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## **Jeremiah 49**

(4) Ammon (49:1-6)

### **Against Ammon**

Both Moab and Ammon have passages focusing on them. Ammon has just six verses, but Edom will have a lot. Ammon lived north of Moab also east of the Dead Sea. Lot's younger daughter gives birth to Benami having been made pregnant by her father (Gen 19:38).

Ammon is restless, predatory, and more of a nomad. No cities nor roots like Moab did and they were less civilized than the Moabites. They are the enemies of Israel. Moses sought to "distress them not" (Deut 2:19).

[Don't confuse them with the Ammorites, they had Jericho as the capital, somewhat similar territorially but different group.]

Enemies of Israel (2 Kings 24:2) and they participate in and rejoice over the fall of Jerusalem (Jer 40:11-14). The Ammonites dwelt near the territories of Gad, Reuben and Benjamin, but particularly Gad, which was a tribal area. Rabbah is their capital. They live near Gad and as Israel is in trouble from her enemies, the Ammonites take advantage of it and occupy Israel's cities improperly and that is what is going to explain the opening of this passage. Nebuchadnezzar is going to destroy the Ammonites, the fifth year after the fall of Jerusalem. A six-verse prophecy against Ammon.

Ammon = Type of those who prey upon the Church?

See [Arab States in Prophecy](#) for an overview of the final disposition of Arab nations.

(A) Sin (49:1)

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**1** Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

- Gad is a tribal area allocated to Israel. They are occupying Israel's territory

(B) Destruction (49:2-5)

(a) Cities (49:2)

2 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will cause an alarm of war to be heard Against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon; And it will become a desolate heap, And her towns will be set on fire. Then Israel will take possession of his possessors," Says the LORD.

2 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "That I will cause a trumpet blast of war to be heard Against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon; And it will become a desolate heap, And her towns will be set on fire. Then Israel will take possession of his possessors," Says the LORD.

2 Therefore, look, the time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I'll cause a battle cry to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites. It will become a desolate mound, and its towns will be burned with fire. Israel will take possession of those who possessed him," says the LORD.

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.  
- Rabbah is the capital of the Ammonites. Israel, even though she is in trouble right now, she is coming back. There is also a veiled promise and word of encouragement to Israel because they are going to return to these cities later, so Ammon isn't going to stay there.

#### (b) Religion (49:3)

3 "Wail, Heshbon, for Ai has been destroyed! Cry out, daughters of Rabbah, Put on sackcloth and mourn, And move about inside the walls; For Malcam will go into exile Together with his priests and his leaders.

3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai has been destroyed! Cry out, O daughters of Rabbah, Gird yourselves with sackcloth and lament, And rush back and forth inside the walls; For Malcam will go into exile Together with his priests and his princes.

3 "Wail, Heshbon, because Ai is destroyed. Cry out, daughters of Rabbah, put on sackcloth and lament. Run back and forth inside the walls, for Milcom is going into exile along with his priests and his princes.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

- This Ai is not the Ai of Joshua

#### (c) Security (49:4-5)

4 "How you boast about the valleys! Your valley is flowing away, You backsliding daughter Who trusts in her treasures, saying, 'Who can come against me?'

4 "How boastful you are about the valleys! Your valley is flowing away, O backsliding daughter Who trusts in her treasures, *saying*, 'Who will come against me?'

4 Why do you boast in your valleys? Your valley is flowing away, faithless daughter, who trusted in her treasures, *saying*, 'Who will come against me?'

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me?

5 "Behold, I am going to bring terror upon you," Declares the Lord GOD of armies, "From all *directions* around you; And you will be driven away one after another, With no one to gather the fugitives together.

5 "Behold, I am going to bring terror upon you," Declares the Lord GOD of hosts, "From all *directions* around you; And each of you will be driven out headlong, With no one to gather the fugitives together.

5 Look, I'm bringing terror on you from all around you," declares the Lord GOD of the Heavenly Armies. "You will be driven out, fleeing recklessly, and there will be no one to gather the fugitives.

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

#### (C) Restoration (49:6)

6 "But afterward I will restore The fortunes of the sons of Ammon," Declares the LORD.

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6 But afterwards I'll restore the fortunes of the people of Ammon," declares the LORD.

6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

- Other prophecies on Ammon (Ezek 21:20,28-32; 25:1-7; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11)

#### (5) Edom (49:7-22)

Gen 36:1-19, Jacob outwits Esau for his birthright. Esau and Edom in effect are synonyms, they both mean "the red." The land of Edom is the land of Esau. Esau hated Jacob. So later on when the Israelites were leaving Egypt and they want to go through Edom, they are denied that, they have to around. Saul is in conflict with them (1 Sam 14:47), David subdues them in garrisons in the land of Edom (2 Sam 8:14). Joab attempts to eradicate all the males of Edom, he has a six-month campaign (1 Kings 11:15-16). Hadad the royal prince escapes to Egypt and he is a source of annoyance to Solomon. Solomon develops the copper and iron in the caravan trade that the land of Edom provides. Under King Jehoshaphat Edom adjoins the Ammonites and the Moabites in an attack on Judah (2 Chr

20:1). Edom governed by deputy (1 Kings 22:47), under control of Judah, joined coalition between Israel and Judah on Mesha King of Moab (2 Kings 3:4-27).

Edomites, Ammonites and the Moabites are classic enemies of Israel. The allies come to blows and they fall apart (Jer 20:22-23). Under the rule of Babylon, Edom declines, they pay heavy tribute. They're allied with Nebuchadnezzar at the fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC and they are overjoyed at the fall of Judah, their traditional enemy (Ps 137:7; Lam 4:21-22). The whole book of Obadiah is a prophecy against Edom.

The Edomites become Idumaeans. Idumaea has a governor by the name of Antipater about 63 BC who gives birth to a man by the name of Herod who becomes Herod the Great, and thus is the beginning of the Herodian dynasty, that is about 37 BC. Petra is their capital, they are overrun by the Nabateans. The point is under the Roman dominance in that part of the country, Edom or Idumaea becomes the source of the Herodian dynasty, so King Herod is not Jewish, he is an Idumaeans. That explains why the Jews hated Herod, they didn't only hate Rome, perhaps if handled properly they could have been philosophical about that, but the Romans appointed Herod the king from an ethnic root that is their traditional enemy. Herod tried to win favor of the people, that is why he built all these places, the Temple and all this stuff. It was his attempt through civic works to become popular, and he never made it. Edom is censured by all the prophets; their hatred of Israel is censured by all the prophets, Amos 2:1, book of Obadiah, Ps 137:7, and their desolation is promised in Is 11:14; 34:5-17; Ezek 35:1-15, and so on.

Typologically: Edom = flesh lusting against the spirit.

#### (A) Wisdom gone (49:7)

7 Concerning Edom. This is what the LORD of armies says: "Is there no longer *any* wisdom in **Teman**? Has good advice been lost by the prudent? Has their wisdom decayed?

7 Concerning Edom. Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Is there no longer any wisdom in Teman? Has good counsel been lost to the prudent? Has their wisdom decayed?

7 To Edom: This is what the LORD of the Heavenly Armies says: "Is there no longer wisdom in Teman? Has counsel perished among the prudent? Is their wisdom gone?

7 Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

- This points to the ironic lack of wisdom displayed by the Palestinians and how they are being "used" by the Arab nations (their "friends") for the sinister purposes of Islam toward Israel (Cf. Obadiah 7-8).

- "...Teman" - takes its name from a grandson of Esau; refers to the southern portion of Edom (Gen 36:10-11)

— Job's "friend" Eliphaz was a Temanite (Job 4:1)

(B) Disaster (49:8)

8 "Flee away, turn back, dwell in the depths, You inhabitants of Dedan, For I will bring the disaster of Esau upon him At the time I punish him.

8 "Flee away, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dedan, For I will bring the disaster of Esau upon him At the time I punish him.

8 Flee, turn around! Go to a remote place to stay, residents of Dedan! For I'll bring Esau's disaster on him at the time when I punish him.

8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

- Dedan is not necessarily Edom. Dedan is really south and they're warning to stay away from Edom. Dedan we associate with Arabia more than Edom.

(C) Destruction (49:9-13)

9 "If grape pickers came to you, Would they not leave gleanings? If thieves *came* by night, They would destroy *only* what was sufficient for them.

9 "If grape gatherers came to you, Would they not leave gleanings? If thieves *came* by night, They would destroy *only* until they had enough.

9 If the grape harvesters came to you, would they not leave gleanings? If thieves came at night, they would destroy only until they had enough.

9 If grape gatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

10 "But I have stripped Esau bare, I have uncovered his hiding places So that he will not be able to conceal himself; His offspring have been destroyed along with his brothers And his neighbors, and he no *longer* exists.

10 "But I have stripped Esau bare, I have uncovered his hiding places So that he will not be able to conceal himself; His offspring has been destroyed along with his relatives And his neighbors, and he is no more.

10 But I'll strip Esau bare. I'll uncover his hiding places so he cannot conceal himself. His offspring, his relatives, and his neighbors will be destroyed, and he will no longer exist.

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he *is* not.

In v7-10, the emphasis is on the totality of destruction of the land of Edom, so as to leave nothing remaining of the seed of Esau.

11 "Leave your orphans behind, I will keep *them* alive; And let your widows trust in Me."

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11 Leave your orphans. I'll keep them alive. Let your widows trust in me."

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

- The widows and fatherless children the Lord will spare, but the rest of them have had it

**12** For this is what the LORD says: "Behold, those who were not sentenced to drink the cup will certainly drink *it*, so are you the one who will be held completely blameless? You will not be held blameless, but you will certainly drink *it*.

**12** For thus says the LORD, "Behold, those who were not sentenced to drink the cup will certainly drink *it*, and are you the one who will be completely acquitted? You will not be acquitted, but you will certainly drink *it*.

**12** For this is what the LORD says: "Look, those who don't deserve to drink the cup will surely drink it, and will you actually go unpunished? You won't go unpunished! You will certainly drink it!

**12** For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of *it*.

13 For I have sworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror, a disgrace, a wasteland, and a curse; and all its cities will become permanent ruins."

13 For I have sworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror, a reproach, a ruin and a curse; and all its cities will become perpetual ruins."

13 Indeed, I've sworn by myself," declares the LORD, "that Bozrah will become an object of horror and scorn, a waste, and an object of ridicule. All her towns will become perpetual ruins."

13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

(D) Influence reduced (49:14-18)

**14** I have heard a message from the LORD, And a messenger is being sent among the nations, *saying*, "Gather yourselves together and come against her, And rise up for battle!"

**14** I have heard a message from the LORD, And an envoy is sent among the nations, *saying*, "Gather yourselves together and come against her, And rise up for battle!"

**14** I've heard a message from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Gather together and come up against her, and rise up to fight.

**14** I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying*, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 "For behold, I have made you small among the nations, Despised among people.

15 "For behold, I have made you small among the nations, Despised among men.

15 Indeed, I'll make you the least of the nations, despised among men.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.

16 "As for the terror you cause, The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, You who live in the clefts of the rock, Who occupy the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as an eagle's, I will bring you down from there," declares the LORD.

16 "As for the terror of you, The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, O you who live in the clefts of the rock, Who occupy the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as an eagle's, I will bring you down from there," declares the LORD.

16 The terror you cause and the pride of your heart have deceived you. You who live in hidden places in the rocks, who hold on to the heights of the hill, although you make your nest high like the eagle, I'll bring you down from there," declares the LORD.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 "Edom will become an object of horror; everyone who passes by it will be appalled and will hiss at all its wounds.

17 "Edom will become an object of horror; everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will hiss at all its wounds.

17 "Edom will become an object of horror. Everyone who passes by her will be horrified and will scoff because of all her wounds.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, "no one will live there, nor will anyone of mankind reside in it.

18 Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, "no one will live there, nor will a son of man reside in it.

18 Just like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors," says the LORD, "no one will live there. No human being will reside in it.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

- There is no restoration for Edom. All the others have a judgment coming, punishing them for their ungodly posture but they have a promise at the end, but Edom is in real trouble, like Sodom and Gomorrah.

(E) Safety taken (49:19-22)

19 Behold, one will come up like a lion from the thicket of the Jordan to a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I will chase him away from it, and I will appoint over it whoever is chosen. For who is like Me, and who will summon Me *into court*? And who then is the shepherd who can stand against Me?"

19 Behold, one will come up like a lion from the thickets of the Jordan against a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I will make him run away from it, and whoever is chosen I shall appoint over it. For who is like Me, and who will summon Me *into court*? And who then is the shepherd who can stand against Me?"

19 Look, like a lion comes up from the thicket of the Jordan to a pasture that grows year round, so I'll drive them away from her in an instant, and I'll appoint whomever is chosen over her. Indeed, who is like me? Who gives me counsel? Who is the shepherd who will stand against me?"

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

**20** Therefore hear the plan of the LORD which He has planned against Edom, and His purposes which He has in mind against the inhabitants of Teman: they will certainly drag them off, even the little ones of the flock; He will certainly make their pasture desolate because of them.

**20** Therefore hear the plan of the LORD which He has planned against Edom, and His purposes which He has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: surely they will drag them off, even the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their pasture desolate because of them.

20 Therefore, hear the plan that the LORD has made against Edom, and the strategy that he devised against the inhabitants of Teman. Surely he will drag the little ones of the flock away. Surely their pasture will be desolate because of them.

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth has quaked at the noise of their downfall. There is an outcry! The noise of it has been heard at the Red Sea.

21 The earth has quaked at the noise of their downfall. There is an outcry! The noise of it has been heard at the Red Sea.

21 The earth will quake at the sound of their fall. A cry—it's her voice—is heard at the Reed Sea.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.

22 Behold, He will mount up and swoop like an eagle, and spread out His wings against Bozrah; and the hearts of the warriors of Edom on that day will be like the heart of a woman in labor.

22 Behold, He will mount up and swoop like an eagle and spread out His wings against Bozrah; and the hearts of the mighty men of Edom in that day will be like the heart of a woman in labor.

22 Look, he will rise up and fly swiftly like an eagle. He will spread his wings against Bozrah, and on that day the hearts of the warriors of Edom will be like the heart of a woman in labor.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

(6) Damascus (49:23-27)

(A) Disheartened (49:23-24)

23 Concerning Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, For they have heard bad news; They despair. There is anxiety at the sea, It cannot be calmed.

23 Concerning Damascus. "Hamath and Arpad are put to shame, For they have heard bad news; They are disheartened. There is anxiety by the sea, It cannot be calmed.

23 To Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad will be humiliated. Their courage melts because they have heard bad news. There is anxiety like the sea that cannot be calmed.

23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; *there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

- Damascus judged. The palace Ben-Hadad is going to be destroyed, Israel's old enemy. Hamath is 110 miles north of Damascus and Arpad is 95 miles north of Hamath so don't think is just a city thing, it is really Syria.

24 "Damascus has become helpless; She has turned away to flee, And panic has gripped her; Distress and labor pains have seized her Like a woman in childbirth.

24 "Damascus has become helpless; She has turned away to flee, And panic has gripped her; Distress and pangs have taken hold of her Like a woman in childbirth.

24 Damascus will become weak. She will turn to flee, but panic will seize her. Distress and anguish will take hold of her like that of a woman giving birth.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

(B) Desertion (49:25)

25 "How the city of praise has not been deserted, The town of My joy!

25 "How the city of praise has not been deserted, The town of My joy!

25 Why is the famous city, the joyful town, not abandoned?

25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

(C) Death (49:26)

26 "Therefore, her young men will fall in her streets, And all the men of war will perish on that day," declares the LORD of armies.

26 "Therefore, her young men will fall in her streets, And all the men of war will be silenced in that day," declares the LORD of hosts.

26 Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, and all her soldiers will be silenced on that day," declares the LORD of the Heavenly Armies.

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

(D) Fire (49:27)

27 "I will set fire to the wall of Damascus, And it will devour the fortified palace of Ben-hadad."

27 "I will set fire to the wall of Damascus, And it will devour the fortified towers of Ben-hadad."

27 "I'll kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it will devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad."

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad.



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“Damascus was one of the most ancient cities of the Middle East and one of the few to have a continuous history down to modern times. First mentioned in Genesis 14:15, it continued to have a relationship to Israel throughout the Old Testament period where there are more than forty references and in the New Testament where it is mentioned fifteen times. **The more extended prophecies as found in Isaiah 17:1–14 and Jeremiah 49:23–27 have all been fulfilled** as well as the occasional references found in Isaiah 7:8; 8:4; Amos 1:3–5; 3:12; 5:27.”

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(7) Arabia (49:28-33)

The next few verses are two cities, Kedar and Hazor, located within present-day Saudi Arabia; it wasn't Arabia then, it was a tribal environment.

(A) Kedar (49:28-29)

(a) God calls for her destruction (49:28)

**28** Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated. This is what the LORD says: “Arise, go up to Kedar And devastate the people of the east.

**28** Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated. Thus says the LORD, “Arise, go up to Kedar And devastate the men of the east.

**28** To Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon destroyed: This is what the LORD says: “Arise, go against Kedar! Plunder the people of the east!

**28** Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

- Jeremiah is going from west to east essentially, nailing the enemies of Israel.

— Nebuchadnezzar is going to conquer over these two, and of course he did.

— It is fulfillment of prophecy, not very impressive to us because all of this is so far past that it is not a proof of text kind of thing, but it is just consistent with the rest of the message that we have been hearing.

(b) Possessions taken (49:29)

29 "They will take away their tents and their flocks; They will carry off for themselves Their tent curtains, all their goods and their camels, And they will call out to one another, 'Horror on every side!'

29 "They will take away their tents and their flocks; They will carry off for themselves Their tent curtains, all their goods and their camels, And they will call out to one another, 'Terror on every side!'

29 Take their tents and their flocks, their tent curtains and all their goods. Take their camels away from them. Cry out against them, 'Terror is all around!'

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

(B) Hazor (49:30-33)

(a) Nebuchadnezzar's plot (49:30)

30 "Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths, You inhabitants of Hazor," declares the LORD; "For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has formed a plan against you And devised a scheme against you.

30 "Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor," declares the LORD; "For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has formed a plan against you And devised a scheme against you.

30 Flee! Run away quickly! Go to a remote place to stay, residents of Hazor," declares the LORD. "For King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon has formed a plan and devised a strategy against them.

30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

(b) Security (49:31)

31 "Arise, go up against a nation which is at ease, Which lives securely," declares the LORD. "It has no gates or bars; They dwell alone.

31 "Arise, go up against a nation which is at ease, Which lives securely," declares the LORD. "It has no gates or bars; They dwell alone.

31 "Arise, go up against a nation at ease, living securely," declares the LORD, "without gates or bars, living alone.

31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.

(c) Possessions plundered (49:32a)

(d) Inhabitants dispersed (49:32b)

32 "Their camels will become plunder, And their many livestock for spoils, And I will scatter to all the winds those who cut the corners of *their hair*; And I will bring their disaster from every side," declares the LORD.

32 "Their camels will become plunder, And their many cattle for booty, And I will scatter to all the winds those who cut the corners of *their hair*; And I will bring their disaster from every side," declares the LORD.

32 Their camels will become booty, their many herds will become spoil. I'll scatter to the winds those who shave the corners of their beards, and I'll bring disaster on them from every side," declares the LORD.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them *that are* in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

(e) Desertion (49:33)

33 "**Hazor** will become a haunt of jackals, A desolation forever; No one will live there, Nor will anyone of mankind reside in it."

33 "Hazor will become a haunt of jackals, A desolation forever; No one will live there, Nor will a son of man reside in it."

33 "Hazor will become a dwelling place for jackals, a perpetual wasteland. No one will live there; no human being will reside in it."

33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

- "...Hazor" - not the fortress in northern Palestine, this is the desert region (different from Hazor mentioned in Joshua 11:1-13)

— The Ishmaelites, the offspring of Hagar's son of Abraham, typologically associated with the offspring of a bondwoman vs free (Gal 4:30)

- This verse describes the land of present-day Saudi Arabia as a perpetual desolation throughout the Messianic Kingdom, with the residents dispersed throughout the world

-- This is similar to Egypt's desolation and dispersion in scope, but there is no timetable given for their return or conversion as there is for Egypt (40 years, Ezek 29:11-12), so it's thought to last the entire 1000 years

(8) Elam (49:34-39)

(A) Archers defeated (49:34-35)

**34** The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying:

**34** That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying:

**34** This is what came as a message from the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet about Elam at the beginning of the reign of King Zedekiah of Judah:

**34** The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

Elam was the son of Shem in Gen 10:22. Chedorlaomer, the king of Elam, and four other kings with Abraham in Gen 14:1-17. Abraham mounts an army of over three hundred servants raised under his own roof, gives you a sense of Abraham was probably one of the most powerful men in the world at that time. He himself defeats this alliance and rescues Lot.

Elam is traditionally an enemy of Jerusalem (Is 22:6; Jer 47:35). Elam is about 200 miles east of Babylon. They align themselves with a group called the Medes who in turn ally themselves with the Persians. At the time that Jeremiah is writing this, Babylon is on the rise. The Elamites form an alliance with the Medes and the Persians that ends up putting down the most mighty nation, the world empire called Babylon. They in turn are going to be put down by the Macedonians under Alexander the Great. So in view you have the rise and fall of three of the most powerful world empires, Babylon succeeded by the Medo-Persian Empire, succeeded by the Greeks under Alexander.

Elam's doom is prophesied (Jer 25:25; 49:34; Ezek 32:16,24), and they ultimately resettle in Samaria when the Assyrians conquer them (Ezra 4:9-10). Susa is where the book of Esther took place and that is an earlier capital of Elam. Elamites are mentioned in Acts 2:9 at the day of Pentecost. Today Elam would be associated with a portion of Iran.

**35** "This is what the LORD of armies says: 'Behold, I am going to break the bow of Elam, The finest of their might.'

**35** "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to break the bow of Elam, The finest of their might.'

**35** This is what the LORD of the Heavenly Armies says: "Look, I'm going to break the bow of Elam, the finest of their troops."

**35** Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

(B) Inhabitants scattered (49:36-37)

**36** 'I will bring upon Elam the four winds From the four ends of heaven, And will scatter them to all these winds; And there will be no nation To which the outcasts of Elam will not go.

36 'I will bring upon Elam the four winds From the four ends of heaven, And will scatter them to all these winds; And there will be no nation To which the outcasts of Elam will not go.

36 I'll bring the four winds against Elam from the four corners of the heavens, and I'll scatter them to all these winds. There will be no nation to which the exiles from Elam won't go.

36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 'So I will shatter Elam before their enemies And before those who seek their lives; And I will bring disaster upon them, Even My fierce anger,' declares the LORD, 'And I will send the sword after them Until I have consumed them.

37 'So I will shatter Elam before their enemies And before those who seek their lives; And I will bring calamity upon them, Even My fierce anger,' declares the LORD, 'And I will send out the sword after them Until I have consumed them.

37 I'll terrify Elam before their enemies and before those who seek to kill them. I'll bring on them disaster and become fiercely angry at them," declares the LORD. "I'll send the sword after them, until I've made an end of them.

37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

#### (C) Restoration (49:38-39)

38 'Then I will set My throne in Elam, And eliminate from there *the* king and officials,' Declares the LORD.

38 'Then I will set My throne in Elam And destroy out of it king and princes,' Declares the LORD.

38 I'll put my throne in Elam, and destroy the king and the officials there," declares the LORD.

38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

In v34-38, Jeremiah describes the destruction of Elam and the inhabitants scattered throughout the world. However, v39 declares that the destruction will be partial and the dispersion will be temporary. Eventually, the inhabitants will return to inhabit Elam.

39 'But it will come about in the last days That I will restore the fortunes of Elam,'" Declares the LORD.

39 'But it will come about in the last days That I will restore the fortunes of Elam,'" Declares the LORD.

39 "But in the latter days I'll restore the fortunes of Elam," declares the LORD.

39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

- Finished 10 Gentile nations that God has prophesied to judge through Nebuchadnezzar. God is dealing with these nations in the same way that He deals with Israel. He judges them and punishes them for their conduct.

### **Nebuchadnezzar**

Dan 4 is written by Nebuchadnezzar. He opens and closes the chapter, it is his testimony how through pride he was lifted up, God judged him for seven years he suffered mental derangement. By tradition, not the Scripture, it is Daniel who took care of him.

Nebuchadnezzar himself points out that the God of heaven is the one who raises kings up and brings them down. He writes his testimony and posts it throughout the known world in those days. God puts him in charge of everything, Biblically he is in charge of everything, the animals, the world he is in charge.

In Dan 10, the Bible gives us the impression that there are powers behind the major world powers. The prince of the power of Persia, the prince of the power of Grecia—these is a supernatural agency behind that. The Scripture gives us the impression in several places and perhaps the clearest is that behind nations there is supernatural warfare going on. God is ultimately in charge, Satan is the god of this world, but God rises up kingdoms and brings them down and that is what He is doing in Jeremiah, He uses Nebuchadnezzar to judge His own people and to set the record straight on the ten nations.