

# Jeremiah 50

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## I. GENERAL DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON (50:1-13)

- A. Now the Lord turns against Babylon, 1
- B. Bel may be an abbreviation for Baal. Merodach is probably the same idol with Bel.
  - 1. They are confounded, these who once were supposed to have much wisdom.
  - 2. They were broken in pieces, 2
- C. Destruction will come from the north (Persia) and surrounding countries.
- D. Israel will return to their land, 4-8
  - 1. Israel and Judah will go along weeping (in repentance), 4
  - 2. They will seek the Lord their God, 4
  - 3. They will ask the way to Zion, 5
  - 4. They ask for a covenant that will not be forgotten, 5
  - 5. They have been lost sheep, 6
  - 6. Their adversaries devoured them, 7
  - 7. Their message is found in verse 8
    - a. Remove out of the midst of Babylon (See Rev. 18:4)
    - b. Be as the goats (jumping and leaping for joy) before the flocks.
- E. God will send “an assembly of great nations from the north” against Babylon, 9-10
- F. The reason for Babylon’s destruction, 11-13
  - 1. Because they were glad to destroy God’s heritage, 11
  - 2. Because they have grown fat and bragged (bellow as bulls), 11-12
  - 3. Because of the wrath of God, 13
  - 4. Because she (Babylon) has been proud against the Lord, 29
  - 5. Because Babylon destroyed the temple of God, 28
  - 6. Because it is a land of graven images, 38

## II. ENEMIES ANIMATED AGAINST BABYLON (50:14-30; 41-44)

- A. Nations are called to go against Babylon in battle, 14-16
- B. Babylon destroyed so Israel may return, 17-20
  - 1. Israel is a scattered sheep, 17
    - a. First the king of Assyria took Israel captive, 17
    - b. Last the kind of Babylon took Judah captive, 17
  - 2. Therefore, God will punish Babylon, 18
  - 3. God will bring Israel again to his habitation, 19
  - 4. Israel’s sins will be forgiven, 20
    - a. This is the second period of Jewish history
    - b. When they return to their land under Cyrus, God begins to deal with them in a different way
      - (1) Eze 11:19 *And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within*

*you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:*

(2) *Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

- C. More cries against Babylon, 21-30
  - 1. Merethaim and Pekod could be names for Babylon or areas around it, 21
  - 2. The “hammer of the whole earth” is either the king of Babylon or the kingdom of Babylon, which was strong in the earth against which no nation could come, 22-23
  - 3. Babylon is destroyed, because they strove against the Lord, 24
  - 4. God brought forth his armory (his weapons) against the land of the Chaldeans, 25
  - 5. God commands other nations to join his effort against Babylon, 26
  - 6. Nations are to slay Babylon’s bullocks (her strong ones in Babylon), and take them to the slaughter (with no feeling of mercy for them), 27
  - 7. Some will escape (the Jews) to go back to their land and “declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord” and of his temple, which the Babylonians destroyed, 28
  - 8. Babylon has been proud against the Lord and will be cut off, 29-30
- D. The Persians will come from the north and destroy Babylon, 41-42
- E. The hands of the king of Babylon will be feeble, 43
- F. The king of Persia (Cyrus) will come strongly against Babylon like a lion and the swelling of the Jordan. Many will turn away from Babylon because of the battle, 44

### **III. THE LORD’S CLAIM AGAINST BABYLON (50:31-40)**

- A. The day has come for the Lord to visit Babylon with fire, 31-32
- B. The Lord reminds Babylon of how they have treated Israel and Judah, 33
- C. Israel’s God is strong and will give them rest, 34
- D. The sword of the Lord (this time it is not Babylon but against Babylon)
  - 1. The sword is upon the Chaldeans, 35
  - 2. The sword is upon the liars (deceivers or soothsayers), 36
  - 3. The sword is upon the mighty men, 36
  - 4. The sword is upon their horses, chariots and the people, 37
- E. There will be a drought upon the waters so that wild beasts are all that will live there, 38-39.
- F. This destruction will be like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, 40

### **Lessons We Can Learn From This Chapter**

- 1. God is against Babylon, even though he used Babylon as his sword against Israel.
- 2. God is bringing Persia to power even as Daniel prophesied in his book (Dan. 8:20)
- 3. Israel’s promise to return to the land will come to pass (Jer. 50:4-6; 17-20, 34)
- 4. No one can stand against God in his work against Babylon, 44