Jeremiah
A Prophet Unto the Nations

Final Prophecies against Babylon, and the Epilogue

Jeremiah 51-52
Lesson 18

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The Fall of Jerusalem

- Primary event in Old Testament history
- Jeremiah, Lamentations, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel
- Judgment for sin
- The throne of God
- Jerusalem and Babylon
Babylon in Scripture

- Tower of Babel in Genesis 11
  - Intent: make a name for ourselves

- Babylon in Revelation 18 – the great prostitute

- Babylon in O.T. history – agent of the wrath of God
Jeremiah’s Ministry

- A message to Israel re: holiness
- A message to the nations: salvation in Zion
- A paradoxical ministry
- Promise v. Justice
- Righteousness v. Peace
- The almond branch v. the boiling pot
- Tear down v. build up
Key Points

- Restoration – wrath and grace
- Regeneration – a new covenant
- Jerusalem – a city of joy
- Branch of David – righteousness and peace
Jeremiah – Outline

- Call of Jeremiah (1)
- The case against Judah (2-20)
- The Babylonian threat (21-29)
- The Everlasting Covenant (30-33)
- The Babylonian conquest (34-39)
- The return to Egypt (40-45)
- The case against the nations (46-51)
- Epilogue – the fall of Jerusalem (52)
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› Nine nations under wrath
  • Egypt, Philistines
  • Moab, Ammon
  • Edom, Damascus, Kedor/Hazor, Elam
  • Babylon
  • Hope: Egypt, Moab, Ammon, Elam

› The destruction of Jerusalem re-visited

› The elevation of Jehoiachin
Judgment on Babylon – annihilation

People of Israel and Judah seek the LORD – Zion and the everlasting covenant (50:4-5, 19-20, 34)

A call to flee from Babylon (50:8)
Jeremiah 51 – Against Babylon

- Leb-kamai – atbash for Chaldean
- Heart of My adversaries
- The boiling pot facing from the north
- Israel and Judah have not been forsaken
- A trial of faith
Flee from Babylon (51:6-10)

- Revelation 18:3-7
- Babylon – the golden cup in the LORD’S hand
- Babylon – the cup of wrath (25:15-29)
- Flee – bondage of sin
Fall of Babylon (51:11-44)

- Medes (and Persians)

- This is the work of the LORD
  - LORD stirred up (51:1, 11)
  - LORD planned and did His purpose re: Babylon (51:11-14)
  - Jeremiah 51:15-19 repeats 10:12-16 – the Creator
    - Jeremiah 10 – the greatness of God v. idols
    - Jeremiah 51 – the greatness of God v. man
  - Babylon is “My hammer and weapon of war” (51:20)
  - A burnt mountain (v. 25)

- The destruction of Babylon (51:27-44)
  A call to war
  The praise of the earth becomes a horror among nations
  Nations no longer flow to Babylon
Flee from Babylon (51:45-51)

- Israel seduced by Babylon
- Call of God
- The days are coming – end of the age (16:14)
- All creation celebrates (51:48 with Rom. 8:20-22)
- Remember the LORD and Jerusalem (51:50)
A Final Word for Babylon (51:52-58)

- No way to avoid Divine wrath (51:9 and 53)
- This is “recompense” for sin (v. 56)
- The people labor for nothing and the nations only for fire
A book for Babylon (51:59-64)

- A final living parable
- The Word of the LORD
- Mercy precedes judgment
Jeremiah 52 – The Fall of Jerusalem

- 2 Kings 24:18–25:30
- Captivity of Zedekiah (52:1-11)
- Destruction of Jerusalem (52:12-23)
- Judah taken into exile (52:24-30)
- Elevation of Jehoiachin (52:31-34)
Jeremiah

- God is watching over His Word to fulfill it
- Only perceived by the eyes of faith
- The world or the Word