

#151 The Hammer of the Whole Earth – The “Babylon or Media-Persia” question of Jeremiah 51:20 and 51:21

We have just discussed the U-238 *Hiroshima* atomic bomb. Before we discuss the Pu-239 *Nagasaki* atomic bomb, we need to return to Jeremiah 51:20-21 and address the “Babylon or Media-Persia” question of the passage.

Jeremiah chapter 51 is much about the destruction of Babylon. First of all, scholars understand that there is a spirit of *double fulfillment* to the passage, meaning (a) Old Babylon of the time of Nebuchadnezzar, and (b) Babylon the Great of the last days, seen in Revelation 18.

Jeremiah 51:20 (KJV) THOU ART MY BATTLE AXE and WEAPONS OF WAR: for WITH THEE WILL I BREAK IN PIECES THE NATIONS, and WITH THEE WILL I DESTROY KINGDOMS;

Jeremiah 51:21 (KJV) And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;



Nebuchadnezzar

The Jeremiah 51:20 and 51:21 ‘Tale of Two Kingdoms’.
Of course, the destruction of Babylon comes at the hands of Cyrus and Media-Persia. Scholars differ on whether Jeremiah 51:20-21 are referring to (a) **Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon**, which indeed was used by the Lord to break in pieces the nations, or (b) **Cyrus’ Media-Persia**, which also was used by the Lord to break in pieces the nations, **including Babylon.**



Cyrus the Great

The confusion over whether the verse is to apply to Babylon or Media-Persia can be seen in Bible commentaries:

The NIV Study Bible’s comment on Jeremiah 51:20-21 . . . “(1) Cyrus of Persia, soon to conquer Babylon, or, more likely (2) Babylon, destroyer of nations.”

Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible is predisposed to Cyrus, saying, “Here again God referred to Cyrus, His battle axe and weapons of war whom He would use in punishing Babylon and releasing His people to return to their own land.”

The Geneva Study Bible indicates Media-Persia.

The John Gill Exposition of the Bible doesn’t commit and says the verses might refer to either Cyrus’ Media-Persia or Babylon.

Key Understanding: *Both Babylon and Media-Persia*. The Lord actually designed Jeremiah 51:20 and 51:21 to point to *both* Babylon and Media-Persia. The significance and confirmation of this unfolds with the story of the Manhattan Project, which had its *weapons of war* beginnings in rooms 5120 and 5121 of the new (at that time) War Department Building in Washington D.C.

In order to understand why the Lord designed Jeremiah 51:20 and 51:21 to seemingly allow for confusion by pointing to *both* Babylon and Media-Persia as the subjects of the passage, we need to continue on to the next Unsealing.

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