

## Jeremiah 49:1-22 – 14 September 2014

Talked last time about the reasons for learning about the nations that surround Israel.

- 1) We learn from their sins how better to honor God.
  - a. *We learn personally*
  - b. King Hiram helping David
- 2) Old Testament stories about Israel and the events will fit together & make more sense.
  - a. *Old Testament makes more sense*
  - b. Shem, Ham and Japheth
- 3) End times prophecy will be a lot easier to understand.
  - a. *Eschatology comes clear*
  - b. Moab is told, “Let my outcast dwell with thee”.

Today we're going to be enabled to understand 2 of the nations surrounding Israel in chapter 49.

### Chapter 49:1-6 – Ammonites

- Background
  - Descendants of Lot's son Ben-ammi.

- Israel constantly struggled with them for the fertile region of Gilead within the tribe of Gad.
- Vs 1 – Now during the time of Judah’s captivity in Babylon, Ammonites are expanding into the tribal area of Gad again.
  - God says, “so long as Israel exists, they should be the inhabitants here.”
  - King David was constantly beating back the Ammonites.
    - This is the war that was happening when David committed his sin with Bathsheba in II Sam 10-11
- Vs 2 – Now past their Zenith, during this time, and the Greek period to come, the Ammonites are reduced to just a city, not a nation.
  - Rabbath is modern Amman, Jordan.
- Vs 3-4 – Here’s a hint at the sin of the Ammonites, their pride in trusting the valleys and treasures for wealth and provision.
  - They had a great, great opportunity to learn of the faith of their great uncle Abraham, but they missed it.

- Amos 1:13 speaks of their cruelty toward the Israelites living in Gilead of Gad as reason for their punishment. (So it also does in Zep 2:10)
- B/c of this self-trust, not trusting God, they will not prosper but diminish.
- Reason for their destruction: their treatment of Israel.
- The Goal of their destruction: (see Eze 25:5) – That they may know that the Lord is God!
- The Greeks renamed Rabbah, or modern Amman as Philadelphia
  - Under the Romans it became one of the 10 cities known as Decapolis which the NT speaks of.
- Vs 5-6 – God will NOT make a full end to the Ammonites. They will continue until the end.
  - Notice that Ammon, Edom, and Moab make up modern day Jordan.
  - Makes sense if the boundaries of Jordan stay as they are until the Lord returns, b/c these 3 territories are important in the end days.

## Chapter 49:7-22 – Edomites

- Vs 7-8
  - Edom comes from Esau (Edom=Esau=Seir)
  - Gave Israel trouble passing thru their land in the days of Moses.
  - Occupied land on both sides of the Arabah river.
  - Cities
    - Teman – known for wise men like Job's friend.
    - Dedan
      - Known for its merchants.
      - Modern day apart of Saudi Arabia.
    - Bozrah – Get to this one later
  - These verses here pronounce judgment to come on Edom.
  - The whole one chapter book of Obadiah is about judgment on Edom.
- Vs 9-11
  - Unlike Moab and Ammon, the Lord here says that He will make a full end to them.

- The Nabataeans from the area of modern Saudi Arabia conquered Edom somewhere between 500-300 BC.
- Only the western side of Edom continued with the equivalent name Idumea that we hear in the NT.
- The Herods were from Idumea.
- Vs 11- The remnant have intermarried and are not known as a distinct bloodline today.

- Vs 12
  - If Israel was punished, surely Edom will be punished. For what:
    - Her pride...we'll get to this in vs 16
    - Her treatment of Israel
      - Oba 10-14
        - Her hatred toward Israel.
        - Her omission of helping Israel.
        - Her spoiling of Israel.

- Vs 13
  - “For I have sworn by Myself” only occurs 3x in the Bible

- Gen 22:16 – “b/c thou hast done this thing and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son” (Abraham offering Isaac)
- Read Isa 45:22-25
  - “Look unto Me to be saved”
  - “Every knee shall bow” reiterated in Philippians referring to JESUS.
- Now here in Jeremiah 49:13...it's all about JESUS.
  - Read Rev 19:11-16
  - Read Isa 63:1-6
  - Read Isa 34:1-8
- Bozrah
  - Modern day Buseireh
  - After His battle at Bozrah, the Lord comes to save Israel at Petra. (Isa 16)
- Vs 14-15 – Babylon would lay waste this land even before the Nabataeans could finish them off centuries later.
- Vs 16
  - They took great pride in their impenetrable city of Sela (meaning ‘rock’).

- Israel conquered this city in II Kings 14:7 naming it Joktheel (meaning ‘to obey God’)
- Today it is named Petra (meaning ‘rock’)
  - Some of the walls of Petra are 2000ft high.
- Vs 17-18 – Remember, unlike Moab & Ammon, the Lord says that He will make a full end to them.
- Vs 19-22 –And so Edom meets its demise.

## Conclusion:

- In conclusion this leads us to the modern day country of Jordan.
- Jordan is Israel’s best ally in the region...maybe in the whole world.
  - They’ve mastered the art of not showing their cards so that everyone is pleased...enough with them.
- So as this land and people of Jordan today align with Biblical end times, look to all nations this way.
  - When they all fall into place (can happen slow, can happen fast) then watch out the Lord is coming!