

Celebration in Heaven (v. 20)

VERSE 20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and

prophets (Εὐφραίνου ἐπ' αὐτῇ, οὐρανέ καὶ οἱ ἅγιοι καὶ οἱ ἀπόστολοι καὶ οἱ προφῆται [*pres.act.imper.2s. euphraino celebrate; "Rejoice" + prep epi over + pro.dat.f.s. aute "her" + noun voc.m.s. ouranos heaven + conj kai + art.w/adj.voc.m.p. hagios saint + conj kai + art.w/noun voc.m.p. apostolos apostle + conj kai + art.w/noun voc.m.p. prophetes prophet*], **because God has pronounced judgment for you against her** [ὅτι ἔκρινεν ὁ θεὸς τὸ κρίμα ὑμῶν ἐξ αὐτῆς [*conj hoti for + aor.act.ind.3s. krino judge; "pronounced" + art.w/noun nom.m.s. theos God + art.w/noun acc.nt.s. krima judgment, verdict, sentence + pro.gen.m.p. su "you" + prep ek + pro.abl.f.s. aute "her"]*])."

ANALYSIS: VERSE 20

1. The "voice from heaven" (v.4) summons "heaven" (vocative singular) to begin celebrating the end of Babylon the great.
2. The verb translated "rejoice" (*euphraino*) in the imperative means "make merry" and is the "party-verb" in the Greek (cf. Lk. 12:19; Lk. 15:23,24,29,32 (return of the prodigal); 16:19 (daily excess of the rich man); Acts 2:26; 7:41; Rom. 15:10; 2Cor. 2:2; Gal. 4:27; Rev. 11:10 (world-wide celebration of the death of the two witnesses); 12:12; 18:20).
3. Quite literally the compound verb means "to shine good."
4. The involvement of heaven in the celebration of America's fall is noted as well in Jer. 51:48 where the prophetic reference reads: "Then heaven and earth and all that is in them will shout for joy over Babylon, for the destroyers will come to her from the north, declares the LORD."
5. Another occurrence in Revelation where this verb is used in connection with heavenly celebration based on something that has just transpired on earth is 12:12.
6. In that context we have mention of Satan's third fall when he is banished from heaven and confined to the earth waiting for his fourth fall when he is cast into the pit of hell (cf. Rev. 20:1ff.).
7. The third fall of Satan occurs right at the midpoint of the tribulation and based on our calculations this takes place shortly before the destruction of America.
8. The very thing that engenders great sorrow for some who dwell on the earth receives an opposite emotional outburst on the part of all who reside in heaven at the moment of America's fall.
9. Those adjusted to the truth of Bible doctrine often react quite the opposite of those who are devoid of divine viewpoint.
10. Jer. 51:48 clearly indicates that this celebration is not confined to heaven above but to those who are on the earth as well.

11. Believers on earth will rejoice in the fulfillment of prophecy even though they remain in the danger zone (cf. Jer. 50:5, 28-29; 51:10; 51:25).
12. “Saints” is a term for all believers whether in heaven or on earth.
13. Saints as a term does not refer necessarily to those believers who are adjusted to the truth of BD (cf. Rev. 11:18).
14. So there is a variety of responses to America’s overthrow on the part of earth-dwellers, but there is only one unified response in the third heaven!
15. The title “saints” occurs 13x in Revelation (Rev. 5:8; 8:3,4; 11:18; 13:7,10; 14:12; 16:6; 17:6; 18:20,24; 19:8; 20:9).
16. The noun “apostles” occurs also in 2:2 and 21:14 in Revelation.
17. The context in those two verses is in favor of its technical use which refers to those men who witnesses Christ’s resurrection and who was chosen to be part of the original roster of “the twelve.”
18. All the apostles are in heaven and all will be there in their resurrection bodies when this summons is issued.
19. The prophets include all so designated as both Old and New Testament prophets are in heaven during the tribulation.
20. The only other prophets are tribulational prophets (cf. 18:24).
21. The reason cited for the celebration to make merry is based on the sentence issued against Babylon by the Judge of heaven and earth, God Almighty.
22. The idea behind Greek expression translated “pronounced judgment” which combines the aorist indicative of *krino* (to judge) followed by the articular noun *krima* carries the meaning of “sentence executed.”
23. The noun with the definite article occurs in a parallel but different context in 17:1 where the RCC’s judgment is announced.
24. The resultant judgment arising from the perfect essence of God (e.g., He is righteous and has all the facts) is on behalf of God’s people as seen in the genitive pronoun translated “for you.”
25. The prepositional phrase translated “against her” has *ek* followed by the abl/gen.pl pronoun *aute* (“her”).
26. In other words Babylon supplies the source of the evidence for the judgment.

Final Angelic Announcement of Judgment on Babylon

(vv. 21-24)

VERSE 21 Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it

into the sea, saying (Καὶ ἦρεν εἰς ἄγγελος ἰσχυρὸς λίθον ὡς μύλινον μέγαν καὶ ἔβαλεν εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν λέγων [*conj kai + aor.act.ind.3s. airo take/pick/lift up + adj.nom.m.s. eis one + noun nom.m.s. angelos angel + adj.nom.m.s. ischuros strong + noun acc.m.s. lithos stone + conj hos like + adj.acc.m.s. mulinos millstone; 1x + adj.acc.m.s. megas great + conj kai + aor.act.ind.3s. ballo throw + prep eis into + art.w/noun acc.f.s. thalassa sea +*

pres.act.part.nom.m.s. lego say], **"So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer** [Οὕτως ὁρμήματι βληθήσεται Βαβυλὼν ἡ μεγάλη πόλις καὶ οὐ μὴ εὑρεθῇ ἔτι [*adv houto in this way, so + noun dat.nt.s. hormema sudden violence; rush from verb homao "to rush"; 1x + fut.pass.ind.3s. ballo throw, cast down + noun nom.f.s. Babulon Babylon + art.w/adj.nom.f.s. megale great + noun nom.f.s. polis city + conj kai + neg ou + neg me + aor.pass.subj.3s heurisko find + adv eti still; with neg = "no longer"]*).

ANALYSIS: VERSE 21

1. Following the divine address to saints, attackers, kings, merchants, mariners and celebrants, the subject returns to the destruction of the city again.
2. The text returns to the time frame of verses 4-8 which predicts the city's destruction.
3. This is accomplished by an angel who presents the destruction of economic Babylon by a symbolic act followed by oral discourse.
4. Translation: "And one strong angel lifted a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea saying, "In this fashion with a rush will be cast down Babylon the great city, and she will in no way be found any longer."
5. The third voice now participates in the preview of the actual destruction of the USA.
6. He is described as "one strong angel" who announces the overthrow of America.
7. Angels specifically said to be strong are seen here and at 5:2 and 10:1.
8. This angel without any prior announcement picks up a stone of very large proportions resembling that of a "great millstone."
9. This is definitely not a small millstone such as that found in Matt. 24:41.
10. Large millstones varied in size but typically the ones pulled by animals were around five feet in diameter and foot thick and weighing thousands of pounds.
11. Here the stone the angel picks up is "like a great millstone."
12. Probably one could find an example of a millstone in ancient times that was quite large.
13. In any case the angel does not pick up a large millstone but a stone that resembles a millstone.
14. After picking it up, the angel throws it into the ocean, graphically illustrating the sudden doom of America as well as demonstrating the permanency of the destruction.
15. Obviously the stone in question would be thrown into a deep basin beneath the sea.
16. A prime candidate to this stone would be the Statue of Liberty along with its base.
17. The woman on the base is Lady Liberty a prime symbol of America.
18. Masonry was in charge of the ceremony which made this landmark the principle symbol of the uniqueness of the new nation.
19. The nation of France gave the statue to the people of the United States in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution.
20. The Statue was intended to celebrate the 100th anniversary (1876) of the Revolution.
21. The Statue was assembled in 1886 tens years later.

22. The American people built the pedestal (made of granite) and the French supplied the Statue (31 tons of copper rising 151 feet above the base; total weight is 27,000 tons; copper sheeting is 3/32 of an inch thick; winds of 25 mph cause the Statue to sway 3 inches).
23. In 1982 there was a 82 million dollar restoration of the Statue.
24. In 1984 the UN designated the Statue of Liberty as a World Heritage Site.
25. The French designer Bartholdi incorporated many symbolic features into his colossus.
26. The 25 windows represent gemstones found on the earth and the heaven's rays shining over the earth.
27. The seven rays of the crown represent the seven seas and the seven continents.
28. On October 28, 1886 the Statue was inaugurated and President Grover Cleveland accepted her on behalf of the United States.
29. On October 28, 1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke these words on the Statue's 50 anniversary: "We will not forget that Liberty has here made her home; nor shall her chosen altar be neglected."
30. David Copperfield made the Statue of Liberty disappear (see this on YouTube).
31. This image is intended to reflect all that America is about (e.g., freedom and democracy).
32. The Statue facing east is connected to immigration and it was here at Ellis Island that many were processed in order to become American citizens as noted in the inscription: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift up my lamp beside the golden door."
33. The hidden meaning (occult) of the Statue is that of a idol that holds the torch of the illuminated ones, the Elite..
34. The crown represents the Sun as was so represented by the ancients.
35. The Brotherhood is via this symbol telling us that we own this country and you are too stupid to see it!
36. This Statue is a representation of the goddess Isis, et al.
37. She holds the "Torch of Enlightenment."
38. French freemasons were involved in this project and a mirror image of this Statue stands on an island in the River Seine in Paris.
39. After 911 the Statue was reopened on August 3, 2004 but access is greatly limited to tourism.
40. This seems to be the most significant stone-like structure that meets the general description in this verse and it would certainly generate public attention versus a non descript stone.
41. The pedestal is the focus of the verse, but what sits on it is the outward symbol of Americanism.
42. It has the added feature that it is irreplaceable and considering where the angel throws it irrecoverable.
43. Salt water will rapidly degrade its metallic makeup rendering it not worth the trouble to try and retrieve it.
44. Following the violent destructive act against a national treasure the angel speaks to the symbolic significance.
45. The symbolic act reflects Jer. 51:63-64.
46. Prophets portrayed symbolically from time to time the events over which they prophesied (Isa. 20; Jer. 13; Ezek. 4; Acts 21:11).

47. Without warning and without recourse America will likewise face sudden destruction and oblivion from a nation among the nations.
48. What is left is the ruins and the landmass.
49. Otherwise all human habitation is removed.
50. The hapax noun translated “violence” speaks to a sudden onslaught.
51. This onslaught will result in the complete annihilation of “Babylon the great city” from the community of nations.
52. Nor will her disappearance be followed by a reemergence as noted in the words “she will in no fashion be found any longer.”
53. The emphatic double negative *ou me* followed by the adverb of negation “no longer” seals the permanence.
54. This is a total vanishing as when a large object sinks below the surface of the sea never to be seen again.
55. So begins the account of America’s internal cessation in verses 21-23.
56. Verses 19-20 describe America’s demise from the standpoint of those on the outside.

“The Day the Music Stopped” (v.22)

VERSE 22 "And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and

trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer (καὶ φωνὴ κιθαρῳδῶν καὶ μουσικῶν καὶ

αὐλητῶν καὶ σαλπιστῶν οὐ μὴ ἀκουσθῇ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι [*conj kai + noun nom.f.s. phone voice, sound*

+ noun gen.m.p. kitharodos harpist + conj kai + adj.gen.m.p. mousikos; lx; general for musician

+ conj kai + noun gen.m.p. auleton flute player + conj kai + noun gen.m.p. salpistes trumpeter

+ neg ou + neg me + aor.pass.subj.3s. akouo hear + prep en in + pro.loc.s. su + adv eti still;

“any longer”]; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and

the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer [καὶ πᾶς τεχνίτης πάσης τέχνης

οὐ μὴ εὕρεθῇ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι, καὶ φωνὴ μύλου οὐ μὴ ἀκουσθῇ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι [*conj kai + adj.nom.m.s.*

pas any; “no” + noun nom.m.s. technites workman, artisan; architect as in Heb. 11;10 +

adj.gen.f.s. pas any + noun gen.f.s. techne craft, skill, trade + neg ou + neg me +

aor.pass.subj.3s. heurisko find + prep en + pro.loc.s. su + adj eti still + conj kai + noun nom.f.s.

phone sound + noun gen.m.s. mulos mill as in Matt. 24:41 + neg nou + neg me +

aor.pass.ind.3s. akouo hear + prep en + pro.gen.s. su + adv eti still]);

ANALYSIS: VERSE 22

1. Following the angel's explanation for casting the Statue of Liberty into the Atlantic he proceeds to detail the cessation of the internal civilization of America.
2. On that fateful day the music will stop as the song "American Pie" memorialized when Buddy Holly and company perished in a plane crash.
3. America is the music capital of the world as Tyre was in her day.
4. "Harpists" represent those who play stringed instruments, "musicians" represents all categories of musical artists, "flute-players" represents wind-instruments, and "trumpeters" those who play the trumpet or some variation thereof.
5. The repeated double negative says these things will never be heard again in the continental US.
6. The sixfold use *ou me...eti* in verses 21-23 highlights the fact that human activity of all kinds will cease once and for all in what was the USA.
7. All those who make their living at some trade or craft cease to exist as all human activity ceases in "the great city."
8. The words "in you" are addressed to the totality of the civilization, making it even more pointed (cf. vv. 11-13).
9. "The sound of the mill (stone)" refers to the cessation of noise from industrial/factory output.
10. The grinding of millstones had a distinctive sound, but here it is used prophetically of the noise generated by men and machines.
11. This too will cease in one hour of one day.

Blackout of the Electrical Grid and Observance of Marriage

And Two Reasons for America's Demise (v.23)

VERSE 23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer (καὶ φῶς λύχνου

οὐ μὴ φάνη ἐν σοὶ ἔτι [*conj kai + noun nom.nt.s. phos light + noun gen.m.s. luchnos lamp other than a candle; cf. 21:23; 22:5 + neg ou + neg me + aor.act.subj.3s. phaino shine + prep en + pro.loc.s. su + adv eti yet, still, longer*]; **and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will**

not be heard in you any longer [καὶ φωνὴ νυμφίου καὶ νύμφης οὐ μὴ ἀκουσθῇ ἐν σοὶ ἔτι [*conj kai + noun nom.f.s. phone voice + noun gen.m.s. numphios bridegroom + conj kai + noun gen.f.s. numphe bride + neg ou + neg me + aor.act.subj.3s. akouo hear + adv eti still*]; **for**

your merchants were the great men of the earth [ὅτι οἱ ἔμποροὶ σου ἦσαν οἱ μεγιστᾶνες τῆς γῆς [*conj hoti for (reason) + art.w/noun nom.m.p. emporos merchant + pro.gen.s. su + imperf.act.ind.3p. eimi "were" + art.w/noun nom.m.p. megistan very important person; 3x: Matt. 6:21; Rev. 6:15; 18:23 + art.w/noun gen.f.s. ge earth*], **because all the**

nations were deceived by your sorcery [ὅτι ἐν τῇ φαρμακείᾳ σου ἐπλανήθησαν πάντα τὰ ἔθνη [*conj hoti for + prep en in or by + art.w/noun instr.f.s. pharmakeia drugs of any kind; also of casting spells + pro.gen.s. su “your” + aor.pass.ind.3p. planao lead astray, deceive + adj.nom.nt.p. pas all + art.w/noun nom.nt.p. ethnos nation*]]).

ANALYSIS: VERSE 23

1. Streetlights to illumine thoroughfares in the evenings were nonexistent in first-century cities, even in Rome.
2. Processions and travel at night was by torchlight.
3. People had means for lighting their homes with oil lamps.
4. In the prophetic setting “the light of the lamp” is fueled by public electric grids whatever the power source (hydro driven generation; nuclear power plants or so-called fossil fuels).
5. The nuclear strike against the US will immediately result in no electricity.
6. All utilities will be shutdown.
7. At night the only light will be the fires raging throughout the land.
8. The familiar sight of lighted cities and homes will be no more.
9. This is yet another way to dramatize the destruction of America the great.
10. The words “and a voice of the bridegroom and a bride” recall the language of Jer. 7:34 where the prophet tells of coming 5th cycle upon Jerusalem, but Jeremiah goes on to record the restoration of that very place and activity known as the wedding ceremony (cf. Jer. 33:10-11).
11. American culture will know no such renewal, because a big part of her judgment is no reoccupation of her land in perpetuity.
12. Not even Sodom and Gomorrah was so judged.
13. Marriage is a multi-billion dollar business in America.
14. Two occurrences of the conjunction *hoti* (“because”) presents more Biblical evidence for America’s judgment.
15. America has witnessed the rising up of a elite business class who have wantonly exalted themselves and hijacked the nation.
16. The words “your merchants were the mighty men of the earth” alludes to Isa. 23:8 where this class of oligarchs dominated ancient Tyre (cf. Ezek. 27:21).
17. Here we have the first mention of America’s movers and shakers.
18. These individuals and their control of American financial and political activities is documented by a variety of researchers.
19. We know that they officially hijacked American credit in 1913 with the creation of the Federal Reserve and the implementation of the income tax.
20. These robber barons are in some cases household names but others remain obscure.
21. They founded the CFR whose members dominate all administrations.
22. The foreign policy of the US is formulated in the CFR and other think tanks they fund.
23. They conspired in the early days to purchase some 25 of the leading newspapers around the country so as manipulate public opinion.
24. Ever since they have more or less achieved a stranglehold of the fourth estate.

25. Every aspect of American life is unduly influenced by these families which includes academia, big pharma, our involvement in the UN, the push for American integration into the NAU, public education via the NEA, manipulation of public sentiment into various wars, and the list goes on and on.
26. You can be assured that whoever they want as President becomes President.
27. These men are also mentioned prophetically in James 5:1ff.
28. These men are traitors to constitutional government as they are globalists or one-worlders.
29. If there is a primary reason for America's fall it is to be found with these men and the fact the American public has been apathetic with respect to this criminal class.
30. They have had no aversion to trading with the world's worst tyrants and murderers, and continue to do so to this very day.
31. They and their lackeys sit atop corporations, universities, big media, organized religion, intelligence agencies, and a host of public opinion molders to numerous to mention.
32. They are what is referred to as the shadow government.
33. They have many faces such as liberal, conservative, communistic, and fascist.
34. They seek to undermine family, marriage, nationalism, race and faith with such movements as feminism, gay rights and the like.
35. In modern times they never saw a war they didn't like and they gain power and wealth at the expense of the many.
36. They too will be perish in the nuclear holocaust according to James 5.
37. Their nuclear bunkers will not protect them in the day of God's wrath.
38. God will do to them what those who are entrusted with the laws of the land refuse to do.
39. We as a people and the world at large are cursed by association with these men.
40. The doctrines and policies sponsored by these men can be traced to the secret societies (or semi-secret) these men are members of.
41. The deception of the nations arises from the secret societies and the satanic counterfeit of a world free of war and the inhibitions of the old world (Ps. 2:3).
42. The evil that contaminates the nations can in great measure be laid at the feet of those individuals (families) who inhabit the richest nation in human history.
43. They have largely run amok unchecked by the laws of divine establishment (e.g. nationalism).
44. The deception is like a drug hence the term translated "sorcery."
45. In the Greek version of the OT (LXX) the noun *pharmekia* is found in Isa. 47:9 and 12 where Babylon (e.g. American) is the subject.
46. Both these verses constitute a mocking of Babylon by God on the eve of her destruction.
47. Isa. 77:13 explains what this sorcery consists of.
48. It is the American penchant for spreading propaganda justifying and defending her foreign policies.
49. This includes military adventurism in the name of spreading democracy and freedom.
50. In addition is includes our rationalization of massive foreign aid that in the end does little more than impoverish the nations it is sent to while enriching the leadership of foreign nations (e.g. the globalization of poverty).
51. Nations like individuals who rely on welfare lose their self-reliance and initiative.
52. Also in this mix is loans to nations via World Bank, the IMF and EXIM (Export-Import Bank).

53. The US is the major supporter of these financial institutions just as its super merchants are the founders of the UN.
54. All administrations support these evil institutions.
55. Apart from the Fed and the graduated income tax (communistic) these things would not exist.
56. A interesting verse in connection with this mode of expression in Nahum 3:4: "Because of the many harlotries of the harlot, the charming one, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations and families by her sorceries (plural form of the same noun in the LXX).
57. The prophecy of Nahum has Assyria as its frame of reference but many things in this obscure book directly parallels what we find in the Babylon prophecies.
58. Another way of putting it is that there are a host of things that are not fulfilled in the fall of Assyria/Nineveh (2nd head of the scarlet beast).
59. Is this yet another hidden code for the US?
60. It would seem so (read prophecy).
61. Sorcery is linked to the use of mind-altering drugs.
62. Hence the term *pharmekia*.
63. It is used one other time in the NT in connection with occult practices that are one of a number of STA trends (cf. Gal. 5:22).
64. Jezebel was a practitioner of the occult (2Kgs. 9:22).
65. As stated above the evil that seduces and deceives the nations arises from the secret societies.
66. It is formulated into foreign policy that explains American foreign policy.
67. These tendencies go back to our founding.
68. The good things about America such as her Constitution and Bill of Rights have been subverted by involvement in the Masonic and arcane.
69. The Washington Monument is an obelisk which is a known phallic symbol (go figure).
70. DC is a city that reeks of occult or Masonic architecture.
71. Illustration: Bishop Pike a Civil War general and leading intellect of Masonry is honored by his statue standing opposite the Department of Justice!
72. Couple this with our Judeo-Christian heritage and our Constitution, American is schizophrenic.
73. Had the population of Christians loved BD we would have rooted out this evil by now.
74. But we have loved mammon/money more than God.
75. "Mammon" (Gk. *mamonas*) is a transliteration found in the AV of the Bible and it derives from the Syrian god of riches (Matt. 6:24; Lk. 16:9,11,13).
76. It is translated in the NAS as "wealth."
77. It is a derogatory term for wealth rather than a neutral term.
78. It is wealth that is substituted for God and so is a form of idolatry.
79. This is what keeps the unhappy population of America from "throwing out the money-changers" and their prostitutes in public office.
80. "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (1Tim. 6:10).
81. It corrupts religion, scientific endeavor, politics, business, et al.
82. Positive believers are to cultivate contentment and avoid the fsh via the details of life (Heb. 13:5 "Let your conduct be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I FORSAKE YOU.").

83. In the metaphorical cup of verse 6 by which the American whore has made drunk the nations (v. 3) is this “socracy” or propaganda in which she holds herself up as the best hope for mankind—as the great example of virtue among the nations (i.e. rider on the white horse).

Yet Another Reason for Babylon’s Destruction

(v. 24)

VERSE 24 “And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all

who have been slain on the earth (καὶ ἐν αὐτῇ αἷμα προφητῶν καὶ ἁγίων εὐρέθη καὶ πάντων τῶν ἐσφαγμένων ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς [*conj kai + prep en + pro.loc.f.s. “her” + nom.nt.s. haima blood + noun gen.m.p. prophetes prophet + conj kai + adj.gen.m.p. hagios saint + conj kai + adj.gen.m.p. pas all + art.w/perf.pass.part.gen.m.p. sphazo slaughter, slay; murder + prep epi upon + art.w/noun gen.f.s. ge earth*]).”

1. The force of the second conjunction “because” (*hoti*) in verse 23 carries over into verse 24, presenting another reason for America’s fall, namely her blood guiltiness.
2. To emphasize the third reason in the angel’s address to America, the announcement switches from the second person to the third person.
3. The speaker uses the indirect mode of speech in presenting an additional reason for the impending judgment.
4. This is presented as a general self-evident fact.
5. Jerusalem had a long history in shedding righteous blood (Matt. 23:35; cf. Ezek. 24:6,9; Lk. 13:33).
6. The OT corroborates this part of the indictment as well (cf. Jer. 51:35, 36, 49; cp. Rev. 19:2).
7. Babylon #1 (the RCC) will be judged for this same crime (cf. Rev. 17:6).
8. Blood and injustice not avenged cries out from the earth against the perpetrators (cf. Gen. 18:20).
9. The destruction of America satisfies the requirement against a nation that has lots of blood on its hands and has not suffered the full measure required by divine justice.
10. The only other way a nation could satisfy God’s +R and J is if the nation repented of its evil and took refuge in grace like the Assyrians did under the preaching of Jonah.
11. “The prophets” are a subcategory with the broad category of “saints.”
12. Both Babylons in Revelation are found guilty of slaughtering believers over the course of their respective histories (cf. Rev. 17:6).
13. This might at first glance seem to pose a problem since the gift of prophecy is no longer extant during the time of America’s history.
14. Who then might these “prophets” be that were murdered as a result of American perfidy?
15. Unless the term here is used in a non-technical sense of those who prophesied with respect to the last days and America’s role in perpetrating slaughter throughout the nations.
16. Actual prophets exist once again in the Tribulation beyond that of the two witnesses.

17. The other entity that will be guilty of murdering saints is that of the Antichrist and the False Prophet (massive genocide as per the 5th seal judgment).
18. God will exact punishment upon those individuals and nations that murdered those who would not take the mark.
19. The additional phrase “and of [or among] those who were slain on the earth” includes humanity beyond those who are “saints” or believers in Jesus Christ.
20. American international relations has resulted in the killing of millions upon millions of people via proxy as in the case of our support for communist regimes in Russia and China and elsewhere.
21. Covert and overt actions led to the rise and brutality of these regimes.
22. It is a part of the record for all who do the necessary research.
23. It is expunged from the official textbooks but it is not hidden from God.
24. America will pay with the loss of nationhood, citizens and eternal disapprobation!

END: Revelation Chapter Eighteen

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