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Jeremiah 49.

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The following is an overview of the main topics.
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The Word of the LORD concerning the AMMONTIES

Jeremiah 49:1 ----- ¹Concerning the Ammonites. Thus says the LORD: "Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why then has Milcom (Molech) dispossessed Gad, and his people settled in its cities?"

Ammon/Ammonites.

The child that the younger daughter had to her father Lot was called Ben-ammi he is the father of the Ammonites. Even though they were related to Israel they refused to give Israel bread and water when they came out of Egypt, they joined with the Moabites in securing Balaam to curse Israel and they opposed the work of Nehemiah in restoring the walls of Jerusalem. They were fierce in nature, rebellious against Israel, idolatrous in their religious practices, they threatened to thrust out the right eye of all in Jabesh Gilead were given to brutish murder and their chief idol was Milcom, to whom they were guilty of offering human sacrifices.

Milcom was the national idol and deity of the Ammonites (also called Molech). The statue of Molech stood in the valley of (the son of) Hinnom (the Hebrew word for Gehenna) which was a valley of Jerusalem. Molech was so tall that he appeared as if he were staring down from a throne of brass. Fire in the pit beneath the hollow statute would blaze with a loud roar, tongues of flame would reach up and lick around the edges of Molech's open mouth and a column of smoke would billow high into the air and be seen from some distance. The arms of Molech reached upward and out as if waiting to be filled; they formed a steep incline that ended in Molech's open mouth.

Priests would bring a child to be sacrificed to Molech and chant, Molech, Molech, Molech and the frenzied crowd would also chant Molech, Molech, Molech to the throbbing beat of drums. While the priests and the crowd chanted to the pounding rhythm of drums, the chief priest faced Molech with his arms raised, pleading with the god in a frenzied cry, when the chief priest finished his prayer, he would lower his arms and lift the child sacrifice in the air. The chief priest would then toss the child into the monsters waiting arms the child would roll down the hot and smoothly polished arms and into Molech's open mouth and the roaring fire and flames would devour the sacrificial child.

In the New Testament Gehenna the Valley of Hinnon where the statute of Molech stood became a very appropriate symbol for the horror and total destruction of the human body, soul and spirit. How God must have wept as His heart was torn in grief as He looked down on His people doing such cruel and horrific things to the LORD'S Children, is it any wonder that He was angry and forced to judge and punish the nation.

Why have the Ammonites settled in the cities of Gad?

The Ammonites have removed the people of Gad from their land and taken possession of it themselves, the LORD is saying to the Ammonites, do they think that Israel has no heirs who will gather together against them and destroy them from off the land of Israel. The towns and villages of the Ammonites will become desolate.

Rabbah; of the Ammonites.

Jeremiah 49:2 ----- ²Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will cause the battle cry to be heard against Rabbah of the Ammonites; it shall become a desolate mound, and its villages shall be burned with fire; then Israel shall dispossess those who dispossessed him, says the LORD.

Rabbah; was the capital city of the Ammonites in the land of Samaria. The LORD tells the inhabitants of Rabbah Israel will invade the land and drove them from it.

Ai; of the Ammonites.

Jeremiah 49:3-6 ----- ³Wail, 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. ⁴Why do you boast of your valleys, O faithless daughter, who trusted in her treasures, saying, 'Who will come against me?' ⁵Behold, I will bring terror upon you, declares the Lord GOD of hosts, from all who are around you, and you shall be driven out, every man straight before him, with none to gather the fugitives. ⁶"But afterward I will restore the fortunes of the Ammonites, declares the LORD."

Heshbon; was a city of the Moabites, it still stands, but it is a ruin.

Ai; are the people of the Amorites, they were boasting that no-one would come against them because of their seemingly secure position and the richness of their valleys, but the LORD tells them that Milcom their god with their priest and officials will be driven off the land, but after their punishment and suffering the LORD will restore their fortunes.

The Word of the LORD concerning EDOM.

Jeremiah 49:7-12 ----- ⁷Concerning Edom. Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Is wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished? ⁸Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dedan! For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time when I punish him. ⁹If grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? If thieves came by night, would they not destroy only enough for themselves? ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Leave your fatherless children; I will keep them alive; and let your widows trust in me." ¹²For thus says the LORD: "If those who did not deserve to drink the cup must drink it, will you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you must drink."

Edom (Esau); (Edom is Jacob's Brother) Abraham and Sarah gave birth to Isaac and Isaac and Rebekah gave birth to Esau and Jacob. The LORD told Rebekah Esau and Jacob would become two great nations. Isaac, near death and deceived by Jacob gave the blessing of the first born to Jacob making him Lord over Esau. Isaac then told Esau he would live in a desert place and by war. He would serve Jacob (Israel), but eventually Israel's authority over him and the tension between Jacob (Israel) and Esau would be broken. Esau is the father of Edom, the people are called Edomites, they settled in the land of Canaan in the hill country of Seir (also called Mount Seir). It is one of the Jordanian Mountains in the land of Edom on the opposite side of the River Jordan to Jerusalem.

Teman; a city in Edom, noted at one time for the wisdom of its people.

Dedan; was an Arabian people descended directly from Noah and who were also related to him by his concubine Keturah. They were called travelling tradesmen and were an important commercial people who were connected with Tyre. Ezekiel prophesied their destruction would accompany that of the Edomites (Ezek 25:13).

The LORD is basically saying to the inhabitants of Teman and Dedan if there was any wisdom remaining in their leaders they would be telling the people to flee because the LORD is about to destroy the land of Edom and its cities.

Grape Gathers and Thieves; those who harvest grapes leave enough behind for the poor and thieves only take what they need, but the LORD will totally strip the land of Edom, its cities and towns bare.

The LORD Comforts the Widows and Fatherless; God says He will look after their children and widows whose husbands have been killed in battle, because even though the woman and children did not deserve to be punished they will suffer because of the punishment of those who did (v11-12).

The Word of the LORD concerning Bozrah.

Jeremiah 49:13-22 ---- ¹³For I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a horror, a taunt, a waste, and a curse, and all her cities shall be perpetual wastes." ¹⁴I have heard a message from the LORD, and an envoy has been sent among the nations: "Gather yourselves together and come against her, and rise up for battle! ¹⁵For behold, I will make you small among the nations, despised among mankind. ¹⁶The horror you inspire has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as the eagle's, I will bring you down from there, declares the LORD. ¹⁷"Edom shall become a horror. Everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will hiss because of all its disasters. ¹⁸As when Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities were overthrown, says the LORD, no man shall dwell there, no man shall sojourn in her. ¹⁹Behold, like a lion coming up from the jungle of the Jordan against a perennial pasture, I will suddenly make him run away from her. And I will appoint over her whomever I choose. For who is like me? Who will summon me? What shepherd can stand before me? ²⁰Therefore hear the plan that the LORD has made against Edom and the purposes that he has formed against the inhabitants of Teman: Even the little ones of the flock shall be dragged away. Surely their fold shall be appalled at their fate. ²¹At the sound of their fall the earth shall tremble; the sound of their cry shall be heard at the Red Sea. ²²Behold, one shall mount up and fly swiftly like an eagle and spread his wings against Bozrah, and the heart of the warriors of Edom shall be in that day like the heart of a woman in her birth pains."

Bozrah; was an important city of Edom.

An envoy of nations will come together to battle against Bozrah and the heart of Bozrah's warriors will be like the heart of a woman in birth pains, meaning, racing, pounding and crying out in pain. Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbouring cities were overthrown so shall Bozrah become.

The Word of the LORD concerning, Damascus, Hamath and Arpad.

Jeremiah 49:23-27 ---- ²³Concerning Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad are confounded, for they have heard bad news; they melt in fear, they are troubled like the sea that cannot be quiet. ²⁴Damascus has become feeble, she turned to flee, and panic seized her; anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in labor. ²⁵How is the famous city not forsaken, the city of my joy? ²⁶Therefore her young men shall fall in her squares, and all her soldiers shall be destroyed in that day, declares the LORD of hosts. ²⁷And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad."

Damascus; was a major city in Samaria, for more than four thousand years the capital of one government after another, a prize for which nation after nation went to war, a city whose boast for centuries has been, "The World Began at Damascus, and the World will End there."

Hamath; lay close to the shore of the Sea of Galilee only a mile or so south of the city of Tiberius.

Arpad; a town and its surrounding region in the northern part of Syria near Hamath (modern Hamah).

The Rabshakeh; representing Sennacherib king of Babylon before the Jews of Jerusalem, boasted that the gods of Arpad could not stand before his master, therefore neither could the God of the Jews. Hamath and Arpad are bewildered because they have heard that the cities of Edom have fallen and are confused (they are probably wondering how such a thing could happen?)

- The population of Damascus (the famous city) have left the city in fear.

Present and Past Tense.

Remember even though these events are spoken in the present tense, they are future events still to take place.

This is because Jeremiah is seeing into the future what will happen to the nations of Edom and her neighbouring nations he is speaking in the present moment as the future events unfold to him through the word of the LORD. Another reason a prophet can speak of future events in the present tense is because it is the word of the LORD they are speaking and therefore the events are guaranteed to come to pass.

The Word of the LORD concerning Kedar and Hazor.

Jeremiah 49:28-33 ---- ²⁸Concerning Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck down. Thus says the LORD: "Rise up, advance against Kedar! Destroy the people of the east! ²⁹Their tents and their flocks shall be taken, their curtains and all their goods; their camels shall be led away from them, and men shall cry to them: 'Terror on every side!' ³⁰Flee, wander far away, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor! declares the LORD. For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has made a plan against you and formed a purpose against you. ³¹"Rise up, advance against a nation at ease, that dwells securely, declares the LORD, that has no gates or bars, that dwells alone. ³²Their camels shall become plunder, their herds of livestock a spoil. I will scatter to every wind those who cut the corners of their hair, and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, declares the LORD. ³³Hazor shall become a haunt of jackals, an everlasting waste; no man shall dwell there; no man shall sojourn in her."

Kedar; the tribe which descended from Ishmael, and their territory, they were for the most part nomads. Their territory was in the northern part of the Arabian Desert. The "doom of Kedar" declared by Jeremiah tells us something of their desert civilization and also of their terror when they learned that Nebuchadnezzar was coming against them.

Hazor; a village allotted to Israel on the south boundary of Canaan 70 miles from Damascus.

Damascus; see Damascus (Jeremiah 49:27).

The LORD warns Kedar and Hazor (a people who dwelt alone in the desert) to flee because Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has made a plan against them to strike them down and take their tents, flocks, shade cloths, their goods and their camels.

The Word of the LORD concerning Elam.

Jeremiah 49:34-39 --- ³⁴The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah. ³⁵Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the mainstay of their might. ³⁶And I will bring upon Elam the four winds from the four quarters of heaven. And I will scatter them to all those winds, and there shall be no nation to which those driven out of Elam shall not come. ³⁷I will terrify Elam before their enemies and before those who seek their life. I will bring disaster upon them, my fierce anger, declares the LORD. I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them, ³⁸and I will set my throne in Elam and destroy their king and officials, declares the LORD. ³⁹"But in the latter days I will restore the fortunes of Elam, declares the LORD."

Elam; is a country situated in a mountainous region on the E side of the Tigris River opposite Babylonia.

They figure prominently in Babylonian and Assyrian texts because they were situated so close to them.

Notice the Lofty Language.

The LORD will bring upon Elam the four winds from the four quarters of heaven and scatter them to all those winds, meaning, Elam will be destroyed by an amalgamation of powerful nations and the people will be scattered amongst those nations, but in the latter days the LORD will restore the fortunes of Elam.

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