

## Life-Study of Jeremiah Summary – Messages 36 to 40

### Jehovah's Punishment and Judgment Upon the Nations

Jeremiah 50-51 speak concerning Jehovah's punishment and judgment upon Babylon. **Babylon typifies the world, both physically and spiritually, that worships idols, exalts men, and opposes God to the uttermost**, all of which was or will be utterly destroyed by God. Jeremiah 50 declares that Babylon is captured, that Bel (the chief Babylonian idol) is put to shame, that Merodach (a Babylonian idol) is shattered, that her images are put to shame, and that her idols are dismayed.

According to the Bible, **the human government on earth is, in the eyes of God, altogether Babylonian from beginning to end**. At the end of the Bible, Babylon is mentioned again in its religious and material aspects. In Revelation Babylon does not refer literally to the place of ancient Babel but to the city of Rome. This indicates that, from God's point of view, Rome is the continuation, consummation, and conclusion of Babylon.

### Babylon—The Beginning and the Ending of Human Government

The great human image in Daniel 2 represents the totality of human government on earth, which began at Babel and ends with the Roman Empire. The head of that human image is Babylon, and the feet and the toes are the Roman Empire. But in God's eyes the entire image is Babylon. **Both politically and religiously, today's world situation is altogether Roman**. At the end of this age, the Roman Empire will be restored and strengthened to produce its last Caesar, Antichrist, the man of lawlessness, who will be very powerful. It is he who will destroy the Roman church at the beginning of the great tribulation. Then at the end of the tribulation, Christ will come down from the heavens, with the overcomers as His army, to fight against Antichrist directly and defeat him and cast him alive into the lake of fire.

### The Separation of the Church from the World in all Its Aspects

The book of Jeremiah shows us that God's elect, Israel, was very much involved with the nations. This is a type of us, God's New Testament elect, who are very much involved with the world in its many aspects. **Jeremiah presents such a picture so that we can live a church life that is not polluted by the different aspects of the world**. Jeremiah presents God's economy to us that we may turn back to our source and origin, the Triune God as the fountain of living waters.

### The Foundation of the New Covenant, the Covenant of Life, In the Book of Jeremiah

The Bible shows us that **the desire of God's heart is to come into man as life and to be one with man**. God made eight covenants with man, but He counts only two covenants: the covenant made with Israel through Moses and the new covenant, the covenant of life, which is considered the second covenant. **The content of the new covenant is the Triune God, who has been processed and consummated to become everything to God's chosen people**. Today there are many who have believed in Christ, who have received the blessing of the new covenant, and yet are not aware of the content of the new covenant and what it accomplishes and produces. May we all see the new covenant and be fully occupied with it.

### The Kernel of the Book of Jeremiah

The kernel of Jeremiah includes three matters—**what God wants from us, what we are in our fallen condition**, and **what Christ is to us**. What God wants from us is mentioned mainly in 2:13, which reveals that **God is the fountain of living waters and God wants us to take Him as the fountain of living waters for our living**. Another aspect is the exposure of what we are in our fallen condition. **In our fallen condition we are corrupt and rotten**; there is no way for us to change, correct, or improve ourselves. The third matter is that **Christ to us is the Shoot of David, tender, living, and fresh; He is Jehovah our righteousness; and He is our divine life wrought into our inner being**. (Life-Study of Jeremiah – Messages 36 to 40)