

Isaiah and Jeremiah passages echoes into Revelation 18.4-8

Isaiah 47.6-15

Sit in silence, and go into darkness, daughter Chaldea! For you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms. **I was angry with my people**, I profaned my heritage; I gave them into your hand, you showed them no mercy; on the aged you made your yoke exceedingly heavy. **You said, "I shall be mistress forever,"** so that you did not lay these things to heart or remember their end. Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, **who say in your heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children"-- both these things shall come upon you in a moment, in one day:** the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments. You felt secure in your wickedness; you said, "No one sees me." Your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and **you said in your heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me." But evil shall come upon you, which you cannot charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, which you will not be able to ward off; and ruin shall come on you suddenly, of which you know nothing.** Stand fast in your enchantments and your many sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you may be able to succeed, perhaps you may inspire terror. You are wearied with your many consultations; let those who study the heavens stand up and save you, those who gaze at the stars, and at each new moon predict what shall befall you. See, they are like stubble, the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame. No coal for warming oneself is this, no fire to sit before! Such to you are those with whom you have labored, who have trafficked with you from your youth; they all wander about in their own paths; **there is no one to save you.**

Jeremiah 50.1-13

The word that YHWH spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by the prophet Jeremiah: Declare among the nations and proclaim, set up a banner and proclaim, do not conceal it, say: **Babylon is taken**, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed. Her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed. For out of the north a nation has come up against her; it shall make her land a desolation, and no one shall live in it; both human beings and animals shall flee away. In those days and in that time, says YHWH, the people of Israel shall come, they and the people of Judah together; they shall come weeping as they seek YHWH their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, and they shall come and join themselves to YHWH by an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten. **My people have been lost sheep;** their shepherds have led them astray, turning them away on the mountains; from mountain to hill they have gone, they have forgotten their fold. All who found them have devoured them, and their enemies have said, "We are not guilty, because they have sinned against YHWH, the true pasture, YHWH, the hope of their ancestors." **Flee from Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans**, and be like male goats leading the flock. For I am going to stir up and bring against Babylon a company of great nations from the land of the north; and they shall array themselves against her; from there she shall be taken. Their arrows are like the arrows of a skilled warrior who does not return empty-handed. **Chaldea shall be plundered; all who plunder her shall be sated**, says YHWH. Though you rejoice, though you exult, O plunderers of my heritage, though you frisk about like a heifer on the grass, and neigh like stallions, your mother shall be utterly shamed, and she who bore you shall be disgraced. **Lo, she shall be the last of the nations, a wilderness, dry land, and a desert. Because of the wrath of YHWH she shall not be inhabited, but shall be an utter desolation;** everyone who passes by Babylon shall be appalled and hiss because of all her wounds.