



## “Staying Focused In Light Of Coming Judgment” (Jeremiah 45-52)

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### I. A WORD OF EXHORTATION (Ch.45)

\* See Jeremiah 36:2, 4; In light of the coming calamities, Baruch was not only disheartened, but was seeking something good for himself in spite of God’s word about the future. Baruch was seeking comfort for himself, rather than considering his responsibilities before the Lord as judgment approached. So the Lord speaks to Baruch through Jeremiah, encouraging him to refocus & persevere.

### II. THE COMING JUDGMENT

\* These chapters make it abundantly clear that the future judgment involves more than the nation of Israel. Jer.46:1-2a, 3-6a; 47:1a, 4a; 48:1a, 8, 29-30; 49:1a, 2a, 7a, 17-18, 23a, 26, 28a, 32b, 34a, 37; 50:1, , 8a, 39; 51:6, 24, 45.

\* The book of Jeremiah ends with a record of the fall of Jerusalem. See Jer.52:6-11, 14. God leaves us with a reminder that judgment begins with the family of God (see I Peter 4:17). Zech.13:7-9 prophesies one last purging judgment for the people of Israel, & afterward God will once again judge those who have judged her. Zech 14:2 says that **all the nations** will one day come against Israel.

\* Plenty of passages that prophesy a coming worldwide judgment: Jer.25:15-16, 26; Isa.14:14:26-27; 34:1-2; 66:15-16; Zeph.3:8; Obadiah 15; Revelation 6:8; 8:7-11; 9:15, 18.

\* This is pretty much the message of the book of Jeremiah – judgment is coming, and the only way to escape is to surrender to the will of God **in Babylon**. Revelation 17 makes it abundantly clear that Babylon is more than a geographical place, but a spiritual influence (Rev.17:5). It was in Babylon (Shinar) that man’s first united apostasy took place (Gen.11, tower of Babel). That united apostasy was scattered throughout the world (Gen.11:8). In soon coming days, Babylon will once again unite against the Lord. This time it will fall, never to rise again (see Rev.18:20).

### III. PERSEVERANCE & FOCUS

#### A. Judgment Is Coming

\* II Peter 3:9-14

## B. God Will Shelter His People *Through* The Storm

\* Note: Repeated words of hope & future restoration (Jer.46:26b; 48:47; 49:6, 39; 52:31-34;

**29:11**

## C. My Focus In Light Of Coming Calamity

### 1. My family & the family of God

- Matthew 12:47-50; Mark 10:28-30

### 2. My money & the work of God

- Phil.4:17; Luke 12:15-21; II Kings 5:15-26; Acts 5

### 3. My time & the things of God

- Luke 14:16-20

### 4. My talent/abilities & the “needs” of God

- Matthew 25:35-40

## CONCLUSION

\* Habakkuk 3:16-19