

## 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)

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

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

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

A. Introduction:

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

B. Southern and Western Neighbors (46-47)

- Egypt (46:1-28) - concerning battle of Carchemish and upcoming invasion by Babylonians
- Philistia (47) - concerning upcoming attack from Egypt and invasion by Babylonians

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

- Moab (48)
- Ammon (49:1-6)
- Edom (49:7-22)

D. Distant Neighbors: Damascus, Kedar/Hazor, Elam (49:23-39)

E. The Fall of Babylon Envisioned (50:1-51:64)

- Chief deities confounded (50:2)
- A nation from the north (50:3, 41, also 51:11)
- Defeat of the Lord's enemy spells \_\_\_\_\_ for His people (50:4-5)
  
- Reasons for judgment:
  - Treatment of Israel (50:11, 51:24)
  
  - Attitude to the LORD (50:29-32)
  
- Final banquet (51:39, 57)
  
- Closing Symbolic Act (51:59-64)
  
- Babylon in Book of Revelation (particularly chapter 18) – with implications for us all

**3. Epilogue concerning Judah's final kings (52)**

This chapter begins and ends with the outcomes of the 2 last kings of Judah. Though both were imprisoned and met their death in Babylon, the \_\_\_\_\_ shown to Jehoiachin in his later years in contrast to Zedekiah's continued imprisonment as a blinded captive until his death appears the be revisiting the \_\_\_\_\_ fig/\_\_\_\_\_ fig lesson of chapter 24 and the context which follows it: "Blessing results when the LORD's people embrace His \_\_\_\_\_." Also, Jehoiachin's pleasant final days could be hinting at the hope of preservation of the Davidic dynasty involving the coming ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' noted in chaps 23 and 33.

**4. A closing summary:**

- A. The LORD God of Israel is God of the \_\_\_\_\_, and He will establish His coming kingdom of justice and \_\_\_\_\_ through His rightful Heir (revealed in the NT as Jesus Christ).
- B. The message for Judah, and for His apostate people in any age: The LORD is calling His people to \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. He seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ down what is not of Him, and constructively discipline His people that they might be \_\_\_\_\_ up and forgiven through the terms of the New \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Though the Babylonians were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD's correction in Jeremiah's day, the years of their dominance were truly numbered. The cup they caused other nations to drink from was finally passed on to them. So will be the fate of all the LORD's enemies, even the great Babylon at the end of time.
- D. Jeremiah was the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ messenger at the risk of his own life and reputation.