**merchants of these things** (viz. of all  
those mentioned in vv. 12, 13, which have  
been just summed up as “*fat things and  
splendid things*”) **who gained wealth  
from her, shall stand afar off by reason  
of their fear of her torment, weeping  
and mourning, {16} saying, Woe, woe, the  
great city, which was clothed in stuff  
of fine linen and of purple and of scarlet,  
and gilded in golden ornament and precious stone and pearl: because** (gives a  
reason for the **Woe, woe**) **in one hour  
hath been desolated all that wealth.**

**17—19**.] *The lamentation of the shipmasters, &c.* {17} **And every pilot and every  
one who saileth any whither** (all sailors  
from place to place), **and sailors and as  
many as make traffic of the sea, stood  
afar off, {18} and cried out when they saw  
the place of her burning, saying, Who** **is like to the great city? {19} And they cast  
earth upon their heads** (see besides  
ref. Ezek. xxvii. 30: also 1 Sam. iv. 12;  
2 Sam. i. 2, xiii. 19, xv. 32; Job ii. 12;  
Lam. ii. 10), **and cried out weeping and  
mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great  
city in which all who have their ships  
in the sea became rich out of her costliness**) her costly treasures: concrete mean-  
ing for the abstract term): **for in one  
hour she hath been laid waste.**

**20**.] *The angel concludes with calling  
on the heavens and God's holy ones to  
rejoice at her fall.* **Rejoice at her, thou  
heaven, and ye saints and ye apostles  
and ye prophets, for God hath judged  
your judgment upon her** (hath exacted  
from her that judgment of vengeance  
which is due to you).

**21—23**.] *Symbolic proclamation by an*