

# Jeremiah Study

Chapters 49-52 (~min) All Ya'll Part 2

Prophecies so far:

- Egypt [Ch. 46]
- Philistia [Ch. 47]
- Moab (Jordan) [Ch. 48]

## Chapter 49

### Ammon

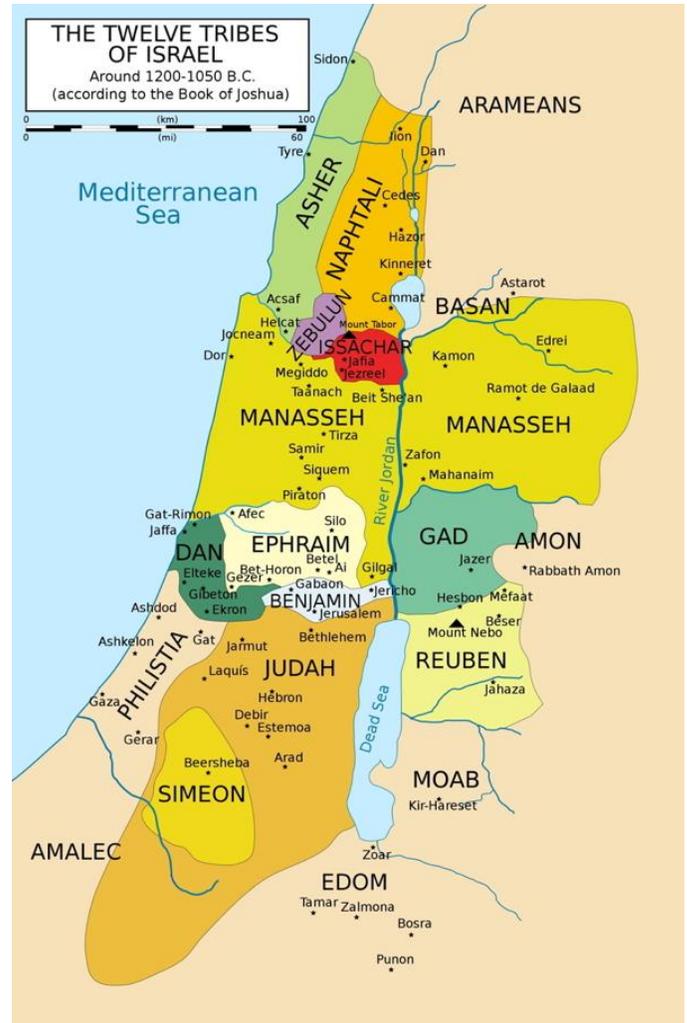
- Also Modern-Day Jordan
- Current city today = Amman

(49:1) "milcom" was also called Molech which was associated with child sacrifices.

- "Gad" was in either modern Jordan or Syria (some debate)

(49:3) There will be people running in panic & their false god will be taken captive.

(49:5) Their wealth can't save them



### Edom

- Edom was a descendent of Esau
- Esau is a TYPE of "flesh waring with the spirit"
- Located in the southwest portion of modern day Jordan

(49:7-8) "Teman" refers to Jews in southwest Jordan. "Dedan" is located in northwestern Saudia Arabia.

- "Calamity of Esau" signifies total devastation, mirroring what Esau felt when he lost his inheritance to Jacob.

(49:12) Bozrah is mentioned in Micah 2:12-13 which suggests that Jesus, in his 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, will leave from Bozrah to go to the Valley of Armageddon.

- 12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

(49:18) This signifies a major (and perhaps instant) destruction

(49:19) This seems to refer to Jesus, the worthy Shepherd.

(49:21) Supports v18 that this is a large event that is heard & felt by those around them.

(49:22) We see the “fly like the eagle” imagery again, just as we did in chapter 48 against Moab

Jeremiah 48:39	Jermiah 49:22
...“Behold, one shall fly like an eagle and spread <b>his</b> wings over Moab.”	“Behold, <b>He</b> shall come up and fly like the eagle, and spread <b>His</b> wings over Bozrah;...

NOTE: Chapter 48 used the lowercase “h” “he”... but chapter 49 uses the Capital “H” for “He”

## Damascus

- Capitol of Syria
- The longest inhabited city in the world
- It has been destroyed & rebuilt, but never “uninhabited”

(49:23) Hamath and Arpad were ancient cities located in present-day Syria.

(49:27) Ben-Hadad was a powerful royal line. In this time, the thought of them falling would be hard to believe.

- NOTE: Ben-Hadad means “son of Hadad” which was a pagan storm god.

## Kedar & Hazor

- Nomadic descendants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Ishmael
- Modern-day area of Norther Arabia Desert

(49:33) To this day, no one lives there

## Elam

- Southern Iran, Part of Iraq

(49:35) “Bows” launch weapons

- NOTE: In modern times, we’ve seen the go-to warfare of Iran is to “launch missiles”.
  - And we are seeing efforts from US & Isreal to disable their ability to launch those.

(49:36) This was fulfilled in 1979 during the Islamic Revolution when Islam took over Iran. There was a mass migration of Iranians scattered throughout the world.

- Notice: The NKJV refers to these people as “outcasts”.

(49:37) They will be humiliated in front of their enemies. God will bring disaster until they are consumed.

(49:38) Could this be referring to the preaching of the gospel? (Speculation).

- We know that in the Millennium Kingdom, Jesus's throne will be in Jerusalem.
- Perhaps the specification of "Kings & Princes" points more toward the "leadership"
  - We certainly see a large disconnect between the beliefs of the leadership & that of the Iranian people.

(49:39) "Latter days" = End Times

- Notice: God will bring back the "captives", that seems different than the "outcasts" mentioned in v36. Perhaps it is, perhaps it isn't.

We do see in other prophetic writings that Iran will be one of the nations that go against Israel in the end times. Perhaps this points to destruction in the last days, or, perhaps there is destruction, revival & then ultimately another fall before the end times. Only time will tell.



#### Food For Thought:

While it is exciting (and good) to compare events in the world to the prophecies of the Bible, it can be challenging to not *bend* or *perceive* God's words AROUND what we see happening. Some prophecies have multiple layers & ripples of that occurring throughout history. We should always be watchful, prayerful & discern the times with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Another Thought:** When we see prophecies laid out, (like we do here for Elam), we may be tempted to think in a "chronological" or "linear" fashion. After all, our fleshly lives here are very linear. But God exists outside of time and space. We have to keep this in mind when He is telling us what will come to pass. He knows the beginning from the End (all at once), so while we may think "well, if vs36 already happened then v35 must have also". But that's not the case. We also have to keep in mind that just because something already happened in History, does not mean that there will not be a reoccurrence of that event again. We see multiple layers of prophesy through the Bible.

## Chapter 50 (Babylon)

- Babylon = Modern day Iraq
- Chaldeans = Northern Iraq

(50:2) Bel & Marodach were gods worshiped in Babylon

(50:3) "Out of the North" (Two nations: Medes & Persians)

(50:4-5) Babylon's utter destruction is what will change the world view of the Jews.

- They will finally turn to God

- They make this new promise "...that will not be forgotten". And for the most part, they have kept that to this day. After this point, the Jewish people became extremely cautious regarding idols & graven images.

(50:11) God used Babylon as a sword to correct Isreal, however, BECAUSE they loved this & enjoyed killing Jews, God will punish Babylon.

(50:13) "She shall not be inhabited" & "wholly desolate"

- Babylon was vacant for centuries
- NOTE: Some scholars see the "utter desolation" as an End Times prophesy.

(50:17) Ancient Assyria today would be parts of Iraq, Syria, Turkey & Iran

(50:19) After the fall of Babylon, the Jews were free to return to Isreal

- The Persian King Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon in 539 BCE.
- In 538 BCE, Cyrus issued a decree allowing Jews to return to Jerusalem.

(50:20) This reads as Millennium Kingdom. "no sins" & "no iniquity". While the Jews are back in their land today, they have yet to be free of sin.

(50:21) Merathaim (Persian Gulf?) Pekod (Southeast Iraq)

(50:39-42) This starts to read more like an end-times prophesy

- "inhabited no more forever"
- "many kings.." "...from the ends of the earth"
- "their voice roar like the sea" (Reminds me of Jets)

**Don't get lost in translation** : The original Hebrew words used for the weaponry was far less specific than the KJV translators.

NKJV Word	Hebrew Word	Hebrew Definition
Lance	Strong's #3591	"Something to strike with"
Horses	Strong's #5483	"Leaping" (as a horse) or "Flying Quickly" (as a swallow)

### Babylon's Failures:

1. Joyed in killing God's people
2. Contended with God
3. Proud against God.

# Chapter 51

- More destruction for Babylon
- To “winnow” = blow a current of air through (grain) in order to remove the chaff:

(51:5) Babylon has gotten big for its britches:

- They think that God has forsaken Israel & thus they think their false gods must be greater.
- They are bragging that they have defeated Jehovah & God is not going to let that stand.

(51:11) This was a remarkable prophesy in its time:

- Jeremiah wrote this ~586 BC
- At that time, the Medes were small and inconsequential.
- To prophesy that “the King of the Medes” would destroy Babylon would have sounded ridiculous at the time of this prophesy... but it happened 😊

(51:30) Trust in the world fails:

- Babylon had the Euphrates River & thought they could easily survive a siege for 20 years before they would ever feel the impact of that siege
  - **History:**
    - The Medes diverted the Euphrates River to lower its water level.
    - This strategic move allowed them to access the city through the riverbed.
    - They used engineering techniques to create channels for the diversion.
    - The surprise attack caught Babylon's defenders off guard.
    - The weakened defenses of Babylon facilitated the Medes' conquest.

(51:19) Idols cannot be compared to God (Jehova)

- God created all things
- Idols are dumb works made from the very things that God created. They can't breath, stand nor walk on their own.

(51:20-23) God uses Babylon for judgement (Babylon is merely an instrument in God's plan)

(51:24) But God will judge Babylon too

(51:25-26) Starts to read more like end-times with the “desolate forever” wording.

(51:27) Peculiar use of Hebrew here also:

NKJV Word	Hebrew Word	Hebrew Definition
Horses	Strong's #5483	“Leaping” (as a horse) or “Flying Quickly” (as a swallow)
Locusts	Strong's #3218	' 1. A devourer 2. Specifically, a young locust

(51:32) “Blocked” - Medes diverted the Euphrates (as mentioned above)

(51:39) “make them drunk” - This happens in Daniel 5:25