

Jeremiah 45:1 – 49:6

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~ The violence this world is experiencing today is at epic proportions. Murderous warfare rages at unprecedented levels. Men today are calling for peace at any price among nations, and are willing to do anything to achieve it. And that certainly seems like a noble and worthy goal at face value; but, most strategic philosophies cling to the notion that going to war to obtain peace is not valid, and is never worth the cost if it were valid. Their premise is that war simply will not work. Unfortunately, peace at any price has a very high cost, my friends; in fact, the cost is so high that it cannot be paid by any nation or man on the face of the earth – because no one has the type of resources necessary to pay that ransom. If all we desire is abundance of bread and wine, and to avoid conflict at all cost in this life, then we are going to be highly disappointed.

It's easy to misunderstand what I write; I recognize that. I am not for war – I am opposed to war. I am not defending war – I am against war. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spirits, principalities, and dominions of darkness. But, what these United States and, indeed, the world needs today is the moral equivalent of war. America has been involved in myriad conventional and unconventional wars, but has not gained an inch of ground. A heroic attitude towards our souls and towards our country is desperately needed; even though that may very well eventuate into a further, dramatically escalated war. The cowardly attitude of averting war, when we are already entrenched in it, is idiot talk. That's what leads politicians to stoop to any level of iniquity, and compromise to further their personal gain and profit; and that, my friends, is *PRECISELY* what we are seeing in our society and government right now — as I type this report and as you read it.

If we are going to win the wars we are fighting, we must be prepared to take it all the way — in the interest of peace. Fighting a war to make the world safe for democracy is puerile propaganda. Thinking we will somehow eventuate in peace, when war is naturally in the heart of man, is a fool's philosophy from the pits of hell. It's not the proper thinking for a genuine

child of God. We need to make our decisions on the basis of standing for what is righteous, true, and that which reveals God's love. If war comes to our street, we need to believe the Lord fights for us, and that we are to stand for Him and hold our peace – even when that means fighting a war. I understand this sounds contradictory at face value. It is paradoxical, and extremely difficult to comprehend; but all is true.

This is where we have gone horribly wrong today. No one trusts their neighbor; the status quo is manufactured lies and deception born of personal interests, fraud and greed. Because of that, we are in the process of surrendering our nation and our way of life. So, I believe in peace at all cost – including the cost of war. When a nation will succumb to perpetual panic of war, resulting in peace treatise that no one intends to keep anyways, then that is the day the nation becomes doomed – and, for these United States – that day has arrived. This is what put us in World War One and World War Two, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf wars and in our current situations, also. We just don't learn. Our corruption of conscience has hopelessly bankrupted us morally. All of America's fine sensibilities are gone. We have no patriotic unity. We have no high standards or idealism of national outlook, and absolutely no consensus of national thought. The division of our nation is because of utterly hardened hearts that are only interested in self. We have no fear of God, and no shame in our reprehensible conduct. All we have is cynicism, pessimism, and utilitarianism — instead of faith, hope and love.

Those who say that the greatest good for the greatest number of people is the true secret of all policy is as foolish as foolish can be. Abject materialism consumes the lives of those who profess to love God today; and that is what Jeremiah has been condemning in this prophecy – it's called Baal worship. Whatever brings in the most money and helps our economy – both private and public – drives our decisions. Truth does not enter the equation – not even in the minutest aspect. Truth has been forgotten and labeled heresy. One dares not mention love in shaping business affairs today. Because we have reached that level, it is past time for them to give up their veneer of Christianity, and embrace the laws of the jungle; where the survival of the fittest rules. He with the sharpest claw and the most deadly fang prevails in their system. That's the level the entire world has

sunk to; irrespective of whether they believe it, accept it, understand it, agree with it, like it – or not. That was the problem with Israel in Jeremiah's day, too.

Alright, our Spiritual Safari is approaching the end of the second major prophecy in the Bible. We previously examined the Book of Isaiah in a thoroughly exhaustive, painstaking manner. It is imperative to study all Scriptural prophecies as a whole, and in their proper setting of context, as well as their arrangement of order in the canons of Scripture. If that is not done - or if prophecy is even slightly neglected - then a proper, correct and complete understanding of the Word of God can never be fully attained; because, to understand the Book of Revelation, which our expedition through the entire Word of God will come to soon, the whole prophetic message of the Old Testament absolutely must be comprehended in its entirety.

Understanding *ALL* of the prophets and prophecies, including those found in the New Testament written by Paul and Simon Peter, is attained by a method similar to addition and subtraction; there are certain fundamentals that are prerequisite to geometry and trigonometry. If we cannot add two plus two, we can never deal with the properties of derivatives and integrals of functions; in which case a summation of infinitesimal differences or reasoning of differential calculus will literally be impossible. There are ten great subjects of prophecy that find their conclusions in Revelation. But let's not wax tedious in this report.

The prophecies in the Bible are like airplanes which originate at different airports all over the Bible, and are piloted by the prophets who wrote them. Ultimately, they land at one central airport known as Revelation; where they proceed to different gates to disembark. That's where dispensation comes in, and various truths go forth. No truth originates in Revelation – truth only arrives and concludes in Revelation. The ability to track and trace each prophetic plane on the radar from departure to arrival is critical. Not doing so *ALWAYS* ends with the flight crashing into the sea or burning on a mountainside of Holy Writ; which we see in, frankly, almost *ALL* so-called Bible teaching today. Most people handling the Bible have no earthly idea what they are doing. Most people are no more qualified to teach the Bible

than they are to pilot a Boeing seven-forty-seven across the Atlantic Ocean. Candidly, they never even get off the ground.

If you have been with us on safari since Genesis chapter one verse one – in the beginning – you are in an ideal position to glean the most out of our final destination when we arrive there: at the Book of Revelation. However, if you have only joined me recently, you can easily catch up by continuing to read these reports in a systematic regimen. It only takes the average reader about thirty minutes each – and, once we finish, God willing, we are going to just start all over again in the beginning. At the risk of appearing proud and arrogant, I say you will not find this type of educated, systematic, sincere, Spirit-filled, Spirit led and *C-O-M-P-L-E-T-E* Bible study from *ANY* other expositor, theologian, pastor, preacher, evangelist, seminary professor, missionary or Bible teacher alive in the world today. It's just not out there, my beloved. Some men claim to have done this before – but, they haven't....

XLV

1 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

~ In our last report, we saw the nation Judah enter full blown captivity. We saw Nebuchadnezzar take away all the inhabitants of the land as slaves; with the exception of Jeremiah, and a small remnant of poor, destitute Jews that remained in the land. The remnant Nebuchadnezzar left behind –

after taking the finest, strongest, smartest, most capable and brightest men and women – were not the best people. They were the lame, blind, feeble, old – and criminals. The remnant left behind were the people Nebuchadnezzar didn't want in Babylon. I think we have to give Nebuchadnezzar credit for only wanting those who would make a contribution to his societal empire. Jeremiah was left with them, but Jeremiah was given the choice to stay or go.

So, this very brief chapter is a prophecy given to a friend of Jeremiah's named Baruch. Baruch seems to have been a sort of assistant to Jeremiah. Remember, Baruch was the one who recopied the scroll that King Jehoiakim had cut up and thrown into the fire. Also, when Jeremiah was in prison, Baruch is the one who completed the transaction of the land purchase for Jeremiah from his cousin in Anathoth. It would also appear that when Jeremiah made his escape from prison, Baruch escaped with him. Either way, when the remnant takes off for Egypt, Baruch and Jeremiah were both forced to go with them, against their will. This prophecy was given by Jeremiah to Baruch; and, since it was given during the reign of Jehoiakim, we know these final chapters are not arranged chronologically. The first twenty-nine chapters of Jeremiah are arranged mostly in chronological order but, after that, they are randomly inserted. It seems to me that this chapter was given to remind Baruch of what had already been said by Jeremiah as they went down into Egypt.

Things had been very bad during the reign of Jehoiakim; but that was nothing compared to what was happening at this time after Judah had gone into captivity. Remember, the remnant had asked Jeremiah to give them the Word of the Lord but, when he told them not to go down to Egypt, they called Jeremiah a liar, and refused to listen. Drop back and read chapter forty-two. That was a huge mistake. The only reason they wanted to go to Egypt was to satisfy their own desires and fulfill personal life ambitions. They wanted bread that was made for them; and they wanted peace. Chasing the supreme degenerate desire of their hearts was more important than obeying God for them. They only wanted comfort and ease — and their lusting after luxury came before serving the True and Living God.

Friends, that happens *ALL* the time in religious circles. People ask questions, but when I answer them, they just turn around and try to prove me wrong. Then, they discover they have no idea what point they are trying to make. Well, once I have tried to encourage someone, and they begin insulting me – that’s when they perceive condemnation. At this low point in the history of the nation Israel in Judah, Jeremiah is telling Baruch that he couldn’t expect to reach to some high personal goal or successful level. Frankly, if they came through all of this with their life, that alone would be a tremendous miracle of mercy. There are some great spiritual lessons in this little chapter; and whatever bad things were happening – God was the One responsible for them.

I believe I have extracted the main principles of this prophecy in our previous eighteen reports from Jeremiah. I have studied this book of the Bible many times, and contemplated Spirit-filled teachings on Jeremiah from great men of God, but the one thing that greatly disturbs me about this prophet and this prophecy is that I am keenly aware I am missing something. I just can’t quite identify what it is. I fully understand that I don’t fully understand this prophecy. I am greatly disturbed by so many people today who act like they magically have received all truth – and they will quote John chapter sixteen verse thirteen and say, “... *aha, Andrew! You do not have the Holy Spirit!*” So many people act as if they don’t need to know any more about God than they already do. Growing in grace and knowledge of our Savior does not interest them on any level. Well, the more I speak to those people, the more I realize they don’t know *ANYTHING* at all. See friends, if you do not think rightly of the Jesus of the Bible, then you will be wrong about everything in life. If you do not recognize that there is so much in the Word of God that we need to lay hold of then, may I say this kindly? – you do not love the Lord Jesus Christ; because that would be impossible....

5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

XLVI

1 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;

2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaohnecho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, and put on the brigandines.

~ Chapter forty-six begins a section of Scripture that contains prophecies concerning the nations surrounding Israel. I am not printing all of the Bible text in these reports, so I suggest you pray for wisdom, judgment and discernment, and then read these chapters from your own Bible in one sitting. The first prophecy is against Egypt; and we have already seen this before in Jeremiah's book. These people of the remnant of Judah thought they were going to go to Egypt and experience peace and plenty prevailing perpetually. God says, "... I have bad news for you, sunshine; the war is going from Judah to Egypt now." As soon as Nebuchadnezzar had whipped Judah into submission, his next ambition was Egypt – and it happened exactly the way the Lord God Almighty, through the prophet Jeremiah, had said it would....

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Memphis shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.

~ Pharaoh was no longer trustworthy or dependable. Actually, he never was dependable or to be trusted, but now it is well-known that the days of

Pharaoh are finished. King Zedekiah had made a big mistake trusting in Egypt; and now this remnant was making an even *BIGGER* blunder seeking refuge there. Instead of trusting the Lord and believing Him, and obeying Him, they trusted their own thinking. That's the condition of most modern-day self-professing believers. As soon as the going gets rough, they revert back to their sins, thinking that is the answer – and they honestly believe they have their own answers – all while claiming to trust and obey the Lord Jesus Christ. Their judgment is harsher, and comes more suddenly than that of an abject unbeliever. This is when the remnant begins looking to anyone and everyone for help – including their enemies – but there was no one to help. You might want to make some notes here, friends....

XLVII

1 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, and to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.

5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath he appointed it.

XLVIII

1 Against Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

2 There shall be no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.

14 How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!

18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds.

19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done?

20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,

21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Bethdiblathaim,

23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Bethgamul, and upon Bethmeon,

24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

26 Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy.

28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it.

31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kirheres.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.

34 From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.

38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD.

39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

40 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

41 Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the LORD.

43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

XLIX

1 Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

~ So, our Spiritual Safari ends this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God with the Lord telling the remnant of Judah there was no one on earth they could turn to for help. Their only hope for help was to turn back to the Lord, and trust and obey Him. *OUR* only help or hope today is to accept Christ Jesus as our Savior and turn to Him in trust and obedience. Have you come to the place where you realize all of this Biblical truth? We live in times when we cannot have confidence in education, science, finances, government – and *CERTAINLY* not in some man who promises to make everything great again by lying to us. That is literally the dumbest thing one can believe, friends. Our problems are bigger than man is able to solve. It's time to turn to God, and consider the greater issue of the eternal destiny of our souls....

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD ~

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