

Jeremiah 50-51 • The Characteristics of Babylon

1. (50:1-3, 41-43) The judgment of God's wrath comes on those who forsake and completely **abandon** what amounts to both the **tablets** of the Law: loving **God** and loving **others**. It is the complete rejection of God **personally** and His **Law** completely.
2. (50:9; 51:1, 11-12) It is the same for **Babylon** just as it is for every nation and individual. God holds **everyone** accountable not only for their **relationship** with Him, but for their **relationship** and **treatment** of others.
3. (50:11) When God's judgment falls on someone we're supposed to learn the **lesson** for ourselves so as not to **repeat** it, not take it as a **license** to act in furtherance of our own **sin**.
4. (51:51; 50:32; 50:38; 51:7) Babylon doesn't merely conquer **literally**, but also conquers **spiritually**. **Physical** enslavement to Babylon eventually culminates in **spiritual** enslavement to the **gods** of Babylon.

Summary: These are the same characteristics of the last **Babylon** to come who is rooted in **pride**, **seduces** the whole world, and makes **war** on God both against His people and against Him personally. The spirit of **Babylon** is repeated throughout **history**

5. (51:56-58) Babylon's physical **sins** reflect her even greater spiritual **sins**, and so her physical **judgment** reflects her even greater spiritual **judgment**.
6. (50:40) The comparison to Sodom and Gomorrah reflects Babylon's **lifestyle** violating every commandment of God not just in their treatment of **others**, but of **God** personally. The inevitable result is the **fire** of God's judgment.
7. (51:59-64) In truth, Babylon cannot be **healed** and the only biblical option is for God's people to **come out** of her because of her total rejection of **God's Word**.

Overall: Every occurrence in Scripture concerning **Babylon** is the Holy Spirit trying to teach us something about the final **Babylon** to come.