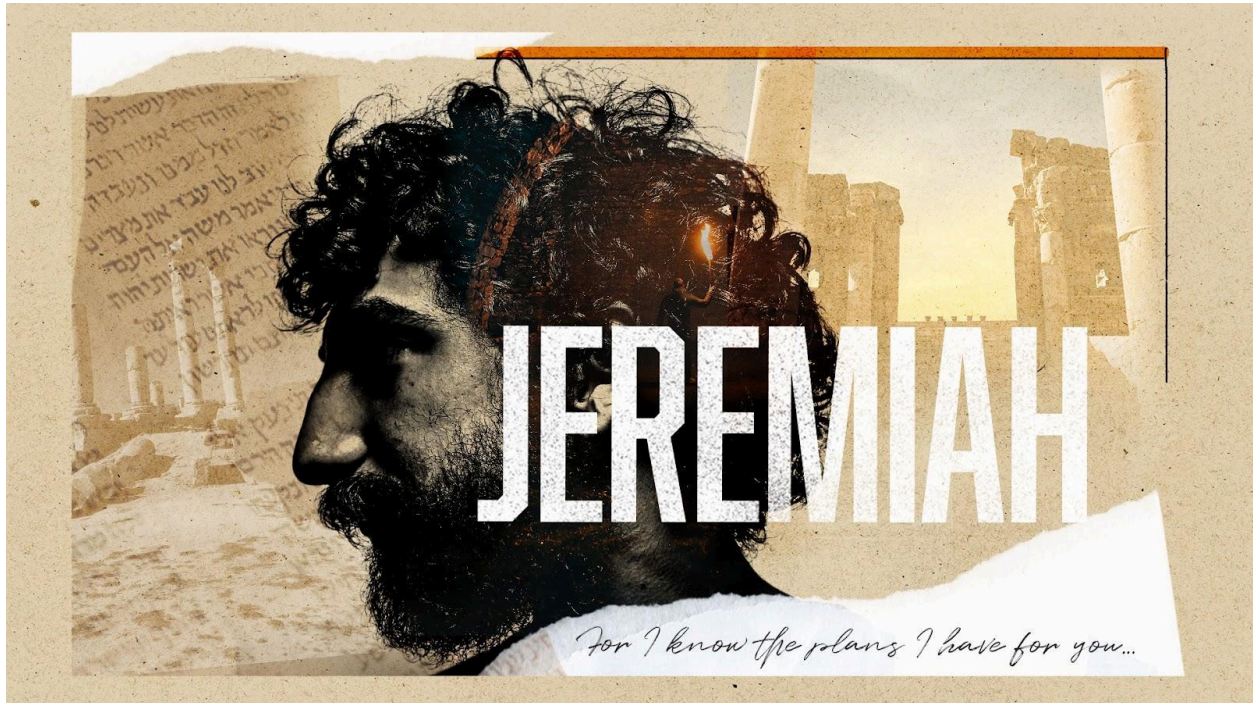


# Jeremiah 46-52



## Study Guide

### Introduction

As Judah is being judged by God, they are probably wondering what happens to other nations who do not worship God. Jeremiah addresses the nations in Chapters 46-51. He then closes the book with a historical account of the destruction of Jerusalem in Chapter 52.

**Big Idea:** God Judges Nations for the Purpose of Restoration.

1. Read the following list of nations being judged and discuss how their gods are similar to our gods today. What seems to be a common denominator?

**Surrounding Nations (Jeremiah 46-49)**

Egypt- Ranchers who become a swollen river of pride. (46)

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Damascus- Worshipping their beautiful city of delights. (49:23-27)

Kedar/Hazar- Self-reliant nomads. (49:28-33)

Elam- Military might. (49:34-39)

## 2. Babylon.

What is Babylon? Discuss the concept of Babylon as the key empire influencing humankind as a replacement for God. Notice the similarities of Babylon being judged in Jeremiah and Revelation.

Comparing Jeremiah and John (Jeremiah 51 & Revelation 17-18)

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## 3. Discuss the effect that judgment had on the people of Judah:

Jeremiah 50:4-5

*<sup>4</sup> "In those days ... the people of Israel ... shall come together, weeping as they come, and they shall seek the Lord their God. <sup>5</sup> They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, saying, 'Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten.'*

Why do you think God allows nations to be judged? What should be our mindset in this? Share instances when you have seen God 'turn up the heat' in order to restore us.

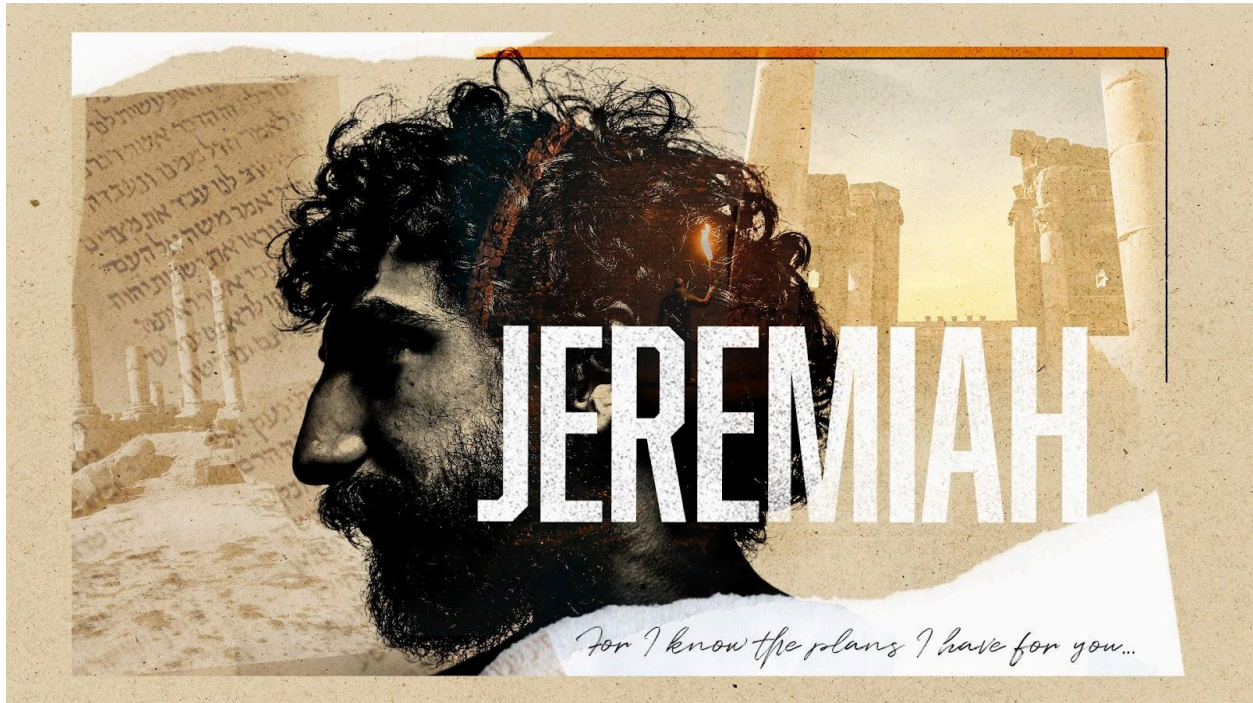
4. Discuss the concept that 'Babylon' tends to trust in humankind. (It started by building the Tower of Babel). How can we learn to walk in moment-by-moment trust in God rather than relying on ourselves? Read the following quote by Sarah Young, Jesus Calling, April 22.

*"Walk with me in holy trust, responding to My initiatives rather than trying to make things fit your plans. I died to set you free, ...When your mind spins with a multitude of thoughts, you cannot hear My voice. ...Turn from this idolatry back to Me. Listen to Me and live abundantly!"*

## Application

Take some time to pray silently and ask God to reveal areas where you have been trying to control circumstances and to trust in your own resources. Ask God to direct you, and help you to discern His voice as you walk in 'holy trust.'

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## Sermon Notes

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Psalms 30:5- "For His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime."

### I. Nations Surrounding Judah (Jeremiah 46-49)

#### A. Egypt (46)

<sup>1</sup>"The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

<sup>2</sup>About Egypt. Concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated...

#### A. Egypt (46)

<sup>8</sup>Egypt rises like the Nile, ... whose waters surge. He said, 'I will rise, I will cover the earth, I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.'

<sup>20</sup>A beautiful heifer is Egypt, but a biting fly from the north has come upon her.

<sup>26b</sup>Afterward Egypt shall be inhabited as in the days of old, declares the Lord.

Isaiah 19:25b "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria my handiwork."

#### B. Philistines (47)

<sup>1</sup>"The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines,

B. Philistines (47)

<sup>6</sup>Ah, sword of the Lord! How long till you are quiet?

C. Moab (48)

<sup>1</sup>"Concerning Moab. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Woe to Nebo, for it is laid waste! ...

C. Moab (48)

<sup>6</sup>Flee! Save yourselves! ... <sup>7</sup>For, because you trusted in your works and your treasures, you also shall be taken;...

C. Moab (48)

<sup>11</sup>"Moab has been at ease from his youth and has settled on his dregs; he has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, ...

C. Moab (48)

<sup>47</sup>Yet I will restore the fortunes of Moab in the latter days, declares the Lord."

D. Ammon (49:1-6)

"Concerning the Ammonites. Thus says the Lord: "Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why then has Milcom dispossessed Gad, and his people settled in its cities? 2... I will cause the battle cry ...

D. Ammon (49:1-6)

<sup>6</sup>"But afterward I will restore the fortunes of the Ammonites, declares the Lord."

E. Edom (49:7-22)

<sup>7</sup>Concerning Edom. Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Is wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? ... <sup>8</sup>Flee, turn back, ...For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him...

<sup>10</sup>...I have uncovered his hiding places, and he is not able to conceal himself.

F. Damascus (49:23-27)

<sup>23</sup>Concerning Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad are confounded, for they have heard bad news; they melt in fear, ...<sup>25</sup> The once famous city; the once happy city.

G. Nomads (49:28-33)

<sup>28</sup>Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck down. ...Their tents and their flocks shall be taken, ...

#### H. Elam (49:34-39)

<sup>34</sup> The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam,

<sup>35</sup>"Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the mainstay of their might... <sup>37</sup>...I will bring disaster upon them, my fierce anger, declares the Lord. ...

<sup>39</sup>"But in the latter days I will restore the fortunes of Elam, declares the Lord."

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#### II. Babylon (Jeremiah 50 & 51)

<sup>1</sup>"The word that the Lord spoke concerning Babylon, ...: <sup>2</sup>"Declare among the nations ...'Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed. Her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed.'

Psalm 87:4a "I will record Rahab and Babylon among those who know me..."

#### What is Babylon?

<sup>8</sup>"Flee from the midst of Babylon, ... <sup>15</sup>Raise a shout against her ... her walls are thrown down.

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Babylon= the key empire influencing humankind as a replacement for God.



Who is Babylon today?

Revelation 18:11-12

And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup> cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, ...and slaves, that is, human souls.

Revelation 18:17&18

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup> and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,...

Revelation 18:24

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."

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Application

1. Accept Christ
2. Walk in Trust

Jesus Calling- April 22- Sarah Young

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