

# JEREMIAH 51 vs 41

This chapter begins with statements about the destruction of Babylon even as the House of Judah and Jerusalem prepares for a confrontation with armies of Babylon, but the Lord God does not waste His words. He generously tells Jeremiah who speaks for Him, that there will come a day when the situation turns and Babylon is utterly destroyed; so this future promise prophesied by God is also good news especially when all around is only news of pending doom and destruction; yet this prophecy also reaches to the last days of the Gentile nations—so it is something we also can identify unfolding in the News and on the internet today.

<sup>41</sup> **How is Sheshach taken!** / some scholars suggest this is a name for Babylon; but I think not; rather look closely at this cryptic name, and discover details about the last mythical world leader; the Anti-Christ, embraced by the world; though hopefully still warned to watch for by the church Jesus said He is building – Jeremiah spoke about this guy in chapter 26; Daniel tells us about a vile ruler coming,

**the praise of the whole earth seized!**

**How is *mystery* Babylon become a horror among the nations!**

<sup>42</sup> **The sea of humanity is come up on Babylon: she is covered with its tumultuous hordes /** John wrote: *the 10 horns which you saw and the beast—the last roman govt, these will hate the harlot—who is riding them... and make her desolate and naked, and consume her flesh and burn her up with fire...* fulfilling the purposes of God—**Revelation 17.**

<sup>43</sup> **Her cities have become a horror, an earth of drought and desert, an earth in which no one dwells, and through which no son of man passes.**

<sup>44</sup> **And I will punish Bel in Babylon /** the filthy idols of Baal, the idolatry of Babylon; idolatry intends to replace God's words with manmade images (our imaginations). Some say a picture is worth 1,000 words; but try texting only pictures to the police or fire department when your house is being invaded or is burning down; we were created to hear the Creator God's word and to respond;

**I will punish Bel in Babylon...** / the roman church says, this speaks of some dust pile located in the Middle East where Saddam Hussein hoped to rebuild his legendary Babylon in modern Iraq—of course with UNESCO \$\$\$... and thereby turn attention from Rome and the Mystery Babylon.

**and take out of his mouth what he swallowed /** and he tried to swallow God's people.

**The nations will no longer flow to him /** we saw that in the Revelation:

**yes, the wall of *mystery* Babylon has fallen /** ...the ancient walls of Babylon were impressively built: they were 87 feet wide; a chariot of four horses abreast could meet another on it without collision... the walls were 200 cubits high... and 60 miles in length. Impressive; that is what the Lord said as if done, already fallen; and that is what happened; but we are also learning about Mystery Babylon, its walls of security and secrecy will also fall... like the open borders they promote and insist on everywhere else.

<sup>45</sup> **Go out of her My people!** / the Lord gives fair warning and says, leave her, and be quick about it.

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Let everyone save his life from the fierce anger of the Lord / there is a Day... but not in the same category of the goofy liturgical days; but a real Day on a real calendar of the Lord, as real as Passover and Pentecost; a Day of wrath coming; and it is still penciled in; we can be confident Messiah plans to keep it.

<sup>46</sup> Let **not** your heart faint, and do **not** be fearful at the report heard on the **earth**; when a report comes one after another, year after year, another report of **violence on the earth**, and ruler is against ruler / the Lord says to His people, *do not fear* all the reports and rumors of wars, *in the world we will have tribulation*, but He is victorious over all that stuff.

<sup>47</sup> Therefore, behold, **the days come** / promised by God... **when I punish the graven images of mystery Babylon and all her slain will fall among her** / this vaudeville queen of heaven will drop dead along with the rest of her fornicating harlots:

and the whole **earth** will be confounded / totally amazed.

WOW

<sup>48</sup> Then the heavens and the **earth**, and all that is in them, will sing for joy over Babylon **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

for destroyers will come against them out of the north, says the Lord.

<sup>49</sup> Babylon must fall for the slain of Israel / 2500 years ago,

just as *mystery* Babylon falls for the slain of all the **earth** / when Messiah comes again in glory.

<sup>50</sup> You who escaped the sword, go, do **not stand still!** / Jeremiah says: Go quickly, and tell this good news you've heard, so others are not immobilized in fear, but will also be inclined to **Go out of her**;

**Remember the Lord from far away, and let Jerusalem come to your mind** / those who have the luxury of being far away... and in safety; who read the reports of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the others... they have an obligation to run quickly and make the reports known to those who need to hear; particularly those in Jerusalem; to pray for its peace when there is rarely peace; and to let others know what the Lord requires: that they too might live and prosper in the place where He has led them.

And the prophecy given by the Lord God 2500 years ago... should cause a response from the hearers; perhaps Jeremiah said...

<sup>51</sup> We are ~~put to shame~~ **bos**,

for we heard the rebuke / from the Lord; detailing our faithless tendencies:

and dishonor covers our face:

for foreigners have entered the holy places of the house of the Lord.

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<sup>52</sup> So behold, **the days come** say the Lord / yes, 3 great Days are still on the Lord's calendar,

**the days come** when I will execute judgment on her graven images / because He already had one image in mind: Jesus the Christ, *the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth*:

and throughout all the **earth** the wounded will groan / pity parties are held? John said, the nobles and merchants of the earth will cry, as their house of cards collapses before their eyes—**Revelation 18**.

<sup>53</sup> Though *mystery* Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she fortifies her lofty position, yet destroyers will come from Me against her, say the Lord.

<sup>54</sup> A voice! Shrieks from *mystery* Babylon! It is a great noise of a mighty destruction from the **land** of the Chaldeans / who seem to be all over the place now days!

<sup>55</sup> For the Lord is battering Babylon, and destroying her mighty voice / her screechy, out of tune, monotonous voice. The enemy surges like many waters; the noise of their voice is raised,

<sup>56</sup> for the Destroyer comes upon her, upon *mystery* Babylon; her mighty are taken; their weapons are smashed: for the Lord God of retribution, He will surely repay.

<sup>57</sup> I will make her officials and her wise, her captains and her commanders, and her mighty... drunk / the whole damn hierarchy of Mystery Babylon will be inebriated; and the Lord God Himself says He will personally and I'm sure creatively do it:

they will sleep a perpetual sleep and **not** awaken,

**say the King**, whose name is the Lord of hosts.

<sup>58</sup> Thus say the Lord of hosts; The broad wall of Babylon will be leveled to the ground / ...its details are in verse 44, and her high gates will be burned with fire / 100 massive brass gates in total; 25 gates on each side, the city being square. Between the gates were 250 towers; triple walls encompassed the outer, and the same number the inner city; and 200,000 men were needed to complete this project in one year.

The people labor for nothing, the nations weary themselves only for fire / the builders worked to watch it be destroyed by fire.

<sup>59</sup> The message that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the grandson of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah king of **Judah** to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. (Now, Seraiah was the quartermaster. / the officer in charge of arrangements when the group stopped to camp)



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**60** Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that will come upon Babylon,

**all these words that are written concerning *mystery* Babylon.**

**61** And Jeremiah said to Seraiah,

**When you come to Babylon,**

**see that you read all these words** / because the Lord declared them: better than most, the prophets including Jeremiah knew what Moses told us: *man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord*—**Deuteronomy 8**;

**62** Then say, O Lord, concerning this place You said that You will cut it off, so nothing remains, no man or beast, and it will be desolate forever.

**63** When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of Euphrates:

**64** and say,

**Thus *mystery* Babylon will sink and rise no more, because of the disaster I bring on her:**

**and they will fall** / the whole hierarchy sitting on many waters will crash with all her darling wannabes.

**Here end the words of Jeremiah.**