

Lesson 9: Jeremiah 45-52

To class: As you read these final chapters in our study of Jeremiah (other than the overview of Lamentations being offered next week), you will notice that chapters 46-51 involve messages concerning the nations. They are prefaced by a personal prophecy to Baruch in chapter 45 and closed by an epilogue concerning Judah's 2 final kings in chapter 52. While you are reading, try to ask yourself two questions: "What is this information teaching about the LORD?" and "What is this information teaching about man?"

1. Personal exhortation to Baruch (45:1-5) approx. 604 BC

A. Baruch's words (3)

"I am weary with my groaning and have found no rest." We don't know why he is struggling.

4th yr. of King Jehoiakim → First time Neb. showed up? carted off Daniel.

B. The LORD's words to Baruch (4-5)

Built → tearing down
Planted → uprooting

what God is doing. Baruch has been seeking personal gain at a time of national disaster. "It's not a time to be pushing your own agenda."

Baruch was the "notary public" of his day. We have his seal that has been preserved.

His prize will be → his life

(please refer to handout from Biblical Archeology Review re. a clay bulla w/Baruch's fingerprint on it!)

Doesn't seem like much of a "prize" but he will see h.s friends killed? Starving.

2. The LORD's Words concerning the Nations (46:1-51:64)

A. Introduction:

"I have appointed you a prophet to the nations. In fact, I've given you away from before you were born - you are not your own."

- Jeremiah's calling (1:5)
- Chapter 25 theme expanded:
- Recurring themes: their excessive PRIDE; impotence of their OBJECTS of trust
- What appears to be ongoing military confrontations are actually the LORD's JUDGMENTS being carried out. He is not a regional/local god like the others named. He is sovereign RULER over all nations, and the world's people are ACCOUNTABLE to Him.

when they get in danger they turn to human leaders and gods.

"None of these nations have a chance, depending on their own devices."

B. Southern and Western Neighbors (46-47)

- Egypt (46:1-28) - concerning battle of Carchemish and upcoming invasion by Babylonians

LORD OF HOSTS = YAHWEH SABAOTH

He has all the armies.

They are trusting
o Pharaoh
o gods of Egypt.

- Philistia (47) - concerning upcoming attack from Egypt and invasion by Babylonians

C. Eastern Neighbors (48:1-49:22)

- Moab (48) You trusted in —
o your own achievements
o your treasures (401K)
→ Chemosh → the Moabite god.

Babylon would find the idols of that nation's gods & "carry them off" into exile.

- Ammon (49:1-6)
v. 3 Matcam → their gods.
4 Trust in their treasures.

v. 29 Moab is very proud. haughty

- Edom (49:7-22)
"Drinking the cup" of judgment.
v. 16 PRIDE of your heart
Mountain range → great place to hide. (Petra)
Very defensible.

v. 31 Jeremiah is crying, weeping & mourning for Moab = he's not gloating over downfall of enemies. God is not gloating over downfall & destruction of enemies. But... restored in last days.

Enlargement on earlier theme, that God's cup of wrath is passed around to the nations & ends with Babylon.

"LORD of Hosts" keeps showing up in this passage.

"We've got perfect hiding place & natural resources."

