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Sermon Title: Proclamation of judgment against Babylon

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Scripture Passage: Jeremiah 50:1–46

(Jeremiah 50:1) This is the word the LORD spoke through Jeremiah the prophet concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians:

(Jeremiah 50:2) “Announce and proclaim among the nations, lift up a banner and proclaim it; keep nothing back, but say, ‘Babylon will be captured; Bel will be put to shame, Marduk filled with terror. Her images will be put to shame and her idols filled with terror.’

(Jeremiah 50:3) A nation from the north will attack her and lay waste her land. No one will live in it; both people and animals will flee away.

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(Jeremiah 50:5) They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

(Jeremiah 50:6) “My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place.

(Jeremiah 50:7) Whoever found them devoured them; their enemies said, ‘We are not guilty, for they sinned against the LORD, their verdant pasture, the LORD, the hope of their ancestors.’

(Jeremiah 50:8) “Flee out of Babylon; leave the land of the Babylonians, and be like the goats that lead the flock.

(Jeremiah 50:9) For I will stir up and bring against Babylon an alliance of great nations from the land of the north. They will take up their positions against her, and from the north she will be captured. Their arrows will be like skilled warriors who do not return empty-handed.

(Jeremiah 50:10) So Babylonia will be plundered; all who plunder her will have their fill,” declares the LORD.

(Jeremiah 50:11) “Because you rejoice and are glad, you who pillage my inheritance, because you frolic like a heifer threshing grain and neigh like stallions,

(Jeremiah 50:12) your mother will be greatly ashamed; she who gave you birth will be disgraced. She will be the least of the nations—a wilderness, a dry land, a desert.

(Jeremiah 50:13) Because of the LORD’s anger she will not be inhabited but will be completely desolate. All who pass Babylon will be appalled; they will scoff because of all her wounds.

(Jeremiah 50:14) “Take up your positions around Babylon, all you who draw the bow. Shoot at her! Spare no arrows, for she has sinned against the LORD.

(Jeremiah 50:15) Shout against her on every side! She surrenders, her towers fall, her walls are torn down. Since this is the vengeance of the LORD, take vengeance on her; do to her as she has done to others.

(Jeremiah 50:16) Cut off from Babylon the sower, and the reaper with his sickle at harvest. Because of the sword of the oppressor let everyone return to their own people, let everyone flee to their own land.

(Jeremiah 50:17) “Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away. The first to devour them was the king of Assyria; the last to crush their bones was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.”

(Jeremiah 50:18) Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “I will punish the king of Babylon and his land as I punished the king of Assyria.

(Jeremiah 50:19) But I will bring Israel back to their own pasture, and they will graze on Carmel and Bashan; their appetite will be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and Gilead.

(Jeremiah 50:20) In those days, at that time,” declares the LORD, “search will be made for Israel’s guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare.

(Jeremiah 50:21) “Attack the land of Merathaim and those who live in Pekod. Pursue, kill and completely destroy them,” declares the LORD. “Do everything I have commanded you.

(Jeremiah 50:22) The noise of battle is in the land, the noise of great destruction!

(Jeremiah 50:23) How broken and shattered is the hammer of the whole earth! How desolate is Babylon among the nations!

(Jeremiah 50:24) I set a trap for you, Babylon, and you were caught before you knew it; you were found and captured because you opposed the LORD.

(Jeremiah 50:25) The LORD has opened his arsenal and brought out the weapons of his wrath, for the Sovereign LORD Almighty has work to do in the land of the Babylonians.

(Jeremiah 50:26) Come against her from afar. Break open her granaries; pile her up like heaps of grain. Completely destroy her and leave her no remnant.

(Jeremiah 50:27) Kill all her young bulls; let them go down to the slaughter! Woe to them! For their day has come, the time for them to be punished.

(Jeremiah 50:28) Listen to the fugitives and refugees from Babylon declaring in Zion how the LORD our God has taken vengeance, vengeance for his temple.

(Jeremiah 50:29) “Summon archers against Babylon, all those who draw the bow. Encamp all around her; let no one escape. Repay her for her deeds; do to her as she has done. For she has defied the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

(Jeremiah 50:30) Therefore, her young men will fall in the streets; all her soldiers will be silenced in that day,” declares the LORD.

(Jeremiah 50:31) “See, I am against you, you arrogant one,” declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty, “for your day has come, the time for you to be punished.

(Jeremiah 50:32) The arrogant one will stumble and fall and no one will help her up; I will kindle a fire in her towns that will consume all who are around her.”

(Jeremiah 50:33) This is what the LORD Almighty says: “The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah as well. All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go.

(Jeremiah 50:34) Yet their Redeemer is strong; the LORD Almighty is his name. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon.

(Jeremiah 50:35) “A sword against the Babylonians!” declares the LORD— “against those who live in Babylon and against her officials and wise men!

(Jeremiah 50:36) A sword against her false prophets! They will become fools. A sword against her warriors! They will be filled with terror.

(Jeremiah 50:37) A sword against her horses and chariots and all the foreigners in her ranks! They will become weaklings. A sword against her reassures! They will be plundered.

(Jeremiah 50:38) A drought on her waters! They will dry up. For it is a land of idols, idols that will go mad with terror.

(Jeremiah 50:39) “So desert creatures and hyenas will live there, and there the owl will dwell. It will never again be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation.

(Jeremiah 50:40) As I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah along with their neighboring towns,” declares the LORD,“ so no one will live there; no people will dwell in it.

(Jeremiah 50:41) “Look! An army is coming from the north; a great nation and many kings are being stirred up from the ends of the earth.

(Jeremiah 50:42) They are armed with bows and spears; they are cruel and without mercy. They sound like the roaring sea as they ride on their horses; they come like men in battle formation to attack you, Daughter Babylon.

(Jeremiah 50:43) The king of Babylon has heard reports about them, and his hands hang limp. Anguish has gripped him, pain like that of a woman in labor.

(Jeremiah 50:44) Like a lion coming up from Jordan’s thickets to a rich pastureland, I will chase Babylon from its land in an instant. Who is the chosen one I will appoint for this? Who is like me and who can challenge me? And what shepherd can stand against me?”

(Jeremiah 50:45) Therefore, hear what the LORD has planned against Babylon, what he has purposed against the land of the Babylonians: The young of the flock will be dragged away; their pasture will be appalled at their fate.

(Jeremiah 50:46) At the sound of Babylon's capture the earth will tremble; its cry will resound among the nations.

This is the final oracle of God concerning the foreign nations, directed against Babylon.

(Jeremiah 50:1) This is the word the LORD spoke through Jeremiah the prophet concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians:

God declares that He will bring judgment upon Babylon.

He says that the idols they worshiped, Bel and Marduk, will also be destroyed and brought to shame.

(Jeremiah 50:2) "Announce and proclaim among the nations, lift up a banner and proclaim it; keep nothing back, but say, 'Babylon will be captured; Bel will be put to shame, Marduk filled with terror. Her images will be put to shame and her idols filled with terror.'

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Bel and Marduk refer to the same deity, and they are associated with Baal.

According to God's word, Babylon was destroyed by Persia in 539 BC.

For all this time, God had used Babylon as an instrument to judge Judah and the surrounding nations; therefore, the fall of Babylon signifies the restoration of Israel.

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will come and bind themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

The descendants of Israel and Judah will weep as they seek the Lord their God, and they will once again enter into an everlasting covenant—the new covenant—with Him.

God condemns the priests, prophets, and kings who led the people to the high places and caused them to offer sacrifices there to Baal.

(Jeremiah 50:6) “My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place.

Babylon, in striking Israel, claimed that since Israel was being punished for their sins against God, they themselves were innocent.

(Jeremiah 50:7) Whoever found them devoured them; their enemies said, ‘We are not guilty, for they sinned against the LORD, their verdant pasture, the LORD, the hope of their ancestors.’

God declares that He will destroy Babylon and set free the people of Israel who had been taken captive there.

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(Jeremiah 50:10) So Babylonia will be plundered; all who plunder her will have their fill,” declares the LORD.

God declares that He will take vengeance on Babylon for plundering His people.

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(Jeremiah 50:12) your mother will be greatly ashamed; she who gave you birth will be disgraced. She will be the least of the nations— a wilderness, a dry land, a desert.

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God used Babylon as an instrument to judge the nations, but they, driven by their own ambition and greed, destroyed and ravaged many nations.

God declares that He will bring His people Israel back to His pasture.

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(Jeremiah 50:20) In those days, at that time,” declares the LORD, “search will be made for Israel’s guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare.

God, the Judge of all the earth, declares that since He has forgiven the sins of His people, no iniquity will be found in them any longer.  
This is the promise declared in the New Covenant.

God pronounces the downfall of Babylon.

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Babylon, which once seemed as though it would crush the whole world, will be broken.

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God will use Persia to bring about the downfall of Babylon.

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The weapon of God’s wrath is none other than Persia.

God speaks about the cause of Babylon’s downfall: They became arrogant toward the Holy One of Israel, the LORD.



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The LORD God, who became the Redeemer of Israel at the time of the Exodus, will once again be their Redeemer and deliver them from Babylon

(Jeremiah 50:33) This is what the LORD Almighty says: “The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah as well. All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go.

(Jeremiah 50:34) Yet their Redeemer is strong; the LORD Almighty is his name. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon.

Babylon will be judged completely and thoroughly, just like Sodom and Gomorrah.

(Jeremiah 50:40) As I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah along with their neighboring towns,” declares the LORD, “so no one will live there; no people will dwell in it.

There is no one who can stand against God as He brings judgment upon Babylon.

(Jeremiah 50:44) Like a lion coming up from Jordan’s thickets to a rich pastureland, I will chase Babylon from its land in an instant. Who is the chosen one I will appoint for this? Who is like me and who can challenge me? And what shepherd can stand against me?”

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Beloved members of Church of God's Dream,  
God has declared that He will destroy Babylon, the very instrument He once used to judge His people, by raising up Persia.

This is God's retribution for their arrogance against Him and their cruelty toward His people.

Babylon symbolizes this present world, where people, puffed up with pride, oppose God and live as though they themselves were divine.

In the book of Revelation, Babylon represents all nations that rebel against God and persecute His people.

We are now living in the midst of Babylon.

People live as if they were gods themselves, following whatever seems right in their own eyes, apart from the Word of God.

But in His appointed time, God will surely judge this world that stands proud against Him and oppresses His people.

Yet even in the midst of judgment, He will deliver His chosen ones.

Judgment upon this world has already been pronounced.

Remember: the only way to survive this declared judgment is by believing in Jesus Christ and remaining within God's New Covenant!