

#42 - Babylon, part 1 (Jeremiah 50)

• **Background of Babylon**

- First time we see Babylon in the Bible is ...
 - How is it characterized?
- Abram and his family went out of Ur of the _____.
 - see Genesis 11:31 & Acts 7:2-4
 - Abraham was insistent that Isaac _____ return there. (24:6-8)
- Nothing much heard of the Babylonians until one of their envoys shows up in Jerusalem in the days of _____. (2 Kings 20:12-19)
 - He freely shows these Babylonians all of his _____.
 - Isaiah the prophet tells him that these same people will return to _____ what they've seen.
- Before too long, Babylon rises to power in Mesopotamia, winning key battle after battle against _____.
- In 605, Babylon defeats a coalition at Carchemish, _____ becomes king, and he marches into Judah and takes some of the youths of the royal family as captives. (see Daniel 1:1)
- God has said through Jeremiah that Nebuchadnezzar would be "His _____" to carry out His punishment (see 25:8-11)
 - But he goes on to say that Babylon will be _____ and become the slave of many nations. (see 25:12-14)

- **Fallen is Babylon (50:1-20)**

- The Lord declares that Babylon and her gods have been defeated—in the _____ tense because it is as good as done. (1-3)
- Inseparable from Babylon's downfall is the _____ of Israel and Judah to a lasting covenant with Jehovah. (4-7)
 - God's people called on to _____ Babylon as it is soon to be destroyed by other nations. (8-10)
- Babylon punished for their _____ as they pillaged Israel—a sin against _____, and so “as she has done to others, so do to her.” (11-16)
- Babylon is next in line to be broken, but God's people will be preserved and _____ will no longer be found among them. (17-20)

- **Their Day Has Come (50:21-40)**

- Babylon has picked a fight with _____, and He is unleashing His wrath on them to destroy them completely. (21-27)
 - This is vengeance for His _____. (28)
- Babylon is being repaid for her _____, for lifting herself up as unbeatable. (29-32; see Isaiah 14:12-14; Daniel 4:30)
- Like _____ of old, Babylon captured God's people and refused to “let them go.” (33-34)
- Destruction against the land & inhabitants—a land of _____. (35-40)

- **As She Did to Others (50:41-46)**

- Two passages here that mirror other passages in Jeremiah:
 - 50:41-43 a copy of 6:22-24 and the message against _____.
 - 50:44-46 a copy of 49:19-21 and the message against _____.