

Revelation 18 structural possibilities

Modeled on Amos 5 (Moloney)

Amos 5 ⁹	Rev. 18
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<i>Warning lament</i>	<i>Warning lament</i>
5:1-3 Dirge	18:1-3 Dirge and accusation
5:4-16	18:4-8
Admonition and accusation (incl. hymn, prediction of disaster)	Admonition (incl. prediction of disaster)
<i>Judgement</i>	<i>Judgement</i>
5:18-20 Woe oracle	18:9-20 Woe oracles (incl. hymn)
5:21-27	18:21-24
Reason for and announcement of judgement	Announcement of and reason for judgement
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<small>From Katherine Moloney, "Weeping, Warning, and Woe in Revelation 18: The Role of Collective Lament in Establishing Collective Responsibility and Enabling Collective Repentance," <i>The Expository Times</i> (2016) 127.7 313-328, 315</small>	

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A: vv. 1-3: "all nations" condemned with Babylon

B: vv. 4-8: God's judgment on Babylon and call to come out

C: vv. 9-10: kings lament

D: vv. 11-14/D1: 15-17a: merchants lament

C': vv. 17b-19: seafarers lament

B': v. 20: call to rejoice in the judgment on Babylon

A': vv. 21-24: "all nations" condemned with Babylon

from deVilliers "Unmasking and Challenging Evil: Exegetical Perspectives on Violence in Revelation 18," in, Eds., Pieter de Villiers and Jan Willem Van Henten, *Coping with Violence in the New Testament* (Brill 2012)