

Jeremiah 25:1-14 **Seventy Years in Babylon – Judgment of Babylon**

Faithfulness of Yahweh calling Judah to Repent

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2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:

3 "From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, this is the twenty-third year in which the word of the Lord has come to me; and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, but you have not listened.

4 And the Lord has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They said, 'Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord has given to you and your fathers forever and ever.

6 Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.'

7 Yet you have not listened to Me," says the Lord, "that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

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8 "Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Because you have not heard My words,

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the Lord, 'and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Judgment against Babylon

12 'Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,' says the Lord; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation.

13 So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations.

14 (For many nations and great kings shall be served by them also; and I will repay them according to their deeds and according to the works of their own hands.)"

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Facts Revealed:

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- ◇ Beginning with Moses when Yahweh brought the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage Yahweh has been faithful to send prophet after prophet to call Israel to repentance for their own good and longevity in the Promised Land.
- ◇ Now with Jeremiah, Yahweh has continued to call the people of Judah to repent for their own good and longevity in the Promised Land.
- ◇ Jeremiah began his ministry on the thirteenth year of Josiah the last good king of Judah.
- ◇ At the time of this message, Jeremiah has been calling for repentance for 23 years from his youth. This message is given in the 4th year of Jehoiakim, the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and 18 years before the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians.
- ◇ Even at this time repentance would bring security and continuance in the Lane of Israel.
- ◇ The call to repentance has been rejected by the king, priests, prophets, and the people.
- ◇ The Wrath of Yahweh has been provoked by the works of their own hands.

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- ◇ **Because** they have continued to reject Yahweh's call for their repentance, Yahweh will send for the people of the north to come with Nebuchadnezzar whom Yahweh called, "My Servant" to punish His people of Judah and against all the nations all around Judah.
- ◇ They will all be destroyed and mirth, gladness, and celebrations will be ended.
- ◇ The nations along with Judah will serve the king of Babylon 70 years.

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◇ After the Babylonians have oppressed the people for 70 years, Yahweh will punish the king of Babylon and his land of the Chaldeans for their sins.

◇ Everything Jeremiah has pronounced against Babylon and the nations will be fulfilled. Yahweh will repay them according to the works of their own hands.