

The Message

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The Seven Woes

Matthew 23



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Fill up, then, the measure of the sin
of your forefathers!



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And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “You shall certainly drink!”’ (Jeremiah 25:28).



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God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath” (Revelation 16:19).



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Jesus Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God (Revelation 19:5).



The Identifying Mark of Jerusalem

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And in her [The Great Harlot] was found the
blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were
slain on the earth (Revelation 18:24)



The Other Identifying Mark of Jerusalem

How the faithful city has become a harlot!
(Isaiah 1:21)



When?

I tell you the truth, all this will come upon this generation (Matthew 23:36).

This prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70,
forty years after Jesus gave it.



The Seven Woes versus the Seven Blessings

13 “But woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For <u>you shut up</u> the kingdom of heaven against men	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for <u>theirs is the kingdom</u> of heaven.
14 “ Woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you <u>devour widows’ houses</u>	Blessed are <u>they that mourn</u> for they shall be comforted.
15 “ Woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you <u>travel land and sea</u> to win one proselyte . . .	Blessed are the meek. <u>They shall inherit the earth.</u>
16 “ Woe to you , blind guides, who make [<u>unrighteous oaths</u>]	Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after <u>righteousness</u> . . . they shall be filled.
23 “ Woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! <u>neglected mercy</u>	Blessed are <u>the merciful</u> , for they shall receive mercy.
25 “ Woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . 26 “ <u>Blind</u> Pharisee, first cleanse the inside . . .	Blessed are the pure in heart; for they <u>shall see God.</u>
27 “ Woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . <u>whitewashed tombs</u>	Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the <u>sons of God</u> . [Alive]
29 “ Woe to you , scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . you are sons of those who <u>murdered the prophets.</u>	Blessed are those who are <u>persecuted</u> for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.