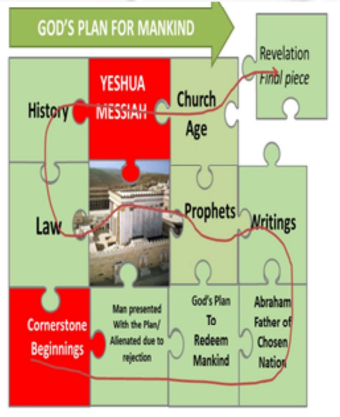


Babylon/America

Part 3 Political / Economical Revelation 18



It is important to recognize that we are in a spiritual battle that began in Genesis.

We need to approach any study of the end times with caution. So much is happening and there are so many elements that are a part of the end times prophecies.

Satan is the great deceiver and deceives the whole world.



From Amir Tsafarti's book "The Last Hour"

1. Satan is the Master Deceiver with Israel and Christians as his primary subject of deception
2. Christians can see this because our truth comes from God's word and is taught to us by the Holy Spirit.
3. Jews see the falsehoods through a different lens
 - A. Their blindness is from a different source
 - a) John 12:40 – God has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts.

Satan's deception of the nations regarding Israel takes 5 different forms.

Genesis 3:4-5

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John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the

father of lies.

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35 Bible Verses about Satan, As Deceiver

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Revelation 12:9

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Revelation 20:3

and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.



Deceives the World

❖ Revelation 12:9

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Matthew 13 – Jesus starts to teach in parables about the kingdom. In these parables He describes the church and how Satan will infiltrate it with false teachers.

³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying:.....

The Purpose of Parables

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

¹¹ He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the ^[a]mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,

And seeing you will see and not perceive;

¹⁵ For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

Their ears are hard of hearing,

And their eyes they have closed,

Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,

Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,

So that I ^[b]should heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷ for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

Then Jesus explains the parable of the sower.

He then adds the parables of:

- *The Wheat and the Tares*
- *The Mustard Seed*
- *The Leaven*



“Why are you spending time on this Nimrod?” You ask. “Because it is so very important to understand who the first ruler of the original “Harlot” was. The “Mother of Harlots,” a city called Babel in the land that would become Babylon. Because I believe it’s on this foundation the last “Harlot” will be built. We read in Verse 10, just after describing who Nimrod was, it tells us of the beginning of his kingdom. It reads, “And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”

The modern-day location of Shinar is Iraq, with some of it extending to Kuwait and small parts of Iran. This is where the infamous “Tower of Babel” was built, in the city of Babel in modern-day Iraq. If you know anything about that area, it is desert. It is not surrounded by “many waters,” as previously noted. But, again, we will come back to that.

The Act of Rebellion

Nimrod, who was a rebel, a tyrant, and a wicked man, we learn in Genesis 11, began to openly rebel against God. But, remember, his family was cursed by Noah to be the servant of servants to his brethren. So, I am sure that story had been passed down among the generations. However, Nimrod, as a foreshadowing of the Antichrist, would obviously not be a servant. Instead, he would seek to rule over not only his brethren but all of mankind, which would have been various degrees of cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. Because remember, the earth was to be repopulated with the offspring of Noah’s three sons and their wives. And so we see Genesis 11 starts with describing this place, Babel. We know from Genesis

10 that Nimrod was the King of Babel and all of Shinar.

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This is the ruins of Babylon 60 miles south of Bagdad in

Mystery Babylon

- **Babylon of the last days**
- **Revelation 17-18**

Now we fast forward to the future and we Babylon once again playing a role in man's rebellion against God, led by a diabolical leader that is controlling by Satan.

Let's begin by reading Revelation 17 and 18, I know it is a long passage, but we need to get the complete picture.

WHAT IS MYSTERY BABYLON?



Mystery Babylon is not the revived Roman Empire prophesied in Daniel and see in Rev. 12-13, but Mystery Bablylon helps to usher in this final kingdom. It is interesting that even though Mystery Babylon helps to usher in the kingdom of Antichrist – this kingdom turns on Babylon and destroys it.

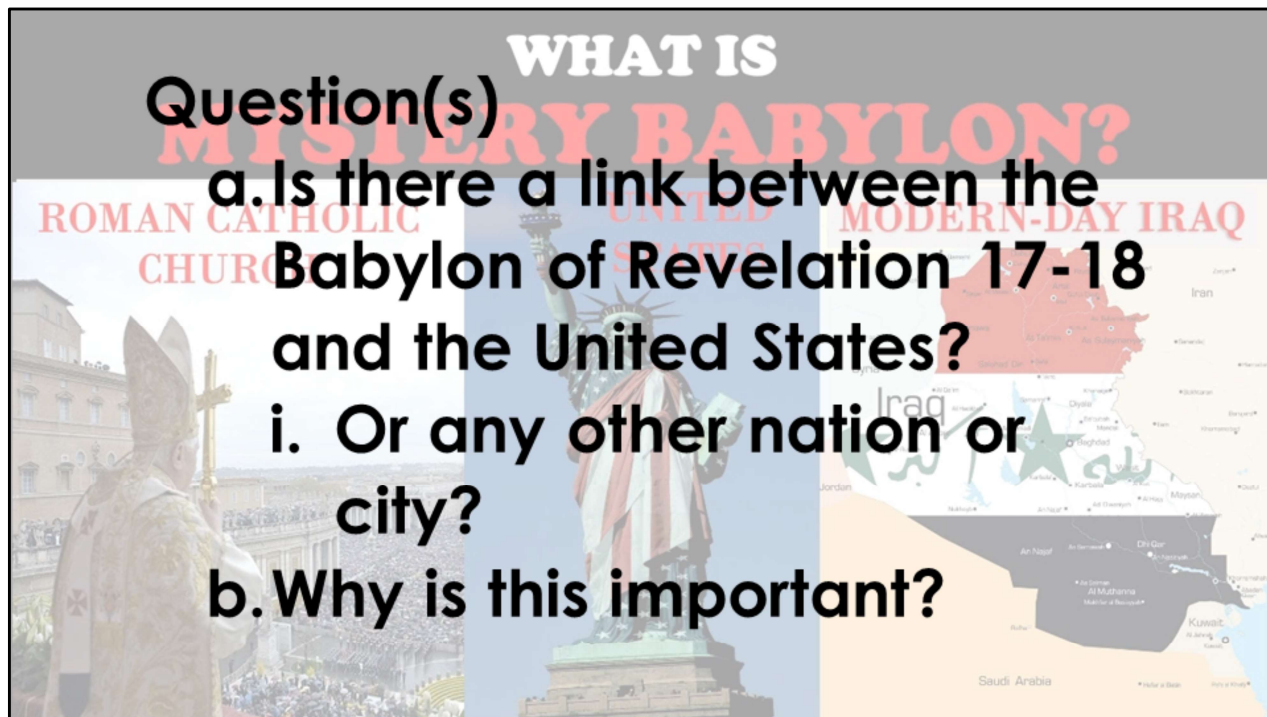
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MYSTERY BABYLON?**

Question(s)

**a. Is there a link between the
Babylon of Revelation 17-18
and the United States?**

**i. Or any other nation or
city?**

b. Why is this important?



Is there a link between the Babylon of Revelation 17-18 and the U.S. or any other nation or city? Why is this important? We hope to answer both of these questions in this study.

Babylonianism

“...we must remember that in Scripture Babylon represents more than a city - it is a metaphor for a greedy, corrupt world system dominated by man apart from God.”

Dr. David Jeremiah, The Book of Signs, pg.45

3 Things we know about Babylon

1. Begins as the place of man's rebellion through tyranny and united world effort.

2. It is the instrument that seeks to take away the land promised by God to His people.

3. It is the kingdom that disrupts God's kingdom here on earth and starts the times of the Gentiles.

Babylon disappears from scripture after Genesis 13 and then reappears during reign of King Hezekiah of Judah.

Babylon from the beginning at Babel is a religious, political and economic power.

What was the condition of Babylon during the time of Jesus? The city was destroyed

When do we see it reappear? In Revelation 17-18

In Revelation 17 the great harlot is the religious aspect of Babylon.

In Revelation 18 it the political and economic.

3 Elements of Babylonianism:

- 1. Religious - Rev 17**
- 2. Political - Rev 18**
- 3. Economical - Rev 18**

In our last study we looked at the Religion of Babylon and saw how the Catholic Church has mimicked those religious practices. Can we say that the Roman Catholic Church is the harlot of Rev. 17? Possibly, but I believe it goes much further than just one church.

False doctrines abound leading millions astray. The birds nesting in the limbs of the mustard tree (Matt 13:31-32), the tares sown in among the wheat (Matt. 13), etc. have all led to and fit the description of the Harlot in Revelation 17.

The Tribulation

- 1. Religious - One World**
- 2. Political - One World**
- 3. Economical - One World**



Chapter 17 Summary

- **Center of (false) world religious system**
- **Woman - false world religion seduces the nations**
- **Harlot**
- **Spiritual adultery**



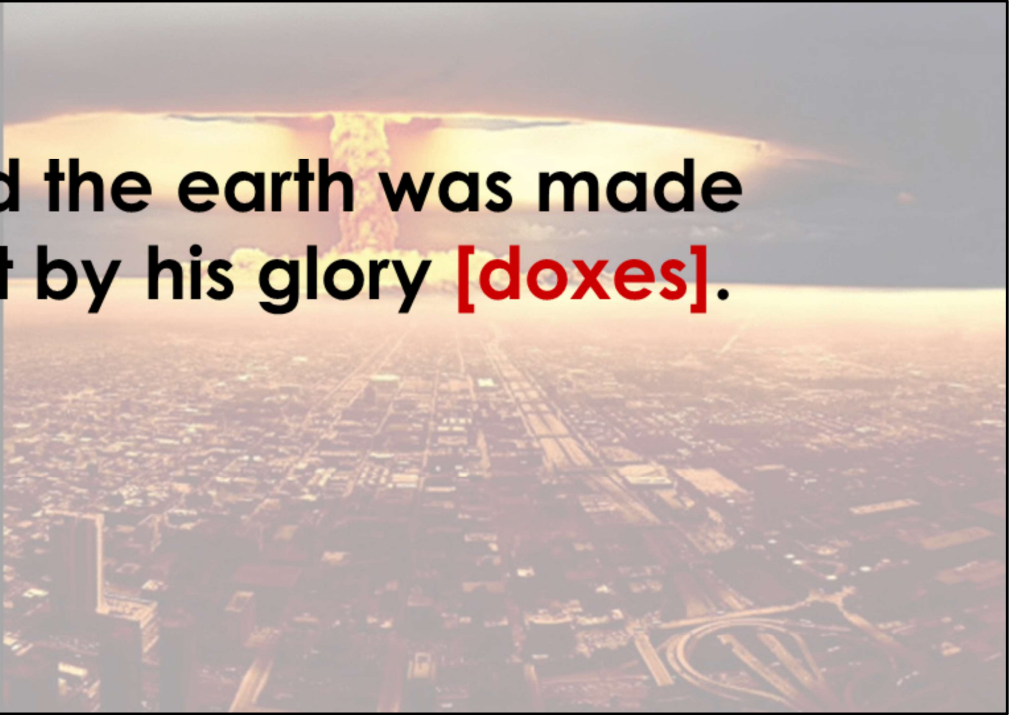
Revelation 18:1

“After this **[these things]** I saw another **[allon, of the same kind]** angel **[angelon, messenger]** coming down from heaven, having great authority,...

These Things = chapter 17

18:1

**...and the earth was made
bright by his glory [doxes].**



18:2

“And he called out with a mighty voice, ‘fallen, fallen [epesen, to fall] is Babylon the great! ...



An aerial photograph of a city at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and grey. A large, glowing, circular structure is visible in the sky, resembling a large ring or a massive ring-shaped building. The city below is illuminated by the setting sun, with roads and buildings visible.

18:2

...she has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.



18:2

1. Is Fallen, Is Fallen

2. Demons, foul spirit, hateful birds

○ **Why?**

Is Fallen, is fallen

- This isn't speaking of her destruction, which will come after this.
- Babylon falls from the inside - fell from where she once was
 - The word for fall is used about 90 times in scripture. The Greek word Pipto or Peto almost always means to fall down. It doesn't mean destruction.
 - Whoever this refers to fell from within and became a place full of demonic activity.



18:3a

“For [because] all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, [porneias = harlotry, idolatry]...”

2 Greek words are used in verse three

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Revelation 18:3

- Sexual Immorality
- Pornography
- Idolatry

The reason for the fall

- The biggest reason for the fall - v.3 “all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” and “the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her.” (Sondermann, Martin . Star-Spangled Babylon: Is America's Destiny Foretold in Scripture? (p. 131). Hisroad Publishing. Kindle Edition.)
- Fornication - Pornography or in English Pornography.
 - One of the main reasons for her fall is Pornography.
 - Because of this she will fall and become a place full of demonic activity.
 - All of the world will drink from this pool of pornography
 - What this means is whoever this is referring to is the world leader in producing and promoting pornography.
 - When did this all start?

- Pornography has been around a long time.
- It really became a major industry in the U.S. in 1953 with the advent of Playboy magazine.
- Porn in the U.S.

The U.S. not only produces the most pornography but host over 60 percent of the internet's pornographic websites. (Sonderman, 2023)

How Much Porn is Accessible Online?

The amount of pornographic material available on the web is staggering. As introductory economics, search engines, and other online data repositories tell us, the market for such material is just as large.

Every Second:

- 28,258 users are watching pornography on the internet.
- \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography on the internet.
- 372 people are typing the word "adult" into a search engine.

Every Day:

- 37 pornographic videos are created in the United States.
- 2.5 billion emails containing porn are sent or received.
- 68 million search queries related to pornography- 25% of total searches- are generated.
- 116,000 queries related to child pornography are received.

How Online Pornography Affects Americans

- About 200,000 Americans are classified as "porn addicts."
- 40 million American people regularly visit porn sites.
- 35% of all internet downloads are related to pornography.
- 34% of internet users have experienced unwanted exposure to

pornographic content through ads, pop up ads, misdirected links or emails.

- One-third of porn viewers are women.

By focusing on the data behind the creation and consumption of pornographic content, the dangers facing people can be easily overlooked. The sheer magnitude of available online pornography is merely one aspect of a larger issue that plagues society.

<https://www.webroot.com/us/en/resources/tips-articles/internet-pornography-by-the-numbers>

According to Martin Sonderman only 1 nation fits the description of the leading supplier of porn to the world - the U.S. He goes on to say:

“And know this, this is something that cannot be done again. This worldwide distribution of pornography is one-time. It has been done. There is no other nation that can ever duplicate this. Because even if a country did, it would follow one who already did it. In other words, you can't saturate the world with pornography twice. It has already been done. So any nation that would seek to do this after that would simply be following in the footsteps of the United States”.

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18:4-5

“4 - Come out of her, my people [rapture?], lest you share in her plagues; 5 - for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities”

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18:6

6- Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

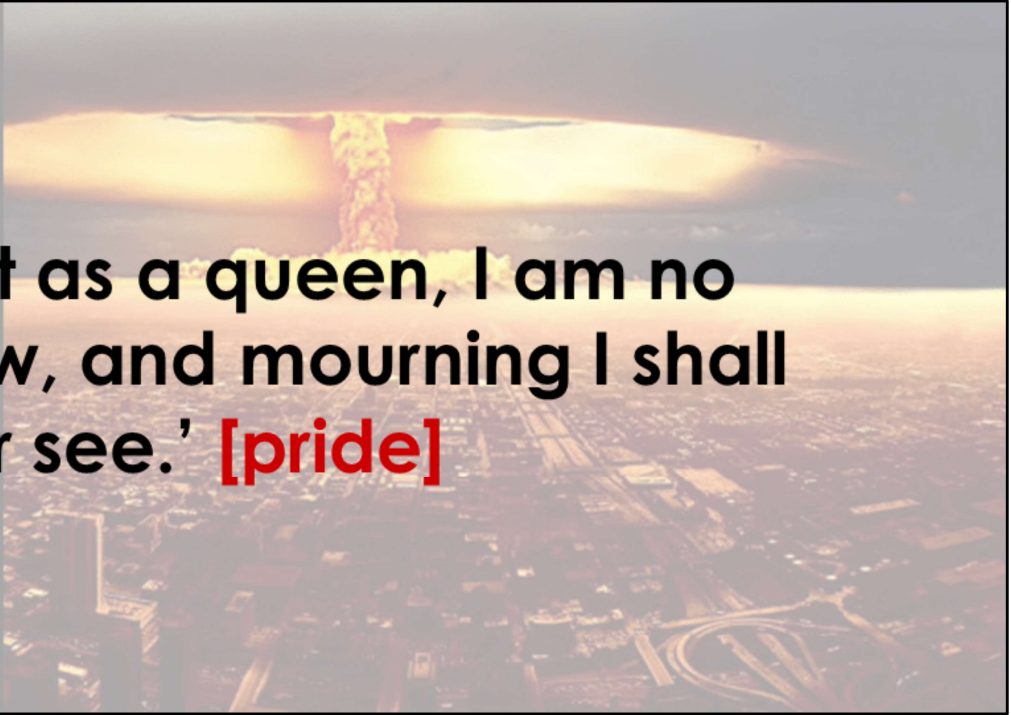
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18:7

As she glorified herself and lived in luxury [wantonness], so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since her heart says,

18:7

... 'I sit as a queen, I am no
widow, and mourning I shall
never see.' **[pride]**





18:8

For this reason her plagues will come in a single day **[24 hr period]**, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”



18:9

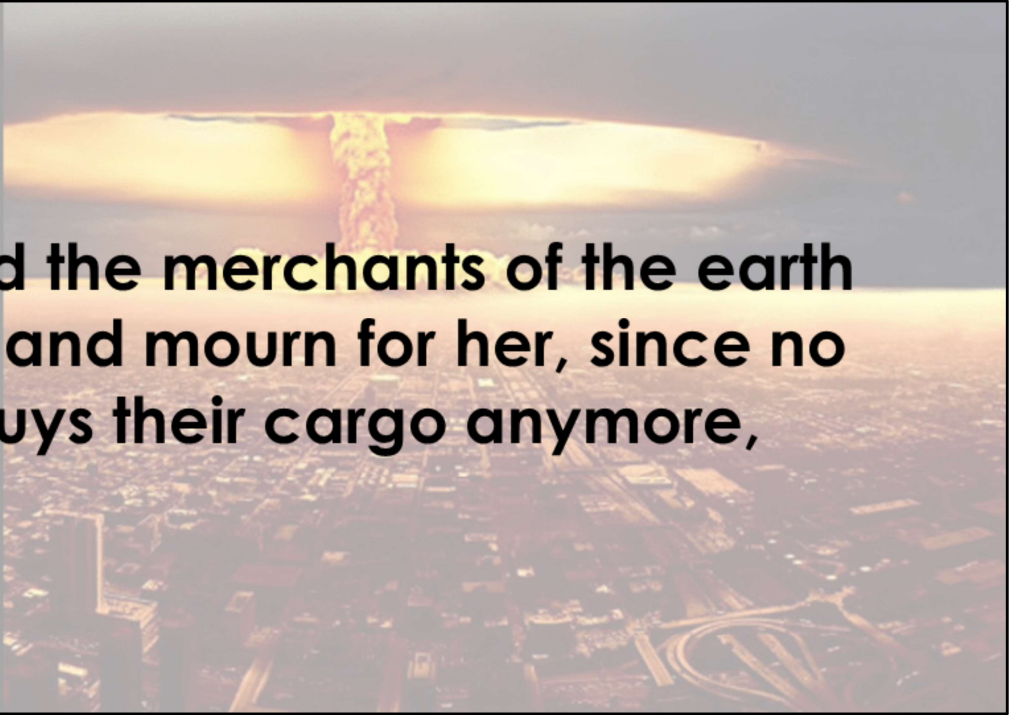
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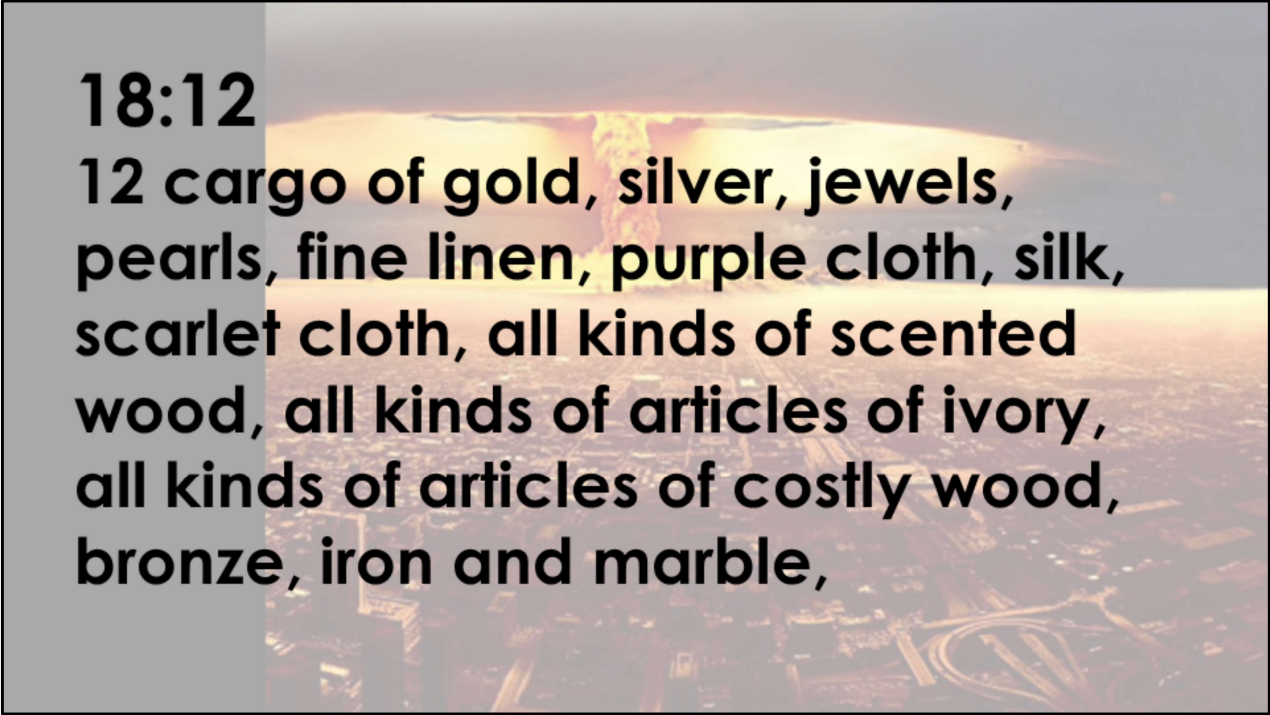
18:10

They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, 'Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.'

18:11

11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore,



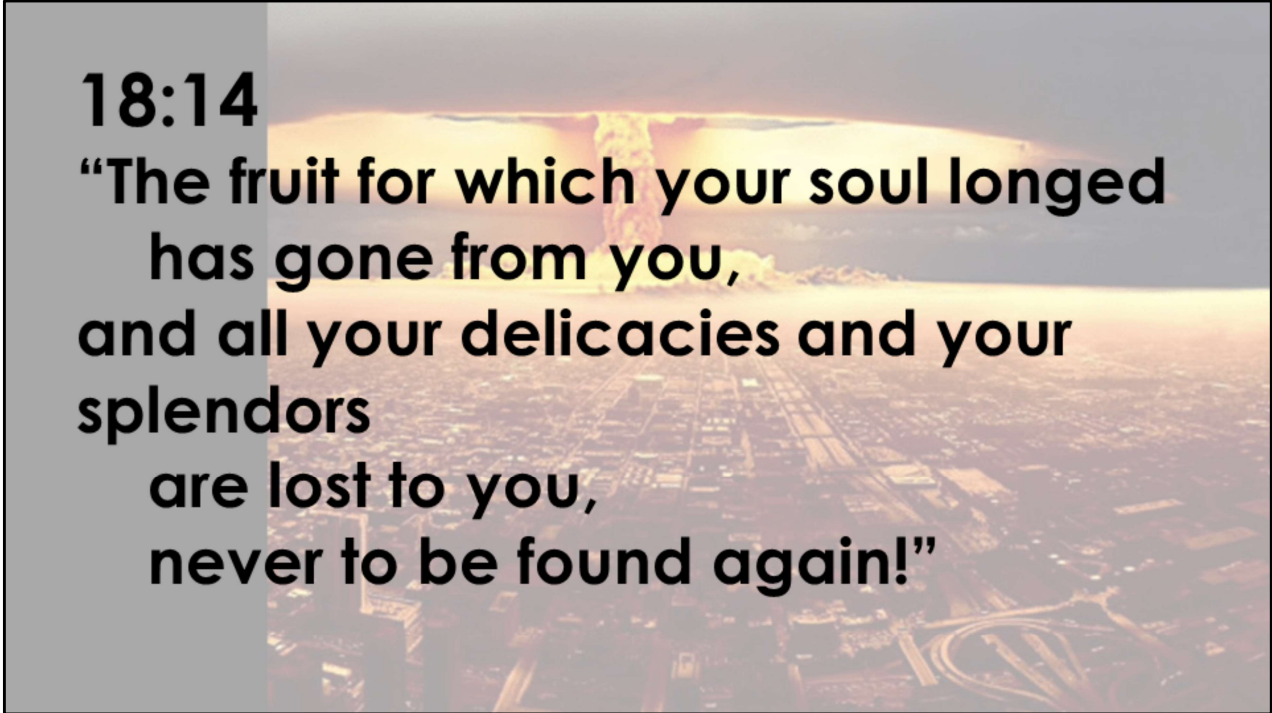
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18:12

**12 cargo of gold, silver, jewels,
pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk,
scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented
wood, all kinds of articles of ivory,
all kinds of articles of costly wood,
bronze, iron and marble,**

18:13

**cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh,
frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour,
wheat, cattle and sheep, horses
and chariots, and slaves, that is,
human souls.**

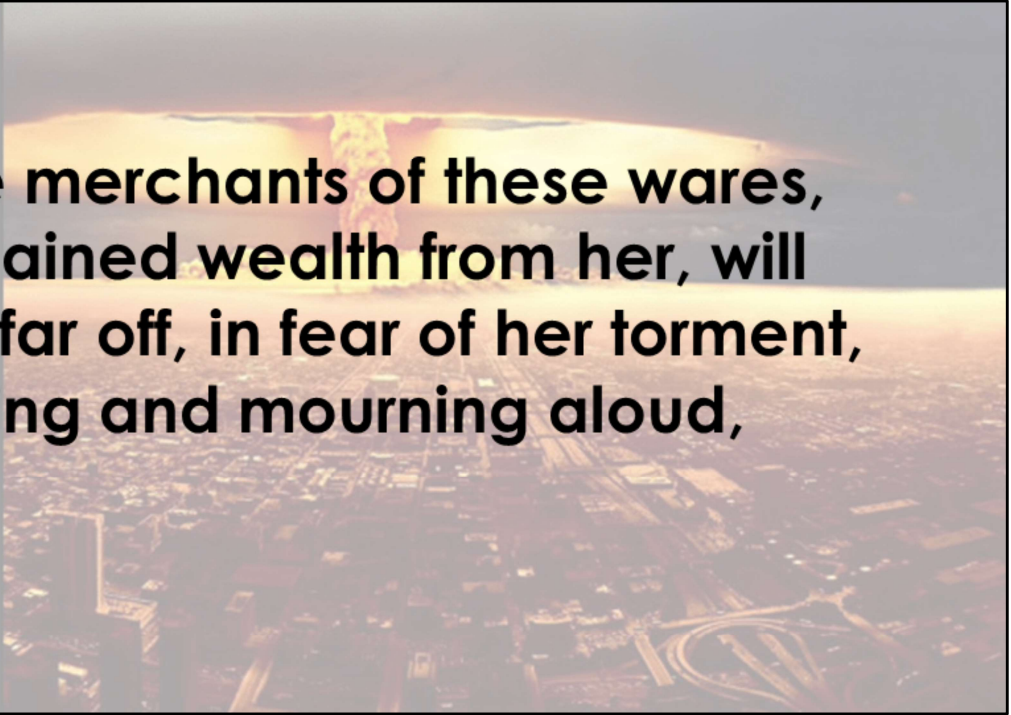
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18:14

**“The fruit for which your soul longed
has gone from you,
and all your delicacies and your
splendors
are lost to you,
never to be found again!”**

18:15

**15 The merchants of these wares,
who gained wealth from her, will
stand far off, in fear of her torment,
weeping and mourning aloud,**



18:16

**“Alas, alas, for the great city
that was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with jewels, and with pearls!”**

18:17-18

For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off 18 and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, “What city was like the great city?”

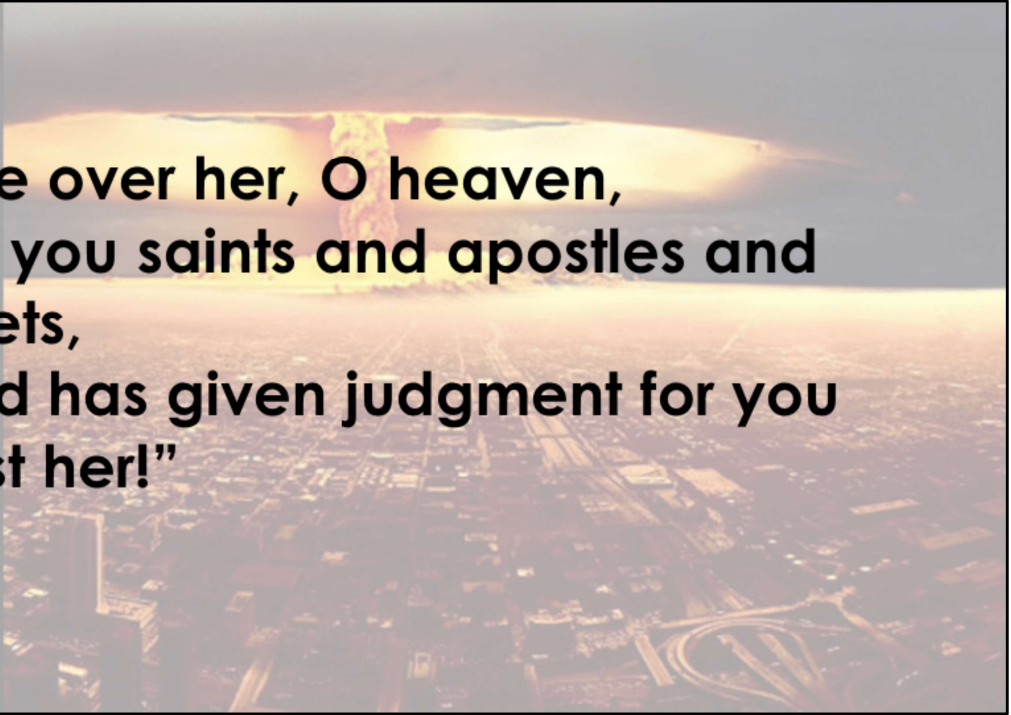
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18:19

And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out, "Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

18:20

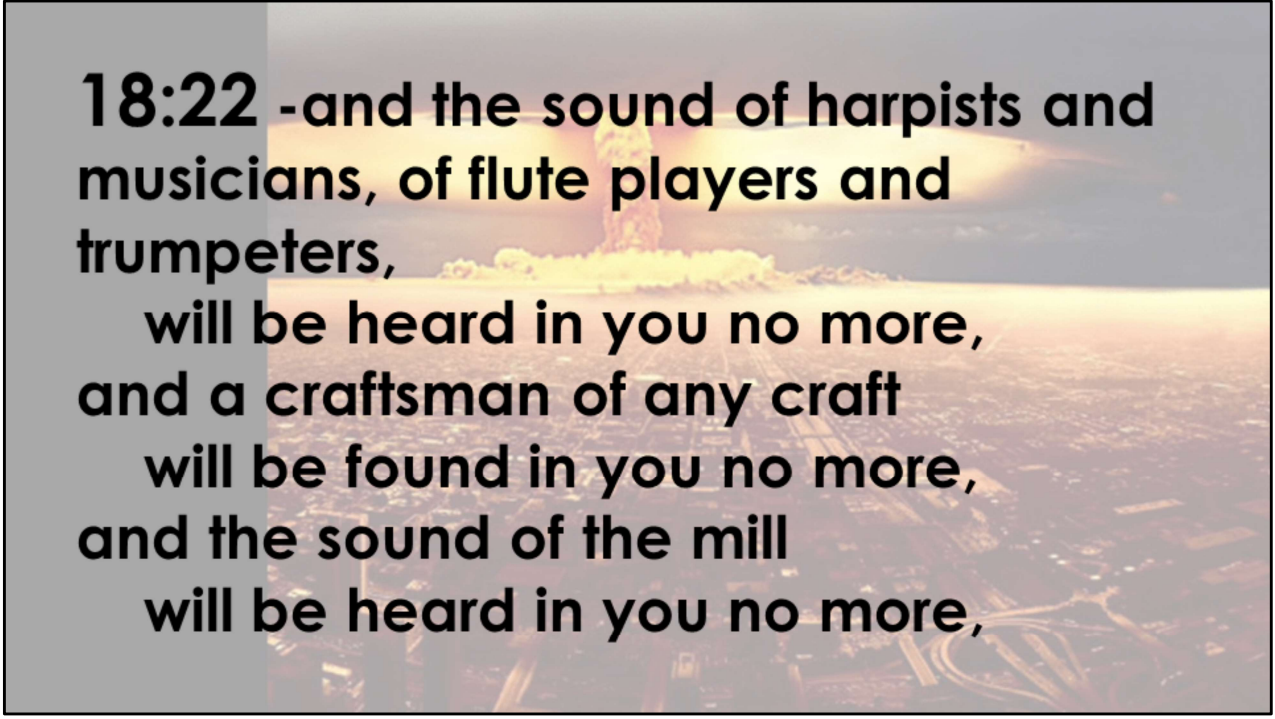
**Rejoice over her, O heaven,
and you saints and apostles and
prophets,
for God has given judgment for you
against her!”**



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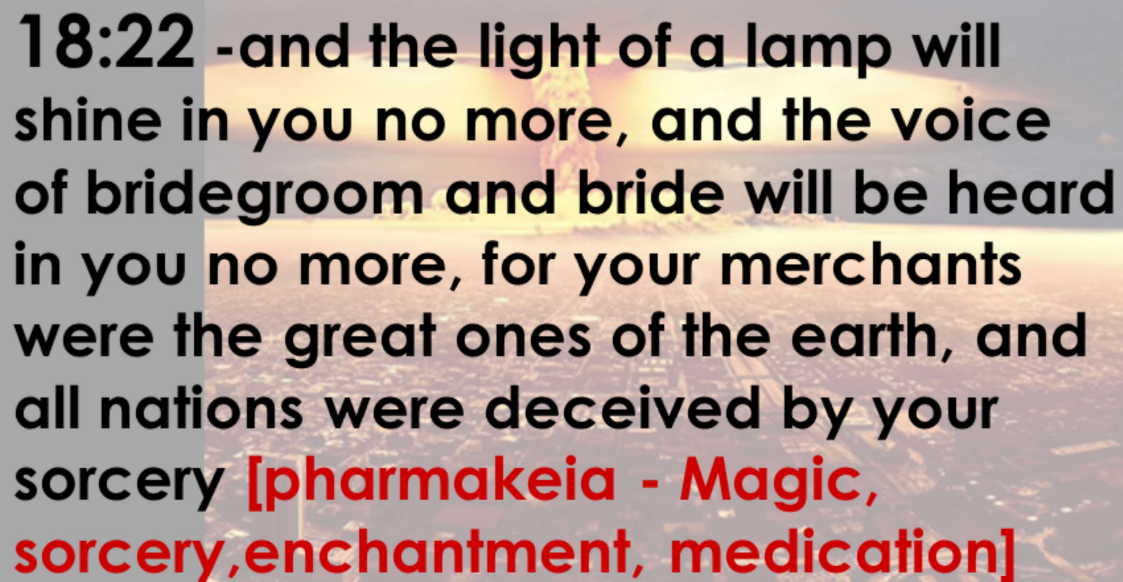
18:21

**Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,
“So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence,
and will be found no more;**

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18:22 -and the sound of harpists and
musicians, of flute players and
trumpeters,

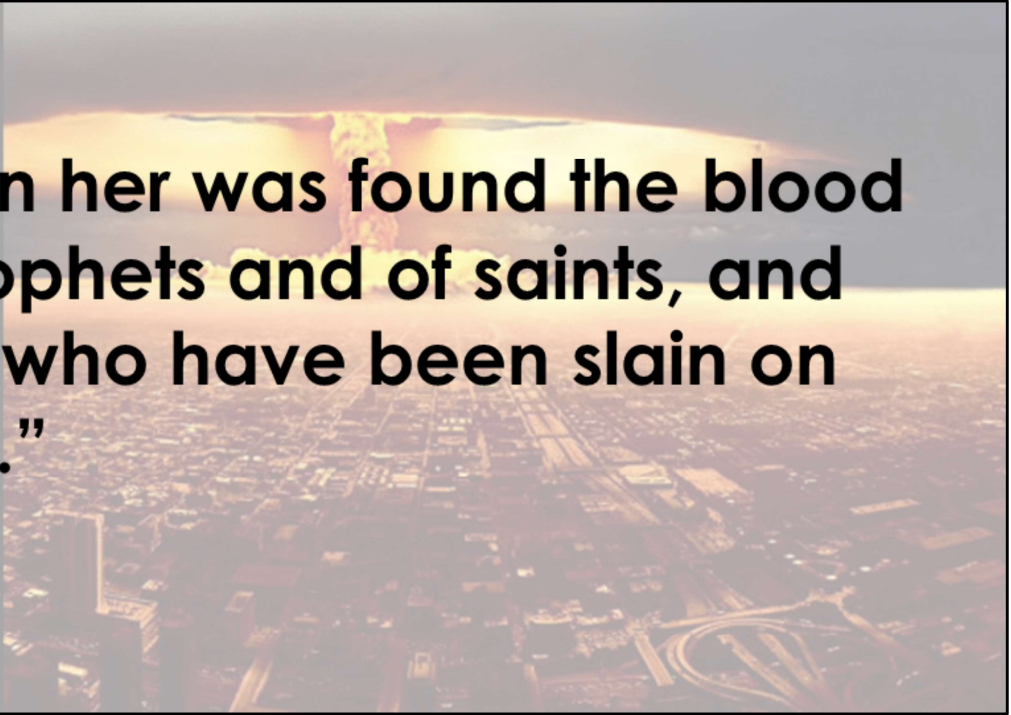
will be heard in you no more,
and a craftsman of any craft
will be found in you no more,
and the sound of the mill
will be heard in you no more,



18:22 -and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery [pharmakeia - Magic, sorcery, enchantment, medication]

18:23

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”



Babylon/America Conclusion

Could this be a reference to America?

Will Babylon to city/empire be rebuilt?

We can't be dogmatic about this but....

Is America the Babylon described in Revelation 18? There is really not way to be definitive in our answer, but the similarities certainly speak volumes.

We can't really say that Babylon must be rebuilt to fulfil prophecy. It does seem contradictory to treat Revelation 17 the Great Harlot of Babylon as being a city or a system other than Babylon without viewing the possibility that Babylon of chapter 18 could be a city or system other than the ancient site and city of Babylon.

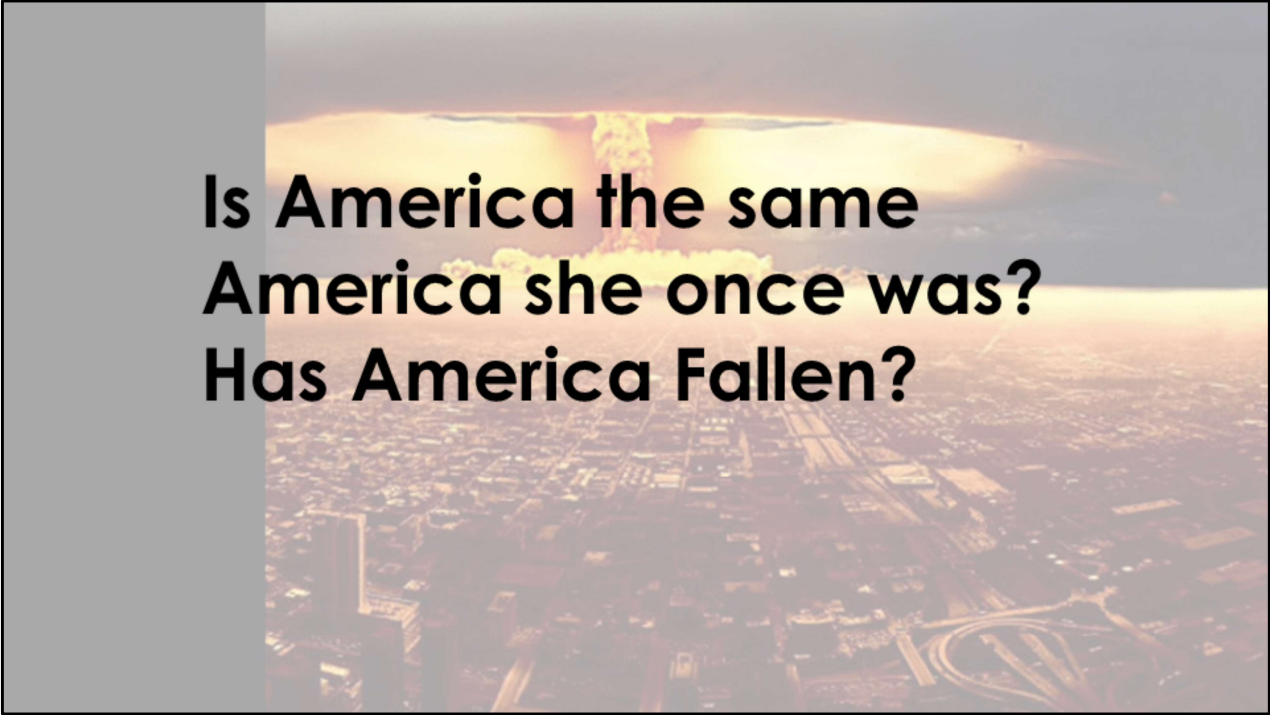
We we can know is:

That God is going to judge Babylon for the sins listed in chapter 18.

If is fair to say that because America is guilty of all of these sins as well that will judge America also.

Could there be forgiveness as in Nineveh - only with national repentance beginning with the King (President and other officials in Washington D.C.) It does not appear likely that this will happen!


America certainly exhibits the spirit of Babylon that brought about judgement a multiple of times.



**Is America the same
America she once was?
Has America Fallen?**

Does she still hold to her Judeo-Christian values? Does she still uphold godly principles?
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What Do we Do?

- **Don't Give up**
- **Salt and Light**



What Do we Do?

- **Seek Truth**
- **Word of God**



What Do we Do?

- **Stand your ground**



What Do we Do?

- **Jesus is the answer!**

