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Jer 51:44

And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

I will punish Bel.

- BEL= the Babylonian equivalent of BAAL= “lord; master”
- BEL is a title applied to various Mesopotamian deities but primarily to the chief Babylonian deity MARDUK (i.e.- Merodach) (50:2) cf. (52:31; 2 Kin 25:27; Isa 39:1)
- BEL was also a prefix used in Babylonian names like “Bel-teshazzar” and “Bel-shazzar”, which appear a total of 18x (6 + 6 + 6)
- BEL appears 3x and every appearance is associated with JUDGMENT
 - “Bel boweth down...” (Isa 46:1)
 - “Bel is confounded...” (Jer 50:2)
 - “And I will punish Bel...” (Jer 51:44)
- I WILL PUNISH appears 18x (6 + 6 + 6) (v.44; 9:25; 11:22; 21:14; 25:12; 29:32; 30:20; 36:31; 44:13; 44:29; 46:25; 50:18; Lev 26:18; Isa 10:12; 13:11; Hos 4:9; Amo 3:2; Zep 1:8)

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- The Lord punishes and judges all the false gods

Exo 12:12

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and **against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment**: I *am* the LORD.

Num 33:4

For the Egyptians buried all *their* firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: **upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments**.

Isa 46:1

Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a burden to the weary *beast*.

Jer 46:25

The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, **I will punish** the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with **their gods**, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him:

Jer 50:2

Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, **Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces**; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

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I will bring forth...that which he hath swallowed up.

- Bel, through Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, had swallowed up JERUSALEM
- Since Nebuchadnezzar is likened to a DRAGON (v.34), it is reasonable to conclude that BEL is a DRAGON cf. (Rev 12:3,9)

Jer 51:34-35

34 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.

35 The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

The nations shall not flow together any more unto him.

- The nations, like WATER, FLOWED to Babylon cf. (v.42 note)
- Babylon (the Great) is a counterfeit of (New) Jerusalem and Bel is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ

Isa 2:2

And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

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Mic 4:1

But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* **the mountain of the house of the LORD** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and **people shall flow unto it.**

Rev 21:24

And **the nations of them which are saved shall** walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do **bring their glory and honour into it.**

The wall of Babylon shall fall.

- The WALL(S) of Babylon appear 4x in Jeremiah 50-51 (v.12,58; 50:15 note)
- The Greek historian Herodotus said the walls of ancient Babylon were 56 miles long, 320 feet high, 80 feet wide (i.e.- wide enough that four chariots could race side-by-side), and the foundations of the walls were 35 feet below the ground
- The walls of Babylon were as renowned as the wall of Jericho (a type of Babylon the Great), but just as the wall of Jericho fell (Jos 6:5), so did the wall of Babylon

Note: If the USA does build “a wall”, it will be broken down and fall.

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Jer 51:45

My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

My people.

- MY PEOPLE= LOST SHEEP (50:6)= ISRAEL (Matt 10:6; 15:24)

Jer 50:6

My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

Matt 10:6

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matt 15:24

But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Go ye out of the midst of her.

- This is the fourth of 6x God's people are commanded to come out of Babylon and the last of 3x in Jeremiah 50-51 (v.6,45; 50:8; Isa 48:20; Zec 2:6-7; Rev 18:4) See: (50:8 note)

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Deliver every man his soul.

- SOUL= LIFE (1 Sam 26:21,24; Job 33:22) See: (v.6 note)

The fierce anger of the Lord.

- THE FIERCE ANGER OF THE LORD appears 8x (v.45; 4:8; 12:13; 25:37; 30:24; Num 25:4; 32:14; Zep 2:2) and in all but two instances (v.45; 30:24) it is directed at his people

Num 25:1-4

1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and **the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.**

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that **the fierce anger of the LORD** may be turned away from Israel.

Num 32:13-14

13 And **the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel,** and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet **the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.**

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Jer 4:5,7-8

5 Declare ye in **Judah, and** publish in **Jerusalem**; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for **the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.**

Jer 12:7,13

7 I have forsaken **mine house**, I have left **mine heritage**; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of **the fierce anger of the LORD.**

Jer 25:37

And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of **the fierce anger of the LORD.**

Zep 2:1-2

1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, **O nation not desired**;

2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before **the fierce anger of the LORD** come upon you, before the day of **the LORD'S anger come upon you.**



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