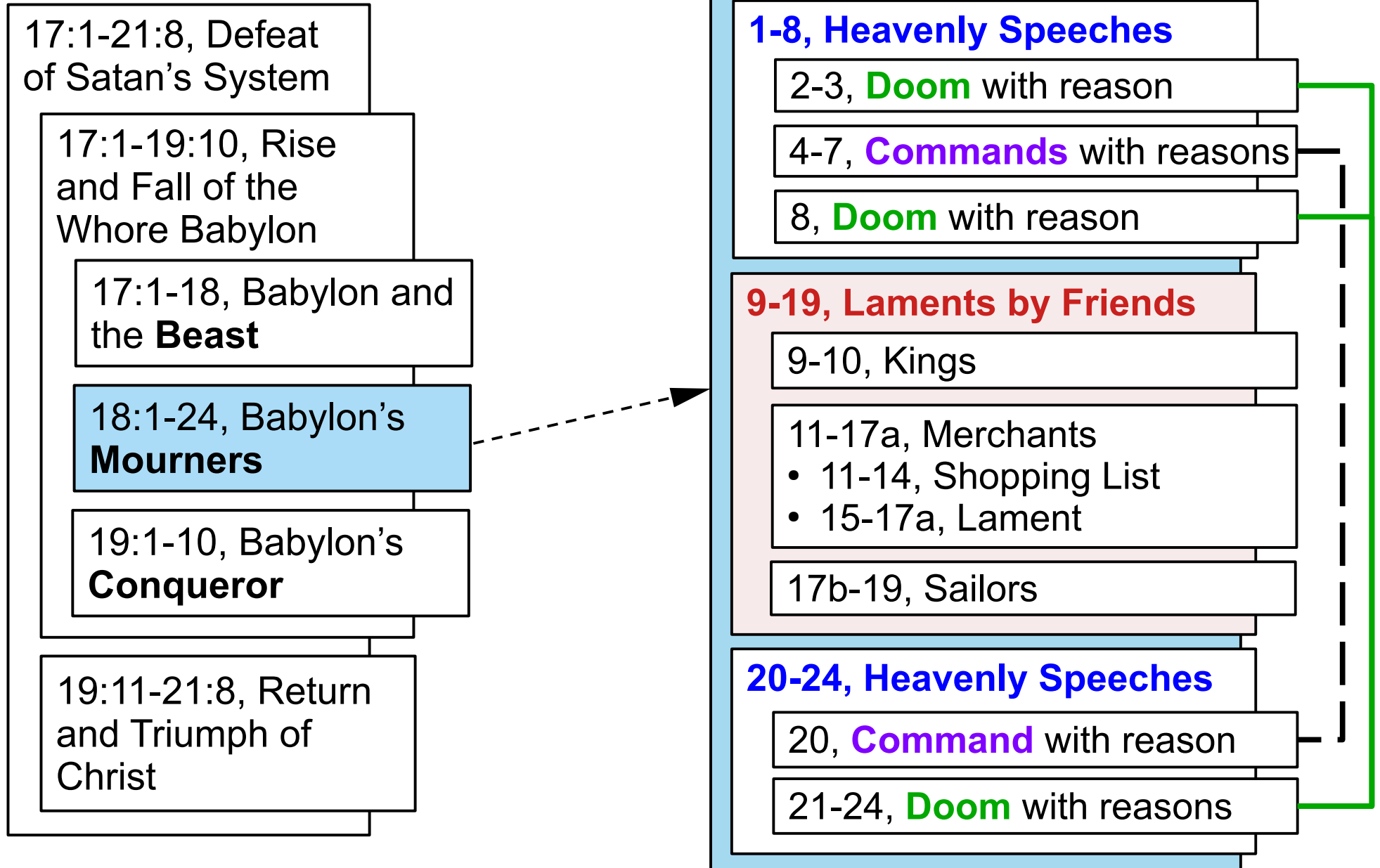


Rev 18:9-20

3rd Vision “in the Spirit”



Three Parallel Laments

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

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 18:4-8

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.

Ecc1 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:

Matthew 6: 19-21

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:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

In the Sermon on the Mount, what two things will endanger earthly treasures?



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 (G3759, = "woe")

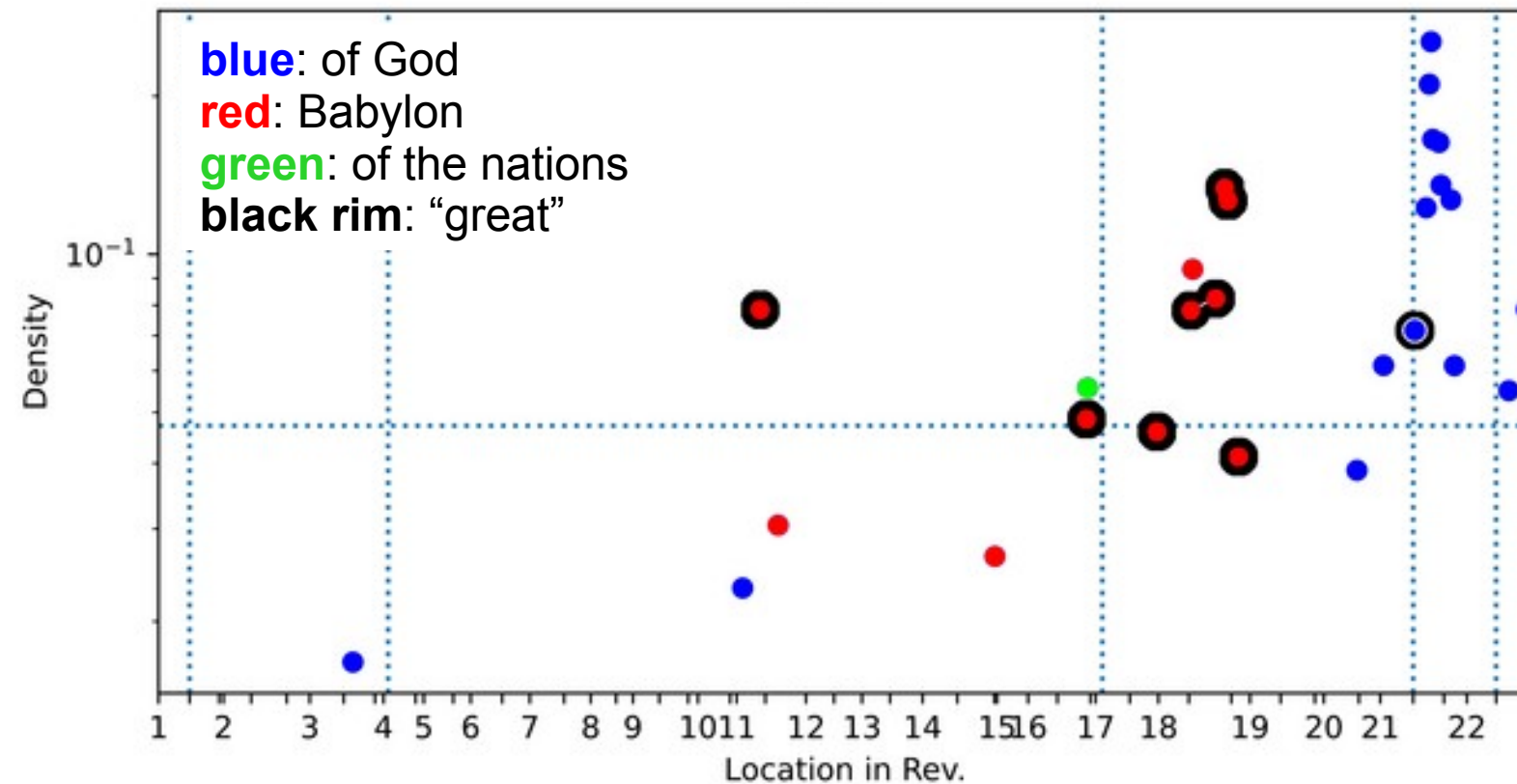
Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel eagle flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

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.

“city” in Revelation

Tracing the Parallels (2)



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

The “Great City”

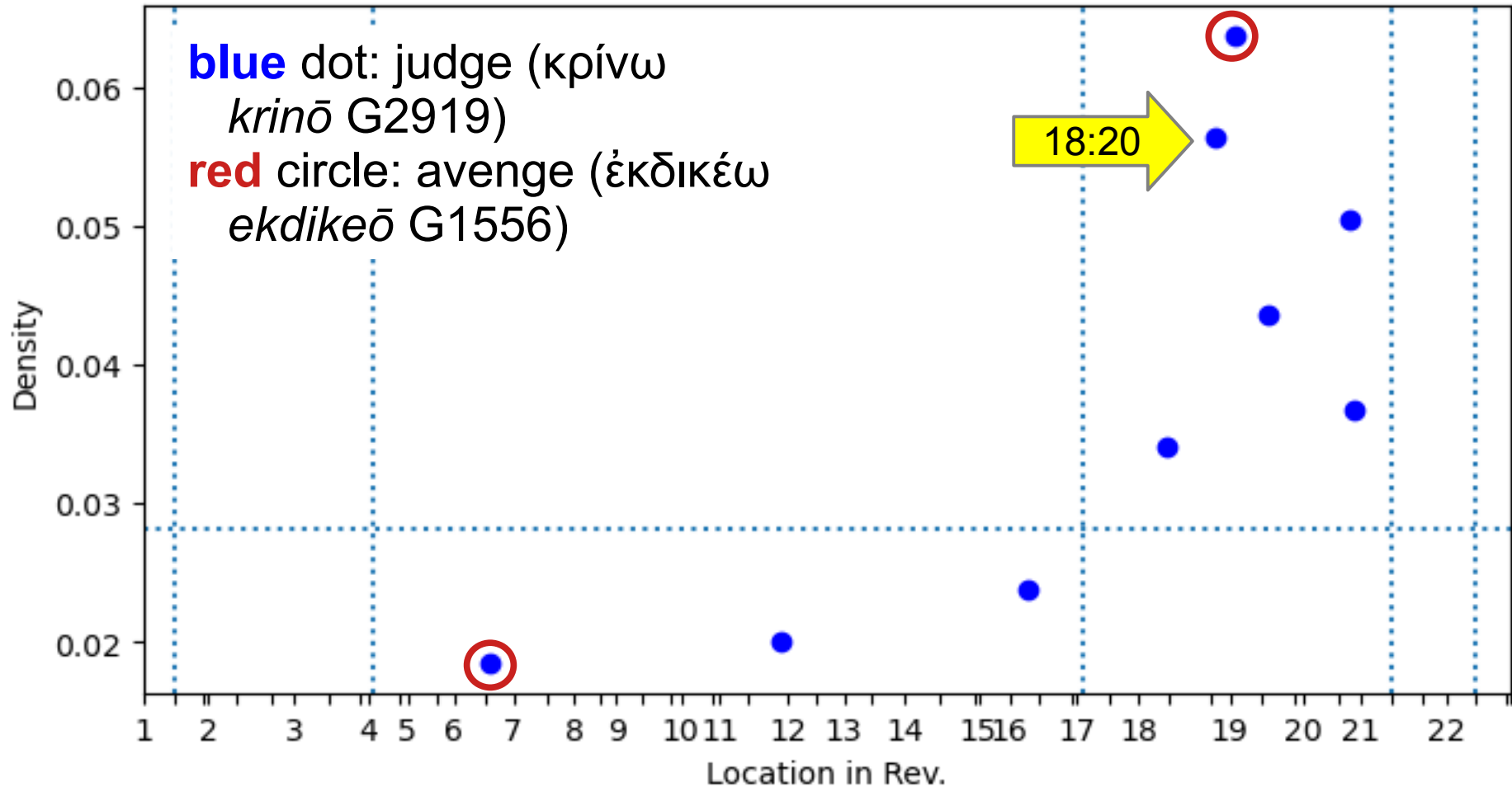
10c, kings: mighty city; 16b, merchants: clothed ...; 19b, seamen: had ships

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,

Avenging the Martyrs

Rev 18:20 God hath ~~avenged you on her~~
judged your judgment from her



Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not **judge** and **avenge** our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath **judged** the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath **avenged** the blood of his servants at her hand.