



I FEEL YOUR PAIN

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All Fall Down

Introduction to Jeremiah 47-52

The children’s song, “Ring Around the Rosie” was supposedly written about the Bubonic plague in the middle ages. The words end with “all fall down”, meaning all die according to this interpretation. Similarly, Jeremiah’s prophecies end with all falling down under God’s judgment—Egypt, Babylon, the nations surrounding Judah, and Judah itself. The point is that whoever resists God will find themselves in a losing battle. One day every knee will bow before Him, either in worship or in a plea for mercy. While this is a fearful perspective, it is also a hopeful one for God’s people who have suffered at the hands of His enemies. This final study begins with Philistia who had been Israel’s enemy since the time of Samson. All of their land would be destroyed by Babylon as an expression of

God’s judgment. Moab, which lay to the southeast, would also be broken and their gods would be taken into captivity. In fact, every national judgment was also a judgment of that nation’s gods. Moab demonstrated another reason for God’s judgment besides their treatment of Judah—they were arrogant. This attitude always brings retribution from God. In God’s grace, though, Moab would be restored in the last days. Other nations who would be in line for God’s justice were Ammon, Edom, Syria (whose capital was Damascus), Kedar, Hazor, and Elam. These smaller nations did not escape the notice of God, because one day every person or nation will have to account for any thought, word, or action against God. There was one great judgment left, however; the one on Babylon.



Our hearts should break with God’s over our sin.

Babylon was the first great world empire, and God had used them to discipline all the nations of the earth. Now, though, they would receive justice as the Medo-Persian empire overthrew them. This was a hopeful note for all who had been treated severely by the Babylonians, and especially for Judah who was in captivity at that time. The book closes with Jehoiachin, Judah’s king, receiving favorable treatment in Babylon. This shows that, in the end, God’s people will be treated well, while everyone else will all fall down.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Daily Study Questions for Jeremiah 47-52

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

1. Look at Jer 47:1-7. Locate Philistia on a map in the back of your Bible. What would happen to the Philistines (v2, 4, 6-7)? How bad would it be (v3, 5)?	
2. From 48:1-35 locate Moab. How bad would their destruction be (v1, 3, 9, 15) and whose work was this destruction (v10)? What was Moab’s problem (v7, 13, 29, 35)?	
3. In 48:36-47 what would the results of God’s judgment be (v36, 38, 39, 44, 46)? What would their final outcome be (v47) and what does this tell us?	

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Jeremiah 47-52 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Jer 49:1-6 locate Ammon. What was their sin (v1, 4) and what would happen to them (v2-3, 5)? What would God do later (v6)?

5. Based on 49:7-22 what would be the cause of Edom's (Esau's descendents) judgment (v16)? How bad would it be (v10, 13, 17-18, 20) and why was it certain (v19-20)?

6. In 49:23-39 look up Damascus (Syria), Kedar, Hazor and Elam on a map. Describe God's judgment and its effect on each of them (v23-27, 28-33, 34-38). What is Elam's end (v39)?

7. According to 50:1-16 who will finally get repaid (v1, 2) and who will do it (v3, 9, 14-15)? Why will this happen (v7, 11, 13)? How will it affect Israel (v4-6, 8)? What does this tell us?

8. From 50:17-46 what was Babylon's sin (v24, 29-32, 38) and what would God do to them (v35-43)? What would God do for Israel (v33-34)?

9. Based on 51:1-64 who is behind Babylon's rise (v7, 20-23) and fall (v6, 9-10, 24, 36-40, 52-53)? Describe Him (v15-19, 56). What is Babylon's end (v59-64)?

10. Looking at 52:1-27 what caused Judah's fall (v1-3) and how did it occur (v4-7, 12-16)? What happened to Zedekiah (v8-11), the temple (v17-23), and the king's advisors (v24-27)?

11. Read Jer 52:28-34. Recap the exile (v28-30). What happened to Jehoiachin (v31-34), and when (v31)? What does this show us?

Scripture to Remember

"Their Redeemer is strong, the Lord of hosts is His name; He will vigorously plead their case, so that He may bring rest to the earth".

Jeremiah 50:34 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Complete in Christ (Col 2:10-15)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Everyone share what percentage of completion they normally get to on a project. Why is the feeling of completion so good?
2. Read Col 2:10-15. What are some of our religious symbols? How can they be helpful and how can they be harmful?
3. Discuss how the Jewish symbol of circumcision compares with the Christian symbol of baptism outwardly. How does it compare inwardly?
4. In what sense is our salvation "complete" in Christ? Talk about how you get to the place where you have this "complete" salvation.
5. Share about which of your sins are the hardest to "nail to the cross" - past, present, or future; recurring or one time; big or little, etc. How can we nail them to the cross?
6. Talk specifically about how to walk each day in the victory Christ accomplished at the cross for us.
7. Bring up anything else important to you from Sunday's message if there is time.