

Fact Sheet for **“Warnings Fulfilled, Exactly”**
Jeremiah 46-51

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We have come to 6 chapters, 231 verses, detailing the destruction of peoples and nations. This has been a long time coming. There have been *lifetimes* of warning from God that went unheeded. Now, God would soon fulfill His warning, and it would all come down quickly. These chapters are set in the future tense, but these events would take place in their very near future. We have the luxury of seeing these events after the fact. And what we see is that they all came about, every one of them, exactly as God predicted.

There are several themes that run through these chapters. Each of them has a poignant message for us and what is happening in our world today.

- 1 – It is the God of the Bible who is really pulling the strings on nations and peoples.
- 2 – The various gods that people worship are nothing.
- 3 – God remains faithful to His people even though He may punish them.
- 4 – God graciously restored some of those nations, while he made others a permanent desolation, right down to this day.
- 5 – Only God can tell the future with 100% accuracy.

Egypt (Jeremiah 46)

Read Jeremiah 46:25-27.

Philistines (Jeremiah 47)

47:6 Ah, sword of the LORD! How long till you are quiet? Put yourself into your scabbard; rest and be still! ⁷ How can it be quiet when the LORD has given it a charge? Against Ashkelon and against the seashore he has appointed it."

Moab (Jeremiah 48)

48:6 Flee! Save yourselves! You will be like a juniper in the desert! ⁷ For, because you trusted in your works and your treasures, you also shall be taken; and Chemosh shall go into exile with his priests and his officials.

48:47 Yet I will restore the fortunes of Moab in the latter days, declares the LORD." Thus far is the judgment on Moab.

Ammonites (Jeremiah 49:1-6)

49:3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste! Cry out, O daughters of Rabbah! Put on sackcloth, lament, and run to and fro among the hedges! For Milcom shall go into exile, with his priests and his officials.

49:6 ¶ "But afterward I will restore the fortunes of the Ammonites, declares the LORD."

Edom (Jeremiah 49:7-22)

49:10 But I have stripped Esau bare; I have uncovered his hiding places, and he is not able to conceal himself. His children are destroyed, and his brothers, and his neighbors; and he is no more.

49:17 ¶ "Edom shall become a horror. Everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will hiss because of all its disasters. ¹⁸ As when Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities were overthrown, says the LORD, no man shall dwell there, no man shall sojourn in her.

Damascus (Jeremiah 49:23-27)

49:27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the strongholds of Benhadad."

Kedar and Hazor (Jeremiah 49:28-33)

Kedar was a nomadic Arab tribe in the Arabian desert east of Israel. Hazor (not the city in Israel) was a district in Arabia.

49:33 Hazor shall become a haunt of jackals, an everlasting waste; no man shall dwell there; no man shall sojourn in her."

Elam (Jeremiah 49:34-39)

Elam was east of Babylon in what is today known as Iran. *Read Jeremiah 49:34, 37a, 39.*

Babylon (Jeremiah 50 & 51)

50:1 ¶ The word that the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet: ² "Declare among the nations and proclaim, set up a banner and proclaim, conceal it not, and say: 'Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed. Her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed.'

50:3 ¶ "For out of the north a nation has come up against her, which shall make her land a desolation, and none shall dwell in it; both man and beast shall flee away.

This is a reference to the Medes and the Persians.

Read Jeremiah 50:4-5, 13, 17-20, 33-34, 39-40.

Today the great city of Babylon is an archaeological site. It will never again be inhabited as a city!

51:11 "Sharpen the arrows! Take up the shields! The LORD has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes, because his purpose concerning Babylon is to destroy it, for that is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance for his temple.

God is naming the future conqueror of Babylon here.

51:17 Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them. ¹⁸ They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish. ¹⁹ Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name.

The God of the Bible is the only true God.

Read Jeremiah 51:26, 28, 35-37.

When were these words about Babylon written? It was in the fourth year of Zedekiah's reign, 54 years before Babylon fell. *Read Jeremiah 51:59-64.*

Go back and review those themes we started with.

There are great financial dangers lurking in the future of our state, our nation, and the world. I am always reminded of one of God's promises (Hebrews 13:5-6).

It seems that every day the news brings us a little more insanity in the world. Is there anything we can trust? Yes (Proverbs 3:5-6)!

Is god really in control? You bet (Romans 8:28)!