

The Jewish merchants and the sacking of Jerusalem.

The prophesy of Revelation 18 is talking about the sacking of Jerusalem and the merchants of the earth.

The scriptures reveal who this is and this is seen first by looking at some context.

The scripture says the unbelieving Jews fell because of the riches of the world.

Romans 11:12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

So how did they fall? By trading merchandise and betraying Christ for money.

John 2:13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And **said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**

And again we see the temple items being sold.

Matt 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and **cast out all them that sold** and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

This is the same error that the priests took money from the items selling at temple and betrayed Christ with it.

Matt 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, **went unto the chief priests,**

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And **they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.**

The prophesy of Revelation 18 shows Jerusalem being invaded by Muslims and sacked and the merchants of Jerusalem are the men of trading who are selling the items of Temple.

The following verse when judgement on Jerusalem falls by the Islam invasion of Third Temple.

Rev 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

After the invasion and sacking of Temple there is a Jewish boycott of Jewish business by Islam.

Rev 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; **for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:**

These merchants of the earth are Jewish businessmen and traders, the powerful bankers and other such Jewish banking and those who are making money off Jewish business.

In Revelation 18 the items of these merchants are the same items that are being sold at the Temple during the time of Christ and also things needed for temple construction and service.

Rev 18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and **precious stones**, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and **silk**, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,
13 And **cinnamon, and odours, and ointments**, and frankincense, and wine, and **oil**, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and **chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.**

The Jewish traders were selling slaves and souls of men.

The historical slave trade is well documented. We see that the Radhanites in the silk road for example are the Jewish merchants who were selling items listed in Revelation as well as slaves.

“Radhanites primarily carried commodities that combined small bulk and high demand, including **spices, perfumes, jewelry, and silk**. They are also described as transporting **oils, incense, steel weapons, furs, and slaves.**”

In his Book of Roads and Kingdoms (Kitāb al-Masālik wa-l-Mamālik), Ibn Khordadbeh listed four routes along which Radhanites traveled in the following account: “They transport from the West eunuchs, **female slaves, boys** “

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radhanite>

We see that child trafficking and human slave trade is mentioned in the prophesy and in the historical account of the Jewish traders of the silk road.

The souls of men being traded is what occurred with Christ as seen in the prophesy.

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The priests were the merchants and they betrayed Christ and were willing to sell his life for money... This wasn't the first time they did this...

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15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And **they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.**

These are the merchants Jews mentioned in Revelation 18 will be weeping when Jerusalem is sacked.

Rev 18:15 **The merchants of these things**, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

The traders of the global business are Jewish merchants still to this day.

Rev 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

These merchants are the great men of the earth. These are the Jewish business men and bankers and government high officials of Jewish origin that are mentioned in the prophecy.

Rev 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: **for thy merchants were the great men of the earth**; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

The prophecy likeness of Jerusalem being sacked in the Revelation 18 is the same wording used to describe Jerusalem being sacked prior in Jeremiah.

Jer 33:10 Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

11 **The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them** that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.....

The likeness of the judgement of Tyre which is alluded to Jerusalem in judgement by Christ.

Ezek 12 And **they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise**: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

13 And **I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard**.

The songs will be stopped as Tyre and Sidon... Christ had warned of this judgement to Jerusalem.

Matt 11:21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, **It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you**.

Christ said that Jerusalem will suffer worse than Tyre in the day of Judgement.

So we see that the songs of music are stopped in Tyre just as Jerusalem in Revelation 18.

So we see the sounds of music and voice of bride and bridegroom no longer being heard in Jerusalem in the prophecy of Revelation 18 just like the likeness of prophecies of old.

Rev 18:22 And **the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee**; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Again where were the apostles and prophets sent and killed?

We know that Christ sent the apostles to Jerusalem to tarry and they killed apostles in Jerusalem.

We know that Christ says that the prophets were sent to Jerusalem and killed.

Mat 23:34 Wherefore, behold, **I send unto you prophets**, and wise men, and scribes: **and some of them ye shall kill and crucify**; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

35 **That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth**, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee**, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

This is why Jerusalem in Revelation 18 has the blood of apostles, prophets and all the righteous blood on earth.

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and **ye holy apostles and prophets**; for God hath avenged you on her.

This is vengeance of God on Jerusalem for apostles and prophets...

Rev 18:24 And **in her was found the blood of prophets**, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

This prophecy is the judgement merchants of the earth of Revelation 18..

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