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Did you ever hear the story of Chicken Little? You're probably not old enough. "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" This little chicken was running around shouting, "The sky is falling!" I want to tell you something, but it is not Chicken Little: God is going to judge all the inhabitants of the earth. He is going to pour out a cup of wine of His wrath and He is going to pass it from nation to nation—even your nation. (See Jeremiah 25:15) We'll talk about it today.

PART ONE

In Jeremiah chapter 25 it sounds almost like Chicken Little, Chicken Little. Because God has been saying right from the very beginning of Jeremiah, right from the beginning of His ministry, which was during the 13th year of Josiah, He's been saying I am going to bring the kingdoms of the north against you. I am going to bring the families of the north against you. (See

Jeremiah 25:9) Now, in Jeremiah chapter 25, He is saying, “I am going to make you Judah, and all the nations surrounding you and all the kingdoms of the earth, I am going to make them drink the cup of the wrath, the wine of my wrath.” (See Jeremiah 25:15) And, “My judgment is coming. It is coming. It is coming.” It came already! We are sitting on this side of history. And it came to Judah in 586 B.C. That city was decimated. You want to know how sad it was? You want to know how grievous it was? You want to understand the tears? You want to understand what it was like when the city looked at their dead strewn in the streets? When the priests and the elders were in such terrible, terrible condition? Read the book of Lamentations: it’s five laments that are written down by Jeremiah after all this happens because the sky, so to speak, does fall. The judgment from heaven, falls down to earth. Let’s look at it. Let’s go back to Jeremiah chapter 25 verse 15: **“For thus says the LORD, God of Israel...‘Take this cup of the wine of [My] wrath from My hand and cause all the nations [from] whom I send you to drink it.’” (Jeremiah 25:15)** If you are studying along with us, if you’ve got your study guide, if you went to preceptsforlife.com, then you know that it is imperative for you in this chapter not only to mark every time it says, “but you did not listen,” “because you did not listen,” but also to mark all the references to “the kings of the earth,” to “the nations of the earth,” to “all the nations.” And so here, I told you: I color them dark green and I put a brown underline underneath it, and then I mark every pronoun that goes with it. In the light of that, think with me as I read this: **““They...,”** verse 16, **““...will drink and stagger and go mad....”** They who? The nations. So you underline it that way. **““...[will drink and stagger and go mad] because of the sword that I will send among them.”” (Jeremiah 25:16)** Remember what happened to our nation at 9/11? And remember the panic and the fear and the screaming and the running? That is nothing compared to what is coming. It says, **“Then I took the cup from the LORD’S hand [I took the cup from the Lord’s hand]....” (Jeremiah 25:17)** This is the cup of the wine

of God's wrath. **“...And [I] made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it.” (Jeremiah 25:17)** Now, if you downloaded your study guide, you got a map. And when you read this passage you need to look at all these places on the map. If we know where they are, we put them down. And so watch the countries, the nations that He says He's going to judge. He begins with Jerusalem. [Judgment begins at the house of God.] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Peter 4:17) This is what 1 Peter tells us. It says, **“[Then] Jerusalem and the cities of Judah and its kings and its princes....” (Jeremiah 25:18)**

Political rulers, shepherds of the people, and they're symbolized as shepherds. People that watch over, that take the flock here, that take the flock there, those leaders are going to drink the cup of the wrath of God. They are going to drink it. Precious One, we see these leaders in congress and in the senate. We see the sin of their lives: we see the immorality, we see the perversion, we see the stealing, we see all these things. And in a sense, they seem to do it and get away with it. There is a day of judgment coming. And so He says: **“...To make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing and a curse, as it is this day.” (Jeremiah 25:18)** When you read Lamentations, you see the hissing. You see the horror. You see the curse. You see Jerusalem saying, “There is no pain like my pain.” (See Lamentations 1:12) And then He says, **“Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, [and] his princes and all of his people.” (Jeremiah 25:19)** All that Egypt did to Jerusalem, all that Egypt did in turning their back on God. I mean, Egypt at one time knew there was a God. I mean, Pharaoh found out and Egypt found out when God wiped out Pharaoh and all of his army drowning them in the Red Sea when he took his people across on dry land. (See Exodus 14:29-31) It says, **“...His servants, his princes and all [of] his people; and all the foreign people, all the kings of the land of Uz....” (Jeremiah 25:20)** And you see the land of Uz in the book of Job. (See Job 1:1) It's just over to the east of the Jordan and **“...all the foreign people...[even] all the kings of the land of the Philistines (even**

Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron and the remnant of Ashdod).” (Jeremiah 25:20)

I mean, go over to the Gaza strip. Those people are going to be going to be judged. **“Edom, Moab and the sons of Ammon.” (Jeremiah 25:21)** What is that? That is Transjordanians. That’s Jordan over there. **“...All the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon....” (Jeremiah 25:22)** Go north from Israel, up past Lebanon and you are up in the area of Tyre and Sidon. He says, **“...And the kings of the coastlands [that] are beyond the sea.” (Jeremiah 25:22)** In other words, maybe the king of Cyprus which had Kittim there, and all those little coastland islands. And then He says, **“And Dedan, [and] Tema, [and] Buz and all [those] who cut the corner of their hair.” (Jeremiah 25:23)** So look at those places on the map. **“And all the kings of Arabia....” (Jeremiah 25:24)** When we go to Israel and we take teaching tours. You can take an extra tour and we go down to Eilat. We stay on the Red Sea. And there on the Red Sea; we can see Egypt; we can see Arabia; we can see Jordan as we stay in Israel. It says, **“...And all the kings of the foreign people who dwell in the desert; and all the kings of Zimri, [and] all the kings of Elam and...the kings of Media; and...the kings of the north, near and far, one with another....”** And then you want to make sure you underline it, **“...And all the kingdoms of the earth which are upon the face of the ground....” (Jeremiah 25:24-26)** Now listen, this is why what I’m about to show you is so important, that you learn how to discover truth for yourself, that you learn the inductive method of study that begins with observation. You observe, you observe, you observe, you see: What does it say? What does it say? What does it say? And then you discover: What does it mean? And then you learn, “Okay, I am to take that observation, that interpretation, and now I am to apply it.” I am to order my life according to the Word of God. I am to change my thinking, if my thinking needs changing, and I am to change my direction, my behavior; if I need to change it, to conform to the Word of God. And he says, **“...All the [kings] of the earth which are upon the...ground, and the king of**

Sheshach shall drink after them.” (Jeremiah 25:26) Now watch that word, "after." What is Shéshach? They believe that it is a cryptic code where they take the letters of the alphabet in Hebrew and they reverse them. They take the last letters and put them were the first, etc. And it comes out spelling Babylon or the consonants for Babylon. So what He is saying is this: “After I deal with all the kingdoms of the earth, I am going to deal with Sheshach or Shéshach. I am going to deal with Babylon.” Now you know that I'm famous for timelines. You know that I'm always having you draw a straight line across a page. And at the end of that straight line what I do is, I draw a throne. And on that throne I put a red cross, and I put the red cross there on the throne to represent Jesus Christ, to represent the time when He becomes the king of all the earth. This is something that is laid out for us by a contemporary of Jeremiah and that is Daniel. Daniel tell us all the times of the Gentiles, when the Gentiles are the major powers in the earth. But he lets us know there is a time coming when all the kingdoms will be destroyed before Jesus Christ comes, before He sets up His kingdom. What you have when He gets ready to come and sets up His kingdom is, you have the destruction of Babylon. You have the destruction of Shéshach and you have it after these things. We'll look at it in just a minute.

PART TWO

Oh, how I love teaching you the Word of God! How I thank you for wanting to know it. How I thank you for putting yourself into it. Aren't you excited about it? Aren't you just absolutely awed that God would lay down these things for us so that we aren't in the dark? So that we know what is going to come to pass? Doesn't it blow your mind that Jeremiah chapter 25 takes you from the year of Jehoiakim, way back about 605 B.C., and takes you all the way to the end of time? So that drawing, that famous line that we have up here—let's go over here to 605 B.C. And it is just before Nebuchadnezzar comes and takes Daniel captive and some others and takes them to Babylon.

And what I want you to see is, He is going to teach right now about the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem which will not happen in 605 B.C, which will not happen in 597 B.C. when 10,000 are taken captive, but which will happen in 586 B.C. This is when Jerusalem is destroyed. This is when not a stone is left on another. This is when the Temple is decimated, desecrated and demolished. He takes you from there—now listen—all the way to the end of time. He takes you to just before and I put a perpendicular line there with my line, just before Jesus Christ mounts His throne and rules over all the kingdoms of the earth. He is taking us that far and He is showing us the destruction of Babylon after He deals with all the inhabitants of the earth. Well, I can teach you a lot about that, but that's not our purpose right now. So, let's go back to Jeremiah chapter 25 and let's pick up where I left off, all right? It says: [All the kingdoms are on the face of the earth, on the face of the ground]. (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 25:26) Verse 26: **“...And the king of Sheshach shall drink [it] after them.” (Jeremiah 25:26)** So He's talking about the destruction of Jerusalem and then He's taking you all the way in time to a time yet future. And it's when the sky falls. So Chicken Little was right. Not in the story. But listen to verse 27, and as I say that just know this: that all those that mock the coming of the Lord, that become scoffers and say, as 2 Peter says, [Where is His coming? You've been talking about it since the foundation of the world and nothing has ever changed]. (PARAPHRASE, 2 Peter 3:4) Just know, that it is coming. It is as sure as God, and God watches over His Word to perform it. (See Jeremiah 1:12) Verse 27: **“You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the [Lord] of Israel, ‘Drink, be drunk, vomit, fall and rise no more because of the sword [that] I will send among you.’” (Jeremiah 25:27)** Now if you're following and marking these pronouns, you know that those pronouns go to “all the inhabitants of the earth.” **“And it will be, if they [the inhabitants of the earth] refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink [it], then you [shall] say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “You**

shall surely drink [You shall surely drink]!””” (Jeremiah 25:28) You don't want to take it? You say, “No I don't want to have nothing of it”? You have no choice. God is God; you shall drink. **“For behold, I am beginning to work calamity....”** (Jeremiah 25:29) Now whenever I see the word “calamity” I always mark it. I put a black circle around it and then I color the inside red because that calamity is the fire of God, the judgment of God, the wrath of God that comes. And he tells us in Amos, that [a calamity doesn't happen in the city, but what God tells his prophets beforehand.]

(PARAPHRASE, Amos 3:6-7) So He has been telling us. Through the prophets and he says, **“For behold, I am beginning to work calamity in this city which is called by My name, and shall you be completely free from punishment? You will not be free from punishment; for I am summoning a sword....”** (Jeremiah 25:29) And I take a red line and just put it through the word, “sword,” in my Bible. **“...Against all the inhabitants of the earth....”** (Jeremiah 25:29) Do you realize what He's doing here? Do you realize this is fantastic? This is just one of the most awesome chapters. He's taking us from the prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem that is going to begin in probably in that very year, 605 B.C., be totally wiped out in 586 B.C., and then He is going to take us all the way to the end—the end of time. You and I know what's going to come on the face of this earth. He says, **“Therefore you shall prophesy....,”** verse 30, **“...[you shall prophesy] against them all these words, and you shall say to them....”** “Them” has to be marked the same way you mark all the “inhabitants of the earth”. **“...The LORD will roar from on high....”** (Jeremiah 25:30) This is the way we opened up this week's study. **“...And utter His voice from His holy [mountain]; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.”** (Jeremiah 25:30) Now when they would tread the grapes they would get a hold of this rope and they'd get into this pit and they'd begin to tread those grapes. And they would be shouting and

rejoicing, but this is a shout, this is noise, noise, noise, because He's treading the grapes. And this is what you see when you go to Revelation, we go all the way to the very last book of the Bible, Beloved. And when we get there this is what it says, **"And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he...had a sharp sickle. [And] then another angel...who has power over fire, came...from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, 'Put in [the] sharp sickle and gather [at] the clusters [of the earth] from the vine of the earth, because [her] grapes are ripe.' So the angels swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine[s] of the earth, and threw them into the...wine press..."** listen, **"...of the wrath of God."**

(Revelation 14:17-19) They have taken the cup of the wine of his wrath and He is saying gather the harvest and throw them into the wine press. **"And the wine press was trodden outside the city..." (Revelation 14:20)** What city? Jerusalem! It was trodden outside of the city. **"...And blood came [up] out [of] the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles." (Revelation 14:20)** Do you know what that distance is? That distance is from Megiddo, where all the armies of the earth are going to be gathered against Jerusalem. It is from Megiddo right on down past the Kidron Valley, through the Kidron Valley that runs in front of the temple mount all the way down to Edom. And Isaiah 63 says, [Who is this that is coming from Edom and why are your garments stained? And he says, "Because I've been trampling out the wine of the wrath of God."]

(PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 63:1-3) Beloved, listen to me: It is coming. This is not Chicken Little. This is God Almighty speaking. And we better pay attention, and we better sound the alarm. You have a call today to warn people, to flee from the wrath that is to come, to flee into the arms of Jesus who was crucified for you that you might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.