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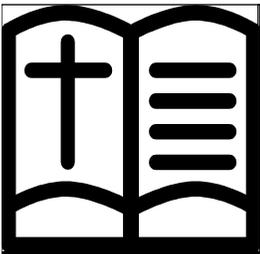
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2. *To have more one must work more or find a way to get someone else to work for him*
3. *To work more leads to greater stress/anxiety*
4. *Babylon is worldliness of 1 John 2:15*
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C. *Understanding the terms of this account*

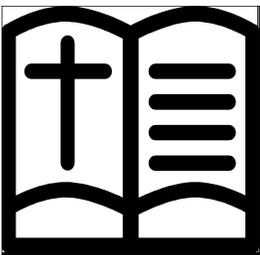
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## **XII. THE LOSS OF THE KINGS AND THE MERCHANTS**

- A. The loss of the merchandise that made them wealthy with misused resources and objects of worship
- B. The loss of the self-lavished glory that decorated their Babylon and brought praise to them
- C. The loss of the use of other human beings for their own profit and pleasure
- D. The loss of their very own souls! They gained the world but lost their souls.
- E. They keep their distance from her lest they become a part of her just destruction
- F. The destruction of this decadent city is near the end of the Tribulation. It has been living this kind of lifestyle while all the judgment was going on.
- G. The 10 nation alliance hates the very opulent, wasteful, extravagance of the city.



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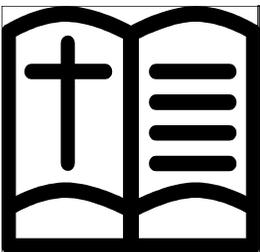
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