

ISAIAH 23 (John Tamuts)

Throughout the scriptures, YAHWEH uses people, cities, nations, etc., to picture organizations, systems or other nations in the last days, whose primary characteristics are similar.

Isaiah 23 is just such a chapter prophesying the destruction of big-business, and the reasons for YAHWEH'S wrath against her.

The Authorized Version will be used throughout unless stated otherwise.

Verse 1 :

The burden of Tyre . Howl, ye ships of Tarshish ; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim¹ it is revealed to them.

Now tyre was a very commercial oriented city whose main interests were merchandising. It was situated in a very advantageous location on the easternmost portion of the Mediterranean, from which it would trade with the inhabitants of the coastland. tarshish, on the other hand, was located on the westernmost portion of the Mediterranean, around where spain is today.

One of the further proofs that we have that tyre is indeed used as a symbol for commerce, or big-business, is in verse 8 where the chief people of this city are the merchants. Furthermore, in verse 11 she is called the "merchant city."

We find that the news is revealed to the ships of tarshish from the land of chittim. It has been suggested that this was the last leg of their journey, but the main thought being expressed is that before they even reach home, news of the destruction is already spreading.

The ships of tarshish represent all those associated with big-business, as historically tarshish was famous for its merchant fleet who bought from tyre and distributed her goods throughout the mediterranean. But as we will see later, tarshish has two sides. Those who love the mercantile way of life, and those who are associated with big-business, but are, at present, under her thumb. So for now let us state that tarshish represents all those who lives are dominated by big-business, both willing and unwilling.

Being selfishly inclined, those associated with, and favoring big-business, will bewail her downfall because they profited by their association with her. These are the big shots of big-business, the rich and the super-rich.

It further mentions that there is no house, no entering in. This shows that the city, or system, is laid waste, like a place that is flattened with no house left standing.

Verse 2:

Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

Joseph Rotherham, in his translation of the Hebrew Scriptures translates the first part of this passage: "Be dumb ye inhabitants of the Coast..." The Jerusalem Translation brings out: "Be struck dumb. you inhabitants of the coast..."

The inhabitants of the coast would be the dealers, the retailers of the world's goods, while the merchants of zidon would picture the wholesalers who replenished them as needed. (We'll explain a bit more about zidon later.) So we have all three levels represented. On the top is big-business (tyre), then the wholesalers (zidon), followed lastly by the retailers (the inhabitants of the coast).

This destruction has all three levels struck dumb, left with their mouths hanging open you might say.

Verse 3:

¹ Another name for cyprus.

And by great waters the seed of Sihor,² the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.

Joseph Rotherham translates the verse in this manner:

Yea on mighty waters was the grain of Sihor, the harvest of the Nile was her increase, and so she became a mart of nations.

The Nile was a very rich and prosperous river. She not only had an abundance of sea life, but when the Nile overflowed its banks it irrigated the land producing lush crops. Moreover, the Nile was used to transport goods to other places. So this not only pictures the wealth of the sea, but the industries that it produced on land. It also shows the manner by which they conduct themselves. They are not looking out for anyone else's benefit, but rather conduct themselves in a piggish fashion.

So by this manner they increased and became very rich.

Verse 4:

Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

The translation by J. Powis Smith renders this verse:

Lament in shame, O Zidon, mother of cities, stronghold of the sea. Saying, I am as one who has not travelled, nor given birth to children. I am as one who has reared no young men, nor brought up maidens.

At first there might seem to be a contradiction whereas zidon is first called "mother of cities," then is said to have not given birth to children. The reason she is called "mother of cities" is because this particular city was one of, if not the oldest city, in Phoenecia. She pioneered, on a large scale, the mercantile way of life.

The reason it brings out that she has brought up no maidens or young men is to show her disgrace. In times of old, the honor, the duty of the woman was to bear children. If she did not, she was not even considered a woman. An example of the shame and agony of a barren woman is seen with Rachel, whom in her anguish told Jacob: "...Give me children, or I shall die."³

So the prophecy is showing the disgrace she is brought to by YAHWEH'S shattering denunciations. To elaborate, she is brought to this condition by Israel. We are the ones who are going to expose this system. That it is not the benefactor of mankind, that it is not there to serve you, and that it does not have your best interests at heart.

This particular chapter describes most eloquently those individuals who favor merchandising as a way of life and that their system is nothing more than a bloodsucking, cannibalistic method of survival. These terms may seem harsh, but are extremely accurate whereas a cannibal would eat its own in order to survive, most businesses would gladly gobble up the competition. And bear in mind, it is not their heart's motivation that they simply want to earn a living and provide for themselves, they want to do away with the competition altogether.

Verse 5:

As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

Smith's translation renders this:

2 Which was the river Nile.

3 Refer to Genesis 30:1 RSV.

When the news reaches Egypt they will writhe in pain.

egypt, in prophecy, is used to picture the world. We have many examples of this, the most notable being that they held, as the world holds today, the LORD'S people in bondage. Furthermore, it was the first world power and in the book of Revelation it mentions that Yahshua was crucified in sodom and egypt.⁴ Now Yahshua was crucified in neither sodom or egypt, but sodom pictures the filth and perversion of the world while egypt itself pictures the world.

When the world has its system exposed, it does not accept correction and change, but instead will be in agony.

Now who will be affected most in the world by this exposition? Mainly it will be the rich, the V.I.P.'s. They're the ones who have the most to lose. The poor won't be affected that much because they have nothing to lose. In fact it will be the poor and needy (who represent the righteous) that will bring down the system. Isaiah 26:5,6 has this to say:

5 For HE bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, HE layeth it low; HE layeth it low, even to the ground; HE bringeth it even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

This is not to say that everyone who is poor is righteous, but, to give an example, Israel, as a people, could never tolerate, or never be in a position of a big-business. We could never conceive of engineering peoples lives to enrich ourselves. To step on people, to destroy peoples lives for profit is totally unthinkable. In other words, it would go against our grain, or clash with our characteristics.

Contrasting this with the rich, Matthew 19:24 says:

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of GOD.

There it is in a nutshell; the rich have their kingdom. They have what they want in life. The very thought of a system where everyone would be equal does not appeal to them at all. In reality, it goes against their grain; they would want no parts of something like that. Moreover, to prevent this they would not hesitate to hire armies, wave flags, play patriotic music, and start killing people.

To take a brief, but enlightening detour, let us take a look at how the wealth in this country is distributed.

Imagine a chart where the vertical line represents dollars and the horizontal line represent the population. Over the horizontal line you would have 100% of the population. Now if everyone was equal and had the same amount of money, you would have a straight line going straight across the chart. In reality though, here is the way the money is actually distributed. Approximately 11% of the population is in debt. Approximately 5% have nothing. The line continues relatively straight across the chart, meaning that most of the populace had relatively very little in terms of real wealth, that is they may have many of goods, but are making payments on them. Then as we progress to almost the end of the chart, meaning only a small percentage of the populace are left, the line shoots almost straight up. For example, approximately 1/2 of 1% of the families has 1,000,000 dollars or more. Another 1/2 of 1% has about 500,000. Remember now, this only accounts for a total of 1% of the families in this country. The rest are left to scrounge around for what the wealthy have left them, which amounts to a living, and not much more. One more interesting statistic is that the top 1/2 of 1% mentioned earlier owns between 25% and 30% of all the wealth of this country.⁵ And to add insult to injury, many of these people pay less in taxes than their chauffeurs who drive them around!

It will be one of Israel's jobs to totally expose this, as Ephesians 5:11 states in the *Revised Standard Version*:

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

⁴ Refer to Revelation 11:8.

⁵ This information was compiled from a book called "The Rich And The Super Rich," by Ferdinand Lundberg.

Verse 6:

Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

Now tarshish, as mentioned before, was on the westernmost part of the Mediterranean. So, in other words, go as far as you can, from one end to the other, and weep. This expresses their heart's sentiments, which are not joyful to see this piggish, wicked system go down and YAHWEH'S Kingdom established. Instead, they're miserable, destitute over the loss of the system they loved.

Verse 7:

Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

The Jerusalem Translation, which is more historically accurate, has this to say:

Is this your joyful city founded far back in the past? Whose footsteps led her abroad to found her own colonies?

Because she is such a wealthy, prosperous organization, she is pictured as a joyous city. A city, in prophecy, is used to represent an organization.⁶

The colonies of tyre include portions of sicily, sardinia, corsica, the southernmost portion of what is now spain and portions of north africa. tarshish herself was a colony of tyre. But carthage must be numbered among the most notable of her colonies. carthage had three punic wars with rome, and in those wars the balance of power was a bit shaky and could have gone either way. rome, however, did prevail and the threat of carthage was ended forever. In any case, tyre did colonize extensively and, for a time, covered quit a bit of territory.

Verse 8:

Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?

Or as Moffatt translates the first portion: "Whoever planned this doom for Tyre?"

Before answering the obvious question as to who has taken this counsel against tyre, or who is responsible for this, note how the merchants are regarded. Princes, the honorable of the earth. and we see this same prestige in big-business today. These men are not looked upon as the crooks that they are. Nor as the ones responsible for much of the bloodshed, rivalry and dissension we see in the world today. Their motivation is not patriotism or to be the benefactors of all those under them. They do these things to promote their own interests and to protect their piggish way of life.

Speaking of patriotism, we see flags flying on the well-kept lawns of their factories, and public relations people working full time to project a good image to the masses. We hear of their concern about jobs for the people and doing what is good for the country. Again, actions bespeak the intentions of the heart. If it is more profitable to produce goods in a foreign country using labor rivaling slave camps, this is what is done. If it is more profitable to cheapen a product even to the point of its being dangerous, well, history speaks for itself.

In truth, the biggest ripoffs of the public, and especially the government itself, have been perpetrated by the biggest, most prestigious corporations, headed by, or with the co-operation of, current or former "public servants." Many books have been written about these blatant acts of thievery that run rampant throughout the pentagon and other branches of the government, but the looting of the people continues unhampered even in spite of the so-called watch-dog organizations.

When a government contract is won (or bought), they know they are going to soak uncle sam for

⁶ Refer to Isaiah 1:24-26 & Revelation 18:16-19.

everything they can. So we see ulterior motives, an impure self-serving ambition; a dishonesty. What is coming out of their mouths and what they are doing are two entirely different things.

Their motivations are outlined in Ezekiel 28:2-5 which states:

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

Here YAHWEH is chiding them. All Daniel had was YAHWEH'S spirit, and what could they profit by that? They feel that they are wiser, and have the wealth to prove it.

One of the more amusing, but absolutely accurate verses concerning their manner of conducting business, is recorded in Proverbs 20:14 and is read from a translation by James Moffatt.

"Poor stuff! poor stuff!" a man says, as he buys; but when he leaves, he boasts about his bargain.

But this is the system. It can take even honest people and make them do things that, under different circumstances, wouldn't come into their mind.

Who would take council, or plan the destruction of this type of organization? Unhappily, for them, it is YAHWEH the almighty GOD as the next verse verifies.

Verse 9:

The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

No doubt is left at all. YAHWEH HIMSELF is behind their undoing. Their actions are shameful and contemptible. All they have done will be brought out into the light, thoroughly exposed for all to see.

It also speaks of the staining of all glory and all the honorable of the earth. Now this must encompass more than just big-business. It would have to include all the so-called "big shots" in the world. Of these the leaders of politics and religion must be numbered.

Religion, who should be with us exposing the system, are themselves too busy being part of it, supporting it and its rulers. Were they preaching the truth, they would be hated of all nations for His name's sake. Instead they are patriots and proud of it. They are aggressively fleecing the people for all they can and shamelessly flaunting their wealth in the face of all to see. And most who come into contact with Israel (really all to date) oppose us.

Not to much need be mentioned here about politics. It is probably one of the dirtiest games ever conceived by men and encouraged by satan. And those who justify and support this system of corruption have become just as soiled themselves.

Verse 10:

Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength.

The word *strength* in This verse should be rendered "girdle," or that which restrains. *The Modern Language Translation* renders the first part of this verse: "Overflow your land like the [Nile] river..." In other words, the banks of the river are no longer restraining the river and it is overflowing onto the

7 Refer to Matthew 10:22,36,39; John 15:19.

land.

Now we come to the other aspect of tarshish that was mentioned earlier. tarshish, being a colony of tyre, was subject to tyre. Upon her collapse, however, tarshish was no longer subject to her sovereign founder.

Therefore, tarshish, in this instance, pictures the lives of the people who are dominated by big-business that are unwilling or have been deceived. These have to play by the rules of big-business and submit to everything it dictates just to gain the necessities of life. Once tyre, or big-business, goes down, this restriction will no longer be there, and they will be free to produce the needs of the people.

So, unlike verse 1, tarshish in this verse represents the liberated people in YAHWEH'S Kingdom. Without the restriction of big-business, things can be done with the pure motivation of wanting to help their fellow-man.

Verse 11:

He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof.

Here, again, tyre is referred to as the merchant city. In Smith's translation it is called canaan, which actually means: "trade," or "commerce."

The sea was where most of this commerce, or trade, was taking place. YAHWEH stretching HIS hand across it shows that HIS judgments have been pronounced, and are beginning to have their effects.

The shock of this event shakes the kingdoms, or nations of the world because big-business has been their very life's blood.

The effects also include the destruction of their strongholds, expressing that there are no more defenses, and it is subsequently laid waste.

Verse 12:

And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

Joseph Rotherham translates "oppressed virgin" as "ravished one," while James Moffatt translates it "maiden deflowered." What this pictures is something that has been brought to dishonor, and cannot, you might say, be restored to the original condition. This, of course, is done through Israel preaching work.

She is told to pass over to chittim, but even there she would find no rest. In other words, no matter where she goes, there would be no place to hide. The message preached by Israel will be world-wide and will last for 3 1/2 years and will relentlessly expose all her deepest secrets.

Verse 13 first read from *The Authorized Version*:

Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.

Whenever the translators vary greatly in their interpretations of a passage it is likely that all are incorrect. Such is the case here, therefore, we must again rely on YAHWEH'S Holy Spirit to guide the Prophets for the correct meaning.

Now a translation from the Hebrew by Jeremiah with its clarification and explanation. (Read from right to left.)

people this wherein ,chaldeans land Lo

ordained is ,successful be shall not

towers her of up raising the :beasts wild for

rejoicing fortresses her and watchers her

¹.downfall her together

Clarification:

Lo, the land of the chaldeans, wherein the people shall not be successful, is ordained for wild beasts.

The raising up of her towers, her watchers and her fortresses will rejoice together with her at her downfall.

It will be easier to understand the full meaning of this verse if a brief preview is given first.

To begin with, the chaldeans are the babylonians. babylon pictures a confused world dominated by religion. The world, because of its disobedience will not flourish or be successful. Instead as Isaiah 34:14-17 and Jeremiah 51:58 bring out, it will become as a wilderness, a desolate area inhabited only by wild animals unaccustomed to man and considered unclean. The towers, watchers and fortresses are said to rejoice with her at her downfall. Briefly, these are the structures that have helped to lead her to this situation, and describes a time when destruction will come as a relief to them, as life has become unbearable.

Now before going into the detailed explanation of the verse by Jeremiah, let us first explain who the chaldeans represent for the benefit of any newcomers. The chaldeans had their capital in babylon, so they are, in essence, babylonians. babylon pictures the entire world, with the emphasis being on religion.

In Jeremiah 51:6 the instructions to the LORD'S people are to come out of babylon or be held accountable for her sins and receive of her plagues. This could, by some, be interpreted as pertaining to the literal nation of babylon, except for one thing. The warning is repeated in Revelation 18:4 almost word for word. The significance of this is fully understood when one realizes that the literal nation of babylon fell some 600 years prior to the writing of Revelation. Therefore, of necessity this prophecy must pertain to a later time.

The name, *babylon*, was first applied to babel (literally meaning "gate of god") in Genesis 11:1-9 where it speaks of YAHWEH confusing the tongues of the disobedient. For this reason, babylon had taken on the meaning "confusion." It is a proper and fitting name for the confused authorities of commerce, politics and religion that we see in the world today.

One of the primary characteristics of babylon was that it was religious. Ruins that had been excavated found the remains of over 50 temples. History abounds with information of how astrology and divination had its roots in babylon. Kings went to babylon to be crowned, much like what was

¹ Refer to Isaiah 34:14-17 & Jeremiah 51:58.

seen with the holy roman empire.

So we can see that this confused world, with its over 1200 religions, is properly represented by the nation of babylon.

Now on with the explanation of verse 13 by Jeremiah.

YAHWEH the CREATOR of the entire universe and the CREATOR of all life in the heavens and on the earth alone is Omnipotent, and this omnipotence is fully accepted by HIS Children, HIS People of light or of understanding.

It is this same YAHWEH alone who through HIS Heavenly Organization Zion will rule over the earth. Zion is made up of Yahshua and His 144,000 Body Members who are given the positions of Kings and Priests. These Kings and Priests will hand down messages to the Angels who in turn will convey them to Earthly Israel under the resurrected Prophets of Old. It is through these channels that a Holy and altogether fulfilling government can and will be set up and administered on earth. Then and then only will every cell in our hearts, mind and body be free of guilt and function in perfect harmony with our All-righteous FATHER. Then and then only will the visible evidence of blessings begin to pour in. No more AIDS, gone forever will be every manner of illness, and supreme happiness will prevail everlastingly; for now righteous-hearted men will finally understand and will willingly submit themselves to our GOD and FATHER whose primary attributes are love, justice, wisdom and power, attributes with which we also have been endowed.

In sharp contrast, all of the nations of this present world, or system of things, each competing with the other with visibly pronounced rivalry even within their own administrative governments, YAHWEH has long ago branded as babylon—confusion. babylon is a perversion. babylon behaves in a most inconsistent and unstable manner. babylon is confused. babylon is mentally ill. She cries for peace but does not supply any of the essentials to prove her sincerity. She shows no love or concern for those in her care. Justice and equality are nowhere to be found. If only her rulers would cease from looking into the mirror and turn themselves momentarily and take the time out to help the needy of the earth without having the program go through the sifting screen of big business wherein millions upon millions of dollars are dropped into the pockets of the most selfish, the most ruthless, the most thieving gang of neanderthals who cast reproach on the Holy Name of YAHWEH when these are classified as a part of the human race. These and the system which they endeavor to control belong entirely to satan the devil and YAHWEH states that their system will soon collapse on its own and along with it all the zealous supporters thereof. The annihilation of the wicked will cleanse the earth and free YAHWEH'S Holy dedicated Prophets to build and to plant the most beautiful system mankind has ever seen—the Earthly Portion of YAHWEH'S Holy Kingdom. And this Kingdom will last forever.

When the problems of babylon begin to outnumber the proposed solutions and when these solutions result in no solutions, the confidence and trust placed in babylon by the united world leaders will be shaken to the very marrow in their bones. Thus begins the execution of the death sentence on babylon. The absolute inadequacy of any organization built by men without YAHWEH'S guidance or worse yet, in open defiance of HIM as babylon will do makes her guilty of defying the Supreme JUDGE of the universe and she will be placed on death-row by YAHWEH. At this time the people of goodwill whom Israel refers to as the regular ones will literally pour out of her as a river swollen by immeasurably heavy rains, for they have now received enough evidence to understand Israel's message. The rest of mankind whose only zest in life has been to do their own thing and to live a life in total disregard of the welfare of others will realize through Israel's previous teaching that the earth now has no room for their kind, and that they are going down to an everlasting doom of non-existence. However, they are still alive and standing on the earth, but alas, the sobering fact persists that their once united ranks are now clearly divided into three camps (Revelation 16) and there is utter despair and murder in the hearts of the members of each camp for each other. They will fully realize that open warfare will be suicidal but to live with such total divisions with each of the sides possessing many times more power than is required to annihilate the other, and with open conflict a certainty, it will make the suspense worse than death itself (Revelation 9) even though life will no longer be worth living. They will experience the most severe case of manic depression with no series of periods of excessive well-being to relieve them, hopelessly trapped in the imminent collapse of the organization which they freely and defiantly chose to construct. They now await their next move which will bring certain death. But

even with the horror of facing death the pain is not as severe as continued existence in the world of the dragon. Thus YAHWEH gives us an insight into their mental state as they go forward to die. They and their organization together will rejoice in witnessing the downfall of so hideous a perversion of purpose, and its downfall will at this time be welcomed by all of her supporters. They will literally rejoice when the structures which have led them to such agonizing pain collapse and go into oblivion and themselves along with them. These are the horrible combination of circumstances which this world and its loyal members must experience that they (the wicked) may no longer have to exist in such painful, death-dealing confusion. "The raising up of her towers, her watchers, and her fortresses will rejoice together with her at her downfall."

All of the structures that help implement this misrepresentation, this misplaced and sinful organization that violates the rights of others, that inflicts injustice and injury to her people stands out for all to see clearly for the damage done by Israel against evil will be irreparable and like men who have done wrong and are finally fully exposed, babylon itself will feel relieved in committing total genocide and remove herself from the scene forever.

Verse 14:

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

They are still crying from verse 1. Again, those who lament her fall will be all those who are profiting from the sale of goods supplied by big-business.

Verse 15:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

James Moffatt translates the verse in this manner:

Then shall Tyre pass into oblivion for seventy years, for as long as a dynasty lasts; Tyre will be like the harlot in the song-"

As stated earlier, when tyre goes down, it goes down for good, or passes into oblivion as Moffatt translates. It is inconceivable that, in a Kingdom environment, something like big-business would be allowed. Any system that would allow a few to hoard most of the wealth, and leave the rest to scrape the bottom of the barrel, would not reflect the attributes of a GOD perfect in love, justice, wisdom and power.

This world, or system, reflects the attributes of its god and creator, satan the devil. It is based on greed, competition, stupidity and a blind brute force with which it imposes its will on humanity. Furthermore, it is this competition, or rivalry, that pits and divides one man against his brother, which causes so much of the misery, heartache and strife seen in the world today.

After its fall, this system will never be allowed to raise its ugly head again, as Nahum 1:9, in a translation from the Hebrew by Jeremiah, states:

"...rivalry shall not rise up a second time."

So once this system goes down, it won't come up again. But it does say that tyre will be forgotten seventy years, or the days of one king. This represents the life span of a man.

Psalm 90:10 states:

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly

away.

So again, the life of a man is considered to be about 70 years. However, the King that is responsible for bringing about the ruin of Tyre, or big-business, is Yahshua, who possesses immortality. So if you are going to say according to the life span of Yahshua, Tyre would never be restored.

At that point the sentence is passed, the execution carried out, and big-business becomes history.

Verse 16:

Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

Here YAHWEH is taunting her, likening her to an old harlot who is attempting to make a come back. But to no avail, as her beauty and desirability are long gone. People will see that the claims of her being benevolent, and necessary to the comfort and welfare of mankind have all been a farce. She served no one but herself, and mankind was only there to be used to further enrich her insatiable appetite for wealth and power.

Verse 17:

And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

Verse 17 is translated by Isaac Leeser in this manner:

And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall have commerce with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

James Moffatt translates the verse in this manner:

At the end of the seventy years the Eternal will restore Tyre, till she regains her trade, trafficking with all the realms of the world over the wide earth;

YAHWEH is in no way implying that after 70 literal years commerce will return to its piggish ways to oppress mankind. No, for it has already been established that the 70 years refers to the life span of a King who lives forever. What has been revealed to Israel through YAHWEH'S Holy Prophets is as follows: that after this King (Yahshua), has passed sentence, and the system is destroyed, that commerce or trade will be restored. The commerce, or trade that will be restored in YAHWEH'S Kingdom will be a righteous, beneficial system. Nothing like it is today, which, as mentioned before, is a bloodsucking, cannibalistic way of survival. Instead we will see a Holy Organization whose sole purpose is to serve and supply mankind with what they need to not only survive; but live comfortably and securely.

Verse 18:

And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

Moffatt renders the verse in this manner:

What she makes by her trade shall be sacred to the Eternal, her profits are not to be stored or stowed away, but what she makes shall go to the Eternal's devotees, to provide

them with abundant food and choice attire.

By this verse alone we can see that the system will operate in a totally different manner than what we see. Today, wealth is hoarded and profits, in no way, shape or form, find their way to the meek who are to inhabit the earth.

The incentives will not be to serve one's self, but to help others and thereby please YAHWEH. In this manner the system builds on itself and is successful in providing the needs of the people with the best that can be produced.