take time **31 July** **Jeremiah 50:1-28** read

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Babylon's got it wrong!

study

Babylon has been the "rod of correction" in the hand of God in order to punish his apostate people. But from this, the Babylonians have drawn the wrong conclusion (see question 138).

It is predicted for Babylon too that God will judge them for their sins. A nation (v3), even an "assembly of great nations" (v9) will come from the north (viewed from the Middle East) against Babylon and will "make it desolate".

It all sounds very much up to date if you remember that the old city of Babylon is situated in today's Iraq.

After that the Lord will bring His people into their land again and will forgive them their sins (vv19-20).

ans-wer

138. What conclusion have Babylon and other enemies of Israel drawn from the situation of the Jews (vv6-7)?
139. With what does the Lord compare His people (vv6+17-10)?

in-form

A „standard" is the name for the „flags" of certain military entities. It was used for the standards or banners of the four divisions of Israel, consisting of three tribes each.

think

If the Lord Jesus is your Saviour, it also applies to you: If your sins are searched for, they will not be found any more (v20)!

note down

138. The nations thought that they could do with the Jews what they wanted because they had sinned against God. - But this was a wrong conclusion. (That God used them as a means for discipline is a different matter.) 139. With a lost herd of sheep who are led astray by their own shepherds and with a lost sheep scared off by a lion. – The reason was therefore "inside" (shepherds) as well as "outside" (lion).