

## Jeremiah 50, Hebrews 8(New King James Version)

### Jeremiah 50

#### Judgment on Babylon and Babylonia

<sup>1</sup> The word that the LORD spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

<sup>2</sup> “Declare among the nations,  
Proclaim, and set up a standard;  
Proclaim—do not conceal *it*—  
Say, ‘Babylon is taken, Bel is shamed.  
Merodach<sup>[a]</sup> is broken in pieces;  
Her idols are humiliated,  
Her images are broken in pieces.’

<sup>3</sup> For out of the north a nation comes up against her,  
Which shall make her land desolate,  
And no one shall dwell therein.  
They shall move, they shall depart,  
Both man and beast.

<sup>4</sup> “In those days and in that time,” says the LORD,  
“The children of Israel shall come,  
They and the children of Judah together;  
With continual weeping they shall come,  
And seek the LORD their God.

<sup>5</sup> They shall ask the way to Zion,  
With their faces toward it, *saying*,  
‘Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD  
*In* a perpetual covenant  
*That* will not be forgotten.’

<sup>6</sup> “My people have been lost sheep.  
Their shepherds have led them astray;  
They have turned them away *on* the mountains.  
They have gone from mountain to hill;  
They have forgotten their resting place.

<sup>7</sup> All who found them have devoured them;  
And their adversaries said, ‘We have not offended,  
Because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice,  
The LORD, the hope of their fathers.’

<sup>8</sup> “Move from the midst of Babylon,  
Go out of the land of the Chaldeans;  
And be like the rams before the flocks.

<sup>9</sup> For behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon  
An assembly of great nations from the north country,  
And they shall array themselves against her;  
From there she shall be captured.  
Their arrows *shall be* like *those* of an expert warrior;<sup>[b]</sup>  
None shall return in vain.

<sup>10</sup> And Chaldea shall become plunder;  
All who plunder her shall be satisfied,” says the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> “Because you were glad, because you rejoiced,  
You destroyers of My heritage,  
Because you have grown fat like a heifer threshing grain,  
And you bellow like bulls,

<sup>12</sup> Your mother shall be deeply ashamed;  
She who bore you shall be ashamed.  
Behold, the least of the nations *shall be* a wilderness,  
A dry land and a desert.

<sup>13</sup> Because of the wrath of the LORD  
She shall not be inhabited,  
But she shall be wholly desolate.  
Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be horrified  
And hiss at all her plagues.

<sup>14</sup> “Put yourselves in array against Babylon all around,  
All you who bend the bow;  
Shoot at her, spare no arrows,  
For she has sinned against the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Shout against her all around;  
She has given her hand,  
Her foundations have fallen,  
Her walls are thrown down;  
For it *is* the vengeance of the LORD.  
Take vengeance on her.  
As she has done, so do to her.

<sup>16</sup> Cut off the sower from Babylon,  
And him who handles the sickle at harvest time.  
For fear of the oppressing sword  
Everyone shall turn to his own people,  
And everyone shall flee to his own land.

<sup>17</sup> “Israel *is* like scattered sheep;  
The lions have driven *him* away.  
First the king of Assyria devoured him;  
Now at last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones.”

<sup>18</sup> 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.  
<sup>19</sup> But I will bring back Israel to his home,  
And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan;  
His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.  
<sup>20</sup> In those days and in that time,” says the LORD,  
“The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but *there shall be* none;  
And the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found;  
For I will pardon those whom I preserve.

<sup>21</sup> “Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it,  
And against the inhabitants of Pekod.  
Waste and utterly destroy them,” says the LORD,  
“And do according to all that I have commanded you.  
<sup>22</sup> A sound of battle *is* in the land,  
And of great destruction.  
<sup>23</sup> How the hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broken!  
How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations!  
<sup>24</sup> I have laid a snare for you;  
You have indeed been trapped, O Babylon,  
And you were not aware;  
You have been found and also caught,  
Because you have contended against the LORD.  
<sup>25</sup> The LORD has opened His armory,  
And has brought out the weapons of His indignation;  
For this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts  
In the land of the Chaldeans.  
<sup>26</sup> Come against her from the farthest border;  
Open her storehouses;  
Cast her up as heaps of ruins,  
And destroy her utterly;  
Let nothing of her be left.  
<sup>27</sup> Slay all her bulls,  
Let them go down to the slaughter.  
Woe to them!  
For their day has come, the time of their punishment.  
<sup>28</sup> The voice of those who flee and escape from the land of Babylon  
Declares in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God,  
The vengeance of His temple.

<sup>29</sup> “Call together the archers against Babylon.  
All you who bend the bow, encamp against it all around;  
Let none of them escape.<sup>[c]</sup>  
Repay her according to her work;  
According to all she has done, do to her;  
For she has been proud against the LORD,

Against the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>30</sup> Therefore her young men shall fall in the streets,  
And all her men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD.

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, I *am* against you,  
O most haughty one!" says the Lord GOD of hosts;  
"For your day has come,  
The time *that* I will punish you. <sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>32</sup> The most proud shall stumble and fall,  
And no one will raise him up;  
I will kindle a fire in his cities,  
And it will devour all around him."

<sup>33</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"The children of Israel *were* oppressed,  
Along with the children of Judah;  
All who took them captive have held them fast;  
They have refused to let them go.

<sup>34</sup> Their Redeemer *is* strong;  
The LORD of hosts *is* His name.  
He will thoroughly plead their case,  
That He may give rest to the land,  
And disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

<sup>35</sup> "A sword *is* against the Chaldeans," says the LORD,  
"Against the inhabitants of Babylon,  
And against her princes and her wise men.

<sup>36</sup> A sword *is* against the soothsayers, and they will be fools.  
A sword *is* against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed.

<sup>37</sup> A sword *is* against their horses,  
Against their chariots,  
And against all the mixed peoples who *are* in her midst;  
And they will become like women.

A sword *is* against her treasures, and they will be robbed.

<sup>38</sup> A drought <sup>[e]</sup> *is* against her waters, and they will be dried up.  
For it *is* the land of carved images,  
And they are insane with *their* idols.

<sup>39</sup> "Therefore the wild desert beasts shall dwell *there* with the jackals,  
And the ostriches shall dwell in it.  
It shall be inhabited no more forever,  
Nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

<sup>40</sup> As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah  
And their neighbors," says the LORD,  
"So no one shall reside there,  
Nor son of man dwell in it.

<sup>41</sup> “Behold, a people shall come from the north,  
And a great nation and many kings  
Shall be raised up from the ends of the earth.

<sup>42</sup> They shall hold the bow and the lance;  
They *are* cruel and shall not show mercy.  
Their voice shall roar like the sea;  
They shall ride on horses,  
Set in array, like a man for the battle,  
Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

<sup>43</sup> “The king of Babylon has heard the report about them,  
And his hands grow feeble;  
Anguish has taken hold of him,  
Pangs as of a woman in childbirth.

<sup>44</sup> “Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the floodplain<sup>[1]</sup> of the Jordan  
Against the dwelling place of the strong;  
But I will make them suddenly run away from her.  
And who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint over her?  
For who *is* like Me?  
Who will arraign Me?  
And who *is* that shepherd  
Who will withstand Me?”

<sup>45</sup> Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Babylon,  
And His purposes that He has proposed against the land of the Chaldeans:  
Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out;  
Surely He will make their dwelling place desolate with them.

<sup>46</sup> At the noise of the taking of Babylon  
The earth trembles,  
And the cry is heard among the nations.

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## Hebrews 8

### The New Priestly Service

<sup>1</sup> Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup> a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

<sup>3</sup> For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary that this One also have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; <sup>5</sup> who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See *that* you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the

mountain.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>6</sup> But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

### **A New Covenant**

<sup>7</sup> For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. <sup>8</sup> Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—<sup>9</sup> not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. <sup>10</sup> For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>11</sup> None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup> For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds<sup>[b]</sup> I will remember no more.”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> In that He says, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.