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**SERIES: Jeremiah, Part 2 (God's Certain Judgment)**

**TITLE: Program 36 – Judgment On The Pride Of Babylon**

**MONDAY**

**OPEN**

In these days, when we see the America that once was, imploding, self-destructing, what do you and I need to remember, Beloved? We need to remember this: that the purposes of God stand; what God has purposed, He will perform. And you and I are to make Him the habitation of our righteousness. (See Jeremiah 50:7)

**PART ONE**

Oh, Beloved, because God is God and because God purposes and there is a day and there is an hour and there is a time when those purposes will be fulfilled, you and I need to learn how to run and make Him, as Isaiah 50, verse 7 says, “...**The habitation of [our] righteousness....**” (**Jeremiah 50:7**) In other words, this is where we run in the days when we see everything crumbling and falling apart. We need to know that what God has purposed will come to pass. I love Isaiah chapter 14 and I want us to use that

as our theme, as we study the last and final chapters of Jeremiah. Isaiah chapter 14 verse 24, **“The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, ‘Surely...as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand.’” (Isaiah 14:24)** And then you drop down to verse 27: **“For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it...as for His [outstretched arm], who can turn [God’s arm] back?” (Isaiah 14:27)** Certainly no one, because God is sovereign. Now in this week, you and I are going to cover Jeremiah chapter 50, 51 and 52. You say, “That doesn’t sound like a big deal.” If you’re saying that, then I know that you have not done your advanced homework. I know that you did not download the study, or if you did, you didn’t get into it because those are whoppers of chapters. And as you know, when we study a book in the Bible, I take you through it verse by verse. You get the study guide. You say, “What’s coming up next?” You need to go to [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com) and go online and find out what is coming next. Because when you find out, then you want to download the study guide. If God’s purposes stand and what He has promised will come to pass, that He will perform it, then you and I need to know the Word of God. (See Jeremiah 51:29; Jeremiah 1:12) If He is going to be the habitation of our righteousness so that when we don’t know what to do we run to Him and we find out that He tells us, **“...This is the way, walk in it...,” (Isaiah 30:21)** then we’ve got to know His word. So you keep studying with me. Now let’s look at Jeremiah chapter 50: **“The word which the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans....” (Jeremiah 50:1)** Now we have seen that Babylon and Chaldea are, in essence, one in the same and this is what He says through Jeremiah the prophet. Now what we are about to see is, we are about to see Jeremiah’s final prophecy about the nations. Remember in Jeremiah 1, He says, **“...I have appointed you [as] a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)** [And you are going to tear down, you are going to root up, you are going to destroy, or you are going to build and you are going to plant.] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 1:10) Now what we saw, as we looked at the nations and the chapters just previous to

this, some of the nations He tore down, He uprooted and He destroyed, but He promises a recovery. (See Jeremiah 46:28; 48:47; 49:6, 39) When we get to Babylon we see Babylon in such detail that it almost blows your mind and you understand: Hey, there is something very significant about Babylon. And there is. And this is what I want you to see in Jeremiah chapter 50 and 51, we're going to look at what God says about Babylon. In Jeremiah 52, which will be on the last day, we are going to look at what God says about Jerusalem. We are going to look at the final destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon. And yet, what you and I need to do is we need to take this and put it in the context of the whole. All the way through the Bible there are two major cities. And those two cities appear in the Torah, in the first five books of the Bible. The first one to appear is Babel, the city of Babel, where Nimrod decides that he is going to stand against the Lord. (See Genesis 10:9, 11:4) We are going to go into that. The second city we see God talking about in Deuteronomy when he tells them: you're going into the land and when you go into the land I'm going to show you where I'm going to put My name. (See Deuteronomy 6:10) And where He puts His name is in the city of Jerusalem, Jerusalem who is also mentioned in seed form in Genesis. In Genesis where Abraham is fighting against these kings and the king of Salem, Melchizedek, comes out and he, Abraham, pays tithes. (See Genesis 14:18-20) Melchizedek, king of Salem: Jerusalem, it means peace. So all the way through the Bible there are two major cities: Babylon and Jerusalem. And if you will keep that in mind, because it takes us all the way through the Word of God to the final chapters, to the final book of the Bible. We've gone from Genesis, now we go to Revelation. Genesis is the book of beginnings. It's, "Reshith" is the name of it and it means beginnings. And when we come to Revelation which is the unveiling of God's work and God coming and taking over the earth. And in Revelation chapter 17 and 18, also in Revelation chapter 16, at the end of it, and Revelation chapter 14, you have mentions of Babylon. (See Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2, 18:10, 18:21) Now, if you are going to understand what God says about Babylon in

50 and 51, because we are on this side of the cross, you and I then are able to look back, look back from Revelation, which tells us about the end and God's purposes being accomplished, and we're able to look clear back to the book of Jeremiah and understand Jeremiah 50 and 51 like they were unable to understand it. Now the main teaching on the future of Babylon, is found in Isaiah chapter 13 and 14 in the book of Isaiah. (See Isaiah 13:1, 19; 14:4, 22) And it begins in 13 and 14 and then at the end of Jeremiah. (See Jeremiah Chapter 52) So this is the main teaching, so you really want to understand it. All right, now let me read to you: **"The word which the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet: 'Declare and proclaim among the nations. Proclaim it and lift up a standard. Do not conceal it but say, "Babylon has been captured...."'" (Jeremiah 50:1-2)** Babylon has been captured—Babylon the great, Babylon the head of gold as as Daniel 2 explains. (See Daniel 2:38) Babylon has been captured? Oh yes. It says, **"...Bel has been put to shame, Marduk has been shattered...;"** those are their idols, **"...Her images have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered."** For a nation has come up against her out of the north; it will make her land an object of horror, ...there will be no inhabitant in it. **Both man and beast have wandered off...,"** they've just wandered off, **"...[they've] gone away! In those days and at that time...."** (Jeremiah 50:2-4) And this is absolutely key for understanding what we're reading and I'm going to explain it to you, but **"In those days and at that time..."** you want to mark it; it's a time phrase, **"...declares the LORD, 'the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah....'"** (Jeremiah 50:4) So the sons of Israel. Let's say this is Babylon over here. I mean, just think of my left side as Babylon, my right side as Jerusalem. And so it's saying, **"...The sons of Israel...and the sons of Judah as well [will come]; they will go...weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek. They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they [might] join themselves to the LORD**

**in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten. My people have become [like] lost sheep; Their shepherds have led them astray. They have made them turn aside on the mountains; they have gone along from mountain to hill and have forgotten their resting place.”**

**(Jeremiah 50:4-6)** My shepherds, my shepherds, my ungodly shepherds, kept my people away from my land and away from my blessings. And then he says, **“All who came upon them have devoured them; and their adversaries have said, “We are not guilty, inasmuch as they....””**

**(Jeremiah 50:7)** And you want to put a star of David there so that you understand he is talking about “Israel,” **“...Inasmuch as they have sinned against the LORD...,”** now here it is **“...who is the habitation of righteousness....”** **(Jeremiah 50:7)** Who is the habitation of righteousness? What does that mean? It means, if you want to live right, if you want to know how you are to behave, how you are to have a family, how you are to have a business, how you are to be as a parent, how you are to be as a child, how you are to be as a child of God, how you are to deal with people, how you are to love people, etc., God is the habitation of your righteousness. You come to God. And you say, “But how do I come to God?” You come to God through His Word. You come to God through His Word and hear these are the words of righteousness, these are the precepts of life, the standards by which we live, the commands and the will of God, and the mind of God, and the heart of God, and the character of God. So He is the habitation of righteousness. We’ll talk about it in just a minute.

## **PART TWO**

The nations that had been devouring Israel have said, [Well, they’ve sinned against the Lord, they have sinned against the one who is the habitation of righteousness.] (PARAPHRASE, Jeremiah 50:7) Jeremiah 50 verse 7, **“...Even the LORD, the hope of their fathers....”** **(Jeremiah 50:7)** Now listen, these are perilous days in which we are living. Things are not the

same as they were and I don't think they are going to be the same. So as we look at what God says, you and I have to take these principles and these precepts and we have to put them into our lives so that we in turn can have God as the habitation of our righteousness. Now watch what He's saying, **“Wander away from the midst of Babylon...go forth from the land of the Chaldeans....”** (Jeremiah 50:8) He's talking still to His people Israel. He says, get out there. **“Wander away from the midst of Babylon...go forth from the land of the Chaldeans; Be also like male goats at the head of the flock....”** (Jeremiah 50:8) Hey, you lead the pack. He says, **“...For behold, I am going to arouse and bring up against Babylon a horde of great nations from the land of the north....”** You say what is this? Well, hang on. **“...And they will draw up their battle lines against her; [and] from there she...,”** Babylon, **“...will be taken captive....”** (Jeremiah 50:9) Now, if you're studying along with us, and I hope that you're going deeper and getting that wonderful study guide that we have that takes you deeper so that you really learn for yourself, but one of the things that we told you to do is mark every reference to Babylon so that you understand who the “hers” are and everything. So he is talking about Babylon and it says, **“...They will draw up [in] battle lines against her...their arrows will be like an expert warrior who does not return empty-handed. Chaldea will [be plundered and] all who plunder her will have enough,'....”** (Jeremiah 50:9-10) In other words, there is going to be many spoils. **“...Declares the Lord. ‘Because you are glad, because you are [diligent]...,’”** speaking to Babylon, **“...O you who pillage My heritage...,”** my Israel, **“...Because you skip [around] like a threshing heifer and neigh like stallions, your mother will be greatly ashamed, she who gave you birth will be humiliated. Behold, she will be the least of the nations, [and] a wilderness, [and] a parched land and a desert. Because of the indignation of the LORD she [Babylon] will not be inhabited, [and] she will be completely desolate; [And] everyone who passes by Babylon will be horrified and [they] will hiss...[at] all her wounds.’”** (Jeremiah 50:10-

13) And you say, “What is happening? I don’t understand.” Well, I wanted to bring you this far because what I wanted to show you is that He is not talking about the destruction of Babylon by the Medes and the Persians. That destruction you can read about the capture of the city in Daniel chapter 5, when Darius the Mede goes in, goes in through a tunnel and all of a sudden is standing in the room where Belshazzar is and he is the king at that time, and he just takes ’em. He does not destroy the city. Now, Cyrus is the one that is really the head of the Medo-Persian Empire, Darius the Mede is under him. Cyrus is the one that is going to unite the Medes and the Persians. When you think of Persians, think of the area of Iran, the area of Ilah. So he is going to unite the Medes and the Persians. When Cyrus, and you need to remember this, when Cyrus, under Darius the Mede goes in and takes Babylon, they do not destroy that city. They do not tear down the walls because he preserves the city. So when it’s talking about Babylon being utterly desolate, we have to say, hey, wait a minute, what is going on? Explain this to me. And I’m going to explain it to you because if you understand it, then it will help you understand what you’re reading here. You see all of this was foretold, but then God begins to eventually through time reveal it, and reveal it, and reveal it. The Bible is a progressive revelation. And that’s why you need to know the whole counsel of God. So this is what I want you to do. I want you, next to verse 12, it says: **“Your mother will be greatly ashamed....”** Your mother, whose mother? Babylon’s mother. **“...She who gave you birth will be humiliated....,”** (Jeremiah 50:12) because of what is happening to you. So I just believe that what he is showing us is He’s taking us back to the roots of Babylon. So I want you to go in your Bible to Genesis chapter 11. Now, while you’re turning to Genesis chapter 11, let me just explain what is happening. In Genesis chapter 6 [we find God disgusted with His creation because the thoughts and intents of men is only evil continually.] (PARAPHRASE, Genesis 6:5-6) So God brings a flood. Remember Noah? Remember the ark? And he brings a flood and He destroys all man-kind except Noah, Mrs.

Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth and the misses. (See Genesis 6:17-18) All right, then he causes that ark to land and when it lands, then God removes the water from the face of the earth and those people, Noah and his family, get off the ark. (See Genesis 8:16) When they get off the ark—Noah has three sons. Now watch, just think right hand: Shem, head: Ham, left hand: Japheth. So he has three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. This is the way I do it when I teach Genesis. These are the nations. Now from Shem, Ham and Japheth the whole earth will be populated so when they get off the ark and they multiply and God [tells 'em to be scattered and to fill the whole earth.] (PARAPHRASE, Genesis 9:1) Now from Shem, will come Abraham. We find out about him in Genesis 12. (See Genesis 12:1-3) From Ham, will come Cush and from Cush will come Nimrod. (See Genesis 10:6-8) Now Ham's the bad guy of the three sons because Ham sees his father naked and he doesn't cover his eyes, he doesn't honor his father, he doesn't respect his father so God pronounces a curse on his child. (Genesis 9:22-25) All right, and so you have Shem, Ham and Japheth. You and I are from the line of Japheth. In Genesis chapter 10, you have the descendant of Ham is Nimrod who is **"...a mighty hunter before the LORD."** (Genesis 10:9) And it says in Genesis chapter 10 verse 10, hang on, **"The beginning of his kingdom was Babel..."** (Genesis 10:10) The beginning of his kingdom was Babel. Now while Nimrod is not mentioned in Genesis chapter 11. Because we know the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, we can take what happens in Genesis chapter 11 and put it together and understand the roots of Babylon. And what we come to is we come to the tower of Babel in Genesis chapter 11. We come to the tower of Babel and what they do is they build, now remember this, [a tower that reaches to heaven and they gather together because they don't want to be scattered over the earth.] (PARAPHRASE, Genesis 11:4) They want to make a name for themselves. They are not making God the habitation of righteousness. They are saying, "God, we don't need you. We can reach from earth to heaven ourselves." Oh, Beloved, don't miss the next study.