

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
 - Hebrew: “confusion”; Babylonian: “gate of God”
 - 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

Jeremiah 50

- ▶ 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