

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.