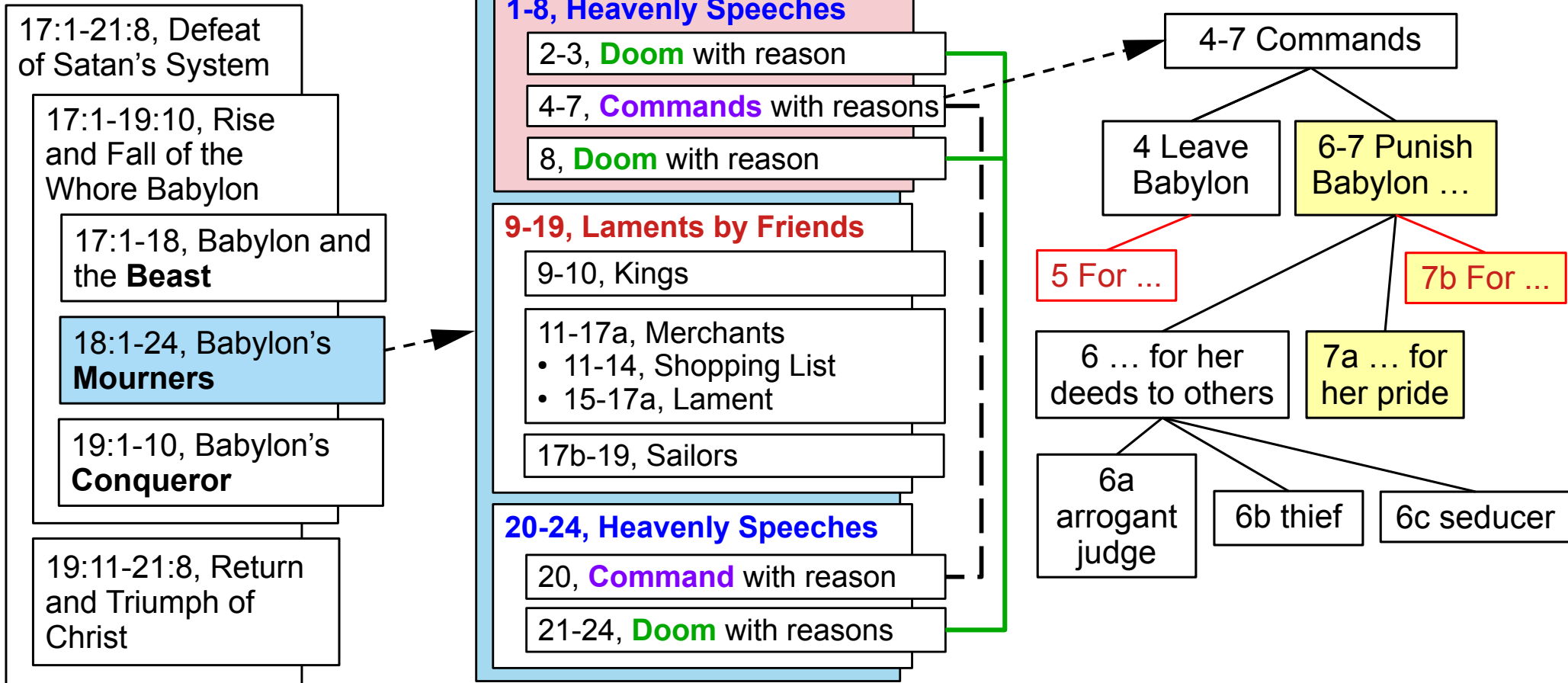


# Rev 18:7-19

## 3rd Vision “in the Spirit”



# Punish Proud, Selfish Babylon

## Glorified herself

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to **glory**; but not before God.

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should **glory**, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

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.

**“a queen ...no widow ... no sorrow”**

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**.

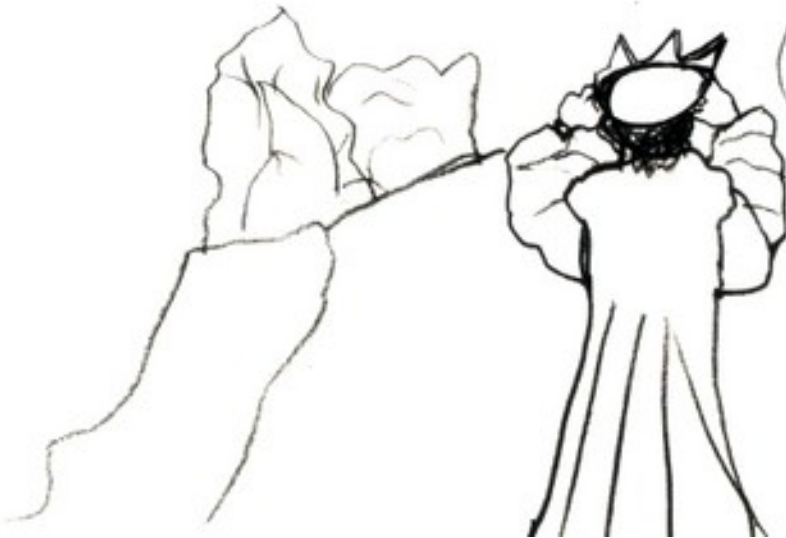
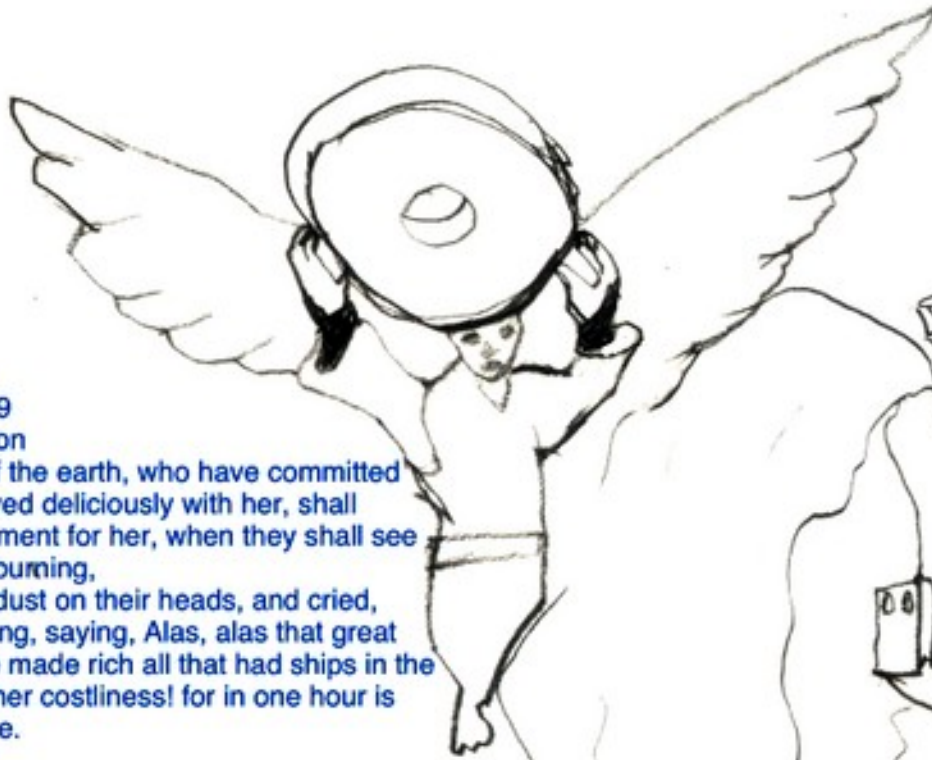
1Co 10:19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to devils**, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Revelation 18:9-19  
King James Version

9 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,

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.

Does Heaven rejoice over the fall of Babylon in the verse of the book of Revelations?



# Three Parallel Laments

Kings	Merchants	Seamen
	11-14 <b>The merchants of the earth ...</b> (Babylon's shopping list)	
9a <b>And the kings of the earth,</b>	15 <b>The merchants of these things,</b>	17b And <b>every shipmaster,</b> and all the company in ships, and sailors,
who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her,	which were made rich by her,	and as many as trade by sea,
10a <b>Standing afar off for the fear of her torment,</b>	shall <b>stand afar off for the fear of her torment,</b>	<b>stood afar off, ...</b>
9b shall <b>bewail</b> her, and <b>lament</b> for her, when they shall see <b>the smoke of her burning,</b>	... <b>weeping and wailing,</b>	... 18a And <b>cried</b> when they saw <b>the smoke of her burning,</b> ... 19a And they <b>cast dust on their heads,</b> and <b>cried, weeping and wailing,</b>
saying, <b>Alas, alas,</b>	16 And saying, <b>Alas, alas,</b>	saying, <b>Alas, alas,</b>
that <b>great city Babylon,</b>	that <b>great city,</b>	18b ... saying, What city is like unto this <b>great city!</b> 19b ... that <b>great city,</b>
that mighty city!	that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!	wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness!
for <b>in one hour</b> is thy judgment come.	17 For <b>in one hour</b> so great riches is come to nought.	for <b>in one hour</b> is she made desolate.

# 18:12-14, Babylon's Shopping List

## 18:1-24, Babylon's Funeral

### 1-8, Heavenly Speeches

2-3, **Doom** with reason

4-7, **Commands** with reasons

8, **Doom** with reason

### 9-19, Laments by Friends

9-10, Kings

11-17a, Merchants

- 11-14, **Shopping List**
- 15-17a, Lament

17b-19, Sailors

### 20-24, Heavenly Speeches

20, **Command** with reason

21-24, **Doom** with reasons

**Jewels:** 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls,

**Clothing:** and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet,

**Furnishings:** and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood,

**Building Materials:** and of brass, and iron, and marble,

**Spices and Fragrances:** 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense,

**Food:** and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep,

**Agricultural Estates:** and horses, and ~~chariots~~ wagons, and slaves,

**People:** and souls of men.

# 18:14 A Final Rebuke

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.

## Who is speaking to Whom?

- 18:10, kings to Babylon: “in one hour is thy judgment come”
- 18:22-23, a mighty angel to Babylon (five times)  
→ Probably to Babylon, either by the merchants or by the heavenly voice of 18:4

## Who Moved?

Job 1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and **naked shall I return** thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

Ecc 5:15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, **naked shall he return** to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

1 Tim 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain **we can carry nothing out.**

Psa 49:10 ... wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. ... 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; 17 For when he dieth **he shall carry nothing away**: his glory shall not descend after him.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

# Tracing the Parallels

## Their Benefits

9a, kings ... lived deliciously

15a, merchants ... were made rich

17b, seamen ... trade by sea

## Their Fear: 10, 15, 17: stand afar off

Psa 38:11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen **stand afar off**.

Mat 27:55 And many women were there beholding **afar off**, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: ... (Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49)

Jhn 19:25 Now there stood **by the cross of Jesus** his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

Heb 13:13 ... go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

## Her Smoke (2x); Their Lament

9b, kings ... bewail, lament

15c, merchants ... weeping and wailing

18a, seamen ... cried; 19a cast dust; cried, weeping and wailing

## Their Cry: Alas, Alas

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel eagle flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

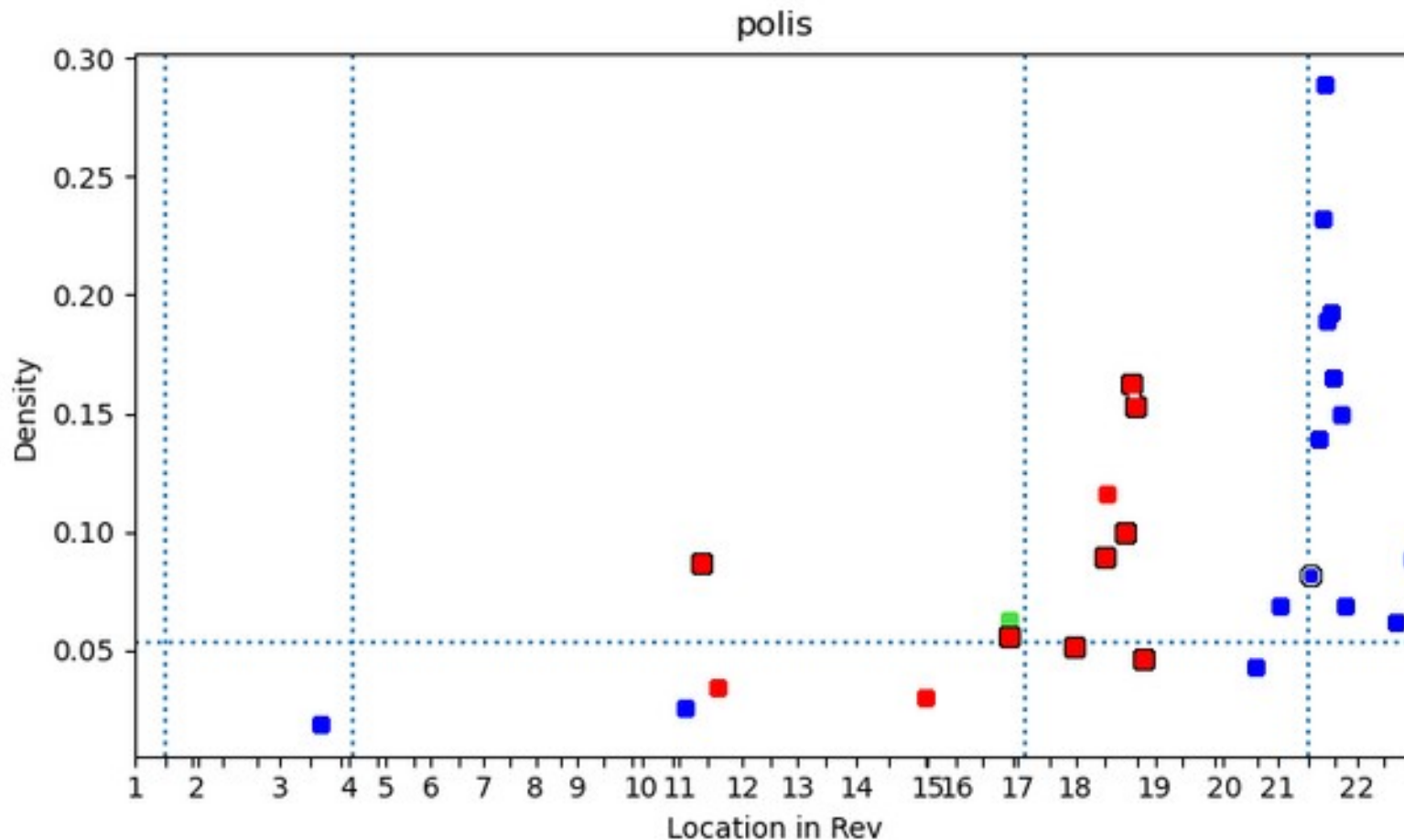
1Kings 13:30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, **Alas**, my brother!

Jer. 22:18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, **Ah** my brother! or, **Ah** sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, **Ah** lord! or, **Ah** his glory! 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

# Tracing the Parallels (2)

## In One Hour

Compare 18:8,  
Therefore shall her  
plagues come in  
one day ...



## The “Great City”

10c, kings: mighty city; 16b, merchants: clothed ...; 19b, seamen: had ships

Rev. 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of **the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem**, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me **that great city**, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,