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Much of what Jeremiah wrote was current history when he lived in 600BC; nonetheless... a closer look at what he recorded serves a dual purpose not only speaking to faithless Judah and Jerusalem and lessons that caused the LORD to send them to Babylonian captivity; but also as a reminder to the faithful in both HOUSES **Israel** and **Judah** and to each of us... what to expect wherever we go throughout history, until Messiah comes to rule with a rod of iron.



<sup>1</sup> **The messages of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet against the **Gentiles** / in other words against the non-Jewish people;**

<sup>2</sup> **Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, who was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, where Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck down in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah king of **Judah**.**

<sup>3</sup> **Ready your large and small shields, and draw near to battle.**

<sup>4</sup> **Harness your horses; and mount; on with helmets; prepare spears, put on coats of mail.**

<sup>5</sup> **What! I see them shocked and turned back – routed, in a panic! Even their brave are beaten down, they run, and do not rally: for fear has surrounded them, says the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup> **But no speed saves them, no hero escapes; and in the north by the river Euphrates, they stumble and fall.**

<sup>7</sup> **What is this rising like the Nile, whose waters toss about?**

<sup>8</sup> **Tis Egypt rising like the Nile, like waters tossing about; and she shouts, I will arise, and engulf the earth; I will destroy its capital cities and citizens / she overestimated herself.**

<sup>9</sup> **Prance on O horses; rage away O chariots; charge on O mighty men; Ethiopians and Libyans, who brandish the shield; Lydians archers, who brandish and bend the bow.**

<sup>10</sup> **For this is the day of the LORD God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge on His adversaries: and the sword will destroy, and it will be gratified and made drunk with their blood: for the LORD God of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.**

<sup>11</sup> **Go up to Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt:**



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**in vain will you use many medicines; for you will not be cured.**

**12 The nations hear of your shame, and your cry has filled the earth: for one mighty man stumbled over another, and together they both have fallen.**

**13 The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would come and strike down the land of Egypt.**

**14 Tell it in Egypt, and proclaim it in Migdol, and Noph and Tahpanhes: say, Take your stand, be prepared; for the sword will destroy all around you.**

**15 Why have your valiant men fled? they could not stand; for the LORD drove them away.**

**16 He made many foreigners to fall, yes, one fell over another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, to the land of our birth, away from the oppressing sword.**

**17 They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is a big noise; his appointed time has passed.**

**18 As I live, declares the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts, Surely One will come like as Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel along the seashore, so He will come.**

**19 O daughter of Egypt, get ready for exile: for Noph lies empty, wasted and abandoned.**

**20 Egypt is like a very handsome cow, but destruction comes from the north – it's coming.**

**21 Also her mercenaries among her are like pampered bulls; they also fled in fear: they made no stand, the day of their calamity had come on them; the time of their visitation.**

**22 She draws back hissing like a serpent before its foes; for approaching like an army, they come at her with axes, like woodmen hewing a forest.**

**23 Cut down her forest, says the LORD, surely it will not be found; because they outnumber locusts.**

**24 The daughter of Egypt will be confounded; delivered to the hands of those in the north.**

**25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says; Indeed, I will punish all of No, the Pharaoh, and all Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and any who rely on him:**

**26 I will hand them over to those who seek their lives, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and to the hand of his servants: afterward it will be inhabited, as in the days of old, says the LORD.**

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<sup>27</sup> But do not fear, O My servant **Jacob**, and be not dismayed, O **Israel**: for indeed, I will save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and **Jacob** will return, and be at rest and ease, and none will cause him fear.

<sup>28</sup> Do not fear, O Jacob My servant, says the LORD: for I am with you; I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you: **but I will not make a full end of you**, but will correct you in measure; yet I will not leave you completely unpunished.

And we know these promises of the Lord were given to greater **Israel** – the ones truly **ruled by God**, many who would be known by the name of **Isaac**, -- the Celtic peoples, and in the promises to Ephraim, the great commonwealth of nations, and his brother Manasseh, the great nation – [and it is confirmed in 2 Esdras 13](#)

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