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Jer 51:57

And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

I will make drunk her princes...wise men...captains...rulers...mighty men.

- Verse 57 is very similar to verse 39 cf. (v.39 note)
- DRUNK= from the cup of the fierceness of God's WRATH (25:15-16,26-27; Rev 16:19)
- A total of 5 (# of DEATH) different people are mentioned
- Babylon's PRINCES, WISE MEN, CAPTAINS, RULERS, and MIGHTY MEN= THEM (v.39); remember who THEM (Dan 7:7-8) and THEY (Dan 2:42-43) are?
- HER MIGHTY MEN= (v.56 note)

The King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

- This exact phrase appears 3x (# of the TRINITY) and all appearances are in Jeremiah (v.57; 46:18; 48:15)

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Jer 51:58

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire**; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

The broad walls of Babylon...and her high gates.

- The walls of Babylon were 80 feet wide and 320 feet tall cf. (50:15 note)

Shall be utterly broken...burned with fire.

- The seemingly impregnable fortress surrounding Babylon (the Great) will be destroyed just as the walls of Jericho were broken down and the city burned

Jos 6:20,24

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that **the wall fell down flat**, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

24 And **they burnt the city with fire**, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.



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Jer 51:59

The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded **Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah**, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in **the fourth year of his reign**. And **this Seraiah was a quiet prince**.

Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah.

- Seraiah's ancestry is similar to Baruch's leading some to believe they are the same person but they are not

Jer 32:12

And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto **Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah**, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

The fourth year of his reign.

- The fourth year of Zedekiah's reign was around 593 BC

This Seraiah was a quiet prince.

- There are four different SERAIAH'S mentioned in Jeremiah

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THE FOUR SERAIAH'S IN JEREMIAH

- 1) Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah- was a quiet PRINCE (v.59) and not the same person as Baruch, who was a SCRIBE (36:27,32; 45:1)
- 2) Seraiah, the son of Azriel- was commanded by king Jehoiakim, along with Jerahmeel, to try to take Baruch and Jeremiah into custody (36:26)
- 3) Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth- was one of the captains of the forces in the fields who came with Ishmael to see Gedaliah, the governor appointed by the king of Babylon (40:7-8)
- 4) Seraiah the chief priest (52:24) cf. (2 Kin 25:18; 1 Chr 6:14)

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Jer 51:60-62

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;

62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that **none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast**, but that **it shall be desolate for ever**.

None shall remain in it, neither man nor beast.

- The final pronouncement of the eventual utter desolation of Babylon cf. (50:3; Isa 13:20 notes)

Jer 50:3

For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall **make her land desolate**, and **none shall dwell therein**: they shall remove, **they shall depart, both man and beast**.

It shall be desolate for ever.

- See: (v.26; 50:3 notes)

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Jer 51:63-34

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that **thou shalt bind a stone to it**, and **cast it into the midst of Euphrates**:

64 And thou shalt say, **Thus shall Babylon sink**, and **shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her**: and they shall be weary. **Thus far are the words of Jeremiah**.

Thou shalt bind a stone to it.

- Given the similar wording in the judgment against Babylon the Great, it is possible that this stone is a MILLSTONE

Cast it into the midst of Euphrates.

- In contrast, the great millstone used to represent judgment against Babylon the Great is cast into THE SEA

Rev 18:21

And a mighty angel took up **a stone like a great millstone**, and **cast it into the sea**, saying, **Thus** with violence **shall that great city Babylon be thrown down**, and **shall be found no more at all**.

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Thus shall Babylon sink.

- SINK= “to fall gradually; to decline; to decay; to decrease; to be overwhelmed or depressed; to fall by the force of greater gravity, in a medium or substance of less specific gravity; to be put under water”
- SINK, in the sense of “falling gradually”, is the perfect word to describe the judgment of ancient Babylon since its destruction and desolation took centuries to complete
- The word SINK is not used to describe the judgment against Babylon the Great but the phrase THROWN DOWN (Rev 18:21)- this implies violent and immediate destruction (Rev 18:8,17)

Shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her.

- This statement is one of the greatest proofs that Babylon WILL NOT be rebuilt because if it was, it would have risen from the evil (i.e.- destruction and desolation) that the Lord brought upon her in direct contradiction to what this verse states

Thus far are the word of Jeremiah.

- Jeremiah was inspired to write Jeremiah 52 and Lamentations



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