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OPENING PRAYER

THIS WEEK'S STUDY:

Chapter 49 – Judgment on Ammon - (vs. 1-6); Judgment on Edom – (vs. 7-22); Damascus - (vs. 23-27); Judgment on Kedar & Hazor - (vs. 28-33); Judgment on Elam - (vs. 34-39)

- **It does not matter whether a nation rejected God, as Judah did, knowing better, or were in an apostate condition related to the LORD, even as the nations were that surrounded it were totally given over into paganism. Even though they had no history with the God of the Bible, it still **does not make idolatry right**. Sin is sin and it must be judged. God speaks against these various kingdoms and His judgment against them. In addition to idolatry, these nations being judged, took advantage of God's people, when there was opportunity.**

INTRODUCTION:

Judgment on Ammon

- **Jeremiah chapter 49, as God pronounces His judgement against the Ammonites, against Edom, against Damascus, against Kedar/Hazor, and against Elam.** Both the Moabites and the Ammonites descended from Lot, the nephew of Abraham. No doubt, Lot in the beginning with Abraham believed of Jehovah, but the descendants of Lot began to worship Milcom, basically the god Molech. Ammon was north of Moab. If you take a map of the bible, you see at about the middle of the Dead Sea, on the eastern side, the river Arnon, comes into the Dead Sea. Moab occupied the area just south of the Arnon river.
- **One of the great sins of Ammon, was that when Israel was down, being judged by God in a place of vulnerability, Ammon took that moment to step in and take advantage of God's people.** It is so important for us to be reminded, not just concerning God's people, but anyone when God is working or some situation is happening in a person's life, when they become extraordinarily vulnerable, to always resist stepping in and taking advantage of them, to rip them off or steal from them. We are never, never, to take advantage of such a season in someone's life. God sees! He knows! He is a God of perfect judgment and righteousness and will perfectly judge any and all sin.

Jer 49:1 Against the Ammonites. Thus says the LORD: "Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why then does Milcom inherit Gad, And his people dwell in its cities?" (1Ch 5:26) So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, that is, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria. He carried the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into captivity. He took them (captive to Assyria) to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river of Gozan to this day.

- **When the children of Israel were coming out of Egypt, Gad, Rueben, and the half tribe of Manasseh settled** in the area that was east of the Jordan River, known today as the Golan and the territory south of that, which is part of Jordan. It was great pasture land. They said to Moses, "We would like to settle here! Moses became upset, saying, now if you settle here, you are likely to create another problem. They said, "No, we'll send our men to fight, once the land is taken though, we'd like to have this as our portion". So, the two and a half tribes, settled there on the eastern side of the Jordan river.
- **When Israel was split, they became a part of the northern kingdom of Israel.** When Shalmaneser, the Assyrian king conquered Israel, then the territory that belonged to Gad, was invaded by the Ammonites. They took that land that was inhabited by the tribe of Gad, and thus, "**Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why does Milcom** (biblically *Molech*, or the god of the Ammonites), does he **inherit Gad**", the area of the territory of *Gad*, "**and his people dwell in its cities?**" Really the territory should have gone to Judah but when the **Ammonites** invaded Israel at the time of Shalmaneser, they took this territory.

Jer 49:2 Jer 49:2 Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will cause to be heard an alarm of war In Rabbah of the Ammonites; It shall be a desolate mound, And her villages shall be burned with fire. Then Israel shall take possession of his inheritance," says the LORD.

- **Though the enemies of God's Israel may make a victim of them for a while,** the tables will shortly be turned. God has promised that the day will come when Israel will again inhabit that land, and the capital of the **Ammonites, Rabbah**, will be destroyed, becoming rubble.

Jer 49:3 "Wail, O Heshbon (a major city), **for Ai** (a different Ai than that conquered by Joshua) **is plundered! Cry, you daughters of**



Rabbah, Gird yourselves with sackcloth (cloth of mourning)! Lament and run to and fro by the walls; For Milcom shall go into captivity With his priests and his princes together.

- **Good riddance!** Unfortunately, **Milcom, Molech** are very well represented in the world and very much so in the United States, to this day, especially in the areas of premarital sex/the sexual revolution and in abortion, with a willingness to do anything and become anything as human beings in order to protect that sexual freedom! There is no getting around it. These sins that we are committing and continuing to support will result in God's judgment. God can humble this nation and any nation in an instant, anytime He wants to! There are many godly people in this country, but our government has become the endorser of activities that are clearly against the word of God.

Jer 49:4 Why do you boast in the valleys, Your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? Who trusted in her treasures, saying, 'Who will come against me?'

- **Pridefully boasting in their valleys.** They gloried in the strength of their *valleys*, so surrounded with mountains that they were inaccessible, gloried in the products of them, gloried in the *treasures* they got together out of them, saying, **Who shall come unto me?** While they bathed themselves in the pleasures of their country, they flattered themselves with a conceit that they should never be disturbed in the enjoyment of them. They defiantly set God and His judgments aside! They were proud, voluptuous, and felt secure!;
- **O backsliding daughter?** They are charged with *backsliding* or turning away from God and from His worship, for they were the posterity of righteous Lot. Those who *backslide* and turn away from God have little reason either to take complacency or to put confidence in any worldly enjoyments.

Jer 49:5 Behold, I will bring fear upon you," Says the Lord GOD of hosts, "From all those who are around you; You shall be driven out, everyone headlong, And no one will gather those who wander off. (Heb 10:31) It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Jer 49:6 But afterward I will bring back The captives of the people of Ammon," says the LORD.

- **Your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter!** The beautiful valleys in Ammon are going to be desolate. The prophecy of the destruction of Ammon and the Ammonites was fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar. After the conquest of Judah and Jerusalem, the Babylonian army did go over, they conquered, they came down from the north. They conquered Ammon and then they moved on in to Moab and then they continued south and conquered Edom.
- **I will bring back.** As with Moab, God, gracious and merciful, promised that captives would have an opportunity to return. This was partially fulfilled under Cyrus, but will be more complete through their descendants in the coming kingdom of Messiah, ("the latter days").

Judgment on Edom:

- **The next prophecy is against Edom who** was the descendant of Esau, the twin brother of Jacob. His descendants were known as the Edomites. The Moabites and the Ammonites descended from Lot. The Edomites descended from Esau, and so they all were related, going back to Abraham, pointing to him as their father. The Arabs who are the descendants, really of these other nations, Ishmael, and they point to Abraham as their father.
- **It does not matter whether a nation rejected God, as Judah did,** knowing better, or were in an apostate condition related to the LORD, even as the nations were that surrounded it were totally given over into paganism had no history with the God of the Bible, it still **does not make idolatry right.** Sin is sin and it must be judged. God speaks against these various kingdoms and His judgment against them. We have already seen His prophecy against Egypt, the Philistines and Moab, Ammon, next comes Edom and Damascus and Babylon to close the book!

Jer 49:7 Against Edom. Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Is wisdom no more in Teman? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished?"

- **Teman was one of the major cities of the Edomites.** The people of Edom were known for their wisdom, a proverbial kind of thing, the wisdom of the men of Teman (one of the grandsons of Esau). When Job was going through his problems, one of the men who came to comfort Job, was Eliphaz the Temanite.
- **The Temanites were those that came and were known for their wisdom.** But now, **"Is wisdom no more in Teman?"**

Jer 49:8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dedan! For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, The time that I will punish him.

- **Dedan is located in Saudi Arabia, some distance from Edom. They are told to flee and turn back, and dwell deep,** going back to the Arabian desert. Get out from there and go home! The time is at hand when God *will punish him*, and call Edom to an account. Then they shall *flee* from the sword, *turn back* from the battle, and *dwell deep*, far from Edom. There also is a Dedan in Idumea, not far from Teman.

Jer 49:9 *If grape-gatherers came to you, Would they not leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, Would they not destroy until they have enough?*

- **When they picked the grape field, they did not strip it clean.** If there were grapes that were not ripe as they were picking, they would just sort of leave them. They were never stripped clean. They will not utterly wipe you out. They will not take everything. They just grab what they can quickly, but they leave a lot. But God says, I am going to be more severe than that. I am going to take everything!

Jer 49:10 *But I have made Esau bare; I have uncovered his secret places, And he shall not be able to hide himself. His descendants are plundered, His brethren and his neighbors, And he is no more.*

- **They make Esau quite bare,** stripping the Edomites clean of all they have, finding out ways and means to get to their most hidden treasure, discovering even the *secret places* where they thought to secure their wealth, and rifle them, so that they shall not be able to save anything, their wealth, or their children! They will not find any help from their neighbors.

Jer 49:11 *Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; And let your widows trust in Me." (Jas 1:27) Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

- **All of the men of Edom were to be slain, and only the children and the women were to be left. I will preserve them... let your widows trust in Me."** What tremendous comfort for believers to know that when they are dying, they may leave their children, their loved ones with God! That they may, in faith, commit them to Him and encourage them to trust in Him; and, though they cannot promise themselves great things in the world for them, yet they may hope that He will preserve them alive, always, provided that they trust in Him!!! This teaches us that God's judgment, when He judges, it is always measured! He never loses it! He never just blows up! His anger is real, but it is a righteous anger! He is always very, very careful. He never oversteps His boundaries! Here we see it on display! I will destroy the men but not the women and children. I will take care of them!

Jer 49:12 *For thus says the LORD: "Behold, those whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunk. And are you the one who will altogether go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink of it.*

- **They thought they could escape,** and had they followed the Lord, they could have, yet, they *have assuredly drunk.*
- **The drinking of the cup, throughout the scriptures is used as a metaphor of the cup of God's wrath in judgement.** In *Psalm 75*, in *Jeremiah 25:15*, the references to *the cup* of the wine of God's wrath. The cup of God's indignation, *Revelation 14*. It refers to the wrath of God's judgment, that is to be visited upon sin.
- **In order for God to forgive our sins and iniquities, and yet be righteous, there had to be a substitute for us.** One who would receive the judgement of God, that was due us. God's judgement must be meted out against sin. Thus, God sent His only begotten Son, who bore our sins in His own body, and who received the wrath of God, and the judgement of God that is due the sinner, when God placed on Him, the iniquities of us all. Now as Jesus was in the garden, and He was contemplating what was to transpire that same day, before sundown tomorrow, He is to taste that cup. He is to *drink* that *cup* of God's wrath and judgement against sin. As He is contemplating that, He prays, (*Luk 22:42*) saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done." Jesus was speaking about His bearing the judgment of God, represented in the *cup*. No one in their right mind would want to face the wrath and the judgement of God!
- **Believers do not have to face the judgement of God.** You do not have to receive God's wrath against your sin. For Jesus took your sin, He took your punishment. The justice of God has been satisfied, in that Jesus became our substitutionary offering for sin. God has provided, through Jesus Christ, as your sin offering, the way by which you, when you come to God, He can say you are

innocent. "There is therefore no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus", for Jesus took the judgement of God against our sin. He *drank the cup*.

- **Here, for Edom, the judgement was not to *drink the cup*, and yet they shall surely *drink it*, the prophet said.** Why? Because they did not receive God's provision. They did not follow the Lord's way. There are many people today who are going to face the judgement of God, for their sins. Even though God has provided the means whereby they can be forgiven, they have rejected God's means. They have rejected Jesus Christ, and then must face a holy God at that great white throne judgement, without the benefit of Jesus Christ, and His work for you. It is a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the living God.

Jer 49:13 *For I have sworn by Myself," says the LORD, "that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be perpetual wastes." (Isa 63:1) Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."*

- ***For I have sworn by Myself," says the LORD.*** Now the bible points out that when you swear, you always swear by something greater. You swear by your mother's honor, or by heaven, or by the bible. But, because God cannot swear by anything greater, He has got to swear by Himself.
- ***Bozrah, one of the major cities of Edom shall become a desolation:*** Go to the area where Edom once occupied. There was once this vast cultural group, but now you will find it wasted wilderness, sparsely inhabited by a few Bedouins. But as God has sworn by Himself, He has kept that, and that territory today is, for the most part just a wasted wilderness. Perpetual waste. And yet, it is mentioned at the place where Jesus will come in His Second Coming.

Jer 49:14 *I have heard a message from the LORD, And an ambassador (Babylon) has been sent to the nations: "Gather together, come against her, And rise up to battle!*

Jer 49:15 *"For indeed, I will make you small among nations, Despised among men.*

- **The rumor of the Babylonians coming and gathering against Edom.**

Jer 49:16 *Your fierceness has deceived you, The pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Who hold the height of the hill! Though you make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there," says the LORD.*

- ***Your fierceness has deceived you, The pride of your heart, You who dwell in the clefts of the rock.*** Likely a reference to the rock city of Petra which is in the area of Edom. There were many cave dwellers. Petra was carved out of a rock with only extremely limited access. They thought they were impregnable. They trusted in their strength, but to no avail. Their strategic location and difficult terrain had also added to their pride!
- ***They had been a terror to all their neighbors;*** They were known for the bravery of their military. Everybody feared them and submitted to them, which made them proud and conceited of themselves and their own strength, and very secure. But these things will have no effect in fending off God's judgment! As inaccessible and high as they are, God will bring them down. None of this will help against God's judgment. There is no hiding place from God!!
- ***How this nation needs to be aware of this example!*** We trust in our strong military defense and our economy, but our moral and spiritual condition, now very weak, if gone unchecked and unrepented, will bring us down! (**Pro 14:34**) *Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*



Jer 49:17 "Edom also shall be an astonishment; Everyone who goes by it will be astonished And will hiss at all its plagues

Jer 49:18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah And their neighbors," says the LORD, "No one shall remain there, Nor shall a son of man dwell in it.

- **Edom shall be such an astonishment, a desolation that everyone who goes by it will be astonished!** Worse yet, **Edom** shall be made a terror, like **Sodom and Gomorrah**. None shall care for coming near the ruins of it, **no one shall remain there**. It will become just a place of derision by the people.

Jer 49:19 "Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the floodplain of the Jordan Against the dwelling place 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? Who will arraign Me? And who is that shepherd Who will withstand Me?"

- **Behold, he shall come up like a lion.** Now this is speaking of Nebuchadnezzar or his captain, Nebuzaradan. Edom will flee from him. There is no one that can stand against that army. Edom will have no more chance against Babylon than a gazelle against **a lion, coming from the floodplain!** They are not really a fair match at all against the Babylonian army, primarily because it is really God who is directing Edom's judgment!

Jer 49:20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Edom, And His purposes that He has proposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out; Surely He shall make their dwelling places desolate with them.

- **The counsel of the Lord...against Edom..** The decree of the Lord; the purpose and resolution He had taken up in His heart **against Edom**, were wisely formed, and upon just and good grounds:
- **His purposes that He has proposed against the inhabitants of Teman;** the city who were famous for their wisdom; and therefore are here particularly mentioned; there being no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel, as being effective against the Lord.
- **Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out;** not the Persians, nor the Israelites, but the common soldiers, The weakest and most feeble in the Babylonian army should be more than a match for the strongest of the Edomites; and drag them away captive. The city has become **desolate**, and the nation of Edom has disappeared

Jer 49:21 The earth shakes at the noise of their fall; At the cry its noise is heard at the Red Sea.

- **The noise of their fall** spreads abroad, causing the earth to shake.

Jer 49:22 Behold, He shall come up and fly like the eagle, And spread His wings over Bozrah; The heart of the mighty men of Edom in that day shall be Like the heart of a woman in birth pangs.

- **Because of the fear of Edom's mighty men, faint and being really in pain, as a woman in birth,** they were in no condition to be in an active battle.
- **May we learn from the judgment of Edom!** Accept what the Lord is doing in His correcting and chastising us, because it is keeping us humble, keeping us tender toward people and dependent upon the Lord. Humility and brokenness are of utmost importance in His sight. Therefore, He will do whatever it takes to keep His children in that position. May He keep us ever dependent upon Him unless we become like Edom and are brought down tragically. May we find our security not in our own plans and profits but in Him alone so that we, like Israel can possess all He has for us!

Summary of Reasons for Edom's Complete and Final Judgment:

What did they do that this destruction is pronounced? Ref. (*Obediah 1:3, 10-14*) – List of reasons that God is going to destroy Edom:

- **Oba 1:3** Their pride! **The pride of your heart has deceived you, You who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Whose habitation is high; You who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?'** The pride of life was their great sin, but it led also to the committing of other sins. Pride is an attitude, but it is an attitude that you cannot conceal very long. It is going to break out like a running cancer because it is such a tremendous driving force in man. If you are godless, you are going to lead a godless life. If you are godly, you are going to lead a godly life—that naturally follows. The terrible sins that came from Edom's pride of life in **Oba 1:11-15:**

- **V. 11 They encouraged Israel's foes** - Instead of attempting to befriend and help the people of Israel, to whom they were related by blood, they went over to the side of the brutal enemy which had invaded the land, the Philistines around 840 B.C. or to Babylon in 587B.C.
- **v. 12 They rejoiced over the calamity that had come to Judah.** That is always an action of pride. When you hear someone rejoicing over the trouble that another individual is having, you may be sure that you are listening to someone who is very proud. Pride is something that God says He hates.
- **v. 13 The heartless action of the Edomites is looting** — Not only did they join with the enemy against Israel, but they actually moved in to loot and plunder after the enemy had taken Israel away into captivity. Pride will lead a man to do some terrible things, and one of them is to steal.
- **v. 14 They enslaved Israel's fugitives** -- They hit bottom when they did this. In this they revealed their animal philosophy of the survival of the fittest. They betrayed their brothers. When Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem, the inhabitants scattered and many of them fled to the rugged country of Edom where they could hide. The Edomites, standing at the crossroads, would betray their hiding places. They betrayed their brothers. (Ez. 35:5-6)
- **v. 15 As you have done, it shall be done to you!** The day - The time which the Lord has appointed for the punishing of this, and other nations. (*Gen 12:3*) ***I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.***"

Judgment on Damascus - *Against Damascus*, the capital of Syria. Things have not changed much in 2,700 years, because Damascus is still the capital of Syria. It is interesting that the Lord did not prophesy the destruction and desolation of Damascus, like He did with Teman and these other cities of Edom. Thus, Damascus still exists today. (*Amos 1:3*) *Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron.*

Jer 49:23 Against Damascus. "Hamath and Arpad are shamed, For they have heard bad news. They are fainthearted; There is trouble on the sea; It cannot be quiet.

- **The cities and regions of that area, hearing bad news are like sorrow on the sea.** The people are fainthearted, troubled and tossed.

Jer 49:24 Damascus has grown feeble; She turns to flee, And fear has seized her. Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor.

- ***Damascus has grown feeble***, a city that thought she could look the most formidable enemy in the face. Her soldiers were known for bravery, but in the face of the Babylonian invasion they now ***turn to flee*** for their lives, contending because of their ***fear like a woman in labor***.

Jer 49:25 Why is the city of praise not deserted, the city of My joy?

- **God in His providence can soon dampen worldly pleasures** and put an end to them, making a ***city of praise*** to be a reproach and a ***city of joy*** to be a terror to itself. Why have you not fled ***the city***? There is going to be great slaughter.

Jer 49:26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day," says the LORD of hosts.

- **The young men, because of their failure to flee**, who should fight the enemy and defend the city, ***shall fall*** by the sword ***in her streets***; ***and all the men of war***, mighty men, expert in war, and engaged in the service of their country, ***shall be cut off***.

Jer 49:27 "I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad."

- **In the Old Testament, we read of Ben-Hadad, the king of Syria**, however, ***Hadad*** was one of the gods of the Syrians, the Syrians, and ***Ben*** is a word for son. By the time of this prophecy of Jeremiah the ***Ben-Hadad*** of I Kings, was long gone.

Judgment on Kedar and Hazor

Jer 49:28 *Against Kedar and against the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon shall strike. Thus says the LORD: "Arise, go up to Kedar, And devastate the men of the East! (Gen 25:13) And these were the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,*

- **Kedar and Hazor are areas to the east toward Saudi Arabia.** It is a wilderness, a desert area. During the Gulf war, materials were moved from Jordan, supplying Iraq, through the area, that was known in those days, as **Kedar**. "**Against Kedar and against Hazor**" - This is not the Hazor that is in the upper Galilee, but is over in the area of **Kedar**, on the other side of Jordan. God's judgment will **devastate the men of the East!**

Jer 49:29 *Their tents and their flocks they shall take away. They shall take for themselves their curtains, All their vessels and their camels; And they shall cry out to them, 'Fear is on every side!'*

- **Their tents and their flocks shall they take away.** Although these people were for the most part, like the Bedouins, in the wilderness area, they were quite wealthy. Their wealth was primarily in their sheep. The spoil here, a little different, is **their flocks, their cattle, camels, vessels, and curtains**. They thought that because the place was so arid and desolate, and no major cities, in fact they did not bother to build **neither gates nor bars**, thinking that nobody is going to come out here and try to conquer us. What is to conquer, what's to gain?" Yet God is pronouncing that they too are going to be smitten by Nebuchadnezzar.
- **Fear is on every side** when they hear and see the Chaldean army approaching. They say one to another, **fear is on every side**; nothing but ruin and destruction.

Jer 49:30 *"Flee, get far away! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor!" says the LORD. "For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, And has conceived a plan against you.*

- **Flee, get far away! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor!** The same cry that the Lord gave to the Edomites, He gives to Kedar. **Dwell in the depths**, that is escape into the wilderness. **For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, And has conceived a plan against you!** This "plan" is that **Kedar and Hazor** will be judged by God, using the Babylonian army as His instrument. There is no escaping it!

Jer 49:31 *"Arise, go up to the wealthy nation that dwells securely," says the LORD, "Which has neither gates nor bars, Dwelling alone.*

- **This is the counsel that Babylon has taken.** That they would arise and get up into this **wealthy nation that dwells securely**. Their wealth was such as nobody envied them, or, if any did, they might come peaceably and enjoy it with them. Therefore, they feared nobody. Notice that those that live innocently and honestly may live very securely, **dwelling alone**, though they have **neither gates nor bars**.

Jer 49:32 *Their camels shall be for booty, And the multitude of their cattle for plunder. I will scatter to all winds those in the farthest corners, And I will bring their calamity from all its sides," says the LORD.*

- **And their camels, their cattle, shall be for booty**, the significant prize that will be taken. **Calamity from all its sides, says the LORD.** Privacy and obscurity are not always a protection and security, and never against God!

Jer 49:33 *"Hazor shall be a dwelling for jackals, a desolation forever; No one shall reside there, Nor son of man dwell in it." (Mal 1:3) But Esau I have hated, And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness."*

- **It will be a barren wilderness, which indeed it is.** This prophecy has been fulfilled! God's judgment came upon **Kedar and Hazor**. Their **desolation** is complete **forever!**



Judgment on Elam: Elam is in the area today of northern Iran. So, we are moving further east. East of Babylon and extending further south. Nebuchadnezzar is coming out of the north, but then he is going to turn and go towards Persia. Elam was a part of ancient Persia, around the northern part of the Persian Gulf. (Gen 10:22) *The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram.*

Jer 49:34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah (597 B.C.) king of Judah, saying,

- **This is towards the end of Jeremiah's prophecies.** Zedekiah was the last king. In 11 years, Jerusalem will be taken, the temple and houses burned by Nebuchadnezzar.

Jer 49:35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, The foremost of their might. (Gen 14:1,4) And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations, [4] Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. (Isa 22:6a) Elam bore the quiver With chariots of men and horsemen

- **They were known as tremendous archers.** God is declaring that He is going to **break their bow.** Babylon's neighbor to the east, had strongly supported the Babylonians and the Chaldeans in the struggle against Assyria.



Jer 49:36 Against Elam I will bring the four winds From the four quarters of heaven, And scatter them toward all those winds; There shall be no nations where the outcasts of Elam will not go.

- **The people of Elam are to be scattered** all over the world.

Jer 49:37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies And before those who seek their life. I will bring disaster upon them, My fierce anger,' says the LORD; 'And I will send the sword after them Until I have consumed them.

Jer 49:38 I will set My throne in Elam, And will destroy from there the king and the princes,' says the LORD.

- **God's judgement is announced.** The destruction of Elam. Try to visualize a terrific, terrible storm coming in from all four sides! You would have absolutely no hope in standing against it.

Jer 49:39 'But it shall come to pass in the latter days: I will bring back the captives of Elam,' says the LORD.' (Act 2:9) Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia,

- **In the latter days,** a biblical term used to cover a of time leading up to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not possible to know which part of this prophecy has yet to be fulfilled but looking back to the **Day of Pentecost in Acts 2:9.** *It is most interesting that* when the Holy Spirit descended upon the church, there were devout Jews who had gathered from all over the world, from about 17 language groups. Among those named were the **Elamites** and dwellers from Mesopotamia! This has “end times” implications as well!
- **I will back the captives! What a word of grace!** Again, we see the tender love, the grace and mercy of **bring** our LORD! As was the case for Moab, Ammon and Israel, the LORD is promising to bring them back!

Summary Chapter 49: What we have been taught concerning the judgment of God?

- All of the prophecies have come to pass, at least in one fulfillment. This is such an encouragement of trusting in God's word and a great lesson of God meaning what He says and saying what He means! We thank Him for the wisdom that He has displayed in predicting those things that would transpire among the different nations!
- **Three of the nations, Moab, Ammon, and Elam, have promises yet to be fulfilled** in the latter days.
- **The proud, backsliding Ammonites** were not saved by **their wealth**, nor were able to buy their way out of judgment.

- *The fierce and prideful Edomites* were not saved by their wisdom nor by **their military might**.
- *Jer 49:11 Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; And let your widows trust in Me.*" What **tremendous comfort for believers to know** that when they are dying, they may leave their children, their loved ones with God!
- *Damascus, known for bravery*, was not saved from judgment **because of their fame** or respect by other nations.
- *Kedar and Hazor* were not saved by **their independence!** God found them in the wilderness and judged them just the same.
- *The Elamites* were not saved by **their weapons!** *'Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, The foremost of their might.*

Application: Lessons to be Learned:

- **God's Judgment of Sin is Sure** and fearful, but totally just and righteous!
- **Reasons for God's Judgment** – Pride; Trusting in Self (wisdom; worldly treasures; military might) instead of God; Idolatry-Worshipping other gods! Backsliding!
- **Results following God's Judgment** – for unbelievers – eternity in outer darkness, in torment, totally separated from God, His love, His grace, His mercy!
- **For the believer – Jesus Christ paid it all!** He who lives and believes in Me, shall never die! He loves you so much and wants that close relationship with you. Out of love, Preach the gospel! Make disciples! Be His witness! Stand for Him! Be salt and light to this dying world. Speak the name of Jesus!

Closing Song:

I Speak Jesus (5:20) Here be Lions, Dustin Smith

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind
 'Cause I know there is peace within your presence I speak Jesus
 I just want to speak the name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break
 Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus
 'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life
 Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire
 I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety
 To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus
 Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life
 Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like the fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my family I speak the holy name Jesus (2x)

Shout Jesus from the mountains And Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my family. I speak the holy name Jesus

Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire (2x)

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within his presence I speak Jesus