

hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and you yourself will not escape from their hand." NASU

Chapter 39 records the **fall of Jerusalem**. Zedekiah had **rejected Jeremah's counsel** for some time, which would have brought he and his **family safety**. Sadly, Jeremiah's **earlier words to Zedekiah** come **true**. The **grim scene** is recorded.

Jeremiah 39:4-9 - 4 When Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. **5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and they seized him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him. 6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes at Riblah; the king of Babylon also slew all the nobles of Judah. 7 He then blinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in fetters of bronze to bring him to Babylon. 8** The Chaldeans also burned with fire the king's palace and the houses of the people, and they broke down the walls of Jerusalem. 9 As for the rest of the people who were left in the city, the deserters who had gone over to him and the rest of the people who remained, **Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard carried them into exile in Babylon.** NASU

The **severe warnings of God's prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah** finally come to **fruition**. This is exactly what **Moses warned the people** of before they entered the **Promised Land**.

Deuteronomy 4:25-31 - 25 "When you become the father of children and children's children and **have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord your God so as to provoke Him to anger,** 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, **that you shall surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but shall be utterly destroyed. 27 And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the Lord shall drive you.** 28 And there you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

But just as **Isaiah and Jeremiah** promised, **"in the latter days,"** says Moses, **"you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice."**

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 - 29 But from there **you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. 30 When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice.** 31 For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them. NASB

Jeremiah is spared and left to **live in Judah** under the **protection** of the **governor**.

Chapters 40-44 – After the Fall of Jerusalem

Chapter 40 records the fact that Nebuchadnezzar appointed **Gedaliah** the **governor** over the land. They're the poor and those who have been driven away gathered together and we're living under the approval of the king of Babylon.

Chapter 41 records the murder of **Gedaliah** by Ishmael, who also **killed** many of the **pilgrims** who came back to **live in Judah** under his **protection**. **Chapter 42** records the **people's fear** of the King of Babylon's **response**, and their desire to **flee** to **Egypt**. Jeremiah's **counsel** to the people living in **Judah** was to **remain** in the **land**.

Jeremiah 42:10-11 - **10 'If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you;** for I will relent concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you. **11 'Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon,** whom you are now fearing; do not be afraid of him,' declares the Lord, **'for I am with you to save you and deliver you from his hand.** NASU

But **Jeremiah** also **warns** if the **flee to Egypt** and reject the **counsel** of the **Lord**, there will be **disaster**.

Jeremiah 42:15-17 - 15 then in that case listen to the word of the Lord, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, **"If you really set your mind to enter Egypt and go in to reside there, 16 then the sword, which you are afraid of, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are anxious, will follow closely after you there in Egypt, and you will die there.** NASU

Chapter 43 records the people's **rejection** of Jeremiah's **counsel**. They do all **flee** to **Egypt** and they take **Jeremiah** and **Baruch** with them, supposing that they will be some **benefit** from the **Lord**. **Chapter 44** records the **idolatry** that the **people of Judah** had gotten **involved** in when they went to **Egypt**, worshipping the **Queen of Heaven**. Jeremiah **warns** of **God's judgment** for this.

Jeremiah 44:12-13 - 12 'And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword and meet their end by famine. Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach. NASU

The people **will not repent** and give their answer to **Jeremiah** and the **Lord**.

Jeremiah 44:15-17 - 15 Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, **responded to Jeremiah, saying, 16 "As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we are not going to listen to you! 17 "But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem;** for then we had plenty of food and were well off and saw no misfortune. NASU

Jeremiah **pronounces** their **doom**.

Jeremiah 44:27-30 - 27 'Behold, I am watching over them for harm and not for good, and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt will meet their end by the sword and by famine until they are completely gone. 28 'Those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah few in number. Then all the remnant of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will know whose word will stand, Mine or theirs. **29 'This will be the sign to you,' declares the Lord, 'that I am going to punish you in this place,** so that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for harm.' 30 "Thus says the Lord, **'Behold, I am going to give over Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, to the hand of those who seek his life,** just as I gave over Zedekiah king of Judah to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy and was seeking his life.'" NASU

See here also **Jeremiah fulfilling his ministry** as a **prophet** to the **nations**, here **prophesying** of the **fall of Hopro, Pharaoh King of Egypt**. This happened just a few short years later in **570BC**, and later **Pharaoh Hopro was killed in 567BC**.

Chapters 45-52 Supplements

Chapter 45 records **God's promise** to **Baruch**, Jeremiah's **scribe**, that he will not **die**, but will **survive** his **ministry** with **Jeremiah**. **Chapter 46** prophesies that Egypt will fall at the **Battle of Carchemish**. This happened in **605BC** during the **reigns** of **Pharoah Neco King of Egypt** and **Jehoiakim King of Judah**. Egypt was **defeated** by **Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon**. **Chapter 47** records a prophecy concerning the nation of **Philistia** and its **fall** to **Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon**. This happened in **604BC**. **Chapter 48** is a **prophecy** against the nation of **Moab**. This happened in **582BC**, four years after the **fall of Jerusalem**.

Jeremiah 48:40-43 - 40 For thus says the Lord: "Behold, one will fly swiftly like an eagle And spread out his wings against Moab. 41 "Kerioth has been captured And the strongholds have been seized, So the hearts of the mighty men of Moab in that day Will be like the heart of a woman in labor. 42 **"Moab will be destroyed from being a people Because he has become arrogant toward the Lord. 43 "Terror, pit and snare are coming upon you, O inhabitant of Moab," declares the Lord.** NASU

Chapter 49 records prophecies against **Ammon** ([49:1-6](#)), **Edom** ([49:7-22](#)), **Damascus** ([49:23-33](#)), **Kedar**, **Hazor**, and **Elam** (49:28-39). **Chapters 50-51** are a **prophecy** about the **fall** of the **nation of Babylon**. This happened in **539BC** when the **Persian King Cyrus** attacked the great city. This **section** contains **prophecies** about the **future** of the **Judean captives** in **Babylon**. Here God promises that the **"sons of Israel"** and the **"sons of Judah"** will seek the Lord and His **"everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten."**

Jeremiah 50:4-5 - 4 "In those days and at that time," declares the Lord, **"the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the Lord their God they will seek. 5 "They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.** NASU

This will happen in a day when **Israel** will be **pardoned** and their **sins forgiven** by the **Lord**.

Jeremiah 50:17-20 - 17 "Israel is a scattered flock, the lions have driven them away. **The first one who devoured him was the king of Assyria, and this last one who has broken his bones is Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.** 18 "Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I am going to punish the king of Babylon and his land, just as I punished the king of Assyria. **19 'And I will bring Israel back to his pasture and he will graze on Carmel and Bashan, and his desire will be satisfied in**

the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead. 20 'In those days and at that time,' declares the Lord, 'search will be made for the iniquity of Israel, but there will be none; and for the sins of Judah, but they will not be found; for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.' NASU

Chapter 51 ends with an interesting instruction from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 51:60-64 - 60 So Jeremiah wrote in a single scroll all the calamity which would come upon Babylon, that is, all these words which have been written concerning Babylon. 61 Then Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "As soon as you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words aloud, 62 and say, 'You, O Lord, have promised concerning this place to cut it off, so that there will be nothing dwelling in it, whether man or beast, but it will be a perpetual desolation.' 63 "And as soon as you finish reading this scroll, you will tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates, 64 and say, 'Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again because of the calamity that I am going to bring upon her; and they will become exhausted.'" Thus far are the words of Jeremiah. NASU

It is a **profound idea** to consider how **God tears down** and **builds up nations and kingdoms** through the **words** of His **prophets!** The number of **fulfilled prophecies** in these books of **Isaiah** and **Jeremiah** is **astounding!** Surely these men are **prophets** who speak the very **Words of God!** **Chapter 52** ends the book on the very **sad note** of the **Fall of Jerusalem**. Verse 1-11 repeats the narrative about the **capture** of **Zedekiah**. From there it further describes the **destruction** of the **Temple**, the **exiling** of the **people**. The book ends with some information about the **continuation** of the **Davidic line** through Jehoiachin. See here **God** putting us on **notice** that He has **preserved** the **Davidic line**. **Jehoiachin** (Jechoniah) is mentioned in **Matthew 1:11** in the **genealogy** of **Christ**.

Jeremiah 52:31-34 - 31 Now it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that **Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison.** 32 Then he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the thrones of the kings who were with him in Babylon. 33 So Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and had his meals in the king's presence regularly all the days of his life. 34 For his allowance, a regular allowance was given him by the king of Babylon, a daily portion all the days of his life until the day of his death. NASU