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**I Sit as a Queen
and mourning
I shall Never See**

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I Sit as a Queen, and Mourning I shall Never See.

- **Revelation 18:7-8:** As she (Babylon the Great) (v2) glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, 'I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.'⁸For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

The desire for judgement and retribution spoken of in these verses to be poured out on Babylon the Great, express the heartfelt cry of all who mourn over the destructive power of sin running rampant over the face of the earth, and the suffering of the innocent in this world.

I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and will never see sorrow: the following verses show that these words are echoes of prophecies against ancient Babylon and against Tyre:

Against ancient Babylon:

- **Isaiah 47:7-9:** You said, "I shall be mistress forever," so that you did not lay these things to heart or remember their end.⁸Now 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":⁹These two things shall come to 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.

And against Tyre:

- **Ezekiel 28:2:** Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because your heart is proud, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas,' yet you are but a man, and no god, though you make your heart like the heart of a god.

By pride, and pomp, and arrogant boasting; she has glorified herself and lived deliciously in all kinds of elegance, luxury, and indulgences.

Many commentators suppose this to refer to the Roman Papal Church, because of the statement, "I sit," but, this does not necessarily apply to the Papal Church especially when it is written that ancient Babylon said:

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Here Babylon is pictured as a mistress sitting securely. The focus is not the king of Babylon, but the entire populations of Babylon. It carries the idea, that because of the power, might and grandeur of the city of Babylon, the attitude of the inhabitants is such that they feel they are invincible from any dangers. It is also written that the prince of Tyre said:

- I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, (Ezek. 28:2).

Here the king of Tyre pictures himself as sitting in the seat of the gods. The focus of both Tyre and Babylon in these verses are in the context of secular kingdoms, and not religious churches. Though all secular countries and nations of all generations have within them many different religions and spiritual movements, the focus of these verses is not upon the

churches, but upon secular kingdoms. The judgment of the Roman Papal Church and global false religions signified by the Prostitute Woman, follows in the first few verses of the next chapter.

I am no widow: carries the idea, she does not stand alone, many nations are in league with her, it is an expression of security and self-confidence.

Mourning I shall never see: this statement suggests a state where there is no fear, it is an expression of absolute security, and of having such great power that there is no king, ruler or nation that can overpower them.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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