# Jeremiah 49 The Cup of Trembling

Sunday School

Isaiah 51:21-22

# I. Ammon

v1-6

Ammon was the <u>younger brother</u> of Moab. Both were the product of drunken incest between the daughters of **Lot** and their father.

Genesis 19:30-38

The Ammonites lived north of the Moabites, and both resided east of the Jordan river.

The Ammonites took much of Rueben's land inheritance.

They rejected the God of Israel for the false god Milcom.

1 Kings 11:5

God sent four prophets to warn the Ammonites of judgment.

Amos 1:13-15, Zephaniah 2:8-11, Jeremiah 49:1-6, Ezekiel 25:1-7

Nebuchadnezzar defeated Ammon five years after he destroyed Jerusalem.

#### II. Edom

v7-22

The Edomites were the offspring of Esau, Isaac's son. They lived south of the Dead Sea.

This prophecy reads as an echo of the book of Obadiah. The Lord sent five prophets to call

Edom to repentance. Amos 1:11, Isaiah 21:11, Jer 49:7-22, Ezekiel 25:12-14, & Obadiah

There is no word of restoration for Edom. They disappeared from written history.

They were extinguished by the Romans during the first Jewish-Roman War (66-70 AD).

## III. Damascus

v 23 - 27

The Syrians were the northern neighbors of Israel. The capital city, Damascus, was it's most ancient and important city. Josephus records that it was founded by Uz, son of Aram, grandson of **Shem** (Gen 10:22-23).

Hamath was located in central Syria on the Orontes river 110 miles north of Damascus. It was founded by the Hamathites, descendants of Canaan, the fourth son of **Ham** (Gen 10:18). Less than one year later, Nebuchadnezzar took Syria and Damscus.

#### IV. Kedar

v 28 - 29

Kedar was the second son of **Ishmael** (Gen 25:13), the son of Abraham, born of his Egyptian maid Hagar. The Kedarites were a tribe of nomads who lived in the Arabian desert. God had Isaiah warn them 100 earlier: 'The burden of Arabia ... the mighty men of Kedar shall be diminished: for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it' (Isa 21:13-17). Nebuchadnezzar conquered them within two years of Jeremiah's prophecy.

# V. Hazor

v30 - 32

A fortified city in the northern most region of Israel, allotted to the tribe of Naphtali. Hazor means "enclosed" and it was surrounded by large walls and built on high ground overlooking Lake Merom. Lake Merom is fed by the waters of Mt. Hermon in the north, and then serves as the springs of the Jordan river, which flows south from it into the Sea of Galilee.

Hazor was the chief city of the enemy northern kings in the days of Joshua.

Joshua 11:10-13

Within 12 months of Jeremiah's written warning Hazor was ransacked

by the Babylonians and left desolate.

Jeremiah 49:33

# VI. Elam

v 33 - 39

Elam was the firstborn son of **Shem** and the founder of the Elamites. **Genesis 10:22**, The land of Elam was located east of the Tigris river (~ 200 miles east of Babylon). The Elamite soldiers were great archers (v 35).

Nebuchadnezzar's forces subjugated Elam about four years after this prophecy was made.

v 39 I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the Lord

hist: Forty years after the Babylonian conquest, Cyrus of Persia conquered Elam and incorporated the Elamites into the Persian Empire. He made Shushan ('lily') it's capital city the center of the Persian empire and the residence of the Persian kings. Nehemiah 1 & Esther 1

spir: The Elamites were present to hear Peter's sermon on Pentecost. Acts 2:9

doct: God has plans for Elam ('youth') & Ammon (v 6) . . . in the latter days.

## Sermon Idea:

v 19 Four Important Questions

- 1. who is a chosen man that I may appoint?
- 2. who is like me?
- 3. who will appoint me the time?
- 4. who is that shepherd ?

The Answers can be found in: Isaiah 63