

Lesson 22
The Lord's Judgments Against Babylon
Jeremiah 50-51

Questions

1. What was declared concerning Babylon and what was the cause for the Lord's judgment against this nation (50:1-3; see also 50:11, 14, 24, 29-32, 36; 51:6, 17, 47, 52)?

2. What would the children of Israel and Judah do when Babylon was destroyed (50:4-5)?

3. Why were the Lord's people taken into Babylonian captivity (50:6-7)?

4. What were the Lord's people told to do regarding Babylon and why (50:8-10)?

5. What happened to Babylon and why (50:11-16)?

6. What did the Lord do to the king of Babylon and to Israel (50:17-20)?

7. What did the Lord do in Babylon and why (50:21-28)?

8. What attitude did the Babylonians have that caused them to be destroyed (50:29-32)?

9. Who is the Lord and what did he do for the children of Judah (50:33-40)?

10. What were the people like who destroyed Babylon (50:41-46)?
11. What did the Lord do to Babylon (51:1-4)?
12. What were the Lord's people told to do regarding Babylon and why (51:5-10)?
13. Who did the Lord use to destroy the Babylonians and why (51:11-14)?
14. Who is the Lord, compared to idols (51:15-19)?
15. Who did the Lord break and why (51:20-24)?
16. What was Babylon called (51:25-26)?
17. What did the Lord purpose against Babylon (51:27-32)?
18. What did Babylon do to Jerusalem and what would be done to her (51:33-40)?
19. What would fall in Babylon (51:41-44)?
20. What did the Lord do to Babylon and her idols (51:45-53)?
21. What did the Lord repay concerning Babylon (51:54-58)?

22. What did Jeremiah tell Seraiah to do with the words that Jeremiah wrote down concerning Babylon (51:59-64)?

Digging Deeper

1. Who were Bel and Merodach (50:2; 51:44)?

2. Who, from the “north”, did the Lord use to judge the Babylonians (50:3, 9, 41; 51:11, 28, 48)?

3. What did the children of Israel do after the fall of Babylon, according to Ezra 1 (50:4-5)?

4. When did Israel fall to the Assyrians and to the Babylonians (50:17)?

5. What is the meaning of Merathaim and Pekod (50:21) and Leb-kamai (51:1) and what do they refer to?

6. What did the Lord do to Sodom and Gomorrah (50:40)?

7. Where are Ararat, Minni, Ashkenaz, and Media located on a map (51:27-28)?

8. When was the fourth year of Zedekiah (Jer. 51:59) and what other event happened at this time, according to Jeremiah 28:1-4?

9. What empire in New Testament times is described as fallen Babylon (51:8)?

Applications for Today

1. The Lord punishes idolatry (50:2, 38; 51:17, 47, 52; Rev. 21:8).
2. Sin against the Lord brings judgment for his people and for foreigners (50:7, 14; 51:6; Rom. 2:12; 3:23; 6:23).
3. Come out of the sinful world around you and do not be like them (50:8; 51:6, 45; Rev. 18:4).
4. The Lord is willing to pardon sins (50:20; Mic. 7:18).
5. Do not strive against the Lord (50:24; 1 Sam. 2:10).
6. People are judged by the Lord according to their works (50:29; Rom. 2:6; 2 Cor. 11:15; 2 Tim. 4:14; Rev. 2:23; 18:6; 20:12-13).
7. Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall (50:29-32, 36; Prov. 16:18; Jas. 4:6).
8. The Lord is the Redeemer and the deliverer (50:34; Rom. 11:26).
9. The Lord made the earth by his power and wisdom (51:15; Prov. 8:22-31).
10. The Lord's purposes and plans will always stand (51:29; Prov. 19:21).
11. The Lord is a God of recompenses (51:56; Rom. 1:27; 12:19; 2 Thess. 1:6; Heb. 2:2; 10:30).