

THE FALL OF BABYLON IN JEREMIA 50 AND 51



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WILL BE DELIVERED

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Introduction

The fall of Babylon, as described in Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51, is in fact a direct continuation of the book “What is the Mystery of Babylon?” These chapters are not only long, but also extremely profound. That is why Sheldon Emry decided to treat this theme separately and explore it in greater depth.

What do Jeremiah 50 and 51 mean for our time?

Quite simply: everything. The prophecy about the downfall of the last Babylon is described there in detail. What many do not understand is that the successive world empires—as shown in Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2—are all parts of one and the same system: Babylon.

The image from Nebuchadnezzar's dream, consisting of different materials, represents separate empires, but forms a whole. It begins with the golden head, which represents the original Babylon. That head symbolizes the entire body of the image – and thus the entire world system that followed. Each empire had its own name, but the spirit of Babylon remained the same.

The successive parts of the statue represent the following empires:

1. Babylon (the golden head)
2. Media and Persia
3. Greece
4. The Roman Empire
5. Post-Roman Europe (divided empire)

Despite their different names and forms, they are all expressions of that one Babylonian system. Each empire took over the previous one, including its structures, idolatry, exploitation, and centralization of power. Babylon changed its name, but its essence remained the same. That is why the Bible still speaks of Babylon even in the end times.

And that is an important point that people need to remember.

When we speak of the Persian Empire, the Greek Empire, the Roman Empire, or present-day Europe and America, we are essentially talking about Babylon. And this Babylon of today, which is formed by the current Western system, is on the verge of collapse. No one will be able to stop it.

Some see Donald Trump as a savior of the people. They hope that he can restore the system. But ironically, he is doing exactly the opposite—and that is precisely God's intention. Trump, like Nebuchadnezzar in his day, is being used by God to accomplish His purpose. Whether Trump is aware of this or not is irrelevant. He is contributing to the destruction of the system – and that must happen. Babylon must fall. That is part of the divine plan.

Does that make Trump a man of God? No. He is a Zionist, and therefore an enemy of both God and His true people. But God has often used enemies to discipline His people and fulfill His prophecies. Think of the Assyrians, the Babylonians, and now – possibly – America itself.

Today, many are afraid. Afraid of losing their income, of collapsing economies, of losing their familiar lives. But that “security” was nothing more than a false security. Babylon offers no real safety—only slavery, oppression, and financial chains.

We, as the people of the West—descendants of Israel—have been subjected to a Babylonian system of taxation, debt, control, and religious manipulation for generations. Even our ancestors lived under it. We now consider it normal to give away more than half of our labor. Those who refuse are labeled criminals—even though the Bible condemns the Babylonian tax system.

There is no hope for Babylon. But there is hope for the people of Israel—who belong to God.

Unfortunately, many church leaders today are only concerned with their own gain. They line their pockets, numb the people with music and superficial preaching, and thus perpetuate spiritual slavery.

Before the people can truly be free, Babylon must be completely destroyed. And that process is already underway. We are in the midst of it.

My hope is that this book will change your thinking. Because that is what needs to happen. As Paul said, “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Only then can we as a people see, understand, and act according to God’s will—outside of Babylon.

Chapter 1

The Condemned City: Babylon in Jeremiah's Prophecy

There are several long passages in the prophetic books that describe a future event in great detail and are quite complete in themselves. For example: Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, the dreams and visions of Daniel, the entire book of Joel, and the prophecy of Obadiah. These passages can largely be read independently, while most other prophecies require passages from other prophets to be fully understood. Many prophecies are shorter in nature. But what we are about to read—Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51—is a very extensive prophecy.

As mentioned, this is a complete prophecy in itself, and we will only use a few verses from other passages of Scripture for clarification. I am currently recording a radio series entitled: What is the Mystery of Babylon? And although I hardly discuss Jeremiah 50 and 51 in that series, I am adding this message now because these passages are so essential.

Jeremiah 50 begins as follows:

“The word that the LORD has spoken against Babylon, against the land of the Chaldeans, through the prophet Jeremiah.”

This is the introduction to everything we are about to read—namely, the word of God about that entity called Babylon and about the land of the Chaldeans.

“Declare among the nations, and proclaim it; set up a standard, lift up a standard, do not hide it; say, ‘Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed, Merodach is disgraced; her images are shamed, her idols are broken.’” (Jeremiah 50:2)

Note: the message that must be proclaimed — the message that must not remain hidden — is this: Babylon has fallen. Bel (the idol of Babylon) is put to shame. He was not a god, but was worshipped by men. Merodach was an idol of Bel. The other idols were lesser deities of the Canaanite Baal religion, whom they worshipped.

“For a nation has come up against her from the north, which will make her land a desolation, and no one will dwell in it; neither man nor beast will dwell there; they will all depart.” (Jeremiah 50:3)

According to these short verses, we must therefore proclaim that this entity called Babylon has been destroyed. Its end has come.

But before we go deeper into the prophecy itself, I want to make it clear that I will treat this prophecy—Jeremiah 50 and 51—with the assumption that my listeners already know a number of things that I don't have time to explain now:

The Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, and related peoples of Europe are the descendants of the house of Israel.

America and Canada (the northern part of North America) form the land of the reunited Israel and are therefore the prophetic Zion.

The great enemy of our people and our nation is known by many names: communism, international bankers, world government, world religion — but the Bible calls it Babylon.

The people who call themselves “Jews” but are not, and who form the synagogue of Satan, are the manipulators and rulers of this Babylon. They are not Israel.

If you do not yet know these four things, I recommend that you read, for example, the studies *Old Jerusalem is not the New Jerusalem*, *The Bible Says Russia Will Attack America*, *Heirs of the Promise*, or Haberman's book *Tracing Our White Ancestors* to gain a proper understanding of who Israel really is. For without that knowledge, you can neither understand the prophecies nor interpret the history of our time.

All misunderstandings about the biblical prophecies are the result of misidentifying Israel. And in this series, I don't have time to convince you that we are the Israeli people.

The first word of God concerning the downfall of Babylon is a command. And what is that command?

“Proclaim... make it known... set up a banner... do not hide it.”

That ‘proclaim’ obviously refers to preaching, openly telling the good news—namely, that this great antichrist world system, Babylon, has been destroyed. But it also says, “Set up a banner.” What does that mean?

The Banner of the Call: Jesus Christ as Enzein

As we saw in Jeremiah 50:2, God not only commands us to proclaim that Babylon has fallen, but also to raise a banner. What is meant by this?

The Hebrew word translated here as “banner” is *nēs* — spelled N-A-C-E in English. According to Strong's Concordance, it means flag, banner, signal, weapon, or standard. In a biblical context, it is often understood as a military or spiritual identifier, something that is visible and serves as a point of reference. Soldiers once carried flags on the battlefield so that their commanders could see where their units were. And the ordinary soldier also knew: as long as I stay with the banner, I am with my unit — and I am fulfilling my duty.

This standard, I believe, is identified in Isaiah 11.

“And it shall come to pass in the same day, that the root of Jesse, which standeth, shall enlighten all the nations; and his rest shall be glorious.” (Isaiah 11:10)

Note that the word “standard” here is the same Hebrew word as in Jeremiah 50. Verse 1 of that chapter says:

“For there shall come forth a Branch out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”

You know that Jesse was the father of David, so this is about someone from the house of David. Verse 2 continues:

“And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”

And further on:

"But He shall judge the poor with righteousness...He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked." (Isaiah 11:4)

It is abundantly clear that this is about a great, powerful, even supernatural Being — someone from the line of David — namely, Jesus Christ.

In verse 10, He is therefore called the “banner” that will be raised for the nations. And according to verse 12:

“And He will raise a banner for the nations, and gather the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”

So this banner is not just any flag or waving banner, but a person — Jesus Christ, the Son of David. And to that banner, to Him, Israel will gather. Just as soldiers gather around the standard of their army, so the house of Israel will gather around Christ.

And that is exactly what happened at the beginning of American history, even though many do not realize it.

An official brochure for the Washington for Jesus gathering on April 29 explains why they chose that date: it was the day the first English colonists landed in Virginia and claimed America “for God.” This was in the year 1607. Led by Pastor Robert Hunt, they knelt on the beach, placed a wooden cross, and dedicated the new land to “the glory of God and the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

A painting from the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk depicts this scene: a priest stands next to a cross, while the others kneel in the sand. The caption reads:

“Led by Reverend Robert Hunt, the first colonists knelt on the beach in Virginia and dedicated this land to God's glory.”

Whether these people realized it or not, I believe this was the raising of the banner. The name of Jesus Christ was planted on this continent. No other country in the world began in this way: as a dedication to the Son of God.

And the people who gathered around that banner were and are Israel.

In Jeremiah 23, we find a similar prophecy about this “branch” from the house of David:

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous Branch for David, and a King will reign and prosper, and will execute justice and righteousness in the

land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’” (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

Note the continuation:

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought the seed of the house of Israel out of the land of the north, and out of all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.” (Jeremiah 23:7-8)

This had to be fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The banner of Christ was raised on this continent—and Israel was gathered there. And although the organizers of Washington for Jesus may not realize it, they are proclaiming—to the glory of God—that this land was originally dedicated to Jesus Christ.

The Way to Zion: Israel's Return and Recognition of the Covenant

We return to Jeremiah 50, where we read earlier:

“Declare among the nations... say, ‘Babylon is taken... for a nation has come up against her from the north...’” (Jeremiah 50:2-3)

But after that announcement about the downfall of Babylon, we read something striking — about the children of Israel:

“In those days and at that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall come weeping, and seeking the LORD their God.” (Jeremiah 50:4)

Note: they come together, weeping. But how do they seek the LORD?

“They will seek Zion, and look to their God, saying, ‘Come, let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.’” (Jeremiah 50:5)

This is a crucial prophetic moment. Here it is predicted that Israel and Judah will seek God together — and that they will consciously seek the way to Zion. And that means that they are beginning to realize that they must be in Zion in the end times. Why else would they ask, “How shall we go there?”

Some of you may have met people—I certainly have—who, based on their Bible studies, are almost converting to Judaism or even want to move to Palestine because they understand that Israel must be in Zion at the end of time. They know from Scripture that they belong there—but because they don't know who they are or where Zion really is, they assume it must be Palestine.

“They will seek Zion...”

In other words, at some point in the future, there will be an awakening. Israel will realize that it is supposed to be in Zion, and will wonder how to get there. The remarkable thing is that many of them are already praying for America, but do not realize that America is prophetically Zion.

This realization has yet to come. But it will come.

In the special edition of Washington for Jesus, we read that when asked what this day meant, the founder of the gathering, Pastor John Jimenez from Virginia Beach, replied:

“It is a day, Tuesday, April 29, 1980, that has been set aside to call God's people to repentance. God wants us to come to Him as one body of Christ and acknowledge our sins: our neglect, our pride, our division, our lukewarmness, our compromises... all those things that disrupt our fellowship with Jesus.”

And then he says:

“Some congressmen and senators we spoke to have lost all hope for the future. They call America a giant with feet of clay. And they see the church as a sleeping giant. Many of them begged us to take a stand as Christians and win this nation back from the forces of unrighteousness.”

One American senator is reported to have said:

“It is now or God — or chaos and destruction.”

Another warned of domestic subversion, bankruptcy, or military defeat before the mid-1980s. Yet another asked if they would pray that no enemy would come this way, “because we cannot defend ourselves.”

I myself spoke to more than 60 representatives at the time and told them that our nation is militarily defenseless — and not one of them disagreed.

This Reverend Jimenez also answers the question: How did we end up in this crisis?

“God has allowed all kinds of problems and crises to bring us back to Him.”

Remarkable, isn't it? A fundamentalist pastor who openly admits that God sends problems to bring us to repentance. That is something we in the Israel identity movement have been proclaiming for years.

And then he says:

“The only thing we haven't seen yet is the wrath of God upon this land — God's judgment on sin.”

From his perspective, he still sees the judgments as something yet to come. But we know that the judgment has already begun. And he acknowledges that if God's people do not repent, the judgment will come. But:

“If God's people humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked ways, then He will forgive them and heal their land.” (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:14)

That is the covenant of our holy God. He is faithful to His Word.

Now, this is the statement of a fundamentalist—someone you would expect to believe that we are all going to heaven, and that everything here on earth is temporary. But no: he speaks about the land. And that is revolutionary within his circle.

Do you see what is happening? A shift is taking place. The church is beginning to realize — albeit slowly — that God's covenant is with the land and with the people who live in that land.

Stray Sheep and False Leadership: Israel's Lost Rest

We continue in Jeremiah 50, verse 6:

"My people are lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray; they have caused them to wander in the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place." (Jeremiah 50:6)

God's people are compared here to lost sheep — not so much because of their own stubbornness, but because their shepherds have led them astray. These leaders have distracted the people of Israel from their spiritual rest and led them to all kinds of “mountains” — symbolizing false religious systems or stray ideologies. And so they have forgotten their resting place.

In the Bible, Israel has two resting places: God Himself, and Zion — the prophetic inheritance, the land of rest.

Most Christian Israelites in America still do not know that they live in Zion. They know that God is their rest—they understand that from the New Testament. But the idea that the land itself—America—is also a fulfillment of that rest is completely lost on them. And that is a consciousness that will soon awaken.

“All who found them devoured them, and their enemies said, ‘We are not guilty, for they have sinned against the LORD, the dwelling place of righteousness, yes, against the LORD, the hope of their fathers.’” (Jeremiah 50:7)

Notice what it says here. The enemies of Israel justify their actions — their oppression, their theft, their abuse — by saying, “They have sinned themselves. They call themselves God's people, but they do not keep His laws. So we are allowed to plunder them.”

And to be honest, they are right.

A police officer who investigated fraud cases here in Phoenix once said, “You can’t cheat an honest person.” And that’s true. Scams, pyramid schemes, fraud—they only work on people who are greedy and out for profit. The same is true of Israel: they were plundered because they love to plunder.

Note that this prophecy in Jeremiah 50 is not primarily about the downfall of Babylon. No — before God describes that downfall, He begins with a detailed analysis of the state of Israel. He paints a picture of a sinful, wayward, confused, and impoverished people. A people who have forgotten their Maker. A people who do not even know where Zion is, and therefore ask, “How do we get there?”

If that is not a description of the Christian people in America today, then I don't know what is.

For here we have a people who turn to God with their mouths, but do not know the way to Zion—their prophetic destination.

“They will ask for Zion...” (Jeremiah 50:5)

That means they don't know yet. But that hunger and longing is coming. And that change is already visible.

In that same issue of Washington for Jesus, on one of the last pages, we find an advertisement for a book entitled *The Gathering* — an account of the meeting, written by the co-author of *The Light and the Glory*. At the top of the page is a quote from the book:

“The senator stood up and looked at the four men who had entered his office. ‘America is like an airplane crashing down in flames,’ he said. ‘I am not a religious man, but your gathering... perhaps you are our parachute.’

His smile quickly faded.

‘But I will tell you one thing: the fact that we are going down in flames is not the fault of the politicians, nor of the economists, nor of the military-industrial complex. It is your fault,’ he said, pointing to each of them.

‘If the church had been what it should have been, we would not be in this situation today.’”

What a shocking insight. These words hit the audience like a bomb. And many realized at that moment that it was true: the church had failed. The pastors had failed. The people had failed. And that was when the purpose of the meeting became clear: it was time to ask God for forgiveness—without pointing fingers at others.

Do you see what is happening here? These pastors—the same ones who had spent their entire lives telling their people, “Don't get involved in politics,” “Your future is in heaven, not on earth”—are now beginning to see that God's judgment begins with the house of God. And that their job is to lead the nation, not flee from it.

Instead of preaching about a “rapture” and a “flight to heaven,” they now said en masse, “God, save America.”

Something is stirring in this country. And we must keep our eyes open and continue to do our work faithfully.

Come Out of Her, My People: The Call to Separate from Babylon

We resume the prophecy in Jeremiah 50:8, where God speaks to His people:

“Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats among the flock.” (Jeremiah 50:8)

This call may sound familiar to you. Compare it with what is written in Revelation 18, about the mysterious spiritual Babylon, the mother of harlots:

“Then I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great...’” (Rev. 18:1-2)

And then in verse 4:

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’”

Do we see the parallel? In both Jeremiah and Revelation, Babylon is not only described as an entity that is being judged, but also as a system from which God's people must flee. And that moment of flight is accompanied by judgment.

That is why I believe that the Babylon of Jeremiah 50 and 51 is the same as the Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18. They are like mirror images of each other, written a thousand years apart, but describing the same end-time enemy—and the same call to Israel.

Why? Because in both cases the following happens:

A banner is raised (Jesus Christ);

Israel is gathered again (as prophesied);

And Israel is called to separate itself from Babylon.

“For behold, I will bring upon Babylon a company of great nations from the north, and they shall array themselves against her; from there she shall be taken. Their arrows shall be like those of a mighty man, and they shall not return empty.” (Jeremiah 50:9)

A gathering of great nations from the north will destroy Babylon. And these nations are, as discussed earlier, the nations of Israel. They are made here by God Himself into instruments of judgment.

“And Chaldea shall be a spoil; and all her plunderers shall be satisfied, says the LORD.” (verse 10)

Note: this is not just a military defeat. This is retribution, divine judgment, by the hand of His own people.

“Because you rejoice, because you are glad, you who plunder My inheritance, because you frolic like a young cow in the grass and bellow like strong bulls...” (verse 11)

This accusation applies to Babylon, which rejoiced over the plundering of God's inheritance — Israel. Their joy over their raid will cost them dearly.

“Your mother will be greatly ashamed; she who bore you will be disgraced; behold, the last of the nations will be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.” (verse 12)

Babylon will become the least of the nations — completely destroyed. And:

“For the LORD's anger will not be turned away, until he has finished all his intents against Babylon; and the whole land of Babylon shall be a desolation, and every man shall be afraid, and all that shall come into it, because of the shunning of all that are in Babylon, because of the siege thereof.” (verse 13)

Compare that with Revelation 18:15-17, where the merchants and kings of the earth hiss and weep at the sight of Babylon's downfall. The prophecies agree exactly.

“Set yourselves against Babylon in battle array, all you who draw the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows, for she has sinned against the LORD.

Shout at her from all around, for she has given her hand to all her lovers. Her foundations are broken down, her walls have been knocked down, for this is the vengeance of the Lord, the recompense of her doings.

That last verse is almost identical to Revelation 18:6:

“Give her as she has given, and double her double for her works; mix her a double portion in the cup she mixed.

Do you see the pattern?

God's people are called to separate themselves from Babylon, to judge her, not to share her sins, and to repay her—just as she has done to God's people.

And that judgment—that vengeance—is not left to China or Africa, nor to Islamic or Buddhist countries. No, it is the people gathered around the banner of Jesus Christ—the regathered house of Israel—who are called by God to bring Babylon down.

And that people? That is us.

For the past fifty years, the church has told its people not to get involved in politics. “We’re going to heaven anyway.” But today we see more and more preachers saying the opposite: “Save America. Call on God. Pray for this country.”

And what other people on earth has ever been prophetically described as turning en masse to God to save their country? None. Only Israel in Zion.

Vengeance for My Inheritance: The Judgment on Babylon

We continue in Jeremiah 50, verse 15:

“Shout against her on every side; she has given her hand; her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for this is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance on her; do to her as she has done.”

This call is directed to the people of God—to Israel—to repay Babylon as she has treated Israel. This is not a vengeful emotion, but a divine command for justice. And again, this fits seamlessly with what we read in Revelation 18:6:

“Reward her as she has rewarded you... mix her double into the cup she mixed for you.”

Babylon had exploited, deceived, seduced, robbed, and oppressed God’s people. And God says: do the same to her — double.

Verse 17 in Jeremiah 50 continues with the judgment and reminds Israel of their identity:

“Israel is a lost sheep; the lions have scattered them; first the king of Assyria devoured them, then Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, crushed their bones.” (verse 17)

This refers to the historical expulsion of Israel by the great world powers: first Assyria, then Babylon. But note God's response to this oppression:

“Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria.’” (verse 18)

God reminds His people that He has judged their enemies in the past — and that He will do so again.

“And I will bring Israel back to his place, and he shall feed on the plain of Carmel, and his soul shall be satisfied in the hill country of Ephraim and in the land of Gilead.” (verse 19)

Note that this is not talking about a return to Palestine, but about a spiritual and physical restoration of the people of Israel in their own land. And that land — we know — is the land where the banner was raised: America, Zion.

“In those days and at that time, says the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but it shall not be found; and the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found; for I will forgive those whom I have retained.” (verse 20)

That is the promise of forgiveness and restoration — for the remnant of Israel. Not for a world religion. Not for the enemies of God's people. But for His inheritance — for those who return to Him, to His covenant, and to His land.

God then declares in verse 23:

“How the hammer of the whole earth is cut in pieces and broken! How Babylon has become a horror among the nations!”

Babylon, which considered itself the center of power, wealth, and world order — the hammer of the earth — is now broken. And why?

“I have laid a snare for you, and you are caught, O Babylon! You did not know it; you have been found and captured, because you have fought against the LORD.” (verse 24)

That is the key: Babylon waged war against God. Not openly with weapons, but by deceiving, oppressing, sucking dry, and corrupting His people. And those people? They were those who no longer even knew who they were. But God is faithful: He still knew.

The destruction of Babylon is described not only as an act of judgment, but also as an act of liberation:

“The Lord has opened His storehouse, and He has brought forth the weapons of His indignation; for this is the work of the Lord of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.” (verse 25)

God's “weapons” here are not merely metaphorical. He uses peoples, armies, and nations—His own people Israel—as instruments of His judgment. And that judgment is just.

And so everything comes together: the people who slept for centuries awaken. The people who forgot their name remember who they are. And Babylon, which seemed rich and powerful, is exposed and destroyed—because it challenged God by attacking His people.

As Paul wrote:

“Do you not know that those who touch you touch the apple of His eye?” (Zechariah 2:8)

That is what Babylon did. And now it is time for retribution.

The Final Judgment: Babylon Falls, Zion Awakens

As we continue through Jeremiah 50 and 51, the contours of the final judgment begin to come into sharper focus. God's message is clear: Babylon — the antichrist world system — will be judged and destroyed. And the instrument in God's hand for that destruction is not a foreign nation, but the people He has chosen, the people of His covenant: Israel.

“March against the land of Merathaim, against its inhabitants; visit it and destroy it completely; and do everything I have commanded you, says the LORD.” (Jeremiah 50:21)

Merathaim literally means “double rebellion” — a reference to Babylon, which rebelled not only against God but also against His people.

God continues:

“A voice of the fugitive, of those who escaped from the land of Babylon, proclaims in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, vengeance for His temple.” (verse 28)

Notice this detail: the voice of refugees proclaims God's vengeance in Zion. This means that while Babylon is falling, there are people — Israelites — who escape and return to the true place of worship: Zion.

What is being said here? Zion is still alive. Zion has not been destroyed. Zion exists. And as Babylon collapses, God's people remember their origins, their destiny, their God — and they proclaim His righteous judgment.

“Bel is ashamed; Merodach is defeated; her images are ashamed, her idols are broken.”
(Jeremiah 50:2)

This is not merely a military defeat. This is a spiritual unmasking. The gods of Babylon—its idols, systems, ideologies—are revealed as nothing. Its walls are falling, its foundations are being undermined, its lies are being exposed.

And God says in chapter 51:

“Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will bring a wind upon Babylon, and upon them that dwell in the midst of her, a wind that shall cause her to fall.” (Jeremiah 51:1)

The wind mentioned here is destructive. It is not just any storm — it is the judgment of God Himself. And verse 2 continues:

”And I will send against Babylon those who will winnow her, and she shall be a desolation, and her land shall be a wilderness; for they shall be against her on every side in the day of evil.”

These “scoopers” are cleaners—symbolic of powers that purify, break down, and expose Babylon. Note: these are not enemies from outside. These are instruments of God, sent to bring Babylon down.

And then comes the call to God’s people again:

“Come out of her, My people, and let everyone save his soul from the heat of the LORD’s anger.” (Jeremiah 51:6)

Here we see the same call as in Revelation 18. Come out. Withdraw. Separate yourselves. Why? Because Babylon is going down, and those who remain with her will share her plagues.

“Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, which has made all the earth drunk; the nations have drunk her wine; therefore the nations are mad as men drunk.” (Jeremiah 51:7)

We also find this image—a golden cup—in Revelation 17:4:

“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, and she had a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.”

The same symbolism. Babylon is a seductive, intoxicating system. She has made the nations spiritually drunk with her false faith, her injustice, her economic enchantment. But then comes the blow:

“Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been destroyed; weep over her, take balm for her pain, perhaps she will be healed. We have tried to heal Babylon, but she is not healed; leave her, and let us go, each to his own land; for her judgment reaches to heaven and is exalted to the clouds.” (Jeremiah 51:8-9)

Notice the words: “We wanted to heal her, but she is not healed.”

Do you recognize that? How many have tried to reform Babylon—the corrupt world system—to influence it, to “Christianize” it, to save it? But it doesn't work. Babylon cannot be healed. She is condemned. She must be abandoned.

And why?

“The Lord has brought forth our righteousness; come, let us tell in Zion the works of the Lord our God.” (verse 10)

There it is again: Zion lives. And while Babylon falls, the believers gather in Zion to proclaim God's deeds. The circle is complete.

God's judgment is not only destruction—it is restoration. Not only of justice, but of identity. And that restoration is for Israel—for the people who, over thousands of years, had almost forgotten their name, their land, and their God.

But now?

Now they are awakening. They are asking for Zion. They are turning away from Babylon. And they are remembering who they are.

The Final Fall: The Memory of Babylon and the Triumph of Zion

We are now approaching the conclusion of this powerful prophecy. Jeremiah 51 continues with a direct command to God's people—those who have lived under Babylon, lived under her systems and her temptations:

“You who have escaped the sword, go away, do not stand still; remember the LORD from afar, and let Jerusalem come to your mind.” (Jeremiah 51:50)

This is a call to spiritual remembrance. The Israelite who flees Babylon must not only leave physically, but also return inwardly to his origins, his calling, his God. Zion — spiritual Jerusalem — must rise again in his heart.

“We are ashamed, for we have heard reproach; shame has covered our faces, for strangers have come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.” (verse 51)

The people acknowledge their guilt, but also their desecration: strangers have desecrated God's inheritance. And then God's powerful response follows:

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will punish her for her idols, and throughout her land the wounded will groan.” (verse 52)

The idols, the systems, the powers of Babylon—everything will be visited with God's judgment. No structure, no power, no city will escape.

And then comes the final verdict:

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: The broad wall of Babylon shall be a heaped heap, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the nations shall labor in vain, and the peoples shall labor for nothing.” (verse 58)

See the image: Babylon—the center of world trade, religion, politics—with its broad walls and gates, will go up in flames. The labor of the nations—everything they have built up in that system—will be in vain.

That is the fate of those who identify with Babylon: everything will be burned.

And at the end of chapter 51, Jeremiah receives a symbolic assignment. He must take a scroll, in which he has written all these words, and hand it to Seraiah with the following instruction:

“And it shall come to pass, when thou hast finished reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates. And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary.” (Jeremiah 51:63-64)

The image is powerful and prophetic: the words of judgment are thrown into the river, as a prophetic act that Babylon will irrevocably sink — forever.

This is more than an image. It is a message: Babylon cannot be reformed. She cannot be saved. She is doomed.

And those who stick with her will go down with her.

But for God's people — for Israel — there is hope, restoration, forgiveness, and a future. Not in Babylon. But in Zion. In the land of the covenant. Under the banner of Jesus Christ.

As Jeremiah says:

“The LORD has brought forth our righteousness; come, let us tell in Zion the works of the LORD our God.” (Jeremiah 51:10)

And that is exactly what we must do.

Closing prayer

Our Father, God of Israel, we thank You that we see Your Word becoming reality, even among blind Israel.

Father, You promised that these things would happen—and we are seeing them happen. Help us to proclaim Your Word, to declare Babylon's end, and to confirm Your presence in Zion, in America.

We thank You, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Chapter 2

The Day of Vengeance

In Jeremiah's prophecies about Babylon, there is no room for doubt: the downfall of this great city is not merely a historical event, but a divine act, a punishment that stems from the righteous character of the Almighty. Babylon is not condemned because of human jealousy or geopolitical interests, but because of her sins against the LORD. Everything she has built—her splendor, her influence, her economy, her religion—is founded on rebellion against God's commandments. Jeremiah does not speak as a concerned citizen or a militant reformer, but as a prophet of the LORD announcing the coming retribution, which is inevitable.

“Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, which has made the whole earth drunk; the nations have drunk of her wine, therefore the nations have become mad.” Jeremiah 51:7

This cup, full of deceit and harlotry, has been distributed by Babylon to the nations. Through her influence, the nations have become numb, their judgment clouded, their laws unjust. She has not only spread idolatry, but also a system of oppression, soul trading, and religious mixing that has supplanted the true service of God. God will not allow this corruption to continue indefinitely. He calls His people to separation, to awakening, to obedience. The time of treaties is over; the day of retribution has come.

“Reward her as she has done; double her double for her deeds. In the cup she mixed, mix twice as much for her.” Revelation 18:6

The task is not to reform Babylon, but to give her wages according to her works. The measure is full. The sins have risen to heaven. The voice of the martyrs, the blood of the prophets, the groans of the oppressed—God has heard everything. And He will act. Not out of hatred, but out of justice. Not in aimless anger, but with holy vengeance. This judgment is not arbitrary, but precise, weighed on the scales of God's law and found wanting.

“We have healed Babylon, but she is not healed; leave her, and let us each go to his own land; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is exalted to the highest clouds.” Jeremiah 51:9

There is no more recovery for Babylon. Her wounds are deadly. The attempts of men to preserve, renew, or cleanse her are in vain. What remains is the call to separation. God's people must leave, separate themselves spiritually, break away from her customs, her holidays, her economic systems, her religious rituals. For whoever remains within her walls will share her fate. The judgment has been announced, it will not be delayed.

“Go out from her, My people, and let everyone save his soul from the fierceness of the wrath of the LORD.” Jeremiah 51:45

The day of retribution is not only the fall of a city or empire, but the revelation of God's justice in history. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. For the time has come when the LORD will execute His judgment, and His people will cry out for holiness.

God Will Take Vengeance for His Temple

The prophecies about Babylon contain an important motif that is often overlooked by those who read only superficially: Babylon has not only misbehaved toward the nations, but has committed a grave sin against God Himself. The defilement of His temple, the desecration of what is holy, the contempt for His name and law—that is what has aroused His wrath. Babylon has not only waged war against people, but against God. And just as a king avenges the dishonor of his throne, so the LORD will avenge His house.

“A sword is upon the Chaldeans, says the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men.” Jeremiah 50:35

This sword is not that of random enemies or temporary rulers, but the sword of the LORD. He bares His arm, He rises up as judge. No part of Babylon will be spared. Its politicians, its religious leaders, its rich, its soldiers—all will fall. For they have resisted the LORD, not only in words, but in deeds, in their laws, in their system, in their idolatry and oppression. They have shed the blood of innocents, trampled on the poor, and suppressed the truth.

“The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting, they remain in their strongholds; their strength has dried up, they have become like women; they have set her houses on fire; her bars are broken.” Jeremiah 51:30

When judgment comes, Babylon will be unable to defend itself. What once seemed impenetrable will suddenly prove vulnerable. The walls will fall, the gates will burn, and the warriors will tremble like women. Not because of physical weakness, but because the LORD Himself has risen up against them. His hand touches their stronghold, and no man can turn it back. In one hour her destruction will come, and all who trust in her will be in confusion.

“The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor; it is time to thresh her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest will come.” Jeremiah 51:33

The threshing floor is not a place of rest, but of judgment. The grains are separated from the chaff, and the useless is burned. Babylon has become like a threshing floor, ripe to be harvested by the hand of God's wrath. The time of her destruction has been determined by Him. And when that time comes, there will be no more deliverance, no mercy, no escape. Only those who now turn away from her ways, who listen to God's warning, who hear the call to come out, will be saved from what is coming.

Babylon has defiled God's house. God will take vengeance. Not by human means, but with His righteousness. He has not forgotten what she has done. And He will no longer allow His Name to be mocked.

God's People as His Weapon

In his description of Babylon's downfall, the prophet Jeremiah reveals something remarkable: the LORD will use His people, Israel, as an instrument in His hand. Not as an unguided projectile, but as a weapon, aimed and blessed to bring about justice. It is not out of personal resentment or national ambition that Israel will rise up, but out of obedience to the command

of the LORD. He has seen their suffering, caught their tears, and observed their oppression. Now the time has come to raise them up and punish their enemy.

“You are My hammer and weapons of war; with you I will break nations, and with you I will destroy kingdoms.” Jeremiah 51:20

Israel has become God's instrument of retribution. The same hand that struck them for discipline now lifts them up for judgment. With them He will break nations, overturn kingdoms, and bring down princes and rulers. This is not a command to hate, but an execution of divine justice. It is the restoration of balance in the world, the purification of unrighteousness, the breaking of yokes and chains. The LORD will not be silent when His people are mistreated, when His Name is blasphemed, when His laws are trampled underfoot.

“And I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all the evil they have done in Zion before your eyes, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 51:24

What Babylon has done to Israel will return upon her own head before her eyes. Not in secret, but in broad daylight, she will receive her retribution. She will reap the oppression she has sown. The mockery, the slavery, the blasphemy—nothing is forgotten. God Himself will demand accountability, and He will do so through His own people. The world may not understand this, it may condemn or reject it, but it is the LORD who decides. His judgment is righteous, His way is holy, and His plan is perfect.

“Set an ambush against Babylon, you who draw the bow; encamp all around her, let no one escape; repay her according to her deeds, do to her as she has done, for she has defied the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.” Jeremiah 50:29

The description is military, but the essence is spiritual. It is not merely a battle with weapons, but a battle for dominion. Babylon has been proud against the LORD. She has exalted herself as a goddess, she has mocked the Holy One of Israel, she has defeated His people and thereby sought to humiliate Him. But now it is God who speaks. Now is His time. The punishment will be proportionate to her deeds, without distortion, without delay.

God's people are not called to cooperate with Babylon, to reform it, or to maintain its systems. They are called to separate themselves and—when the LORD commands—to carry out His judgment. For justice is not a theory, but reality. And God is not a spectator, but King.

The Vengeance of the LORD is Determined

Babylon has built its reputation not only through its wealth and influence, but also through its acts of oppression, idolatry, and violence. Its character is so hardened, its pride so deep-rooted, that it has never humbled itself before the God of Israel. Therefore, its fall is not merely a future event, but a sentence already pronounced. The LORD has made His decision, and when He speaks, no one can reverse it.

“The LORD has made His purpose, the word He has spoken against the inhabitants of Babylon; He has stretched it out, and His hand has not been restrained.” Jeremiah 51:12

There is no turning back. The decision is final. The judgment He has proclaimed through His prophets will be carried out in visible reality. And in this judgment there is no injustice, but perfect righteousness. Babylon has abused its power, exploited the innocent, and behaved like a god. The LORD, who does not tolerate injustice, has had enough.

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: The children of Israel have been oppressed together, and all who took them captive held them fast; they refused to let them go.” Jeremiah 50:33

God's people were not only enslaved, but held captive against His promise. Babylon disrupted the plan of redemption and hindered the return of the people to their inheritance. The LORD did not view this with indifference. His eye rests on His people, and His covenant remains in force, even when they are punished. The oppression of Israel is not a minor matter in God's eyes, but a direct insult to Himself. He will act. He will deliver them. And those who hold them captive will be shattered.

“Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is His name. He will surely plead their cause, that He may give rest to the earth, but to the inhabitants of Babylon, rest.” Jeremiah 50:34

There is no doubt about the outcome. The LORD Himself will judge their case, as a heavenly Judge. He will give rest to His people, but send unrest upon those who held them captive. This contrast—rest and unrest—is not a coincidence, but a direct expression of His justice. What the enemy has done to His people, he will experience himself, with double force.

The LORD of hosts does not speak as a man who doubts or hesitates, but as the eternal King who carries out His plans in power. Babylon will fall, not because another empire is stronger, but because the God of Israel has judged it. And no one will be able to save her.

The Sorrow over Zion and the Downfall of Babylon

Amidst the announced judgment on Babylon, an echo of sorrow comes from the heart of God's people. They remember Zion, the center of worship, the place where God made His Name dwell. Their complaint is not only political or social in nature, but deeply spiritual: the dwelling place of their God has been destroyed, the place of meeting desecrated. And while Babylon celebrated its conquests, the people of God were left behind in mourning and longing.

“Israel is a scattered lamb; the lions have driven him away; the king of Assyria has devoured him, and this last one, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, has broken his bones.” Jeremiah 50:17

Israel's suffering was not limited to one enemy. Generations of oppression, deportation, and spiritual decline have left their mark. Babylon was only the last, but perhaps the most severe oppressor. What remained, she broke. But therein lies the reason why the LORD rises up: He sees the destruction, He hears the cry, and He remembers His covenant.

“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.” Jeremiah 50:18

God does not act arbitrarily. Just as He punished Assyria for their crimes against His people, so He will punish Babylon. His actions are righteous, predictable in a holy sense. He measures with a straight ruler. And the promise is that, after judgment on the enemy, the people will return to their land, to their God, to the center of their identity.

“And I will bring Israel back to his home, and he will graze on Carmel and Bashan; and his soul will be satisfied on the mountains of Ephraim and Gilead.” Jeremiah 50:19

There is a future. Not for Babylon, but for Israel. While one falls, another is raised up. While the pride of Babylon is brought down, the shepherd of God's flock is put back to work. This renewal is not a natural consequence of restoration work, but an act of God. He Himself leads His people back. He Himself satisfies their souls. He Himself brings them home.

“In those days, and at that time, says the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will forgive those whom I have left.” Jeremiah 50:20

Here we hear grace. Not because Israel is sinless, but because God forgives. The remnant will receive forgiveness, not on the basis of their own righteousness, but because of God's faithfulness to His promise. While Babylon is judged according to her deeds, Israel is restored by grace. That is the difference between the people of God and the nations that reject Him.

The Sin of Babylon Reaches to Heaven

When the prophecies speak of Babylon, it is as if sin is piling up to the heavens. The iniquities of this superpower are not incidental, but structural. Its foundations are built on deceit, oppression, and rebellion against the LORD. And although it considers itself unassailable, it has been weighed by God and found wanting. Its time has come. Its power will end. Not by chance or natural disasters, but by the hand of God, Who judges righteously and carries out His will.

“How has Sheshach been taken, and the praise of the whole earth taken away! How has Babylon become a horror among the nations!” Jeremiah 51:41

What was admired by the world is now viewed with horror. The city that was once the center of commerce, culture, and religion is becoming a symbol of terror. The LORD allows her fame to turn to shame, her influence to confusion. For He is not impressed by human greatness. He sees the hearts of nations and understands their plans. And when the measure is full, He overturns what men cannot move.

“The sea has risen against Babylon; it has covered her with the multitude of her waves.” Jeremiah 51:42

The imagery of water washing over Babylon is significant. The waves symbolize the overwhelming power of God's judgment. There is no defense possible. No city wall can withstand it. The powers she has so carefully built up—economic, religious, military—will be swallowed up one by one. Everything that made up her identity will be wiped out. And in that moment, even her enemies will acknowledge that the LORD has done this.

“And I will make her princes and her wise men, her governors and her rulers, and her mighty men drunk; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not awake, says the King whose name is the LORD of hosts.” Jeremiah 51:57

The leaders of Babylon, the strong, the wise—they will all fall. Not one will remain to save her. God calls their end an eternal sleep: a state in which no recovery or return is possible. It is final, irreversible. The King of heaven and earth has spoken. His word is law. And no man, no power, no religion can overturn His decision.

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: The broad wall of Babylon shall be broken down, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the nations shall labor in vain, and the nations shall be weary for the fire.” Jeremiah 51:58

The walls that Babylon trusted in will prove to be nothing before the flames of God's judgment. All her efforts, her architecture, her military power—it will all perish. What men have built with toil will be consumed in a single moment. The message is clear: nothing that stands against God will survive. Only what is built on His foundation will remain.

God's People Remember His Name

When the judgments against Babylon are pronounced, a renewed awareness of who they really are arises among the people of Israel. Amidst captivity and confusion, something begins to awaken in their minds. They remember their origins, their calling, and—most importantly—the Name of their God. Prophecy shows that in the time of judgment upon the enemy, the spiritual return of God's people also takes place. Not only physically, but in their minds and in their obedience.

“My people are lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray, they have caused them to wander in the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their camp.” Jeremiah 50:6

The people are not only victims of foreign domination, but also of their own spiritual leadership that has led them astray. The shepherds have led them astray, without direction, without protection. They have gone wandering, searching for something they themselves have lost: their connection with the LORD. But in the judgment of Babylon, that memory is rekindled. And that is the beginning of restoration.

“In those days and at that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall come walking and weeping, and seeking the LORD their God.” Jeremiah 50:4

This is not a superficial conversion. They walk and weep. It is a return with repentance, with a deep awareness of their own unfaithfulness, with a longing for forgiveness and fellowship. God is no longer an abstract idea to them, but a Person whom they long for. And in that process, they not only turn away from Babylon, but they return to Zion—the place where God reveals Himself.

“They will seek Zion, and inquire of her, saying, ‘Where is the way to Zion? They will look to us, that we may return to the LORD. For he has spoken, and he will perform; his mouth is the bow that holds the arrow.

Jeremiah 50:5

God’s people are searching for solid ground. They no longer want to live under Babylonian compromise, but long for a covenant that will endure—eternal, faithful, unforgettable. This is true repentance: not just sorrow over the past, but a choice to walk in righteousness. They are returning, not to a system, but to a relationship—to the LORD Himself.

As Babylon collapses, Israel is restored. As the walls of evil are torn down, the hearts of the people are healed. This is the work of the LORD: to tear down what opposes Him and rebuild those who belong to Him.

The Fall of Babylon as a Warning to the Nations

The prophecies about Babylon do not end in the air, as if they were merely a local warning for a distant past. On the contrary, the fall of Babylon is presented as a worldwide warning, an example of what happens to every power that exalts itself against the LORD and oppresses His people. Jeremiah's words carry power across time and borders. What happens to Babylon is not only its judgment, but a lesson for all nations that follow in its footsteps.

“When Babylon is brought down, the heavens above and the earth below and everything in it will cry out. For destroyers will come against her from the north, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 51:48

The joy of heaven and earth over her fall shows how deep her sins reached. Her destruction is not something to mourn, but to celebrate, because it opens the way for truth, justice, and freedom for God's people. Even nature itself—heaven, earth, seas—breathe relief when this oppressor is brought down. The destroyers come from the north, not by chance, but led by God's hand. He determines who rises and who falls.

“The Lord has forsaken Babylon, as He forsake Sodom and Gomorrah, and the neighboring cities; no one will dwell there, nor any human being will live in them.” Jeremiah 50:40

Babylon will not be restored. There will be no rebuilding, no restoration program, no chance for reform. The judgment is total. As with Sodom and Gomorrah, where fire fell from heaven and nothing remained but ashes and smoke, so Babylon will be destroyed. It is a warning to all powers that think they can live in rebellion against God: the end is certain, and mercy will one day give way to justice.

“How has the hammer of the whole earth been cut and broken! How has Babylon become a horror among the nations!” Jeremiah 50:23

The “hammer of the earth,” the tool with which she struck nations, is itself broken. What once seemed invincible lies in shards. Her pride has become her downfall. And the world that feared her will marvel at her downfall. But the prophecy gives us no room for pity for Babylon—it only asks the question: where do you stand? With whom do you identify? With the oppressor or with God's people?

“Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will plead your cause and avenge you; I will dry up her sea and dry up her fountain.” Jeremiah 51:36

God will fight for His people. Not through diplomacy, but through divine intervention. He will drain Babylon's water—symbolizing her power and prosperity—and her source of life will dry up. For those who feed on injustice will ultimately be left with nothing. Only those who are rooted in the LORD will survive. That is the message.

Chapter 3

Babylon: God's Instrument Is Judged

In this third discourse on Jeremiah 50 and 51, the theme of God's judgment on Babylon returns in all its seriousness. The speaker makes it immediately clear that Babylon, once used by God as an instrument of discipline for His own people, will now itself be judged for its arrogance, violence, and betrayal of the Most High. Babylon was a servant of God, but not a faithful one. She carried out His commands, not with humility, but with pride and arrogance. And as always in Scripture, those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

“You are My hammer, and weapons of war; and with you I will break in pieces the nations, and with you I will destroy the kingdoms.” Jeremiah 51:20

Although Babylon was used as a “hammer,” she thought she was powerful in herself. She forgot that she was only a tool in God's hand, not the source of power. And in that self-exaltation, in that longing for world power and honor, she raised her fist against heaven. She forgot that the LORD is not only the God of Israel, but King over all nations. She abused her position, and that will be her downfall.

The comparison with other fallen powers is not shunned. As Assyria fell, as Egypt went down, so did Babylon. For the LORD has no respect for human pride, even when it is disguised in religious or political language. When a nation—or an institution—elevates itself to divine status, it is a direct challenge to God's sovereignty.

“Behold, I will bring upon you, O mountain of destruction, says the LORD, who destroys the whole earth, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour you.” Jeremiah 51:25

Babylon is called the “mountain of destruction” here. Not because it is literally a mountain, but because, as a center of power, it has contaminated everything around it with idolatry, injustice, and spiritual harlotry. And therefore, God Himself will kindle the fire that will consume it. This is no accident, no political game, but divine justice. The fire comes from above, from the hand that also created and blessed—but now judges.

The call is clear: God's people must not cling to the systems of Babylon. They must leave, separate themselves, and not allow themselves to be carried away by her sins and destruction. For whoever identifies with Babylon will share her fate. But whoever submits to the LORD will be delivered — even if that seems impossible at first glance.

The battle in these chapters is not between nations alone, but between loyalty and rebellion, between light and darkness. Babylon represents everything that exalts itself against God. And that is why she will perish, not because of her enemies, but because of the LORD Himself.

The Downfall of a World Power is God's Work

When the LORD judges, He does not do so in secret or quietly. His judgment is visible, tangible, and total. The fall of Babylon will be so impressive that the nations of the earth will know: this is not the work of men. No army, no king, no rebellion caused this, but the living

God Himself. The same God who once used Babylon as His instrument now turns against her—not because He is changeable, but because she has exalted herself above her calling.

“When Babylon falls, the earth will tremble, and the cry will be heard among the nations.”
Jeremiah 50:46

The fall of Babylon will not be silent. It will shake the earth. Its fall is a signal, a wake-up call for all nations that trusted in her or conspired with her. What once seemed so powerful will suddenly become a ruin. And the cries—they will not only be the cries of the defeated, but also the fearful realization of other nations that if Babylon can fall, so can they.

“Raise a banner over the land; blow the trumpet among the nations; sanctify against her, call the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; appoint a commander against her; bring the horses like a wild horse; make the horses come like a wild horse.” Jeremiah 51:27

God Himself calls nations to march against Babylon. He sets the stage for war. This is not a spontaneous alliance, but divine orchestration. Every detail is planned. Every horse, every commander, every troop is sent by Him. The LORD is not dependent on people, but He uses them. And so the nations that fear Babylon unwittingly become the instruments of her downfall.

“The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting; they are in the fortresses; their strength has failed; they have become like women; they have set her houses on fire; her bars are broken.” Jeremiah 51:30

When judgment strikes, the true weakness of the powerful becomes apparent. The soldiers of Babylon, once feared, are now like women—not because of their gender, but because of their powerlessness. The walls that seemed impenetrable are consumed by fire. The bars—symbols of security—lie on the ground. Everything they trusted has abandoned them. For whoever trusts in anything other than the LORD trusts in the wind.

“One messenger meets another, and another messenger meets another, to tell the king of Babylon that his city has been captured from one end to the other.” Jeremiah 51:31

Even communication breaks down. The messengers stumble over each other in panic, for the news is unbearable: Babylon has fallen. Not partially, not strategically, but totally—from one end to the other. There is no bastion left. No refuge. No hope. And all this is the hand of the LORD, who will not be mocked or set aside.

Anyone who reads these words and thinks that they are only about history misses the lesson. For Babylon is not just a place in the past—it is a spirit, a system, a power that is still alive today. And its downfall is a prophecy, a certainty: everything that exalts itself against the LORD will fall. Without exception.

The Judge of the Earth Carries Out His Vengeance

The LORD reveals Himself not only as Creator or Redeemer, but also as Judge. He does not act out of passion or capriciousness, but out of justice. When He judges, it is because the sins of a people have risen up to heaven. And that is the case with Babylon. Her guilt is public, her

deeds are numerous, her time has come. And now God Himself steps forward—not in silence, but with majesty.

“For the Lord will repay Babylon, and He will silence her great voice, and her waves will roar like great waters, and there will be a voice of tumult.” Jeremiah 51:55

What was once her boastful speech will be silenced. The voice of Babylon—once loud, confident, domineering—will perish. Instead, there will be roaring and tumult, not of life, but of chaos. The sound of collapse. Of destruction. Of judgment. It is the LORD who will repay, not just any old way, but precisely, purposefully, deservedly.

“For the destroyer will come upon her, upon Babylon, and her mighty men will be captured; their bows will be broken, for the LORD is a God of vengeance; He repays in full.” Jeremiah 51:56

The LORD calls Himself here a God of vengeance. That is not a characteristic that is often emphasized, but it is an essential part of His holiness. He is longsuffering, yes, but not infinitely patient with injustice. There comes a time when He takes stock and the perpetrator gets what he has wrought. No hero of Babylon will escape it. No bow will save them. Retribution is certain.

“And I will make her princes and her wise men, her governors and her rulers, and her mighty men drunk; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not awake, says the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.” Jeremiah 51:57

This is the absolute judgment: an eternal sleep. No temporary loss, no regrouping. The leaders, the wise, the strong of Babylon will do nothing more. They will no longer speak, plan, or oppress. Their role is over. And this is not human retribution, but the decision of the King of the heavenly armies. His word is final.

The LORD shows His dominion over world powers. And He shows that no empire—no matter how great, powerful, or influential—is beyond His reach. Anyone who thinks they can rule outside of Him with impunity is seriously mistaken. For when the time is right, He will rise up. And who will then be able to stand?

The Divine Sign of Babylon's End

The LORD leaves no ambiguity about the future of Babylon. The prophet Jeremiah is instructed not only to proclaim His judgment, but also to seal it with a visible sign—an act that symbolizes the total and irreversible downfall of this world power. The message is clear: what God has spoken will come to pass, and what He has judged will remain judged. No restoration. No more mercy for those who have exceeded His measure.

“And it shall come to pass, when ye have finished reading this book, that ye shall bind a book upon the neck of a dog, and it shall be in the first book of the chronicles of the sons of Israel.” Jeremiah 51:63

The symbolism is powerful: a book containing God's judgments, bound to a stone, is thrown into the river. Just as that book disappears under the water, so Babylon will perish. No trace

will remain. No memory will revive her greatness. The depth of the river will be her grave. And all this is recorded not by human hands, but by divine command.

“And you will say, ‘Thus shall Babylon sink, and not rise again because of the evil I have brought upon her; and they shall be weary.’” Jeremiah 51:64

The judgment is irrevocable. The prophecy does not end with hope for Babylon, but with the confirmation of its end. It will sink and never rise again. Its power, its influence, its splendor—everything will disappear. The LORD Himself brings this evil upon her, not because He is cruel, but because His justice demands that evil be wiped out. And those who were oppressed by her will find rest as she sinks into oblivion.

This closes the circle of prophecy. What began with warning and a call to repentance ends with a judgment that cannot be reversed. And that is the lesson that rises above all else: God's word never fails. Those who despise it will fall. Those who honor it will live.

The Throne of the LORD: Eternal, Unshakeable

As Babylon falls, the prophecy points not only back to her sins, but also forward to God's enduring throne. In contrast to the collapsing city, the eternity of the LORD is confirmed. His kingship does not waver, His righteousness remains, His judgment is pure, and His faithfulness is without end. Those who trust in Him stand firm, even when world systems fall. At this point, the prophet's voice becomes human again, almost vulnerable, but no less powerful for that.

“You have chastened me, O LORD, and I have been chastened; I have rebelled, but I will return, for You are the LORD my God.”
Jeremiah 31:18

There is repentance, awareness of dependence, and a desire for true conversion. No longer is there trust in power, in systems, in alliances. The only hope lies with the LORD Himself. And that is also the core of the entire judgment on Babylon: God's people must learn to put nothing above Him.

“He has not rejected His people, nor has He forsaken His inheritance.” Psalm 94:14

Despite the judgment, despite the chastisement, the LORD remains faithful. He does not forget His covenant. His inheritance is not given over to destruction, but is purified by fire. And from the ashes of Babylon a remnant will arise—purified, sanctified, returned to their God.

In all this, Jeremiah is not a spectator, but a participant. His heart suffers with the message. He feels the weight of God's words. But he also knows that this judgment must come. For without judgment there is no purification. And without purification there is no future for the people of the LORD.

The message of this final section is therefore not a cold prediction of destruction, but a burning call to wake up. The fall of Babylon is not just the end of a nation—it is the

beginning of restoration for those who bow before the King of heaven, whose throne is forever established.

Those Who Identify With Babylon Will Share Her Fate

The prophecy about Babylon concludes with an urgent warning to all who have allied themselves with her. The message is not merely historical or symbolic—it is personal. Every person, every nation, every leader must ask himself: Which side am I on? For Babylon represents more than a geographical city; she represents a world system that thrives on deception, oppression, and blasphemy. And those who cling to her will perish with her.

“Come out of her, My people, and let everyone save his soul from the heat of the LORD’s anger.” Jeremiah 51:45

The call is not to the world, but to God's own people. They are in the midst of Babylon, physically or spiritually, and must step out. Not only literally, but also in their thinking, in their lifestyle, in their obedience. For as long as they remain within her walls, they are in danger of being drawn into the judgment. The LORD spares those who fear Him, but He destroys without mercy those who support His enemy.

“And the heavens and the earth and all that is in them will sing for joy over her, for from the north her destroyers will come, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 51:48

The fall of Babylon will not only bring sorrow—it will bring joy to the righteous. The oppressed creation breathes a sigh of relief when the enemy of God falls. Heaven itself rejoices. For finally, justice is restored. Finally, the oppressor is judged. And that is the hope for all who suffer injustice: the LORD sees it, and He will act.

“The broad wall of Babylon shall be broken down, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; so the nations shall labor in vain, and the nations shall be weary for the fire.” Jeremiah 51:58

Everything Babylon has invested in—its fortified walls, its glory, its efforts—will perish. Nothing will remain. And those who have fought or worked with her will be left behind with weariness and emptiness. It is a futile endeavor to build a kingdom outside of God's will. For sooner or later, the fire will come.

This sixth part of the message ends as the entire prophecy began: with a clear choice. Babylon or Zion. Pride or obedience. Worldly success or eternal faithfulness. There is no middle ground. And the fall of Babylon is God's gracious warning: leave her before it is too late.

The Prophecy of Jeremiah: Spoken and Sealed

At the end of this powerful message about the fall of Babylon, Jeremiah receives a clear command from the LORD: not only to speak, but also to preserve. The words of judgment, warning, and hope must not be lost. They must be written down, preserved, sealed, and laid down as a testimony in the hearts of the people. For even if the words are not understood at that moment, the day will come when they will be fulfilled. And then it will be known that the LORD has spoken.

“Jeremiah wrote all the evil that would come upon Babylon in a book, all these words that were written against Babylon.” Jeremiah 51:60

Not a single word is forgotten. Everything God has said is recorded. Not to be kept in a museum or archive, but because it is alive, powerful, and sure to come to pass. Jeremiah's pen is not a poetic instrument—it is a prophetic sword. Every word is loaded with divine authority.

“And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, ‘When you come to Babylon, look and read all these words.’” Jeremiah 51:61

The message is not only for Israel, but also for Babylon. The judgment must be heard in the city itself, so that no one can say later, “We didn’t know.” God speaks justly, and He warns before He strikes. Seraiah is sent as a messenger to proclaim God's words in the lion's den.

“And you shall say, ‘O LORD, You have spoken against this place, to cut it off, that there be no inhabitant, from man to beast, but that it become a perpetual desolation.’” Jeremiah 51:62

The content of the message is nothing less than total judgment. No survivors, no reconstruction, no survival. What Babylon was will no longer be. It will become a place where even cattle no longer live. An eternal desolation, as a testimony to what happens to a people who exalt themselves against the LORD.

“And it shall come to pass, when ye have finished reading this book, that ye shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates.” Jeremiah 51:63

The symbolic act of throwing the book into the river seals the prophecy. As the book sinks, Babylon will sink. The words disappear from sight, but their effect will come. This is not a theatrical act—this is spiritual truth in physical form. The LORD makes it clear: His judgment is final.

“And you will say, ‘Thus Babylon will sink down, and will not rise because of the evil I have brought upon her; and they will be weary.’” Jeremiah 51:64

And so this prophecy ends with the certainty of Babylon's downfall and the confirmation of God's sovereignty. Jeremiah does not speak on his own authority, but on behalf of the Most High. And his last words are not a pious wish, but divine reality: Babylon will not rise again. Her time has come. And it is the LORD Himself who will bring her down.

Chapter 4

Mystery Babylon: The Enemy of God Unmasked

In this fourth part of the prophetic study on Jeremiah 50 and 51, the seemingly historical message is once again connected to a deeper spiritual and contemporary understanding: Babylon is more than an ancient empire—it is the core of the world system that opposes God and His people. Although the prophet Jeremiah spoke against a physical city and power, the spirit of Babylon has spread to other nations, systems, and religions. It lives on in what Scripture calls “Mystery, Babylon the Great.”

Believers must therefore not focus solely on the past, but rather be vigilant in the present. What functions today under the banner of democracy, capitalism, religion, or globalism often bears the stamp of that same Babylonian spirit: control, oppression, and hatred toward God's law and people. It is a system of confusion, disguised as enlightenment, that leads people into spiritual harlotry—abandoning the true God in favor of human power and idols.

“The enemy has come upon Babylon, her heroes are captured, their bows are broken, for the Lord, the God of retribution, will surely repay.” Jeremiah 51:56

Israel's struggle is therefore not a passive expectation, but an active involvement. God calls His people to distinguish themselves from Babylon — not only by separation, but also by action. In these prophecies, Israel is not merely a victim, but an instrument: God's weapon of war. And that is in direct contrast to what many churches preach today. They say that the church will be raptured, snatched away from evil, while Jeremiah and Revelation show that God's people here on earth will be involved in the destruction of the system that has risen up against Him.

The destruction of Babylon is not the result of human planning or coincidental geopolitical circumstances. It is the direct hand of God, who has chosen a people to accomplish His justice. And that people—the true Israel—is not hidden, but recognizable by its faithfulness to the law, its rejection of world systems, and its calling to carry the light of God's truth in a time of darkness.

Babylon is called “Mystery” in Revelation because she does not appear as people expect. She wears religious garb, uses moral language, and disguises herself as a bringer of peace and unity. But in reality, she is the mother of harlots and abominations, the great seducer of kings, nations, and churches. And God will expose her, tear down her empire, and destroy her—not by a pious sermon, but by the work of His own people, whom He has called and anointed for this purpose.

“And the heavens and the earth and all that is in them will rejoice over her, for from the north her destroyers will come, says the Lord.” Jeremiah 51:48

God's judgment is not a tragedy for the saints, but a deliverance. The world will mourn the fall of Babylon because it loses its riches and power. But God's people will rejoice because justice will finally be restored. The powers that oppressed them will disappear. The LORD Himself will rise up to battle. And He will glorify Himself in judgment against the system that has blasphemed His name, persecuted His people, and twisted His truth.

The People From the North: God's Weapon Against Babylon

Jeremiah's prophecy speaks of a people from the north, a nation that rises up against Babylon. This people does not arise simply out of self-interest or political strategy, but is clearly called by the LORD Himself to carry out His judgment. In mainstream theology, it is often assumed that this refers to the Medes and Persians or a historical coalition against ancient Babylon. But in the broader light of Scripture, and certainly from the perspective of the prophets, the people from the north are more than an ancient army. They are a type of the true Israel, called to battle by God to restore justice on earth.

“For behold, I will raise up great multitudes against Babylon, from the land of the north, and they shall be against it; and it shall be taken.” Jeremiah 50:9

These multitudes are not only militarily organized, but spiritually capable. They are sent by God with a clear mission. And when they rise up, Babylon will fall. This is not just any battle; it is a divine judgment, carried out by a trained and anointed people.

“Israel is a scattered flock, the lions have chased them; first the king of Assyria devoured them, then Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, shattered their bones.” Jeremiah 50:17

Israel has been mistreated, scattered, and oppressed throughout the centuries—first by Assyria, then by Babylon. And still today, the true Israel suffers under modern powers that present themselves in the same spirit as Babylon: they spread lies, deceit, war, and immorality. But the LORD has not forgotten what has happened to His people. His covenant remains, His calling stands firm. And His promise is that He will bring back the remnant—not as victims, but as victors.

“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will visit the king of Babylon and his land, as I have visited the king of Assyria.” Jeremiah 50:18

As God judged Assyria, so He will now judge Babylon. The powers of this world may succeed one another, but they are all accountable to the LORD. And when He acts, there is no escape. His judgment is always weighed, pure, and complete. The king of Babylon—whoever or whatever that represents in the modern world—will lose his power.

God does not use His people merely as objects of suffering, but as active instruments of justice. They will rise up from dispersion, strengthened by His Spirit, and they will participate in the downfall of the system that oppressed them for centuries. For the battle against Babylon is not only spiritual—it will also become visible on earth. And the people whom God calls to this task will be recognizable by their faithfulness, their distinctive way of life, and their unwavering commitment to His Word.

The Fall of Babylon: An Example for All Nations

When God speaks of the fall of Babylon, He is not speaking of a local incident, but of a worldwide message. What happens to Babylon is meant as a warning and as a testimony. It is a pattern that the LORD repeats throughout history: pride leads to humiliation, power without justice is destroyed, and every empire that exalts itself against Him is brought down. The

destruction of Babylon is therefore not an ordinary political event. It is a divine act with universal significance.

“Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD’s hand, making the whole earth drunk. All nations drank from her wine, and therefore the nations have become mad.” Jeremiah 51:7

Babylon is presented here as a golden cup—beautiful on the outside, shiny and seductive. But its contents are poisonous. It has intoxicated the nations, clouded their judgment, and undermined their morality. Babylon's influence is therefore not limited to her borders. She has had power over kings, over churches, over people's hearts. And that influence has not disappeared — it lives on in modern systems, institutions, and ways of thinking that turn away from God's laws.

“She has fallen suddenly, suddenly; weep for her, take balm for her pain, perhaps she will be healed.” Jeremiah 51:8

The fall of Babylon comes suddenly, unexpectedly. People cry over her, not out of repentance, but out of loss. They want to save her, heal her, rebuild her. But Scripture is clear: there is no restoration for Babylon. Her downfall is irreversible. She has had her time, she has fulfilled her sins. Anyone who tries to save her is opposing God's plan.

“We have healed Babylon, but she is not healed; leave her, and let us go, every one to his own land; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up to the highest clouds.” Jeremiah 51:9

There is only one correct response to the downfall of Babylon: to abandon her. Not only physically, but spiritually, morally, and ideologically. Those who cling to her will perish with her. Her sins are so numerous, so conspicuous, that they reach to heaven. And God will not spare her. That is why He calls His people: “Come out of her, My people.”

The prophet shows that the fall of Babylon is not merely a political upheaval, but a spiritual separation. It is the separation between the people of God and the peoples of the world. Between righteousness and injustice. Between truth and lies. Between the King of heaven and the god of this world. And every person must choose where he stands. For when Babylon falls—and she will fall—she will drag down with her all those who love her.

The Hammer of the Earth Is Broken

Babylon is presented in Scripture not only as a seductress or whore, but also as a weapon—a mighty hammer with which the nations were shattered. In this role, she was not only seen as a religiously seductive system, but as a brutal, controlling power that rules nations with an iron fist. And that same Babylon, which for centuries presented itself as invincible, is now itself being crushed.

“You have been My hammer and weapons of war; I have shattered nations with you and destroyed kingdoms through you.” Jeremiah 51:20

God had once used Babylon as an instrument of judgment—against Tyre, against Egypt, even against Israel. But now its role has been played out. The hammer that once was in His hand

has become rusty and contaminated. What God used, but exalted Himself above, will be broken.

“And I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all the evil they have done in Zion before your eyes, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 51:24

The LORD forgets nothing. Everything Babylon has done—against His city, against His people, against His law—will return upon her own head. No evil will be overlooked. And while the world looks away or makes excuses, God keeps a careful record. For the LORD is not only Judge, He is also Witness.

“Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, says the LORD, which destroys the whole earth; and I will stretch out My hand against you, and throw you down from the rocks, and make you a burning mountain.” Jeremiah 51:25

God calls Babylon a “mountain that destroys” — a colossus that brings destruction upon the whole earth. And He will not only make this mountain small, but completely wipe it away. It will not be restored, not reformed, but rejected and destroyed. Nothing will remain of it that is useful. Its fire will not give light, but consume.

“They will not take a cornerstone from you, nor a stone for a foundation; but you will be a perpetual desolation, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 51:26

No one will want to use anything from Babylon anymore. Even its stones have become worthless. The foundations of its system are unholy and can never again be the basis for anything righteous. Its name will no longer be mentioned in hope, but in horror. And it will serve as an eternal example of what happens to a power that exalts itself against God.

The hammer that struck the nations is now being struck itself. And the message is clear: no power is too great, no empire too strong, no system too tight to be broken by God's hand. Everything that people build outside of Him will end up like Babylon—shattered, abandoned, and burned.

The Retribution of the LORD: Complete and Inevitable

The fall of Babylon is presented as an act of divine retribution. Not just a punishment from heaven, but a deliberate response to centuries of oppression, arrogance, and blasphemy. God is repaying Babylon for what it has done—not only against His people, but against truth, justice, and His name. And He is not doing this in secret, but before the eyes of the world. So that everyone will know: the LORD is a God of justice.

“How has Sheshach been captured, how has the praise of the whole earth been captured! How has Babylon become a horror among the nations!” Jeremiah 51:41

The fall of Babylon will not be silent. She who was once praised for her splendor, her wealth, her worldwide influence — she will become a horror to the nations. People will no longer admire her, but fear what she represented. Everything that seemed great will be exposed as deception.

“The sea has risen over Babylon; she is covered by the greatness of her waves.” Jeremiah 51:42

The downfall comes like a tidal wave. Unstoppable, overwhelming. Just as in the days of Noah, judgment comes suddenly, and everything that lives in Babylon will be swept away. Not just symbolically, but in reality. For sin has piled up, and God's judgment comes like waters that reach the heavens.

“Her cities have become a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land where no one lives, and no human being passes through.” Jeremiah 51:43

What was once the pride of the world will become an uninhabitable place. A wasteland with no future. No traveler will pass by. No pilgrim will find honor there anymore. For where God has spoken, His judgment stands. The memory of Babylon is not preserved to honor it, but to warn.

“And I will bring upon Babylon the evil that I have determined against it; and I will bring out of her mouth what she has swallowed, and the nations shall not return to her; and the wall of Babylon shall fall.” Jeremiah 51:44

Even the idols of Babylon will be unable to retain anything. The LORD will break their power. Everything they have swallowed up—wealth, peoples, honor—will be spewed out again. And their temples, their walls, their systems will fall. Not one stone will remain upon another. Everything will be exposed, judged, and destroyed.

And therein lies the lesson: there is no system, no empire, no religious structure that can stand when it turns against the LORD. Those who trust in people, in walls, in power, will fall with Babylon. But those who seek refuge in the God of Israel will stand — even when the world collapses.

Come Out of Her, My People

The LORD's message to His people is clear, powerful, and leaves no room for compromise: “Come out of her.” This call is not a suggestion, but a divine command. Babylon is contaminated. Everything she represents—her religion, her economy, her culture, her politics—is steeped in sin and rebellion against God. Those who remain in her share in her sins. And those who embrace her will be struck by her judgment.

“My people! Come out from among her, and let everyone save his soul from the heat of the LORD's anger.” Jeremiah 51:45

This call is directed to “My people” — not to the world, not to the Gentiles, but to those who bear His name. Those who think they are safe because they believe, because they pray, because they call themselves religious, are warned here: if you remain in Babylon, you will share her fate. The wrath of the LORD does not distinguish between believers and unbelievers if they both hold fast to the same sins.

“And let not your heart be faint, neither be ye afraid of the noise that is heard in the land; for in this year shall the noise be, and in the year that is to come another noise, and wrath in the land, and man against his own master.” Jeremiah 51:46

God's people should not be afraid of the chaos. There will be rumors of wars, of governments falling, of rulers fighting each other. The world will be in turmoil. But this is no reason to remain silent or wait and see. On the contrary, it is confirmation that judgment is near. And that is why believers must act—not by arming themselves with human means, but by detaching themselves from the system that is Babylon.

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming when I will visit the carved images of Babylon, and her whole land will be ashamed; and all her slain will fall in the midst of her.” Jeremiah 51:47

Nothing of Babylon will remain standing. Her idols — visible or invisible, made of stone or ideology — will be destroyed. Her land will be put to shame. Her dead will fill her squares. This is not symbolism, this is prophecy. And it is directed at everyone who thinks that Babylon can still be reformed, still saved. Judgment is coming. And it is inevitable.

Those who have eyes to see will know that all this speaks of our own time. Babylon lives on—in banks, in schools, in churches, in the media, in governments. And God calls out: “Come out of her, My people.” It is not a physical flight, but a spiritual separation. No longer participating in her lies, her sins, her idols. For those who remain will be burned. But those who obey will live.

The Battle of the Saints Against Babylon

The battle against Babylon is not a neutral affair. It is not a conflict that one can relate to as a spectator. On the contrary, it is a front line in which every child of God must take a stand. For Babylon is not a passive opponent. She is active, aggressive, and sophisticated in her strategy to deceive, divide, and subjugate God's people. And that is why it is necessary for the saints to wake up, arm themselves with God's Word, and confront Babylon with the truth.

“Then the archers drew themselves against Babylon, all who had bent their bows; they encircled her, no one let her escape. Repay her according to her deeds, do to her as she has done, for she has been proud against the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.” Jeremiah 50:29

Babylon did not simply make a mistake. She deliberately chose against the LORD, His law, and His people. Her pride is her downfall. And believers are called upon here not to spare her, but to repay her according to her deeds. It is a call for justice—not personal revenge, but holy retribution.

“Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all her warriors shall be destroyed in that day, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 50:30

Even the strong of Babylon—her soldiers, her leaders, her defenders—will not stand. It is the day of the LORD, not of men. And He will ensure that Babylon has no strength left to resist. Her arrogance will be her downfall.

“Behold, I am against you, O proud one! says the Lord, the Lord of hosts; for your day has come, the time when I will visit you. Jeremiah 50:31

The LORD addresses Babylon directly: “You proud one!” It is an indictment of her attitude, her spirit. And He adds: “Your day has come.” The time of grace is over. The scales are full. And the LORD Himself will visit her. Not with blessing, but with judgment. Not with patience, but with fire.

“And the proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise them up; and I will kindle a fire in her cities, which shall devour all around her.” Jeremiah 50:32

When the proud fall, there is no recovery. No political solution, no religious reform, no alliance will help her. God Himself will set her cities on fire. And that fire will consume not only physical structures, but the entire system—the commerce, the religion, the propaganda, the morals. Everything burns.

Therefore, it is imperative that God's people no longer remain silent. The battle against Babylon requires action. Not with swords of iron, but with the sword of the Word. Not with political petitions, but with spiritual obedience. For only the truth can expose the lie. And only the light can dispel the darkness. Victory is certain — but the battle is real. And everyone who refuses to choose will still choose.

The Day of the LORD's Vengeance

The fall of Babylon is inevitable, for it is the execution of a sentence that was pronounced long ago. The LORD has held back for a long time, but now the day of His vengeance is coming—not out of wrath, but out of justice. For Babylon has deliberately turned against Him, oppressed His people, trampled His law, and blasphemed His name. And God will not be mocked.

“Tell it in Babylon, and carry it forth into the land of the Chaldeans: Say, ‘Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed, Merodach is disgraced; her images are shamed, her idols are disgraced.’” Jeremiah 50:2

The gods of Babylon, its religious façade, are not spared. Everything it worshipped, everything it hoped for, is destroyed. Its idols prove powerless, its religious leaders silenced. And the city that prided itself on wisdom, wealth, and mystery lies in ruins. The truth is no longer suppressed—it resounds loudly in the streets of her downfall.

“For it is the day of the LORD’s vengeance, a day of vengeance for his adversary.” Jeremiah 51:6

This day is not a vengeful outburst, but a righteous reckoning. It is God's answer to centuries of deception, murder, tyranny, and idolatry. It is the day when the LORD takes vengeance—not out of spite, but out of holy justice. And no one can stop His hand.

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘The high walls of Babylon have been broken down; its gates have been set on fire. The nations have worked hard for nothing; they have exhausted themselves for nothing.’” Jeremiah 51:58

Everything that was built by human hands—the towers, the walls, the gates—will be torn down. The city in which so many had placed their hope, in which the peoples invested, to which the nations bound themselves, will be nothing but ashes. Their labor was in vain, their efforts misplaced. For whoever builds on lies builds on sand.

The prophecy does not end with the restoration of Babylon, but with its final downfall. The message is clear: God will not spare her, and His people must not love her. Babylon is not a place for reform, not a system that can be repaired. She is doomed forever.

And so the LORD calls once again: “Come out of her, My people.” Abandon her customs, her language, her holidays, her economy, her politics, and her religion. For only those who separate themselves from light and darkness will not be affected when the fire comes. Victory belongs to those who remain faithful—faithful to the law, faithful to the truth, faithful to the LORD, who judges righteously.

Chapter 5

Esau-Edom: The Real Power Behind Babylon

The prophecies about Babylon in Jeremiah 50 and 51 are not only directed at a physical empire that once existed on earth, but also reveal the spiritual and ethnic power behind it. For although Babylon fell in ancient times, the spirit of Babylon—its system, its power, its idolatry—is alive and active to this day. And in the words of the prophet, we see a deeper layer of revelation: Babylon and Edom, Esau, are intertwined.

Who is Esau-Edom? In Genesis, we read that Esau sold his birthright to Jacob and later ran away in resentment. His descendants, the Edomites, are repeatedly mentioned in the Bible as enemies of Israel. In the prophecies of Obadiah and Jeremiah, it becomes clear that Edom is not just a people, but a symbol of enduring enmity toward God's people. And this enmity has not disappeared. In fact, it lives on in the system now known as Babylon.

“For against Edom, says the Lord of hosts: Is there no wisdom in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished?” Jeremiah 49:7

These words seem to fall outside the Babylon prophecy, but they do not. For Edom and Babylon are spiritually identical in the end times. The Edomites—even historically—gradually intermingled with other peoples, and eventually many of them were absorbed into what we now know as the modern Jewish people. Historical sources, such as Josephus and the Jewish encyclopedias, confirm that the Edomites were absorbed into Judea under John Hyrcanus. And since then, the lines between Judah and Edom have blurred—not in God's eyes, but in the perception of the world.

This means that today's Babylon, with its banks, its media, its political power, and its religious influence, is largely controlled by the spirit of Esau-Edom. This power covers itself with religious appearances, intellectual superiority, and moralistic talk — but it is rooted in rebellion against God, hatred of His people, and rejection of His Son.

And so it becomes clear why Jeremiah speaks so powerfully about the downfall of Babylon. For it is not just a judgment on a city or a country, but on a bloodline, a spiritual power, a race of enmity. The LORD will destroy her. And that judgment is not merely moral or symbolic — it will be visible in the world. The systems of Edom will collapse. Their power over the nations will be broken. Their lies will be exposed. And their end will come, as foretold by the prophets.

The Mouth of Babylon Is Closed

One of the characteristics of Babylon is its influence through words. Not only through military violence or financial power, but especially through its control of education, media, and religion, Babylon—or Edom—has deceived the world. Its voice resounds everywhere: in politically correct language, in moral confusion, in twisted theology. But Jeremiah prophesies that this voice will be silenced.

“Then Jeremiah read all the words of this book to the people, from the first page to the last, all that was written about Babylon.” Jeremiah 51:60

Jeremiah spoke not only to his own generation, but to the nations of the earth and to future generations. His words are written as a testimony, as a warning, and as a judgment. And they will not return empty. The message is clear: the system of Babylon will not stand, for it is built on lies.

“And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, ‘When you come to Babylon, look and read all these words, and say, “O Lord, You have spoken concerning this place, that You would destroy it, so that there would be no one left, neither man nor beast, but it would become a perpetual desolation.”’” Jeremiah 51:61–62

The prophecy is not only a foretelling of destruction, but also a command to God's servants to proclaim this truth—even in the midst of Babylon itself. The message of judgment must be heard, despite opposition, despite mockery, despite resistance. For only the truth sets us free. And those who remain silent contribute to the lie.

“And it shall come to pass, when ye have made an end of reading this book, that ye shall bind a book upon this, and lay it in the midst of the potter's table, and write, Babylon shall be submerged, and shall not be raised up again, because of the evil that I will bring upon her, and they shall be desolate.” Jeremiah 51:63–64

The image is powerful. Jeremiah ties the words to a stone and throws them into the river. Thus Babylon will sink—irrevocably, irreversibly. Her voice will be silenced, her influence will perish. She will not rise again. What she has built will disappear in the waters of God's judgment, just like the stone.

And so Jeremiah does not end his message with hope for Babylon, but with its downfall. There is no restoration for the system that exalts itself against God. Those who love Babylon will perish with her. But those who forsake her, who turn to the LORD, will be saved from her destruction. The time to choose is now.

Edom's Pride and Babylon's Throne

The prophecies against Babylon are at the same time a judgment on Edom, because the spirit of both is intertwined. What Edom could not achieve through open war against Jacob, it has tried to achieve through infiltration, manipulation, and domination. They have made their way into the highest circles of power and religion, with the goal of taking over the throne of God's people, God's law, and His inheritance. And that is precisely the sin that brings judgment upon Babylon—not only what it has done, but what it has become.

“Your pride has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hills; though you make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says the Lord.” Jeremiah 49:16

It is precisely this pride—exalting herself above God's authority—that characterizes Babylon. She dwells, as it were, in rocks, on high, in safety. She thinks she is untouchable, above correction, untouched by judgment. And that is precisely what will be her downfall. For no one is safe when he exalts himself against the LORD.

“For I have stripped Esau bare, his hidden places are discovered, that he cannot hide himself; his seed is destroyed, and his brethren, and his neighbors, and he is not.”
Jeremiah 49:10

Edom, who has hidden behind religious masks and pious words for centuries, is now being exposed by God Himself. His secrets are being revealed. His supposed innocence is being unmasked. His seed—his spiritual and physical descendants—are being declared barren. His influence is coming to an end.

The identification of Edom with modern Babylon is not a vague theory, but a biblical reality. In Revelation 17 and 18, this power is called “Mystery, Babylon the Great”—a name full of concealment, deception, and confusion. She sits on many waters, influences kings, intoxicates nations, and mixes religion with political power. And she has the martyrs of Jesus on her conscience. It is the same spirit, the same enemy, the same battle.

And that is why the judgment against Babylon is also a judgment against Edom. Their destiny is identical because their sins are identical. They have fought against God, against His people, and against His laws. And now the LORD will humble them, expose them, and destroy them.

The people of God must know this. For many are confused, thinking that Edom is “the brother,” thinking that Babylon is only a figure from the past. But those who have eyes to see will know: the battle is now. And the enemy is known—not because of our own wisdom, but because God's Word reveals it.

The Downfall of the Proud

The LORD is patient, but not infinite. And the time is coming when He will pour out His judgment on the nations that have exalted themselves against Him. Babylon — and those who carry her spirit — have made themselves great, built their throne on deceit, and suppressed the truth. But their end is near. Not because people want it, but because God has decided it.

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will break you, O proud one, and I will cut your horns of iron, and I will break you with a hammer and make you like chaff on the threshing floor.” Jeremiah 50 and 51

The LORD calls Babylon “the proud.” Not only because of her power, but because of her spirit. She despises God's law, she turns against His people, she twists His Word. And therefore He will break her — not partially, but completely. The hammer of the LORD is not man-made; it is a force that pulverizes everything that is not in line with His righteousness.

“For the day of the LORD of hosts will be upon all the proud and lofty, and upon all who are lifted up, and they will be humbled.” Isaiah 2:12

This judgment is universal. It is not only upon a geographical city, but upon every system that exalts itself above God's truth. Whether it be religion, science, government, or culture — those who exalt themselves at the expense of God will be humbled. The LORD will not be mocked.

Today's Babylon has many faces. It is no longer just one city or one nation, but a worldwide network of institutions, ideas, and systems that all serve one purpose: to put man at the center instead of God. But these structures will fall. The Bible calls her “the great whore who sits on the waters”—a power that makes nations drunk with her corrupt wine. But she too will be judged, for her sins have reached to heaven.

And on that day, there will be no more doubt. No debate about interpretation, no room for relativism. For when Babylon falls, everyone will know that it is the LORD Himself who has executed this judgment. Then no preacher will whisper about love without justice. No head of state will boast of peace without truth. No bank will lend money. Everything that is not of God will be wiped out.

Therefore, be ready. Turn away from her. Repent, leave her ways, break her bonds. For whoever carries her spirit will also carry her fate. But whoever humbles himself before the LORD will live—even in the midst of judgment.

Israel, God's Weapon of War

Amidst the judgments against Babylon, an unexpected but powerful truth resounds: God will not only punish Babylon Himself, He will use His own people as His instrument. Israel, which has been oppressed and scattered for centuries, will be restored in God's plan to a mighty weapon—not with swords of iron, but with the spiritual power of truth, righteousness, and obedience.

“You are My hammer and the instrument of My wrath; through you I will shatter the nations, and through you I will destroy kingdoms.” Jeremiah 51:20

Israel — not the false “spiritual Israel,” not a religious system, but the real, physical people whom God has chosen — will not stand by passively while the world burns. They will rise up in obedience and in truth. God will use them to bring Babylon down. Not by tanks or bullets, but by the Word, by obedience to His laws, and by breaking every false bond with the system.

“And through you I will break the horse and its rider in pieces; and through you I will break the chariot and its rider in pieces.” Jeremiah 51:21

The battle is broad: against the army of Babylon, against its military power, against its leaders and their resources. Everything she has built up as security is being shattered by the LORD through His people. And this is not happening in the way of this world—but through the restoration of justice, through the rejection of idolatry, through the preaching of His truth in the midst of a world full of lies.

“And through you I will break men and women to pieces; and through you I will break the old and the young to pieces; and through you I will break the young men and the young women to pieces.” Jeremiah 51:22

These verses sound harsh, but they reveal a spiritual reality. God's judgment does not discriminate based on age, gender, or status. Everyone who has aligned themselves with Babylon will share in her fate. And those who claim to be God's people but cling to their sins will also be struck.

“And through you I will smite the shepherd and his flock; and through you I will smite the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and through you I will smite the governors and the rulers.”
Jeremiah 51:23

Even leaders, shepherds, and rulers are mentioned. For the Babylonian system has intermingled with every layer of society—church, agriculture, government, commerce. And God's judgment will strike that entire network. Not only the head, but also the links below. Not only the leader, but also the follower who refuses to separate himself from evil.

That is why God calls His people to prepare themselves. Not with protest signs, but with obedience. Not with violence, but with the law of the LORD. For Israel is His weapon of war—not to seek its own glory, but to make His righteousness visible on earth. And in that battle, no man will be able to stop Him.

God's People Will Win, Not Babylon

The modern world views the future as uncertain. People hope for progress, technology, peace—but the Bible shows that all this is an illusion. Babylon will not prevail. Its systems have already been condemned. And while it still speaks proudly, makes preparations, and praises itself, God has already spoken: “She has fallen.” It is decided. Not because men say so, but because the LORD has declared it.

“Babylon is a dry mountain, a mountain of desolation, says the LORD, which has destroyed the whole earth; and I will stretch out My hand against her, and roll her from the rock, and make her a burning mountain.” Jeremiah 51:25

Babylon is not a living body, but a dead mass. She still seems influential, rich, powerful. But God already calls her a desolate mountain—a symbol of what once stood tall but now produces nothing. She will be burned because she has corrupted the whole earth. Babylon has infected the nations with her idolatry, her lies, her moral decay. But that corruption will not go unpunished.

“Not one of your stones will be used as a cornerstone or laid in a place for a foundation. You will be a perpetual desolation, says the Lord.” Jeremiah 51:26

Nothing of value will remain. No foundation stone, no memory, no rebuilding. No one will honor her or try to restore her. Her legacy will consist of destruction, not construction. And therein lies her end: total and final.

But while Babylon falls, God raises up His people. Israel, which was scattered, despised, and oppressed, will now rise again. Not as a worldly superpower, but as a spiritual people who keep God's law and proclaim His truth. The battle does not end in darkness, but in victory—for those who fear the LORD.

“Thus says the LORD: Behold, a people comes from the north, and a great nation, and many kings will be raised up from the ends of the earth.” Jeremiah 50:41

This prophecy speaks of the people God will use to defeat Babylon. In a spiritual sense, this is Israel — the true, obedient people of the LORD. Instead of being bound by the system, they

will be raised up as an army of truth, purification, and judgment. Not in their own strength, but in obedience to their God.

Therefore, this is not the hour of discouragement, but of determination. For judgment is coming—and with that judgment, restoration. Babylon is burning, but Zion will stand. Those who fear the LORD need not fear the future. For His plan is certain, His Word is sure, and His people will ultimately prevail.

The Fire of God Consumes the System

The system of Babylon, which extends over economics, religion, education, and politics, will not be brought down by human hands. The LORD Himself will consume it. Not piece by piece, but with fire. Not symbolically, but literally, spiritually, and historically. And that fire has already been lit—in the hearts of believers who turn away from lies, in the truth that is being revealed, in the crumbling of institutions.

“And I will kindle a fire in her cities that shall devour all the surrounding things.” Jeremiah 50:32

No bastion of Babylon will be spared. Her cities—the power centers of corruption—will not be rebuilt. What now seems to flourish will turn to ashes. For Babylon has not merely erred; she is guilty of rebellion, of idolatry, of persecuting God's people.

“All her idols are confounded; her idols are put to shame.” Jeremiah 50:2

Her religion, her hypocrisy, her theologies—everything is exposed as empty and false. The idols of Babylon are not gods, but the work of human hands, devised to deceive the people. And when the fire comes, the fragility of their altars is revealed. Their name, their prestige, their influence: everything disappears like smoke.

But judgment does not remain in destruction alone. It opens the way for restoration. For as soon as Babylon falls, space is created for the pure worship of the LORD. No mixing, no compromises, no political preaching—but the law and the testimony, as it was in the beginning. And that is the hope for Israel.

“In those days and at that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall come weeping, and seek the LORD their God.” Jeremiah 50:4

When the system collapses, the eyes of the people will be opened. They will remember who their God really is. Not the God of Babylon, not the God of human success, but the LORD of righteousness. And their tears will not be tears of loss, but tears of repentance. For the lie has given way to the truth.

“They will seek Zion, and look toward her, and say, ‘Come, let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.’” Jeremiah 50:5

That is the purpose of judgment: not destruction for destruction's sake, but restoration through purification. And this covenant—which will not be forgotten—is not a new gospel, not a new

religion, but renewed obedience to what God has spoken from the beginning. Not the laws of men, but the law of God. Not human structures, but the kingdom of the LORD.

Therefore, when the fire comes, do not fear. For what is being burned must already perish. But what remains is the true foundation: the LORD, His people, His truth—forever.

The Eternal Restoration of God's People

When the LORD has executed judgment on Babylon, there will be no power left to hold His people captive. Slavery, dispersion, oppression—all will be destroyed. Not merely as a historical fact, but as spiritual restoration. For the people of Israel, who have been burdened so long under the yoke of Babylon, will now go free.

“My people are lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray; they have been driven from mountain to mountain; they have gone from hill to hill; they have forgotten their rest.”
Jeremiah 50:6

The blame does not lie solely with the enemy. The leaders of the people—shepherds, priests, ministers—have contributed to the confusion. They have not fed God's flock, but scattered it. They have replaced the Truth with human reasoning, with spiritual slumber, with alliances with Babylon. And because of this, the people forgot their army—their strength in the LORD.

“All who found them ate them, and their enemies said, ‘We are not guilty, for they have sinned against the LORD, against the dwelling place of righteousness, yes, against the LORD, the hope of their fathers.’” Jeremiah 50:7

The enemies took advantage of this spiritual decline. They justified their violence because Israel had forsaken itself. But their reasoning does not hold up. For although Israel sinned, it is still God's people. And God will not let His inheritance be scattered forever.

“Come out from the midst of Babylon, and go out from the land of the Chaldeans, and be like the he goats before the flock.” Jeremiah 50:8

The call is clear: leave her. Not just physically, but in spirit, in conviction, in practice. Come out of her politics, her religion, her thinking. And be a goat before the flock—be a leader in obedience, a leader in repentance. For this is the moment of separation: Babylon is being judged, Zion is being established.

“For behold, I am raising up against Babylon a great nation from the north, and they will attack her from there. They will capture her, and their arrows will be like those of a mighty warrior who does not return empty.” Jeremiah 50:9

The enemy is overwhelmed by a force it does not know—a people who do not fight for their own glory, but for the glory of God. Their weapons are not made of iron, but of righteousness. Their arrows are words of truth, deeds of obedience, prayers of power. And Babylon, however powerful it thought itself to be, will collapse.

“Israel is like a sheep scattered by lions. The king of Assyria has devoured them, and now Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, has come and has taken the remains.” Jeremiah 50:17

Israel has suffered greatly. First under Assyria, later under Babylon—and in our day under modern powers that carry the same spirit. But God has not forgotten this. He knows what has been done to His people. And He will not only avenge, He will also restore. What has been broken will be healed.

“Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will visit the king of Babylon and his land, as I have visited the king of Assyria.” Jeremiah 50:18

The cycle does not repeat itself endlessly. There will be an end to Babylon, just as there was an end to Assyria. Not because Israel is strong, but because the LORD is faithful. He has promised it, and He will do it. And His people will know: the LORD is our Redeemer, eternal and righteous.

Chapter 6

Esau-Edom and Babylon: One and the Same Enemy

The prophecies about the downfall of Babylon go much deeper than just a judgment on an ancient city. In Scripture, Babylon and Edom are repeatedly mentioned in the same breath. They share the same spirit, the same sins, and the same fate. One represents the religious system that opposes God, the other the earthly people who hate God. But in essence, they are the same. The Bible makes this connection not merely coincidental, but structural.

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of Babylon as a power that rules the earth with violence and abuses God's people. At the same time, the prophet Obadiah mentions Edom—the descendants of Esau—as an enemy who exalts himself against Jacob, is jealous of his blessings, and tries to take his place.

“The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, in your high habitation, who say in your heart, ‘Who will come down to bring me down to the earth?’” Obadiah 1:3

That is Edom. And it is also Babylon. Both place themselves above God and above His people. Both think they are untouchable, established in rocks, surrounded by power and allies. But the LORD says, “I will bring you down from there.” No bastion is safe from His judgment.

The spirit of Edom lives on in Babylon. Edom, who sold his birthright and then hated his brother, has always opposed God's plan. Not openly with weapons alone, but insidiously — infiltrating religion, economics, politics. That spirit is what feeds Babylon.

“And you will say, ‘Behold, I have raised up a people from the north, who will march against her; they will make her cities a desolation, so that there will be no inhabitant in them.’” Jeremiah 50:3

Who will destroy Babylon? It is the people from the north — prophetically speaking, the true Israel, the restored people of God. It is not the Babylon of our day, with its flags and financial institutions, that will remain, but the people who obey God's law. They are God's instruments in His judgment.

Edom and Babylon are not merely historical entities. They are a spiritual counterforce, visible in the modern world through control of the media, education, religion, and money. Anyone who still doubts this is not looking at Scripture, but at human opinion. The prophets did not speak in riddles, but in clear lines.

The power of Edom, which is expressed today in the spirit of Babylon, will be brought to nothing. Not because they willingly surrender their power, but because God will break them. He has spoken—and His Word will not return void.

The Hidden Legacy of Esau

The enmity between Jacob and Esau is not just a family matter; it is the key to understanding the struggle that rages to this day between God's people and the powers of this world. Esau, who despised his birthright, has since done everything in his power to appropriate that blessing — not through obedience, but through deceit, reversal, and domination. And therein lies the root of Babylon's power.

“For the day of the Lord is near upon all nations; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reward shall return upon your own head.” Obadiah 1:15

God has not forgotten. What Edom did will return upon its own head. Its role in betraying Jacob, in destroying Jerusalem, in seizing God's inheritance — it will be repaid. The LORD has not forgotten what happened, even though it has remained hidden from the world.

The history books are silent about the movement of the Edomites after their expulsion from Seir, but Scripture and extra-biblical sources reveal how they settled in Judea, intermingled with the population, and eventually seized power through religious structures. In the time of Jesus, the Herodians—Edomites—were in power, under the supervision of Rome. And it was they who conspired with the Pharisees to crucify the Son of God.

This is no coincidence. It is the spirit of Esau in action.

“You are those who kill the righteous and shed the blood of prophets.” Matthew 23:31–35

They built tombs for the prophets whom their fathers had murdered. They professed religion, but did not serve the LORD. And their true identity was hidden under a cloak of piety. They were not children of Jacob, but descendants of Edom. And to this day they carry the same spirit.

In the modern world system, we find the spirit of Edom again—hidden, but active. Control over money, media, education, even church denominations—all instruments of influence that oppose the law of God and put the power of man at the center. The world worships these powers, often without realizing it. But to those who have eyes to see, it is clear: Babylon lives, and Edom rules over her.

But the LORD will not be mocked. The prophecies are not obsolete. Edom will be judged. Its name, however mixed with religious and political systems, will be destroyed. And the people of Jacob—the true Israel—will know who their enemy is, and who their Redeemer is.

The Spirit of Edom in the World System

Modern Babylon, ruled by the spirit of Edom, has disguised itself in ideologies, revolutions, and economic networks. What humanity calls “progress” is in reality merely the rollout of a system designed to banish God and oppress His people. Esau's spirit lives on in the movements that seek to replace Christianity with humanism, equality without truth, and freedom without obedience.

“I hate Esau, and have given his mountains to the destruction, and his heritage to the dragons of the wilderness.” Malachi 1:3

God's rejection of Esau is final. It is not based on arbitrariness, but on Esau's nature, his deeds, his spirit. He sold his inheritance, hated his brother, and later tried to take back that blessing by force. He is a model for every world power that pretends to bring justice but in reality undermines God's order.

The spirit of Edom lives on in communism, which replaces God with the state. It lives on in capitalism, where profit is more important than justice. It lives on in democracies that boast of freedom of speech but banish God's law from public life. And it lives on in religious systems that have adapted themselves to the world instead of submitting to God's commandments.

“The pride of your heart has deceived you.” Obadiah 1:3

That is Edom: convinced of its own wisdom, its own power, its own righteousness. But all of that is deception. The LORD looks at the heart, and He sees the hatred, the deceit, the resistance. And He has said: He will destroy Edom. Not merely by natural means, but by His judgment—through the people He has sanctified, the people who live according to His commandments.

“Therefore their land shall be a desolation; an everlasting reproach; no one shall dwell there.” Jeremiah 49:13

That judgment is inescapable. No alliance, no world council, no spiritual lie will reverse it. The LORD has spoken — and it will come to pass. And the people who are oppressed today will then rise up as the head and no longer as the tail. For God will render justice.

This is the message that Babylon hates. That is why it oppresses the Scriptures. That is why it distorts the identity of God's people. That is why it proclaims false Israel as its spiritual covenant. But the truth will not remain suppressed. The voice of the prophets still sounds, and they speak against Edom: your end is near.

The Fall of the Lie

The world no longer recognizes the true enemy of God's people because it is blinded by a system that twists the truth. Babylon calls itself the city of peace, of culture, of religious tolerance. But in reality, it is drunk with the blood of the saints. And Edom, its spiritual engine, is not recognized because it has cloaked itself in the mantle of faith. But God knows who it is.

“Be silent before the LORD, for the day of the LORD is near; for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, He has sanctified His guests.” Zechariah 1:7

That sacrifice is not just a ritual. It is judgment. And judgment begins with the house of God—with those who say they are His, but who in truth serve the system of Edom. For Babylon and Edom have nestled themselves within the walls of religion. They preach peace while tolerating sin. They speak of love, but hate God's law.

The prophets have not been silent about this. Jeremiah spoke it, Isaiah cried it, Obadiah declared it with fire. The enemy of God's people is not merely a political power, but a spirit.

A spirit of deceit, of counterfeiting, of false righteousness. And that spirit has a name: Edom. He is the shadow that pretends to be light.

“But you will be like those who dwell in the midst of the sea; and when you cry out, ‘Destruction has come,’ it will come upon you.” Ezekiel 26:19

The fall of Edom and Babylon will come suddenly, like a tidal wave over a coastal city. No one really expects it, because the system seems stable, untouchable. But it is built on lies, on rebellion, on blood. And the LORD has had enough. His judgment will come—not symbolic, but tangible, destructive.

That is why we must turn away from the system. Not just with words, but with our lives. We must break with the spirit of Edom — with its false gospel, its worldly wisdom, its compromise. For whoever remains in it will share in its judgment.

“Come out of her, My people, lest you be consumed in her iniquity.” Jeremiah 51:45

The call is still sounding. Time is short. Those who have eyes to see already see the cracks in the system. The truth is coming to light. And with every revelation, Edom is further unmasked. But only those who cling to God's Word will stand in the storm.

The Unmasking of the End-Time Power

There will come a moment when the veil will be completely lifted. Then it will become clear who has really been controlling the powers of this world. Not an abstract concept, not just ideologies or structures, but a concrete enemy—a people who have taken control of thrones, banks, pulpits, and lecterns. And the prophets point again and again to Esau, to Edom, as the seed of this rebellious power.

“The day is coming when I will punish Edom, says the LORD, and I will wipe it off the face of the earth.” Isaiah 34:5

The destruction of Edom is prophetically linked to the day of the LORD — the day when He will settle accounts with the enemies of His people. And this judgment is not merely moral or spiritual; it is real, historical, and future-oriented. God has a score to settle with a power that has opposed Him for centuries, concealing itself under the guise of religion, civilization, and justice.

“The earth is covered with darkness, and the peoples with thick darkness.” Isaiah 60:2

That darkness is not ignorance, but deliberate deception. The world is under the influence of a system that distorts truth, falsifies justice, and pretends to be light when it is darkness. Edom is at the head of that system. And because they have mingled with the institutions of power, they are not recognized by the world. But God recognizes them.

The Edomite power in our time is found in the highest councils of financial control, in the centers of global planning, in the hubs of cultural formation. They determine what is taught, what is believed, what is accepted. And their goal is the same as always: to overthrow the throne of God and destroy or assimilate His people.

“They say in their hearts, ‘We are gods, and there is no one else besides us.’” Isaiah 47:8

But their time is limited. Judgment is coming. And once that judgment begins, no bunker, no secret society, no international alliance will be able to save them. The LORD Himself will act. And the people they sought to exterminate will rise up as His weapon in that battle.

Therefore, God's people need not fear, even when the system seems invincible. For it is built on deception, and the truth will destroy it. Esau has made himself great—but he will be humbled. His name will be blotted out from under heaven.

God's Vengeance on Edom

When judgment comes upon Edom, it will not be halfhearted. God does not say, “I will warn him.” He says, “I will destroy him.” And that judgment is not unreasonable or arbitrary; it is just and deserved. For Edom has not only sinned, he has exalted himself against God Himself by hating, deceiving, and persecuting His people.

“The day of the Lord is near upon all nations; as you have done, it will be done to you; your reward will return upon your own head.” Obadiah 1:15

God's judgment is reflective: what Edom did to others will come back on him. His cunning, his greed, his bloodlust—it will turn against him. And when God's people realize this, they no longer need to be surprised at the state of the world. They recognize the spirit of Edom in the evil that surrounds them.

“For as you have drunk on My holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yes, they shall drink and swallow, and they shall be as though they had not been.” Obadiah 1:16

The LORD compares Edom's behavior to drunkenness on His holy mountain—an insult to the sanctuary, a violation of order. But the punishment will be poured out in equal measure. Edom will drink the cup of wrath to the last drop. And when he has fallen, no one will miss him. He will be like a shadow that vanishes, a name that is forgotten.

Opposite him stands Jacob. Not as a victor in his own strength, but as the heir to God's promise. For although Jacob stumbled, sinned, and was often disobedient, God loved him with an everlasting love. And He promised to restore him.

“But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, and the sanctuary will be found on Mount Zion. Jacob's survivors will possess his inheritance.” Obadiah 1:17

That is the future of God's people. No more slavery, no more mixing, no more confusion. But holiness, restoration, and possession of what is theirs. Not through revolution, but through the hand of God. Not through the system of Edom, but through the way of obedience and truth.

Edom has tried to steal that inheritance. He has taken the name Israel for himself. He has pretended to be God's people. But the LORD will restore the distinction. And when that happens, the whole world will know who truly is God's people—and who merely pretended to be.

The Irresistible Judgment of God

God's judgment on Babylon and Edom will not be merely a warning, but a compelling and inevitable act. Scripture repeatedly emphasizes that their fall will be total and irrevocable. As Jeremiah 51:60–64 states, God has written His word in a book that is to be read in Babylon itself—as a sign that the judgment will be public, open, and final.

“When you come to Babylon and read all these words, you will say, ‘Lord, You have spoken against this place to destroy it, so that no one will live in it, neither man nor beast, but it will be desolate forever.’” Jeremiah 51:61

Then the book was bound with a stone and thrown into the Euphrates River, symbolizing the sealing of the judgment and the final end of Babylon. We find this image again in Revelation 18, where an angel throws a great millstone into the sea, saying that Babylon will never be found again.

This is no minor incident, but the grand finale of a power that resisted God's justice and oppressed His people for centuries. Babylon symbolizes the world empire that rebels against God, the system that bases its power on lies, deceit, and oppression.

In Revelation 17 and 18, this is called “Mystery Babylon the Great,” the mother of harlots, drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus. Her destruction is inevitable, for she has made herself the center of sin and violence.

The book of Jeremiah and Revelation accuse Babylon of drinking the blood of the righteous. This is not exaggerated imagery, but a literal description of the consequences of her actions: persecution, oppression, and murder of God's people.

“And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.” Revelation 17:6

And in Revelation 18:24 it says:

“And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who were killed on the earth.”

These passages give us a clear picture of the seriousness of her sins. It is a power that is ruthless in its hatred of God's people. And yet it is precisely this bloodlust that will be her downfall.

We find the same accusation of bloodthirstiness in the words of Jesus in Matthew 23. He addresses the leaders of His day—the scribes and Pharisees—and says that they are responsible for the killing of the prophets, the righteous, and ultimately Himself.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.” Matthew 23:13

He calls them whitewashed tombs, beautiful on the outside but full of dead men's bones and uncleanness. They are guilty of bloodshed throughout the ages, and Jesus warns that the judgment will be severe.

The prophecies conclude with the promise that Israel will be redeemed, that the Kingdom of God will come over Israel and the earth. Despite great adversity and oppression, God's faithfulness will remain. The people will be delivered, and their enemies destroyed.

“And the saviors shall stand on the mountain of Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.” Obadiah 1:21

God's justice will prevail, and sin, death, and evil will be overcome forever.

The Final Judgment and the Future Hope

The end-time prophecies about Babylon and Esau-Edom place us in the midst of a battle that is much greater than the current political and social conflicts. It is a battle between good and evil, between God's plan and the opposition to it. These chapters in Jeremiah, Obadiah, and Revelation show us that evil will not ultimately prevail, despite the apparent power and domination of these worldly powers.

The destruction of Babylon and the fall of Esau-Edom mean not only the end of their tyranny, but also the liberation of God's chosen people. It is the beginning of a new age, in which God's Kingdom will be established, righteous and eternal.

These prophecies repeatedly emphasize that God Himself is the creator and sustainer of all that exists. He is the Almighty who has even counted and named the stars. This emphasizes His absolute sovereignty and power over all things, including the most powerful empires and nations of the earth.

“He made the earth by his power, he established the world by his wisdom, and he stretched out the heavens by his understanding.” Jeremiah 51:15

That God is so almighty gives us confidence that His judgment will be fulfilled, no matter how invincible the enemy may seem.

In these prophecies, Israel is not seen as a powerless victim, but as God's instrument of judgment. God calls Israel His battle axe and weapons of war with which He will break the nations.

“You are my battle axe and weapons of war; with you I will shatter the nations, and with you I will destroy kingdoms.” Jeremiah 51:20

This is a powerful reminder that God's people have a central role in the ultimate restoration of the world order, not by their own strength, but by His Spirit and guidance.

The prophecies also warn against the deceptive nature of these powers. Their power and splendor are only a facade that will ultimately collapse. Their pride and arrogance will lead to their downfall, and their “wisdom” is actually foolishness.

“The pride of your heart has deceived you, O inhabitant of the clefts of the rock.” Obadiah 1:3

Their hidden plans and conspiracies will be revealed and destroyed, so that no one will ever be able to repeat their deception.

For God's people, this knowledge is not a cause for fear, but for vigilance and confidence. It is a call to remain steadfast in faith and obedience, knowing that God will fulfill His promises and protect His people.

It is also a warning not to be naive about the dangers and opposition, but to live with wisdom and strength in this time.

The Redemption and the Kingdom of God

The prophecies end with a message of hope and redemption. Despite the darkness and evil that rule the world, we are assured that God's ultimate goal is to establish His Kingdom and save His people.

“And all Israel shall be saved with an everlasting salvation, and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.” Jeremiah 51:64

This promise is the light at the end of the tunnel for all who believe and trust in God. It points to the future time when righteousness, peace, and truth will reign over the earth.

At the same time, there is a clear and definitive condemnation for those who have turned against God and His people. They are described as “twice dead” and condemnations await them eternally.

“They are dead, they will not live; they are dead, they will not be raised.” Isaiah 26:14

This emphasizes that God's judgment is just and inescapable, and that evil has no future in His Kingdom.

In the midst of these prophecies, God's people are called to remain steadfast, to be faithful to His Word and His law. It is an invitation not to go along with the folly and madness of the world, but to live according to God's guidelines.

“With my soul I have sought You in the night, yes, with my spirit within me I will seek You early.” Isaiah 26:9

These words encourage a deep longing for God and His righteousness, even when the world seems to be in chaos.

Finally, we are reminded that God's plans cannot be thwarted. His omnipotence is above all, and His wisdom surpasses human understanding.

“For He calls to the heavens, He points to the earth, to give justice to His people.” Isaiah 26:16

Herein lies the assurance for believers: regardless of difficulties and opposition, God will ultimately justify and restore His people.