

Message Nine

God's Judgment upon Egypt and Babylon

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Jer. 46:2-28; 50:1, 8-16; 51:6-9, 24-25, 28-37, 44-45, 58-64

- Jer. 46:2 Concerning Egypt: Concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco, the king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon struck down in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah:
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- Jer. 46:7 Who is this who rises up like the Nile, / Like rivers whose waters surge?
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- Jer. 46:9 Go up, O horses, / And drive furiously, O chariots; / And let the mighty men go forth: / Cush and Put, who handle the shield, / And the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow.
- Jer. 46:10 For this day belongs to the Lord Jehovah of hosts, / A day of vengeance to avenge Himself on His adversaries; / And the sword will devour and be satisfied, / And it will drink its fill of their blood; / For there is a sacrifice to the Lord Jehovah of hosts / In the land of the north by the river Euphrates.
- Jer. 46:11 Go up to Gilead and take balm, / O virgin daughter of Egypt. / In vain you have used many medicines—/ There is no healing for you.
- Jer. 46:12 The nations have heard of your disgrace, / And your cry has filled the earth; / For mighty man has stumbled against mighty man; / Both of them have fallen together.
- Jer. 46:13 The word which Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon to strike the land of Egypt:
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- Jer. 46:16 He made many stumble; / A man even fell against his neighbor; / And they said, Arise and let us return / To our own people and to the land of our birth, / Away from the sword of the oppressor.
- Jer. 46:17 There they cried, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, is but a noise; / He has let the appointed time pass by.
- Jer. 46:18 As I live, says the King, / Whose name is Jehovah of hosts, / Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, / And Carmel is by the sea, so he will come.
- Jer. 46:19 Prepare for yourself baggage for captivity, / O inhabitant, O daughter of Egypt; / For Memphis will become a waste, / And it will be burned, without inhabitant.
- Jer. 46:20 Egypt is a beautiful heifer; / A gadfly from the north has come on her.
- Jer. 46:21 Also her hired men in her midst / Are like fattened calves. / But they have also turned back; / They have fled together; they did not stand. / For the day of their calamity has come on them, / The time of their punishment.
- Jer. 46:22 Her sound is like that of a serpent going away; / For they go forth in force, / And with axes they

- come against her, / Like those who fell trees.
- Jer. 46:23 They will cut down her forest, declares Jehovah, / Although it is impenetrable; / For they are more numerous than locusts / And are without number.
- Jer. 46:24 The daughter of Egypt is put to shame; / She is given into the hand of a people from the north.
- Jer. 46:25 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says, I will punish Amon of No and Pharaoh and Egypt and her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him.
- Jer. 46:26 And I will give them into the hand of those who seek their life, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon and into the hand of his servants; and afterward she will be inhabited as in the days of old, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 46:27 But as for you, O Jacob My servant, do not fear; / And do not be dismayed, O Israel. / For indeed I will save you from afar / And your seed from the land of their captivity; / And Jacob will return and be undisturbed / And at ease, and no one will frighten him.
- Jer. 46:28 As for you, O Jacob My servant, do not fear, declares Jehovah, / For I am with you; / For I will make a full end of all the nations / To which I have driven you; / Yet I will not make a full end of you, / But will correct you in measure / And will by no means leave you unpunished.
- Jer. 50:1 The word which Jehovah spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:
- Jer. 50:8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, / And go out from the land of the Chaldeans, / And be as male goats / Before the flock.
- Jer. 50:9 For I am about to stir up and bring up against Babylon / An assembly of great nations from the land of the north; / And they will set themselves in array against her, / And she will be taken captive from there. / Their arrows will be like those of an expert mighty man; / None will return empty-handed.
- Jer. 50:10 And Chaldea will become spoil; / All those who spoil her will be satisfied, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:11 Because you rejoiced, because you exulted, / O you who plunder My inheritance, / Because you spring about as a threshing heifer, / And you neigh like stallions,
- Jer. 50:12 Your mother has been greatly ashamed; / She who bore you has become a reproach: / Indeed, she has become the last of the nations, / A wilderness, a dry land and a desert.
- Jer. 50:13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah she will not be inhabited, / But she will become a complete desolation; / For every one who passes by Babylon will be astonished / And will hiss at all her wounds.
- Jer. 50:14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, / All those who bend the bow; / Shoot at her; spare no arrow; / Because she has sinned against Jehovah;
- Jer. 50:15 Raise a shout against her all around. / She has surrendered; her buttresses have fallen, / Her walls have been torn down; / For this is the vengeance of Jehovah: / Take vengeance on her; / As she has done, so do to her.
- Jer. 50:16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, / And the one who handles a sickle in the time of harvest; Because of the sword of the oppressor / Each one will turn to his people, / And each one flee to his own land.
- Jer. 51:6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, / And let each man save his life; / Do not be cut off in her iniquity; / For this is a time of vengeance to Jehovah; / He will give full recompense to her.
- Jer. 51:7 Babylon has been a golden cup in Jehovah's hand / That has made all the earth drunk. / The nations have drunk of her wine; / Therefore the nations have become mad.
- Jer. 51:8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and become broken; / Howl over her; / Take balm for her pain, / If perhaps she may be healed.
- Jer. 51:9 We tried to heal Babylon, but she is not healed; / Forsake her, and let each one of us go to his own land; / For her judgment has reached to heaven / And has been lifted up to the clouds.
- Jer. 51:24 And I will repay Babylon / And all the inhabitants of Chaldea / With all their evil which they have done / In Zion before your eyes, declares Jehovah.

- Jer. 51:25 Indeed, I am against you, O mountain of destruction, / Declares Jehovah, / Which destroys the whole earth; / And I will stretch out My hand upon you / And roll you down from the rocks / And make you a burning mountain.
- Jer. 51:28 Prepare the nations against her, / The kings of the Medes, / Their governors and all their officials, / And all the land of their dominion.
- Jer. 51:29 And the land trembles and writhes, / For the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon stand, / To make the land of Babylon a waste, / Without inhabitant.
- Jer. 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting; / They remain in strongholds; / Their might has failed; they have become like women. / Her dwellings are on fire; her bars are broken.
- Jer. 51:31 Runner runs to meet runner, / And messenger to meet messenger, / To announce to the king of Babylon / That his city has been captured from end to end.
- Jer. 51:32 And the crossing places have been seized, / And they burn the marshes with fire, / And the men of war are terrified.
- Jer. 51:33 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, / The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor / At the time when it is trodden; / Yet a little while and the time of harvest will come to her.
- Jer. 51:34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; / He has crushed me; / He has made me an empty vessel; / He has swallowed me up like a dragon; / He has filled his stomach with my delicacies; / He has washed me out.
- Jer. 51:35 The violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon! / The inhabitant of Zion will say; / And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea! / Jerusalem will say.
- Jer. 51:36 Therefore thus says Jehovah, / I will indeed plead your cause / And execute vengeance for you; / And I will dry up her sea / And make her fountain dry.
- Jer. 51:37 And Babylon will become a heap of ruins, / A habitation of jackals, / An astonishment and a hissing, / Without inhabitant.
- Jer. 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon / And bring what he has swallowed out of his mouth; / And the nations will not stream unto him any longer; / Even the wall of Babylon will fall down.
- Jer. 51:45 Come out from the midst of her, My people, / And let each man save his life / From the burning anger of Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:58 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The broad walls of Babylon will be utterly laid bare; / Her high gates will be burned with fire. / So the peoples will have labored in vain; / And the nations, only for fire; and they will have wearied themselves.
- Jer. 51:59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (Now Seraiah was quartermaster.)
- Jer. 51:60 And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon.
- Jer. 51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words;
- Jer. 51:62 And say, O Jehovah, You have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, so that nothing should dwell in it, neither man nor animal, for it will be an eternal desolation.
- Jer. 51:63 And as soon as you have finished reading this book, you shall bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates,
- Jer. 51:64 And say, Thus Babylon will sink and will not rise up because of the evil which I will bring upon it, and they will weary themselves. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

OUTLINE

- I. The book of Jeremiah presents a picture of God's coming in to punish and judge the nations, which typify aspects of the world—46:2; 47:1; 48:1; 49:1, 7, 23, 28, 34; 50:1:**

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- Jer. 48:1 Concerning Moab: / Thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: / Woe to Nebo, for it is destroyed; / Kiriathaim is put to shame; it is captured; / The lofty retreat is put to shame and dismayed.
- Jer. 49:1 Concerning the children of Ammon: / Thus says Jehovah, / Does Israel have no sons? / Or has he no heir? / Why has Malcam possessed Gad, / And why do his people dwell in his cities?
- Jer. 49:7 Concerning Edom: / Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / Is there no more wisdom in Teman? / Has counsel perished from those who understand? / Is their wisdom spent?
- Jer. 49:23 Concerning Damascus: / Hamath and Arpad are put to shame / Because they have heard an evil report. / They melt; anxiety is on the sea; / It cannot be quiet.
- Jer. 49:28 Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon struck down: Thus says Jehovah: Arise, go up against Kedar, / And destroy the children of the east.
- Jer. 49:34 The word of Jehovah which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the king of Judah, saying,
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- Jer. 50:3 For a nation has come up against her from the north; / It will make her land a waste, / And there will be no inhabitant in it; / Both man and beast have fled; they are gone away.
- Jer. 50:4 In those days and at that time, declares Jehovah, / The children of Israel will come, / Both they and the children of Judah together; / They will go along with weeping as they go, / And they will seek Jehovah their God.
- Jer. 50:5 They will ask for the way to Zion / With their faces toward it, saying: / Come and let us join ourselves to Jehovah / In an eternal covenant that will not be forgotten.
- Jer. 50:6 My people are lost sheep; / Their shepherds have led them astray; / They have made them turn aside on the mountains; / They have gone from mountain to hill; / They have forgotten their resting place.

Jer. 50:7 All who found them have devoured them, / And their adversaries have said, We are not guilty, / Because they have sinned against Jehovah, / The habitation of righteousness, / Even Jehovah, the hope of their fathers.

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Jer. 50:17 Israel is a scattered sheep; / Lions have driven him away. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and last this Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has gnawed his bones.

Jer. 50:18 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria.

Jer. 50:19 And I will bring Israel back to his habitation, / And he will feed on Carmel and Bashan, / And in the hill country of Ephraim and in Gilead / His soul will be satisfied.

Jer. 50:20 In those days and at that time, declares Jehovah, / The iniquity of Israel will be sought, but there will be none; / And the sin of Judah, but it will not be found; / For I will forgive those whom I will leave as a remnant.

Jer. 50:21 Go up against her, against the land of Merathaim / And against the inhabitants of Pekod. / Desolate and utterly destroy them, declares Jehovah, / And do according to all that I commanded you.

Jer. 50:22 The sound of war is in the land, / And great destruction.

Jer. 50:23 How the hammer of the whole earth / Is cut down and broken! / How Babylon has become an astonishment / Among the nations!

Jer. 50:24 I have set a snare for you, and you also have been taken captive, / O Babylon, and you did not know; / You were found, and you also were seized, / Because you engaged in war with Jehovah.

Jer. 50:25 Jehovah has opened His armory / And has brought out the weapons of His wrath, / For this is the work of the Lord Jehovah of hosts / Against the land of the Chaldeans.

Jer. 50:26 Come against her from every side; / Open her granaries. / Pile her up like heaps; / Destroy her utterly; / Let nothing of her remain.

Jer. 50:27 Slay all her oxen; / Let them go down to slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come, / The time of their punishment.

Jer. 50:28 There is a sound of those who flee and escape / From the land of Babylon, / To declare in Zion / The vengeance of Jehovah our God, / The vengeance for His temple.

Jer. 50:29 Summon archers against Babylon, / All those who bend the bow. / Encamp against her all around; / Let there be no escape. / Recompense her according to her work; /

- According to all that she has done, so do to her. / For she has acted proudly against Jehovah, / Against the Holy One of Israel.
- Jer. 50:30 Therefore her young men will fall in her open squares, / And all her men of war will be silenced in that day, / Declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:31 Indeed, I am against you, O Pride, / Declares the Lord Jehovah of hosts; / For your day has come, / The time that I punish you.
- Jer. 50:32 And Pride will stumble and fall, / And there will be no one to raise him up. / And I will kindle a fire in his cities, / And it will devour all that is around him.
- Jer. 50:33 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The children of Israel / And the children of Judah are oppressed together; / And all who took them captive held them fast; / They refused to let them go.
- Jer. 50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; / Jehovah of hosts is His name. / He will surely plead their cause, / That He may give rest to the land / But trouble to the inhabitants of Babylon.
- Jer. 50:35 The sword is against the Chaldeans, declares Jehovah, / And against the inhabitants of Babylon / And against her princes and against her wise men.
- Jer. 50:36 The sword is against the liars, and they will become fools; / The sword is against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed.
- Jer. 50:37 The sword is against their horses and against their chariots / And against all the mingled people who are in her midst, / And they will become like women. / The sword is against her treasuries, / And they will be plundered.
- Jer. 50:38 Drought is upon her waters, / And they will dry up; / For it is a land of graven images, / And they are mad over terrifying idols.
- Jer. 50:39 Therefore desert animals will dwell there with hyenas, / And ostriches will dwell in her. / It will not be inhabited forever; / It will not be dwelt in from generation to generation.
- Jer. 50:40 As when God overthrew Sodom / And Gomorrah with its neighbors, / Declares Jehovah, / So no one will dwell there; / Nor will a son of man sojourn in it.
- Jer. 50:41 A people is now coming from the north, / And a great nation and many kings / Are stirring from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- Jer. 50:42 They grasp bow and spear; / They are cruel and have no mercy. / Their voice roars like the sea, / And they ride upon horses, / Set in array as a man for battle / Against you, O daughter of Babylon.
- Jer. 50:43 The king of Babylon has heard the report about them, / And his hands are feeble; / Distress has seized him, / Pain like a woman in childbirth.
- Jer. 50:44 Indeed, one will come up like a lion / From the majesty of the Jordan against a secure habitation; / For I will suddenly make them run away from her; / And whoever is chosen I will appoint over her. / For who is like Me? And who can appoint Me a time? / And who is that shepherd who can stand before Me?
- Jer. 50:45 Therefore hear the counsel of Jehovah, / Which He purposed against Babylon, / And His thoughts, which He has thought / Against the land of the Chaldeans: / Surely they will drag them off, the little ones of the flock; / Surely He will make their habitation a desolation because of them.
- Jer. 50:46 At the sound of Babylon being seized / The earth trembles, / And a cry is heard among the nations.
- Jer. 51:1 Thus says Jehovah, I will stir up against Babylon and against the inhabitants of Leb-kamai / A destroying wind.
- Jer. 51:2 And I will send strangers against Babylon, and they will winnow her, / And they will empty her land / When they come against her from every side / In the evil day.
- Jer. 51:3 Against him who bends, let the archer bend his bow, / And against him who stands up in his armor; / And do not spare her young men, / But utterly destroy all her army.
- Jer. 51:4 And they will fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans / And pierced through in her streets.
- Jer. 51:5 For neither Israel nor Judah is forsaken / By his God, by Jehovah of hosts; / But their land is full of guilt / Against the Holy One of Israel.

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- Jer. 51:11 Polish the arrows, / Take up the shields. Jehovah has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes, because His purpose is against Babylon, to destroy her; for this is the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance for His temple.
- Jer. 51:12 Lift up a standard against the walls of Babylon; / Make the watch strong. / Set the watchmen; / Prepare the ambushers; / For Jehovah has both purposed and done / What He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.
- Jer. 51:13 O you who dwell by many waters, / Abundant in treasures, / Your end has come, / The measure of your unjust gain.
- Jer. 51:14 Jehovah of hosts has sworn by Himself, / I will surely fill you with men like locusts, / And they will raise a shout of victory over you.
- Jer. 51:15 It is He who made the earth by His power, / Who established the world by His wisdom, / And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.
- Jer. 51:16 When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, / And He causes the vapors to rise from the ends of the earth; / He makes lightning for the rain / And brings forth wind from His treasuries.
- Jer. 51:17 Every man is stupid, without knowledge; / Every goldsmith is put to shame by his idol; / For his molten image is falsehood, / And there is no breath in them.
- Jer. 51:18 They are vanity, the work of delusion; / At the time of their punishment they will perish.
- Jer. 51:19 The Portion of Jacob is not like these; / For He is the One who formed everything, / And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; / Jehovah of hosts is His name.
- Jer. 51:20 He says, You are My hammer, / My weapons of war; / And with you I will shatter nations, / And with you I will destroy kingdoms,
- Jer. 51:21 And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider, / And with you I will shatter the chariot and its rider,
- Jer. 51:22 And with you I will shatter man and woman, / And with you I will shatter old man and young, / And with you I will shatter young man and virgin,
- Jer. 51:23 And with you I will shatter the shepherd and his flock, / And with you I will shatter the farmer and his yoke of oxen, / And with you I will shatter governors and officials.
- Jer. 51:24 And I will repay Babylon / And all the inhabitants of Chaldea / With all their evil which they have done / In Zion before your eyes, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:25 Indeed, I am against you, O mountain of destruction, / Declares Jehovah, / Which destroys the whole earth; / And I will stretch out My hand upon you / And roll you down from the rocks / And make you a burning mountain.
- Jer. 51:26 And they will not take from you a stone for the corner / Or a stone for the foundations; / For you will be an eternal desolation, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:27 Lift up a standard in the land; / Blow a trumpet among the nations; / Prepare the nations against her; / Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; / Appoint an officer against her; / Bring up the horses like terrifying locusts.
- Jer. 51:28 Prepare the nations against her, / The kings of the Medes, / Their governors and all their officials, / And all the land of their dominion.

Jer. 51:29 And the land trembles and writhes, / For the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon stand, / To make the land of Babylon a waste, / Without inhabitant.

Jer. 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting; / They remain in strongholds; / Their might has failed; they have become like women. / Her dwellings are on fire; her bars are broken.

Jer. 51:31 Runner runs to meet runner, / And messenger to meet messenger, / To announce to the king of Babylon / That his city has been captured from end to end.

Jer. 51:32 And the crossing places have been seized, / And they burn the marshes with fire, / And the men of war are terrified.

Jer. 51:33 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, / The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor / At the time when it is trodden; / Yet a little while and the time of harvest will come to her.

Jer. 51:34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; / He has crushed me; / He has made me an empty vessel; / He has swallowed me up like a dragon; / He has filled his stomach with my delicacies; / He has washed me out.

Jer. 51:35 The violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon! / The inhabitant of Zion will say; / And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea! / Jerusalem will say.

Jer. 51:36 Therefore thus says Jehovah, / I will indeed plead your cause / And execute vengeance for you; / And I will dry up her sea / And make her fountain dry.

Jer. 51:37 And Babylon will become a heap of ruins, / A habitation of jackals, / An astonishment and a hissing, / Without inhabitant.

Jer. 51:38 They will roar together like young lions; / They will growl like lions' whelps.

Jer. 51:39 When they are inflamed, I will set out their drink; / And I will make them drunk, that they may be merry / And sleep an eternal sleep / And not wake up, declares Jehovah.

Jer. 51:40 And I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, / Like rams with male goats.

Jer. 51:41 How Sheshach has been captured, / And the praise of all the earth seized! / How Babylon has become an astonishment / Among the nations!

Jer. 51:42 The sea has come up over Babylon; / She is covered with the multitude of its waves.

Jer. 51:43 Her cities have become a waste, / A dry land and a desert, / A land in which no one dwells, / Through which no person passes.

Jer. 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon / And bring what he has swallowed out of his mouth; / And the nations will not stream unto him any longer; / Even the wall of Babylon will fall down.

Jer. 51:45 Come out from the midst of her, My people, / And let each man save his life / From the burning anger of Jehovah.

Jer. 51:46 And lest your heart faint / And you become afraid at the report that will be heard in the land— / For the report will come in one year; / And after that a report in another year / And violence in the earth, / Ruler against ruler—

Jer. 51:47 Therefore indeed, days are coming, / When I will punish the idols of Babylon; / And her whole land will be put to shame, / And all her slain will fall in her midst.

Jer. 51:48 And the heavens and the earth and all which is in them / Will give a ringing shout over Babylon; / For out of the north the destroyers will come against her, / Declares Jehovah.

Jer. 51:49 Babylon is also to fall for the slain of Israel, / As the slain of all the earth have fallen for Babylon.

Jer. 51:50 You who have escaped the sword, / Go and do not stand still; / Remember Jehovah from afar, / And let Jerusalem come up in your heart.

Jer. 51:51 We have been put to shame, for we have heard reproach; / Disgrace has covered our faces; / For strangers have come / Into the holy places of the house of Jehovah.

Jer. 51:52 Therefore indeed, days are coming, / Declares Jehovah, / When I will punish her idols, / And throughout her land the wounded will groan.

Jer. 51:53 Though Babylon mount up to the heavens, / And though she fortify the height of her strength, / Destroyers will come from Me to her, / Declares Jehovah.

- Jer. 51:54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, / And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!
- Jer. 51:55 For Jehovah is destroying Babylon, / And He will cause the loud voice to perish from her. / And their waves roar like many waters; / The noise of their voice is raised.
- Jer. 51:56 For a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon, / And her mighty men are taken captive; / Their bows are broken into pieces; / For Jehovah is a God of recompense; / He will repay in full.
- Jer. 51:57 And I will make her princes and her wise men drunk, / Her governors and her officials and her mighty men; / And they will sleep an eternal sleep / And not wake up, declares the King, / Whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- Jer. 51:58 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The broad walls of Babylon will be utterly laid bare; / Her high gates will be burned with fire. / So the peoples will have labored in vain; / And the nations, only for fire; and they will have wearied themselves.
- Jer. 51:59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (Now Seraiah was quartermaster.)
- Jer. 51:60 And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon.
- Jer. 51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words;
- Jer. 51:62 And say, O Jehovah, You have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, so that nothing should dwell in it, neither man nor animal, for it will be an eternal desolation.
- Jer. 51:63 And as soon as you have finished reading this book, you shall bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates,
- Jer. 51:64 And say, Thus Babylon will sink and will not rise up because of the evil which I will bring upon it, and they will weary themselves. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

1. This indicates that, in God's view, the world is first Egyptian and then Babylonian.

2. According to the picture in the book of Jeremiah, the last nation to be judged is Babylon; when God judges Babylon, His judgment of the nations will be complete.

B. For the accomplishment of God's economy, the church, God's New Testament elect, must be separated from the world in all its aspects—John 17:14, 16; Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15-17.

John 17:14 I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

II. Jeremiah 46:2-28 speaks concerning God's judgment on Egypt:

Jer. 46:2 Concerning Egypt: Concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco, the king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon struck down in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah:

Jer. 46:3 Prepare the buckler and shield, / And draw near to battle.

Jer. 46:4 Harness the horses, / And mount the steeds; / And take your stand with helmets on; / Polish the spears; / Put on the armor.

- Jer. 46:5 Why have I seen it? / They are dismayed; / They are turning backward; / And their mighty men are crushed and flee in hasty flight, / And they do not look back; terror is on every side, / Declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 46:6 Let not the swift one flee away / And the mighty man escape; / In the north by the river Euphrates / They have stumbled and fallen.
- Jer. 46:7 Who is this who rises up like the Nile, / Like rivers whose waters surge?
- Jer. 46:8 Egypt rises up like the Nile, / Even like rivers whose waters surge. / And he says, I will rise up and will cover the land; / I will destroy the city and the inhabitants in it.
- Jer. 46:9 Go up, O horses, / And drive furiously, O chariots; / And let the mighty men go forth: / Cush and Put, who handle the shield, / And the Ludim, who handle and bend the bow.
- Jer. 46:10 For this day belongs to the Lord Jehovah of hosts, / A day of vengeance to avenge Himself on His adversaries; / And the sword will devour and be satisfied, / And it will drink its fill of their blood; / For there is a sacrifice to the Lord Jehovah of hosts / In the land of the north by the river Euphrates.
- Jer. 46:11 Go up to Gilead and take balm, / O virgin daughter of Egypt. / In vain you have used many medicines—/ There is no healing for you.
- Jer. 46:12 The nations have heard of your disgrace, / And your cry has filled the earth; / For mighty man has stumbled against mighty man; / Both of them have fallen together.
- Jer. 46:13 The word which Jehovah spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon to strike the land of Egypt:
- Jer. 46:14 Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol; / Proclaim also in Memphis and in Tahpanhes. / Say, Take your stand, and prepare yourself; / For the sword has devoured all around you.
- Jer. 46:15 Why are your mighty men prostrate? / He does not stand, because Jehovah has cast him down.
- Jer. 46:16 He made many stumble; / A man even fell against his neighbor; / And they said, Arise and let us return / To our own people and to the land of our birth, / Away from the sword of the oppressor.
- Jer. 46:17 There they cried, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, is but a noise; / He has let the appointed time pass by.
- Jer. 46:18 As I live, says the King, / Whose name is Jehovah of hosts, / Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, / And Carmel is by the sea, so he will come.
- Jer. 46:19 Prepare for yourself baggage for captivity, / O inhabitant, O daughter of Egypt; / For Memphis will become a waste, / And it will be burned, without inhabitant.
- Jer. 46:20 Egypt is a beautiful heifer; / A gadfly from the north has come on her.
- Jer. 46:21 Also her hired men in her midst / Are like fattened calves. / But they have also turned back; / They have fled together; they did not stand. / For the day of their calamity has come on them, / The time of their punishment.
- Jer. 46:22 Her sound is like that of a serpent going away; / For they go forth in force, / And with axes they come against her, / Like those who fell trees.
- Jer. 46:23 They will cut down her forest, declares Jehovah, / Although it is impenetrable; / For they are more numerous than locusts / And are without number.
- Jer. 46:24 The daughter of Egypt is put to shame; / She is given into the hand of a people from the north.
- Jer. 46:25 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, says, I will punish Amon of No and Pharaoh and Egypt and her gods and her kings, even Pharaoh and those who trust in him.
- Jer. 46:26 And I will give them into the hand of those who seek their life, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon and into the hand of his servants; and afterward she will be inhabited as in the days of old, declares Jehovah.

Jer. 46:27 But as for you, O Jacob My servant, do not fear; / And do not be dismayed, O Israel. / For indeed I will save you from afar / And your seed from the land of their captivity; / And Jacob will return and be undisturbed / And at ease, and no one will frighten him.

Jer. 46:28 As for you, O Jacob My servant, do not fear, declares Jehovah, / For I am with you; / For I will make a full end of all the nations / To which I have driven you; / Yet I will not make a full end of you, / But will correct you in measure / And will by no means leave you unpunished.

A. Egypt typifies the world of making a living and of enjoyment, with which Satan, the ruler of the world, typified by Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, occupies and usurps the people chosen by God for His economy—Gen. 12:10; 41:57—42:3; Num. 11:4-6; Heb. 11:25; John 12:31:

Gen. 12:10 And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Gen. 41:57 And all the earth came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

Gen. 42:1 Now when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, Why do you keep looking at one another?

Gen. 42:2 And he said, I have now heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there, and buy grain for us from there, that we may live and not die.

Gen. 42:3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

Num. 11:4 And the mixed multitude that was among them lusted exceedingly; and the children of Israel also wept again and said, Who shall give us meat to eat?

Num. 11:5 We remember the fish which we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic;

Num. 11:6 But now our appetite has gone; there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.

Heb. 11:25 Choosing rather to be ill-treated with the people of God than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin,

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

1. The nation of Egypt signifies the kingdom of darkness, the authority of darkness—Col. 1:13; Matt. 12:26.

Col. 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Matt. 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

2. The world is not a source of enjoyment; it is a place of tyranny, and every aspect of the world is a form of tyranny—Gal. 4:8.

Gal. 4:8 However at that time, not knowing God, you were slaves to the gods which by nature are not gods;

3. In the world Satan is keeping God's chosen people, those destined for the fulfillment of God's purpose, under his usurping hand—Eph. 2:2; Luke 13:11-12:

Eph. 2:2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

Luke 13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and she was bent double and could not stand erect at all.

Luke 13:12 And Jesus, seeing her, called her to Him and said to her, Woman, you are released from your infirmity.

a. To exist is one thing, but to exist for the divine purpose is another thing—Rom. 8:28; Eph. 1:11; 3:11; 2 Tim. 1:9.

- Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
- Eph. 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
- Eph. 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- 2 Tim. 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

b. Satan has usurped people so that they care only for their existence, not for God's purpose in their existence—Matt. 6:25, 31-33.

- Matt. 6:25 Because of this, I say to you, Do not be anxious for your life, what you should eat or what you should drink; nor for your body, what you should put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than clothing?
- Matt. 6:31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed?
- Matt. 6:32 For all these things the Gentiles are anxiously seeking. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- Matt. 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

4. One aspect of God's purpose in calling us is to use us to bring others out of the usurpation and tyranny of Satan and the world—Acts 26:18; Eph. 3:9.

- Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.
- Eph. 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

B. The world is an evil system arranged systematically by Satan—1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4:

- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

1. God created man to live on the earth for the fulfillment of His purpose, but His enemy, Satan, in order to usurp the God-created man, formed an anti-God world system on this earth by systematizing people with culture, education, industry, commerce, entertainment, and religion—Eph. 3:11; Gen. 1:26-28; 2:8-9; 4:16-24.

- Eph. 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen. 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- Gen. 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there He put the man whom He had formed.
- Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Gen. 4:16 And Cain went forth from the presence of Jehovah and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
- Gen. 4:17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch.
- Gen. 4:18 And Irad was born to Enoch, and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.
- Gen. 4:19 And Lamech took two wives for himself: The name of the first was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah.
- Gen. 4:20 And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise cattle.
- Gen. 4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.
- Gen. 4:22 And Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
- Gen. 4:23 And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice; / O wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech; / For I have slain a man for wounding me, / Even a young man for striking me.
- Gen. 4:24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold, / Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.

2. All the things on the earth, especially those related to mankind, and all the things in the air have been systematized by Satan into his kingdom of darkness to occupy people and frustrate them from accomplishing the purpose of God and to distract them from the enjoyment of God—1 John 2:15-17.

- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

3. The world is against God the Father, the things in the world are against the will of God, and those who love the world are enemies of God—vv. 15-17; James 4:4.

- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

4. “The whole world,” the satanic system, “lies in the evil one”—1 John 5:19:

- 1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

- a. The whole world comprises the satanic world system and the people of the world, the

fallen human race.

- b. Lies means remaining passively in the sphere of the evil one's usurpation and manipulation; the whole world and the people of the world are lying passively under the usurping and manipulating hand of Satan, the evil one.
- c. The Greek word rendered "evil" in 1 John 5:19 refers to one who is pernicious, harmfully evil, one who affects others, influencing them to be evil and vicious; such an evil one is Satan, the devil, in whom the whole world lies.

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

- 5. Satan is utilizing the material world and the things that are in the world to eventually head everything up in the kingdom of Antichrist; at that hour the world system will have reached its zenith, and every unit of it will be revealed to be anti-Christian—2 Thes. 2:3-12.

- 2 Thes. 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,
- 2 Thes. 2:4 Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or an object of worship, so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself forth, saying that he is God.
- 2 Thes. 2:5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I said these things to you?
- 2 Thes. 2:6 And now you know that which restrains, so that he might be revealed in his own time.
- 2 Thes. 2:7 For it is the mystery of lawlessness that is now operating, but only until the one now restraining goes out of the way.
- 2 Thes. 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of His coming),
- 2 Thes. 2:9 The coming of whom is according to Satan's operation in all power and signs and wonders of a lie
- 2 Thes. 2:10 And in all deceit of unrighteousness among those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved.
- 2 Thes. 2:11 And because of this God sends to them an operation of error that they might believe the lie,
- 2 Thes. 2:12 So that all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in unrighteousness might be judged.

- 6. Satan's evil world system, the kingdom of darkness, was judged through Christ's work on the cross—John 12:31-32; 16:11:

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.

John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

- a. Through His death on the cross in the likeness of the flesh of sin, the Lord destroyed Satan, who is in man's flesh—Rom. 8:3; Heb. 2:14.

Rom. 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

- b. By judging Satan in this way, the Lord also judged the world, which is hanging on Satan—John 16:11.

John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

- c. The Lord's being lifted up on the cross caused the world to be judged and its ruler, Satan, to be cast out—12:31-32.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.

III. Jeremiah 50 and 51 speak concerning God's judgment on Babylon:

- Jer. 50:1 The word which Jehovah spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:
- Jer. 50:2 Declare among the nations and proclaim; / Lift up a banner, proclaim it. / Do not conceal it, but say, / Babylon is captured; / Bel is put to shame; / Merodach is shattered; / Her images are put to shame; / Her idols are dismayed.
- Jer. 50:3 For a nation has come up against her from the north; / It will make her land a waste, / And there will be no inhabitant in it; / Both man and beast have fled; they are gone away.
- Jer. 50:4 In those days and at that time, declares Jehovah, / The children of Israel will come, / Both they and the children of Judah together; / They will go along with weeping as they go, / And they will seek Jehovah their God.
- Jer. 50:5 They will ask for the way to Zion / With their faces toward it, saying: / Come and let us join ourselves to Jehovah / In an eternal covenant that will not be forgotten.
- Jer. 50:6 My people are lost sheep; / Their shepherds have led them astray; / They have made them turn aside on the mountains; / They have gone from mountain to hill; / They have forgotten their resting place.
- Jer. 50:7 All who found them have devoured them, / And their adversaries have said, We are not guilty, / Because they have sinned against Jehovah, / The habitation of righteousness, / Even Jehovah, the hope of their fathers.
- Jer. 50:8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, / And go out from the land of the Chaldeans, / And be as male goats / Before the flock.
- Jer. 50:9 For I am about to stir up and bring up against Babylon / An assembly of great nations from the land of the north; / And they will set themselves in array against her, / And she will be taken captive from there. / Their arrows will be like those of an expert mighty man; / None will return empty-handed.
- Jer. 50:10 And Chaldea will become spoil; / All those who spoil her will be satisfied, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:11 Because you rejoiced, because you exulted, / O you who plunder My inheritance, / Because you spring about as a threshing heifer, / And you neigh like stallions,
- Jer. 50:12 Your mother has been greatly ashamed; / She who bore you has become a reproach: / Indeed, she has become the last of the nations, / A wilderness, a dry land and a desert.
- Jer. 50:13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah she will not be inhabited, / But she will become a complete desolation; / For every one who passes by Babylon will be astonished / And will hiss at all her wounds.
- Jer. 50:14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, / All those who bend the bow; / Shoot at her; spare no arrow; / Because she has sinned against Jehovah;
- Jer. 50:15 Raise a shout against her all around. / She has surrendered; her buttresses have fallen, / Her walls have been torn down; / For this is the vengeance of Jehovah: / Take vengeance on her; / As she has done, so do to her.
- Jer. 50:16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, / And the one who handles a sickle in the time of harvest; / Because of the sword of the oppressor / Each one will turn to his people, / And each one flee to his own land.
- Jer. 50:17 Israel is a scattered sheep; / Lions have driven him away. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and last this Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has gnawed his bones.

- Jer. 50:18 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria.
- Jer. 50:19 And I will bring Israel back to his habitation, / And he will feed on Carmel and Bashan, / And in the hill country of Ephraim and in Gilead / His soul will be satisfied.
- Jer. 50:20 In those days and at that time, declares Jehovah, / The iniquity of Israel will be sought, but there will be none; / And the sin of Judah, but it will not be found; / For I will forgive those whom I will leave as a remnant.
- Jer. 50:21 Go up against her, against the land of Merathaim / And against the inhabitants of Pekod. / Desolate and utterly destroy them, declares Jehovah, / And do according to all that I commanded you.
- Jer. 50:22 The sound of war is in the land, / And great destruction.
- Jer. 50:23 How the hammer of the whole earth / Is cut down and broken! / How Babylon has become an astonishment / Among the nations!
- Jer. 50:24 I have set a snare for you, and you also have been taken captive, / O Babylon, and you did not know; / You were found, and you also were seized, / Because you engaged in war with Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:25 Jehovah has opened His armory / And has brought out the weapons of His wrath, / For this is the work of the Lord Jehovah of hosts / Against the land of the Chaldeans.
- Jer. 50:26 Come against her from every side; / Open her granaries. / Pile her up like heaps; / Destroy her utterly; / Let nothing of her remain.
- Jer. 50:27 Slay all her oxen; / Let them go down to slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come, / The time of their punishment.
- Jer. 50:28 There is a sound of those who flee and escape / From the land of Babylon, / To declare in Zion / The vengeance of Jehovah our God, / The vengeance for His temple.
- Jer. 50:29 Summon archers against Babylon, / All those who bend the bow. / Encamp against her all around; / Let there be no escape. / Recompense her according to her work; / According to all that she has done, so do to her. / For she has acted proudly against Jehovah, / Against the Holy One of Israel.
- Jer. 50:30 Therefore her young men will fall in her open squares, / And all her men of war will be silenced in that day, / Declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:31 Indeed, I am against you, O Pride, / Declares the Lord Jehovah of hosts; / For your day has come, / The time that I punish you.
- Jer. 50:32 And Pride will stumble and fall, / And there will be no one to raise him up. / And I will kindle a fire in his cities, / And it will devour all that is around him.
- Jer. 50:33 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The children of Israel / And the children of Judah are oppressed together; / And all who took them captive held them fast; / They refused to let them go.
- Jer. 50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; / Jehovah of hosts is His name. / He will surely plead their cause, / That He may give rest to the land / But trouble to the inhabitants of Babylon.
- Jer. 50:35 The sword is against the Chaldeans, declares Jehovah, / And against the inhabitants of Babylon / And against her princes and against her wise men.
- Jer. 50:36 The sword is against the liars, and they will become fools; / The sword is against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed.
- Jer. 50:37 The sword is against their horses and against their chariots / And against all the mingled people who are in her midst, / And they will become like women. / The sword is against her treasures, / And they will be plundered.
- Jer. 50:38 Drought is upon her waters, / And they will dry up; / For it is a land of graven images, / And they are mad over terrifying idols.
- Jer. 50:39 Therefore desert animals will dwell there with hyenas, / And ostriches will dwell in her. / It

- will not be inhabited forever; / It will not be dwelt in from generation to generation.
- Jer. 50:40 As when God overthrew Sodom / And Gomorrah with its neighbors, / Declares Jehovah, / So no one will dwell there; / Nor will a son of man sojourn in it.
- Jer. 50:41 A people is now coming from the north, / And a great nation and many kings / Are stirring from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- Jer. 50:42 They grasp bow and spear; / They are cruel and have no mercy. / Their voice roars like the sea, / And they ride upon horses, / Set in array as a man for battle / Against you, O daughter of Babylon.
- Jer. 50:43 The king of Babylon has heard the report about them, / And his hands are feeble; / Distress has seized him, / Pain like a woman in childbirth.
- Jer. 50:44 Indeed, one will come up like a lion / From the majesty of the Jordan against a secure habitation; / For I will suddenly make them run away from her; / And whoever is chosen I will appoint over her. / For who is like Me? And who can appoint Me a time? / And who is that shepherd who can stand before Me?
- Jer. 50:45 Therefore hear the counsel of Jehovah, / Which He purposed against Babylon, / And His thoughts, which He has thought / Against the land of the Chaldeans: / Surely they will drag them off, the little ones of the flock; / Surely He will make their habitation a desolation because of them.
- Jer. 50:46 At the sound of Babylon being seized / The earth trembles, / And a cry is heard among the nations.
- Jer. 51:1 Thus says Jehovah, I will stir up against Babylon and against the inhabitants of Leb-kamai / A destroying wind.
- Jer. 51:2 And I will send strangers against Babylon, and they will winnow her, / And they will empty her land / When they come against her from every side / In the evil day.
- Jer. 51:3 Against him who bends, let the archer bend his bow, / And against him who stands up in his armor; / And do not spare her young men, / But utterly destroy all her army.
- Jer. 51:4 And they will fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans / And pierced through in her streets.
- Jer. 51:5 For neither Israel nor Judah is forsaken / By his God, by Jehovah of hosts; / But their land is full of guilt / Against the Holy One of Israel.
- Jer. 51:6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, / And let each man save his life; / Do not be cut off in her iniquity; / For this is a time of vengeance to Jehovah; / He will give full recompense to her.
- Jer. 51:7 Babylon has been a golden cup in Jehovah's hand / That has made all the earth drunk. / The nations have drunk of her wine; / Therefore the nations have become mad.
- Jer. 51:8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and become broken; / Howl over her; / Take balm for her pain, / If perhaps she may be healed.
- Jer. 51:9 We tried to heal Babylon, but she is not healed; / Forsake her, and let each one of us go to his own land; / For her judgment has reached to heaven / And has been lifted up to the clouds.
- Jer. 51:10 Jehovah has brought forth our righteousnesses; / Come and let us relate in Zion / The work of Jehovah our God.
- Jer. 51:11 Polish the arrows, / Take up the shields. Jehovah has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes, because His purpose is against Babylon, to destroy her; for this is the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance for His temple.
- Jer. 51:12 Lift up a standard against the walls of Babylon; / Make the watch strong. / Set the watchmen; / Prepare the ambushers; / For Jehovah has both purposed and done / What He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.
- Jer. 51:13 O you who dwell by many waters, / Abundant in treasures, / Your end has come, / The measure of your unjust gain.

- Jer. 51:14 Jehovah of hosts has sworn by Himself, / I will surely fill you with men like locusts, / And they will raise a shout of victory over you.
- Jer. 51:15 It is He who made the earth by His power, / Who established the world by His wisdom, / And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.
- Jer. 51:16 When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, / And He causes the vapors to rise from the ends of the earth; / He makes lightning for the rain / And brings forth wind from His treasures.
- Jer. 51:17 Every man is stupid, without knowledge; / Every goldsmith is put to shame by his idol; / For his molten image is falsehood, / And there is no breath in them.
- Jer. 51:18 They are vanity, the work of delusion; / At the time of their punishment they will perish.
- Jer. 51:19 The Portion of Jacob is not like these; / For He is the One who formed everything, / And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; / Jehovah of hosts is His name.
- Jer. 51:20 He says, You are My hammer, / My weapons of war; / And with you I will shatter nations, / And with you I will destroy kingdoms,
- Jer. 51:21 And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider, / And with you I will shatter the chariot and its rider,
- Jer. 51:22 And with you I will shatter man and woman, / And with you I will shatter old man and young, / And with you I will shatter young man and virgin,
- Jer. 51:23 And with you I will shatter the shepherd and his flock, / And with you I will shatter the farmer and his yoke of oxen, / And with you I will shatter governors and officials.
- Jer. 51:24 And I will repay Babylon / And all the inhabitants of Chaldea / With all their evil which they have done / In Zion before your eyes, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:25 Indeed, I am against you, O mountain of destruction, / Declares Jehovah, / Which destroys the whole earth; / And I will stretch out My hand upon you / And roll you down from the rocks / And make you a burning mountain.
- Jer. 51:26 And they will not take from you a stone for the corner / Or a stone for the foundations; / For you will be an eternal desolation, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:27 Lift up a standard in the land; / Blow a trumpet among the nations; / Prepare the nations against her; / Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; / Appoint an officer against her; / Bring up the horses like terrifying locusts.
- Jer. 51:28 Prepare the nations against her, / The kings of the Medes, / Their governors and all their officials, / And all the land of their dominion.
- Jer. 51:29 And the land trembles and writhes, / For the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon stand, / To make the land of Babylon a waste, / Without inhabitant.
- Jer. 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting; / They remain in strongholds; / Their might has failed; they have become like women. / Her dwellings are on fire; her bars are broken.
- Jer. 51:31 Runner runs to meet runner, / And messenger to meet messenger, / To announce to the king of Babylon / That his city has been captured from end to end.
- Jer. 51:32 And the crossing places have been seized, / And they burn the marshes with fire, / And the men of war are terrified.
- Jer. 51:33 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, / The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor / At the time when it is trodden; / Yet a little while and the time of harvest will come to her.
- Jer. 51:34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; / He has crushed me; / He has made me an empty vessel; / He has swallowed me up like a dragon; / He has filled his stomach with my delicacies; / He has washed me out.
- Jer. 51:35 The violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon! / The inhabitant of Zion will say; /

- And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea! / Jerusalem will say.
- Jer. 51:36 Therefore thus says Jehovah, / I will indeed plead your cause / And execute vengeance for you; / And I will dry up her sea / And make her fountain dry.
- Jer. 51:37 And Babylon will become a heap of ruins, / A habitation of jackals, / An astonishment and a hissing, / Without inhabitant.
- Jer. 51:38 They will roar together like young lions; / They will growl like lions' whelps.
- Jer. 51:39 When they are inflamed, I will set out their drink; / And I will make them drunk, that they may be merry / And sleep an eternal sleep / And not wake up, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:40 And I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, / Like rams with male goats.
- Jer. 51:41 How Sheshach has been captured, / And the praise of all the earth seized! / How Babylon has become an astonishment / Among the nations!
- Jer. 51:42 The sea has come up over Babylon; / She is covered with the multitude of its waves.
- Jer. 51:43 Her cities have become a waste, / A dry land and a desert, / A land in which no one dwells, / Through which no person passes.
- Jer. 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon / And bring what he has swallowed out of his mouth; / And the nations will not stream unto him any longer; / Even the wall of Babylon will fall down.
- Jer. 51:45 Come out from the midst of her, My people, / And let each man save his life / From the burning anger of Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:46 And lest your heart faint / And you become afraid at the report that will be heard in the land— / For the report will come in one year; / And after that a report in another year / And violence in the earth, / Ruler against ruler—
- Jer. 51:47 Therefore indeed, days are coming, / When I will punish the idols of Babylon; / And her whole land will be put to shame, / And all her slain will fall in her midst.
- Jer. 51:48 And the heavens and the earth and all which is in them / Will give a ringing shout over Babylon; / For out of the north the destroyers will come against her, / Declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:49 Babylon is also to fall for the slain of Israel, / As the slain of all the earth have fallen for Babylon.
- Jer. 51:50 You who have escaped the sword, / Go and do not stand still; / Remember Jehovah from afar, / And let Jerusalem come up in your heart.
- Jer. 51:51 We have been put to shame, for we have heard reproach; / Disgrace has covered our faces; / For strangers have come / Into the holy places of the house of Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:52 Therefore indeed, days are coming, / Declares Jehovah, / When I will punish her idols, / And throughout her land the wounded will groan.
- Jer. 51:53 Though Babylon mount up to the heavens, / And though she fortify the height of her strength, / Destroyers will come from Me to her, / Declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, / And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!
- Jer. 51:55 For Jehovah is destroying Babylon, / And He will cause the loud voice to perish from her. / And their waves roar like many waters; / The noise of their voice is raised.
- Jer. 51:56 For a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon, / And her mighty men are taken captive; / Their bows are broken into pieces; / For Jehovah is a God of recompense; / He will repay in full.
- Jer. 51:57 And I will make her princes and her wise men drunk, / Her governors and her officials and her mighty men; / And they will sleep an eternal sleep / And not wake up, declares the King, / Whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- Jer. 51:58 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The broad walls of Babylon will be utterly laid bare; / Her high gates will be burned with fire. / So the peoples will have labored in vain; / And the nations, only for fire; and they will have wearied themselves.
- Jer. 51:59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of

Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (Now Seraiah was quartermaster.)

Jer. 51:60 And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon.

Jer. 51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words;

Jer. 51:62 And say, O Jehovah, You have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, so that nothing should dwell in it, neither man nor animal, for it will be an eternal desolation.

Jer. 51:63 And as soon as you have finished reading this book, you shall bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates,

Jer. 51:64 And say, Thus Babylon will sink and will not rise up because of the evil which I will bring upon it, and they will weary themselves. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

A. Babylon began from Babel—Gen. 10:8-10:

Gen. 10:8 And Cush begot Nimrod: He began to be a mighty one on the earth.

Gen. 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before Jehovah; therefore it is said, Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before Jehovah.

Gen. 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

1. At Babel Satan caused the human race to rebel against God, to worship idols, and to exalt man's self; thus, Babel was the origin, the source, of man's rebellion against God, man's worship of idols, and human self-exaltation—11:1-9.

Gen. 11:1 And the whole earth had one language and the same speech.

Gen. 11:2 And as they journeyed east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

Gen. 11:3 And they said to one another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had tar for mortar.

Gen. 11:4 And they said, Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top is in the heavens; and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the surface of the whole earth.

Gen. 11:5 And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men had built.

Gen. 11:6 And Jehovah said, Behold, they are one people, and they all have one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and now nothing which they purpose to do will be kept from them.

Gen. 11:7 Come, let Us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Gen. 11:8 So Jehovah scattered them from there over the surface of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

Gen. 11:9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Jehovah confounded the language of all the earth, and from there Jehovah scattered them over the surface of all the earth.

2. Babel had its continuation in Babylon, which, in the sight of God, is the consummation of human government—Jer. 50:1; Dan. 2:32-34:

Jer. 50:1 The word which Jehovah spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

Dan. 2:32 Concerning this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its abdomen and its thighs of bronze,

Dan. 2:33 Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

Dan. 2:34 You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

a. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, was even identified with Satan as Satan's embodiment—Isa. 14:4, 11-15.

- Isa. 14:4 You will lift up this discourse concerning the king of Babylon and you will say:
How the oppressor has ceased! / How the raging has ceased!
- Isa. 14:11 Your majesty has been brought down to Sheol, / Even the sound of your harps. /
Beneath you maggots are spread; / Worms are your covering.
- Isa. 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, / O Daystar, son of the dawn! / How you have
been hewn down to earth, / You who made nations fall prostrate!
- Isa. 14:13 But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of
God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the
uttermost parts of the north.
- Isa. 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most
High.
- Isa. 14:15 But you will be brought down to Sheol, / To the uttermost parts of the pit.

b. Babylon destroyed God's holy city and His holy temple and carried God's holy people and the vessels of God's temple into captivity—2 Chron. 36:17-20.

- 2 Chron. 36:17 Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who
slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no
compassion on young man or virgin, on old man or feeble; He delivered them all
into his hand.
- 2 Chron. 36:18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the
treasures of the house of Jehovah and the treasures of the king and of his princes,
all these he brought to Babylon.
- 2 Chron. 36:19 And they burned down the house of God; and they broke down the wall
of Jerusalem and burned down all its palaces with fire, and all its precious vessels
were given up to destruction.
- 2 Chron. 36:20 And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, and
they became servants to him and to his sons until the reign of the kingdom of
Persia,

B. In Revelation 17 and 18 the restored Roman Empire is called Babylon the Great, which has two aspects—religious and material:

- Rev. 17:1 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying,
Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits upon the many
waters,
- Rev. 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and those who dwell on
the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- Rev. 17:3 And he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a
scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- Rev. 17:4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious
stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the unclean
things of her fornication.
- Rev. 17:5 And on her forehead there was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- Rev. 17:6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the
witnesses of Jesus. And I marveled with great marvel when I saw her.
- Rev. 17:7 And the angel said to me, Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the
woman and of the beast who bears her, who has the seven heads and the ten horns.
- Rev. 17:8 The beast that you saw was and is not and is about to come up out of the abyss and go
into perdition. And those who dwell on the earth, those whose names are not written
from the foundation of the world in the book of life, will marvel when they see the
beast, that he was and is not and will be present.

- Rev. 17:9 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are the seven mountains where the woman sits
- Rev. 17:10 And are seven kings: five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain only a short time.
- Rev. 17:11 And the beast who was and is not, he himself is also the eighth and is out of the seven and goes into perdition.
- Rev. 17:12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom but receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast.
- Rev. 17:13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast.
- Rev. 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.
- Rev. 17:15 And he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.
- Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and burn her utterly with fire.
- Rev. 17:17 For God has put it into their hearts to perform His mind and to perform one mind and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are accomplished.
- Rev. 17:18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.
- Rev. 18:1 After these things I saw another Angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illumined with His glory.
- Rev. 18:2 And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird;
- Rev. 18:3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the power of her luxury.
- Rev. 18:4 And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you do not participate in her sins and that you do not receive her plagues;
- Rev. 18:5 For her sins have accumulated up to heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteousnesses.
- Rev. 18:6 Pay her back even as she has paid, and double to her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix to her double.
- Rev. 18:7 As much as she has glorified herself and lived luxuriously, as much torment and sorrow give to her; for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and I am not a widow, and I shall by no means see sorrow.
- Rev. 18:8 Therefore in one day her plagues will come, death and sorrow and famine, and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.
- Rev. 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning,
- Rev. 18:10 Standing afar off because of fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city, for in one hour your judgment has come!
- Rev. 18:11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargo anymore:
- Rev. 18:12 Cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of thiyne wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel of most precious wood and brass and iron and marble,
- Rev. 18:13 And cinnamon and amomum and incense and ointment and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargo of horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men.
- Rev. 18:14 And the ripe fruits of your soul's lust have gone away from you, and all the sumptuous and splendid things have perished from you; and men will find them no more at all.

- Rev. 18:15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand afar off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
- Rev. 18:16 Saying, Woe, woe, the great city, which was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious stone and pearl;
- Rev. 18:17 For in one hour such great wealth has become desolate! And every ship captain and everyone sailing to a place and sailors and all who work on the sea stood afar off
- Rev. 18:18 And cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like the great city?
- Rev. 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, by which all those who have ships on the sea became rich from her wealth, for in one hour she has become desolate!
- Rev. 18:20 Be glad over her, O heaven and saints and apostles and prophets, because God has judged judgment for you upon her.
- Rev. 18:21 And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence and shall be found no more at all.
- Rev. 18:22 And the sound of harp-singers and musicians and flutists and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in you, and no craftsman of any craft shall be found anymore at all in you, and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in you,
- Rev. 18:23 And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard no more at all in you; for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.
- Rev. 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.

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- Rev. 17:6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And I marveled with great marvel when I saw her.
- Rev. 17:7 And the angel said to me, Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast who bears her, who has the seven heads and the ten horns.
- Rev. 17:8 The beast that you saw was and is not and is about to come up out of the abyss and go into perdition. And those who dwell on the earth, those whose names are not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life, will marvel when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will be present.
- Rev. 17:9 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are the seven mountains where the woman sits
- Rev. 17:10 And are seven kings: five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain only a short time.
- Rev. 17:11 And the beast who was and is not, he himself is also the eighth and is out of the seven and goes into perdition.
- Rev. 17:12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom but receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast.

- Rev. 17:13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast.
- Rev. 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.
- Rev. 17:15 And he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.
- Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and burn her utterly with fire.
- Rev. 17:17 For God has put it into their hearts to perform His mind and to perform one mind and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are accomplished.
- Rev. 17:18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

a. In the eyes of God the Roman Catholic Church, which perpetuates much of Judaism and has assimilated much of paganism, is Babylon.

b. The harlot in 17:1 is the apostate Roman Catholic Church.

- Rev. 17:1 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits upon the many waters,

c. Because God hates the apostate church, at the beginning of the great tribulation God will cause Antichrist and his ten kings to destroy the Roman Catholic Church—vv. 16-17.

- Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and burn her utterly with fire.
- Rev. 17:17 For God has put it into their hearts to perform His mind and to perform one mind and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are accomplished.

2. Revelation 18 is an unveiling of material Babylon—the city of Rome:

- Rev. 18:1 After these things I saw another Angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illumined with His glory.
- Rev. 18:2 And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird;
- Rev. 18:3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the power of her luxury.
- Rev. 18:4 And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you do not participate in her sins and that you do not receive her plagues;
- Rev. 18:5 For her sins have accumulated up to heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteousnesses.
- Rev. 18:6 Pay her back even as she has paid, and double to her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix to her double.
- Rev. 18:7 As much as she has glorified herself and lived luxuriously, as much torment and sorrow give to her; for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and I am not a widow, and I shall by no means see sorrow.
- Rev. 18:8 Therefore in one day her plagues will come, death and sorrow and famine, and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.
- Rev. 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning,
- Rev. 18:10 Standing afar off because of fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city, for in one hour your judgment has come!
- Rev. 18:11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargo anymore:

- Rev. 18:12 Cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel of most precious wood and brass and iron and marble,
- Rev. 18:13 And cinnamon and amomum and incense and ointment and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargo of horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men.
- Rev. 18:14 And the ripe fruits of your soul's lust have gone away from you, and all the sumptuous and splendid things have perished from you; and men will find them no more at all.
- Rev. 18:15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand afar off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
- Rev. 18:16 Saying, Woe, woe, the great city, which was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious stone and pearl;
- Rev. 18:17 For in one hour such great wealth has become desolate! And every ship captain and everyone sailing to a place and sailors and all who work on the sea stood afar off
- Rev. 18:18 And cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like the great city?
- Rev. 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, by which all those who have ships on the sea became rich from her wealth, for in one hour she has become desolate!
- Rev. 18:20 Be glad over her, O heaven and saints and apostles and prophets, because God has judged judgment for you upon her.
- Rev. 18:21 And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence and shall be found no more at all.
- Rev. 18:22 And the sound of harp-singers and musicians and flutists and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in you, and no craftsman of any craft shall be found anymore at all in you, and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in you,
- Rev. 18:23 And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard no more at all in you; for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.
- Rev. 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.

a. In Revelation 17 and 18 two aspects of Babylon—the religious aspect and the material aspect—are mixed together:

- 1) The harlot in 17:16 denotes religious Babylon, signifying the Roman Catholic Church, whereas the woman in verse 18 denotes material Babylon, signifying the city of Rome.

Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and burn her utterly with fire.

Rev. 17:18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

- 2) Since Babylon the Great is twofold, to come out of her means to come out of both religious Babylon and material Babylon—18:4.

Rev. 18:4 And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you do not participate in her sins and that you do not receive her plagues;

b. Material Babylon, the city of Rome, will become hateful in the eyes of God because it has been the source of both devilish politics and devilish religion—vv. 6-8, 20-24.

Rev. 18:6 Pay her back even as she has paid, and double to her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix to her double.

- Rev. 18:7 As much as she has glorified herself and lived luxuriously, as much torment and sorrow give to her; for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and I am not a widow, and I shall by no means see sorrow.
- Rev. 18:8 Therefore in one day her plagues will come, death and sorrow and famine, and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.
- Rev. 18:20 Be glad over her, O heaven and saints and apostles and prophets, because God has judged judgment for you upon her.
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- Rev. 18:23 And the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard no more at all in you; for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.
- Rev. 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.

c. Christ as another Angel will shine over the earth to destroy Babylon the Great, the city of Rome, with His great authority—vv. 1-2.

- Rev. 18:1 After these things I saw another Angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illumined with His glory.
- Rev. 18:2 And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird;

C. The principle of Babylon is mixing the things of man with the Word of God, and the things of the flesh with the things of the Spirit—17:1-5:

- Rev. 17:1 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits upon the many waters,
- Rev. 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and those who dwell on the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- Rev. 17:3 And he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- Rev. 17:4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the unclean things of her fornication.
- Rev. 17:5 And on her forehead there was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

1. Babylon is the mixture of the things of God with the things of idols:

a. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon burned the house of God in Jerusalem, and he carried away all the vessels in God's house for God's worship and put them in the temple of his idols in Babylon—2 Chron. 36:6-7; Ezra 1:11.

- 2 Chron. 36:6 Against him Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came up and bound him in bronze fetters to carry him to Babylon.
- 2 Chron. 36:7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried away some of the vessels of the house of Jehovah to Babylon and put them in his temple in Babylon.
- Ezra. 1:11 There were five thousand four hundred vessels of gold and silver in all. Sheshbazzar brought up all of them with those of the captivity who were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

b. In the New Testament this mixture is enlarged with the great Babylon—Rev. 17:3-5.

Rev. 17:3 And he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Rev. 17:4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the unclean things of her fornication.

Rev. 17:5 And on her forehead there was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

2. We must come out of every situation where man's power is mixed with God's power, where man's ability is mixed with God's work, and where man's opinion is mixed with God's word—18:4, footnote 1.

Rev. 18:4 footnote 1

Since Babylon the Great has two aspects, to come out of her is to come out of both the religious Babylon and the material Babylon. God's people should come out of these two aspects of Babylon.

D. Babylon the Great will have two falls—the fall of religious Babylon and the fall of material Babylon—14:8; 18:2:

Rev. 14:8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great, who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the fury of her fornication!

Rev. 18:2 And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird;

1. The fall of religious Babylon will take place at the beginning of the great tribulation—17:16-17.

Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and burn her utterly with fire.

Rev. 17:17 For God has put it into their hearts to perform His mind and to perform one mind and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are accomplished.

2. The fall of material Babylon will take place at the end of the great tribulation—18:2, 21.

Rev. 18:2 And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird;

Rev. 18:21 And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence and shall be found no more at all.

3. The praise in 19:1-4 is related not mainly to the fall of material Babylon but to the fall of religious Babylon, because in the eyes of God religious Babylon is more hateful than material Babylon.

Rev. 19:1 After these things I heard as it were a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! The salvation and the glory and the power are of our God.

Rev. 19:2 For true and righteous are His judgments; for He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and He avenged the blood of His slaves at her hand.

Rev. 19:3 And a second time they said, Hallelujah! And her smoke goes up forever and ever.

Rev. 19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who sits upon the throne, saying, Amen, Hallelujah!

E. God will judge Babylon to such an extent that nothing of Babylon will remain in the universe:

1. Both Isaiah and Jeremiah prophesied that once Babylon has been destroyed, it will not be restored—Isa. 14:22-23; Jer. 50:39; 51:62.

Isa. 14:22 And I will rise up against them, / Declares Jehovah of hosts. / And I will cut off from Babylon name and remnant, / And posterity and progeny, declares Jehovah.

Isa. 14:23 And I will make it a possession for porcupines / And muddied pools of water, / And I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, / Declares Jehovah of hosts.

Jer. 50:39 Therefore desert animals will dwell there with hyenas, / And ostriches will dwell in her. / It will not be inhabited forever; / It will not be dwelt in from generation to generation.

Jer. 51:62 And say, O Jehovah, You have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, so that nothing should dwell in it, neither man nor animal, for it will be an eternal desolation.

2. When God destroys both the religious and the political Babylon at the end of the age, that will be the end of the judgment on Babylon prophesied in chapters 50 and 51.

Jer. 50:1 The word which Jehovah spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

Jer. 50:2 Declare among the nations and proclaim; / Lift up a banner, proclaim it. / Do not conceal it, but say, / Babylon is captured; / Bel is put to shame; / Merodach is shattered; / Her images are put to shame; / Her idols are dismayed.

Jer. 50:3 For a nation has come up against her from the north; / It will make her land a waste, / And there will be no inhabitant in it; / Both man and beast have fled; they are gone away.

Jer. 50:4 In those days and at that time, declares Jehovah, / The children of Israel will come, / Both they and the children of Judah together; / They will go along with weeping as they go, / And they will seek Jehovah their God.

Jer. 50:5 They will ask for the way to Zion / With their faces toward it, saying: / Come and let us join ourselves to Jehovah / In an eternal covenant that will not be forgotten.

Jer. 50:6 My people are lost sheep; / Their shepherds have led them astray; / They have made them turn aside on the mountains; / They have gone from mountain to hill; / They have forgotten their resting place.

Jer. 50:7 All who found them have devoured them, / And their adversaries have said, We are not guilty, / Because they have sinned against Jehovah, / The habitation of righteousness, / Even Jehovah, the hope of their fathers.

Jer. 50:8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, / And go out from the land of the Chaldeans, / And be as male goats / Before the flock.

Jer. 50:9 For I am about to stir up and bring up against Babylon / An assembly of great nations from the land of the north; / And they will set themselves in array against her, / And she will be taken captive from there. / Their arrows will be like those of an expert mighty man; / None will return empty-handed.

Jer. 50:10 And Chaldea will become spoil; / All those who spoil her will be satisfied, declares Jehovah.

Jer. 50:11 Because you rejoiced, because you exulted, / O you who plunder My inheritance, / Because you spring about as a threshing heifer, / And you neigh like stallions,

Jer. 50:12 Your mother has been greatly ashamed; / She who bore you has become a reproach: / Indeed, she has become the last of the nations, / A wilderness, a dry land and a desert.

Jer. 50:13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah she will not be inhabited, / But she will become a complete desolation; / For every one who passes by Babylon will be astonished / And will hiss at all her wounds.

- Jer. 50:14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, / All those who bend the bow; / Shoot at her; spare no arrow; / Because she has sinned against Jehovah;
- Jer. 50:15 Raise a shout against her all around. / She has surrendered; her buttresses have fallen, / Her walls have been torn down; / For this is the vengeance of Jehovah: / Take vengeance on her; / As she has done, so do to her.
- Jer. 50:16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, / And the one who handles a sickle in the time of harvest; Because of the sword of the oppressor / Each one will turn to his people, / And each one flee to his own land.
- Jer. 50:17 Israel is a scattered sheep; / Lions have driven him away. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and last this Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has gnawed his bones.
- Jer. 50:18 Therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria.
- Jer. 50:19 And I will bring Israel back to his habitation, / And he will feed on Carmel and Bashan, / And in the hill country of Ephraim and in Gilead / His soul will be satisfied.
- Jer. 50:20 In those days and at that time, declares Jehovah, / The iniquity of Israel will be sought, but there will be none; / And the sin of Judah, but it will not be found; / For I will forgive those whom I will leave as a remnant.
- Jer. 50:21 Go up against her, against the land of Merathaim / And against the inhabitants of Pekod. / Desolate and utterly destroy them, declares Jehovah, / And do according to all that I commanded you.
- Jer. 50:22 The sound of war is in the land, / And great destruction.
- Jer. 50:23 How the hammer of the whole earth / Is cut down and broken! / How Babylon has become an astonishment / Among the nations!
- Jer. 50:24 I have set a snare for you, and you also have been taken captive, / O Babylon, and you did not know; / You were found, and you also were seized, / Because you engaged in war with Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:25 Jehovah has opened His armory / And has brought out the weapons of His wrath, / For this is the work of the Lord Jehovah of hosts / Against the land of the Chaldeans.
- Jer. 50:26 Come against her from every side; / Open her granaries. / Pile her up like heaps; / Destroy her utterly; / Let nothing of her remain.
- Jer. 50:27 Slay all her oxen; / Let them go down to slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come, / The time of their punishment.
- Jer. 50:28 There is a sound of those who flee and escape / From the land of Babylon, / To declare in Zion / The vengeance of Jehovah our God, / The vengeance for His temple.
- Jer. 50:29 Summon archers against Babylon, / All those who bend the bow. / Encamp against her all around; / Let there be no escape. / Recompense her according to her work; / According to all that she has done, so do to her. / For she has acted proudly against Jehovah, / Against the Holy One of Israel.
- Jer. 50:30 Therefore her young men will fall in her open squares, / And all her men of war will be silenced in that day, / Declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 50:31 Indeed, I am against you, O Pride, / Declares the Lord Jehovah of hosts; / For your day has come, / The time that I punish you.
- Jer. 50:32 And Pride will stumble and fall, / And there will be no one to raise him up. / And I will kindle a fire in his cities, / And it will devour all that is around him.
- Jer. 50:33 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The children of Israel / And the children of Judah are oppressed together; / And all who took them captive held them fast; / They refused to let them go.
- Jer. 50:34 Their Redeemer is strong; / Jehovah of hosts is His name. / He will surely plead their cause, / That He may give rest to the land / But trouble to the inhabitants of Babylon.
- Jer. 50:35 The sword is against the Chaldeans, declares Jehovah, / And against the inhabitants of Babylon / And against her princes and against her wise men.

- Jer. 50:36 The sword is against the liars, and they will become fools; / The sword is against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed.
- Jer. 50:37 The sword is against their horses and against their chariots / And against all the mingled people who are in her midst, / And they will become like women. / The sword is against her treasures, / And they will be plundered.
- Jer. 50:38 Drought is upon her waters, / And they will dry up; / For it is a land of graven images, / And they are mad over terrifying idols.
- Jer. 50:39 Therefore desert animals will dwell there with hyenas, / And ostriches will dwell in her. / It will not be inhabited forever; / It will not be dwelt in from generation to generation.
- Jer. 50:40 As when God overthrew Sodom / And Gomorrah with its neighbors, / Declares Jehovah, / So no one will dwell there; / Nor will a son of man sojourn in it.
- Jer. 50:41 A people is now coming from the north, / And a great nation and many kings / Are stirring from the uttermost parts of the earth.
- Jer. 50:42 They grasp bow and spear; / They are cruel and have no mercy. / Their voice roars like the sea, / And they ride upon horses, / Set in array as a man for battle / Against you, O daughter of Babylon.
- Jer. 50:43 The king of Babylon has heard the report about them, / And his hands are feeble; / Distress has seized him, / Pain like a woman in childbirth.
- Jer. 50:44 Indeed, one will come up like a lion / From the majesty of the Jordan against a secure habitation; / For I will suddenly make them run away from her; / And whoever is chosen I will appoint over her. / For who is like Me? And who can appoint Me a time? / And who is that shepherd who can stand before Me?
- Jer. 50:45 Therefore hear the counsel of Jehovah, / Which He purposed against Babylon, / And His thoughts, which He has thought / Against the land of the Chaldeans: / Surely they will drag them off, the little ones of the flock; / Surely He will make their habitation a desolation because of them.
- Jer. 50:46 At the sound of Babylon being seized / The earth trembles, / And a cry is heard among the nations.
- Jer. 51:1 Thus says Jehovah, I will stir up against Babylon and against the inhabitants of Leb-kamai / A destroying wind.
- Jer. 51:2 And I will send strangers against Babylon, and they will winnow her, / And they will empty her land / When they come against her from every side / In the evil day.
- Jer. 51:3 Against him who bends, let the archer bend his bow, / And against him who stands up in his armor; / And do not spare her young men, / But utterly destroy all her army.
- Jer. 51:4 And they will fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans / And pierced through in her streets.
- Jer. 51:5 For neither Israel nor Judah is forsaken / By his God, by Jehovah of hosts; / But their land is full of guilt / Against the Holy One of Israel.
- Jer. 51:6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, / And let each man save his life; / Do not be cut off in her iniquity; / For this is a time of vengeance to Jehovah; / He will give full recompense to her.
- Jer. 51:7 Babylon has been a golden cup in Jehovah's hand / That has made all the earth drunk. / The nations have drunk of her wine; / Therefore the nations have become mad.
- Jer. 51:8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and become broken; / Howl over her; / Take balm for her pain, / If perhaps she may be healed.
- Jer. 51:9 We tried to heal Babylon, but she is not healed; / Forsake her, and let each one of us go to his own land; / For her judgment has reached to heaven / And has been lifted up to the clouds.
- Jer. 51:10 Jehovah has brought forth our righteousnesses; / Come and let us relate in Zion / The work of Jehovah our God.

- Jer. 51:11 Polish the arrows, / Take up the shields. Jehovah has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes, because His purpose is against Babylon, to destroy her; for this is the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance for His temple.
- Jer. 51:12 Lift up a standard against the walls of Babylon; / Make the watch strong. / Set the watchmen; / Prepare the ambushers; / For Jehovah has both purposed and done / What He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon.
- Jer. 51:13 O you who dwell by many waters, / Abundant in treasures, / Your end has come, / The measure of your unjust gain.
- Jer. 51:14 Jehovah of hosts has sworn by Himself, / I will surely fill you with men like locusts, / And they will raise a shout of victory over you.
- Jer. 51:15 It is He who made the earth by His power, / Who established the world by His wisdom, / And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.
- Jer. 51:16 When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, / And He causes the vapors to rise from the ends of the earth; / He makes lightning for the rain / And brings forth wind from His treasures.
- Jer. 51:17 Every man is stupid, without knowledge; / Every goldsmith is put to shame by his idol; / For his molten image is falsehood, / And there is no breath in them.
- Jer. 51:18 They are vanity, the work of delusion; / At the time of their punishment they will perish.
- Jer. 51:19 The Portion of Jacob is not like these; / For He is the One who formed everything, / And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; / Jehovah of hosts is His name.
- Jer. 51:20 He says, You are My hammer, / My weapons of war; / And with you I will shatter nations, / And with you I will destroy kingdoms,
- Jer. 51:21 And with you I will shatter the horse and his rider, / And with you I will shatter the chariot and its rider,
- Jer. 51:22 And with you I will shatter man and woman, / And with you I will shatter old man and young, / And with you I will shatter young man and virgin,
- Jer. 51:23 And with you I will shatter the shepherd and his flock, / And with you I will shatter the farmer and his yoke of oxen, / And with you I will shatter governors and officials.
- Jer. 51:24 And I will repay Babylon / And all the inhabitants of Chaldea / With all their evil which they have done / In Zion before your eyes, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:25 Indeed, I am against you, O mountain of destruction, / Declares Jehovah, / Which destroys the whole earth; / And I will stretch out My hand upon you / And roll you down from the rocks / And make you a burning mountain.
- Jer. 51:26 And they will not take from you a stone for the corner / Or a stone for the foundations; / For you will be an eternal desolation, declares Jehovah.
- Jer. 51:27 Lift up a standard in the land; / Blow a trumpet among the nations; / Prepare the nations against her; / Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; / Appoint an officer against her; / Bring up the horses like terrifying locusts.
- Jer. 51:28 Prepare the nations against her, / The kings of the Medes, / Their governors and all their officials, / And all the land of their dominion.
- Jer. 51:29 And the land trembles and writhes, / For the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon stand, / To make the land of Babylon a waste, / Without inhabitant.
- Jer. 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting; / They remain in strongholds; / Their might has failed; they have become like women. / Her dwellings are on fire; her bars are broken.
- Jer. 51:31 Runner runs to meet runner, / And messenger to meet messenger, / To announce to the king of Babylon / That his city has been captured from end to end.
- Jer. 51:32 And the crossing places have been seized, / And they burn the marshes with fire, / And the men of war are terrified.

Jer. 51:33 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, / The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor / At the time when it is trodden; / Yet a little while and the time of harvest will come to her.

Jer. 51:34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; / He has crushed me; / He has made me an empty vessel; / He has swallowed me up like a dragon; / He has filled his stomach with my delicacies; / He has washed me out.

Jer. 51:35 The violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon! / The inhabitant of Zion will say; / And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea! / Jerusalem will say.

Jer. 51:36 Therefore thus says Jehovah, / I will indeed plead your cause / And execute vengeance for you; / And I will dry up her sea / And make her fountain dry.

Jer. 51:37 And Babylon will become a heap of ruins, / A habitation of jackals, / An astonishment and a hissing, / Without inhabitant.

Jer. 51:38 They will roar together like young lions; / They will growl like lions' whelps.

Jer. 51:39 When they are inflamed, I will set out their drink; / And I will make them drunk, that they may be merry / And sleep an eternal sleep / And not wake up, declares Jehovah.

Jer. 51:40 And I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, / Like rams with male goats.

Jer. 51:41 How Sheshach has been captured, / And the praise of all the earth seized! / How Babylon has become an astonishment / Among the nations!

Jer. 51:42 The sea has come up over Babylon; / She is covered with the multitude of its waves.

Jer. 51:43 Her cities have become a waste, / A dry land and a desert, / A land in which no one dwells, / Through which no person passes.

Jer. 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon / And bring what he has swallowed out of his mouth; / And the nations will not stream unto him any longer; / Even the wall of Babylon will fall down.

Jer. 51:45 Come out from the midst of her, My people, / And let each man save his life / From the burning anger of Jehovah.

Jer. 51:46 And lest your heart faint / And you become afraid at the report that will be heard in the land—/ For the report will come in one year; / And after that a report in another year / And violence in the earth, / Ruler against ruler—

Jer. 51:47 Therefore indeed, days are coming, / When I will punish the idols of Babylon; / And her whole land will be put to shame, / And all her slain will fall in her midst.

Jer. 51:48 And the heavens and the earth and all which is in them / Will give a ringing shout over Babylon; / For out of the north the destroyers will come against her, / Declares Jehovah.

Jer. 51:49 Babylon is also to fall for the slain of Israel, / As the slain of all the earth have fallen for Babylon.

Jer. 51:50 You who have escaped the sword, / Go and do not stand still; / Remember Jehovah from afar, / And let Jerusalem come up in your heart.

Jer. 51:51 We have been put to shame, for we have heard reproach; / Disgrace has covered our faces; / For strangers have come / Into the holy places of the house of Jehovah.

Jer. 51:52 Therefore indeed, days are coming, / Declares Jehovah, / When I will punish her idols, / And throughout her land the wounded will groan.

Jer. 51:53 Though Babylon mount up to the heavens, / And though she fortify the height of her strength, / Destroyers will come from Me to her, / Declares Jehovah.

Jer. 51:54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, / And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!

Jer. 51:55 For Jehovah is destroying Babylon, / And He will cause the loud voice to perish from her. / And their waves roar like many waters; / The noise of their voice is raised.

Jer. 51:56 For a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon, / And her mighty men are taken captive; / Their bows are broken into pieces; / For Jehovah is a God of recompense; / He will repay in full.

- Jer. 51:57 And I will make her princes and her wise men drunk, / Her governors and her officials and her mighty men; / And they will sleep an eternal sleep / And not wake up, declares the King, / Whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- Jer. 51:58 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, / The broad walls of Babylon will be utterly laid bare; / Her high gates will be burned with fire. / So the peoples will have labored in vain; / And the nations, only for fire; and they will have wearied themselves.
- Jer. 51:59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. (Now Seraiah was quartermaster.)
- Jer. 51:60 And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon.
- Jer. 51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words;
- Jer. 51:62 And say, O Jehovah, You have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, so that nothing should dwell in it, neither man nor animal, for it will be an eternal desolation.
- Jer. 51:63 And as soon as you have finished reading this book, you shall bind a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates,
- Jer. 51:64 And say, Thus Babylon will sink and will not rise up because of the evil which I will bring upon it, and they will weary themselves. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.
3. Babylon the Great will be destroyed, removed from the earth, and cast into the lake of fire, and the New Jerusalem will be brought in to be the prominent center of God's eternal kingdom in the new heaven and new earth—Rev. 11:15; 21:2,10-11.
- Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- Rev. 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.