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51 Thus says the Lord:

I am going to stir up a destructive wind against Babylon and against the inhabitants of Leb-gamai;

^{2.} and I will send winnowers to Babylon, and they shall winnow her. They shall empty her land when they come against her from every side on the day of trouble. ^{3.} Let not the archer bend his bow, and let him not array himself in his coat of mail. Do not spare her young men; ^{4.} utterly destroy her entire army. They shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and wounded in her streets. ^{5.} Israel and Judah have not been forsaken by their God, the Lord of Hosts, though their land is full of guilt before the Holy One of Israel.

⁶ Flee from the midst of Babylon, save your lives, each of you! Do not perish because of her guilt, for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he is repaying her what is due.

7 Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine, and so the nations went mad.

8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and is shattered: wail for her! ~~no~~ Bring balm for her wound; perhaps she may be healed.

We tried to heal Babylon, but she could not be healed. Forsake her, and let each of us go to our own country, for her judgement has reached up to heaven and has been lifted up even to the skies.

10 The Lord has brought forth our vindication come, let us declare in Zion the works of the Lord we have seen.

11 Sharpen your arrows! Fill the quivers!

The Lord has stirred up the spirit of the

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Kings of the Medes, because His purpose concerning Babylon is to destroy it, for that is the vengeance of the Lord, vengeance for His temple.

12. Raise a standard against the walls of Babylon;

make the watch strong;

Post sentinels;

prepare the ambushes;

for the Lord has Both planned and done

What he spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.

13. You who live by mighty waters,
rich in treasures,
your end has come,
The Thread of your life is cut.

14 The Lord of Hosts has sworn by himself:

Surely I will fill you with troops like a swarm of locusts.

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and they shall raise a shout of victory over
you.

15. It is he who made the earth by
his power, who established the world by
his wisdom, and by his understanding
stretched out the heavens.

16. It is he When he utters his voice there is a
tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the
mist rise from the ends of the earth.

He makes lightnings for the rain, and brings out
the wind from his storehouses.



17. Everyone is stupid and without knowledge ;
goldsmiths are all put to shame by their idols ; for
their images are false, and there is no breath in them.
18. They are worthless, a work of delusion ; at the time of
their punishment they shall perish.
19. Not like these is the Lord, the portion of Jacob, for
he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is
the tribe of his inheritance ; the Lord of hosts is his
name.
20. You are my war-club, my weapon of battle ; with
you I smash nations ; with you I destroy kingdoms ;
21. with you I smash the horse and its rider ; with you
I smash the chariot and the charioteer ;
22. With you I smash man and woman ; with you I
smash the old man and the boy ; with you I smash
the young man and the girl ;
23. With you I smash shepherds and their flocks ; with
you I smash farmers and their teams ; with you
I smash governors and deputies ,

²⁴ I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea before your very eyes for all the wrong that they have done in Zion, says the LORD.

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I am against you, O destroying mountain,
Says the LORD.

That destroys the whole earth;
I will stretch out my hand against you,
and roll you down from the crags,

and make you a burned-out mountain.

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No Stone Shall be taken from you for a corner
and no stone for a foundation,

BUT YOU SHALL BE A PERPETUAL WASTE,

~~but~~ ³, says the LORD.

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Raise a standard in the land,

BLOW THE TRUMPET AMONG THE NATIONS

Prepare the nations for war against her,

Summon against her the kingdoms,

Avarat, Minni, and Ashkenaz;

appoint a marshal against her,

bring up horses like bristling Locusts,
²⁸ prepare the nations for war against her,
the kings of the Medes, with their government and
deputies and every Land under their dominion.

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29.

The land trembles and writhes, for the Lord's purposes against Babylon stand — to lay waste the land of Babylon so that no-one will live there.

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Babylon's warriors have stopped fighting. They remain in their strongholds. Their strength is exhausted, they have become like women. Her dwellings are set on fire, the bars of her gate are broken.

31.

One courier follows another and messenger follows messenger to announce to the king of Babylon that his entire city is captured,
32 the river crossings seized, the marshes set on fire, & the soldiers terrified.

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This is what the Lord Almighty,
the God of Israel, says:-

"The Daughter of Babylon is like
a threshing-floor at the time it is
trampled, the time to harvest her
will soon come."

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'King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon has devoured me.'

he has crushed me; he has made me an empty vessel,
he has swallowed me like a monster; he has filled his
belly with my delicacies, he has spewed me out.

35

May my torn flesh be avenged on Babylon,' the
inhabitants of Zion shall say. 'May my blood be
avenged on the inhabitants of Chaldea!' Jerusalem

shall say.³⁶ Therefore thus says the Lord: I am
going to defend your cause and take vengeance
for you. I will dry up her sea and make her
fountain dry;³⁷ and Babylon shall become a heap
of ruins, a den of jackals, an object of horror and hissing
without inhabitant.³⁸ Like lions they shall roar together;
they shall growl like lion's whelps.³⁹ When they are in flames,
I will set out their drink and make them drunk, until
they become merry and then sleep a perpetual sleep and
never wake, says the Lord.⁴⁰ I will bring them down
like lambs to the slaughter, like rams and
goats.⁴¹ How Sheshazz is taken the pride of the
whole Earth Seized. How Babylon has become

an object of horror among the Nations.

^{42.} The sea has been risen over Babylon;
she has been covered by a tumultuous wave;

^{43.} Her cities have become an object of horror, a land
of drought and a desert, a land in which no one
lives, and through which no portal passes.^{44.} I
will punish Bel in Babylon, and make him disgorge
what he has swallowed. The nations shall no longer
stream to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen.

^{45.} Come out of her, my people! Save your lives, each
of you, from the fierce anger of the Lord!^{46.} Do
not be faint-hearted or fearful at the rumours
heard in the land — one year one rumour comes,
the next year another, rumours of violence in the land

and of ruler against ruler.⁴⁷ Assuredly, the days
are coming when I will punish the images of
Babylon: her whole land shall fall in her midst
she put to shame, and all her stain shall fall

^{48.} in her midst. Then the heavens and the earth
and all that is in them, shall shout for joy over Babylon.

for the destroyers shall come against them out
of the north. Says the Lord ^{49.} Babylon must fall
for the Slain of Israel, as the Slain of all the earth
have fallen because of Babylon.

Against foreign nations

⁵⁰ You survivors of the sword, go, do not linger! Remember the Lord in a distant land, and let Jerusalem come into your mind: ⁵¹ We are put to shame, for we have heard insults; dishonour has covered our face, for aliens have come into the holy places of the Lord's house. ⁵² Therefore the time is surely coming, says the Lord, when I will punish her idols, and through all her land the wounded shall groan. ⁵³ Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify her strong height, from me destroyers would come upon her, says the Lord.

⁵⁴ Listen! ~ a cry from Babylon! a great crashing from the land of the Chaldeans! for the LORD is laying Babylon waste, and stilling her loud clamour. ⁵⁵ Their waves roar like mighty waters, the sound of their clamour resounds;

56 for a destroyer has come against her, against Babylon; her warriors are taken, their bows are broken; for the LORD is a God of recompense, he will repay in full. 57 I will make her officials and her sages drunk, also her governors, her deputies, and her warriors; they shall sleep a perpetual sleep and never wake, says the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus says the LORD of hosts: The broad wall of Babylon shall be levelled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire. The peoples exhaust themselves for nothing, and the nations weary themselves only for fire.

Jeremiah's Command to Seraiah

59 The word that the prophet Jeremiah commanded Seraiah son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, when he went with King Zedekiah of Judah to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. Seraiah was the quartermaster. 60 Jeremiah wrote in a scroll all the disasters that would come on Babylon, all these words that are written,

concerning Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah:

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"When you come to Babylon, see that that you read all these words, that are written about and say, "O Lord, you yourself threatened to destroy this place so that neither human beings nor animals shall live in it, and it shall be desolate for ever."⁶³ When you finish reading this scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates,⁶⁴ and say, "Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disasters that I am bringing on her."

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

¹ Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ² He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, just as Jehoiakim had done. ³ Indeed, Jerusalem and Judah so angered the LORD that he expelled them from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the King of Babylon. ^{4. AND IN THE NINTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN, IN THE TENTH MONTH, ON THE TENTH DAY OF THE MONTH,} King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and they laid siege to it; they built siege works against it all around. ⁵ So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. ^{7.} Then a breach was made in the City Wall; and all the soldiers fled and went out from the city by night by the way

of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. They went in the direction of the Arabah. 8. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered, deserting him. 9. Then they captured the king, and brought him up to the King of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him.¹⁰ The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and also killed all the officers of Judah at Riblah. 11. He put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and the King of Babylon, took him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the ~~fifth~~ day of his death.

12. In the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadrezzar, King Babylon-Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard who served the King of Babylon, entered Jerusalem.

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He burned the house of the LORD,

the King's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem;

every great house he burned down. All the army of the

Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard,¹⁴ broke

down all the walls around Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan the

captain of the guard carried into exile some of the

poorest of the people and the rest of the people who were

left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the

king of Babylon, together with the rest of the artisans.

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But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some
of the poorest people of the land to be vinedressers and
tillers of the soil.

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17. The Babylonians broke up the bronze pillars, the movable stands and the bronze sea that were at the temple of the Lord and they carried all the bronze to Babylon.

18. They also took away the pots, shovels, with trimmers, sprinkling bowls, dishes and all the bronze articles used in the temple service

19. The commander of the imperial guard took away the basins, censers, sprinkling bowls, pots, lampstands, dishes and bowls used for drink offerings - all that were made of pure gold or silver.

20. The bronze from the two pillars, the sea and the twelve bronze bulls under it and the movable stands, which King Solomon had made for the temple of the Lord, was more than could be weighed.

21. Each of the pillars was eighteen cubits high and twelve cubits in circumference, each was four fingers thick, and hollow.

22. The bronze capital on the top of the one pillar was five cubits high and was decorated with a network

22. and pomegranates of bronze all around. The other pillar, with its pomegranates was similar.
23. There were thirty six pomegranates on the sides; the total number of pomegranates above the spreading rehovot, was hundred.
24. The commander of the guard took as prisoners Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the priest next in rank and the three doorkeepers.
25. Of those still in the city, he took the officer in charge of the fighting men, and seven royal advisers. He also took the secretary who was chief officer in charge of conscripting the people of the land and sixty of his men who were found in the city.
26. Nebuzaradan the commander took them all and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.
27. There at Riblah in the land of Hamath the king had them executed. So Judah went into captivity, away from her land.
28. This is the number of the people Nebuchadnezzar

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28. came into exile.

In the seventh year 3,023 Jews;

29 In Nebuchadnezzar's eighteenth year 832 people from Jerusalem.

30 In his twenty-third year, 745 Jews were taken into exile by Nebuzaradan the commander of the imperial guard.

There were 4,600 people in all.

31 In the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the year Evil Merodach became king of Babylon he released Jehoiachin king of Judah and freed him from prison on the thirty-fifth day of the twelfth month.

32 He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat of honour higher than those of the other kings who were with him in Babylon.

33 So Jehoiachin put aside his prison clothes and for the rest of his life ate regularly at the king's table.

34 Day by day the king of Babylon gave Jehoiachin a regular

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34 allowance as long as he lived, till the day
of his death.