

# Jeremiah 50:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

## Analysis

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God commands the proclamation of Babylon's fall throughout the earth. Babylon, instrument of God's judgment on other nations, now faces judgment itself. The specific mention of Bel and Merodach (chief Babylonian deities) emphasizes the futility of idol worship. When Babylon falls, her gods fall with her - exposing their powerlessness. Only YAHWEH stands eternally; all false gods are 'confounded' and 'broken in pieces.'

## Historical Context

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This prophecy came while Babylon was at its zenith of power. Speaking of its fall seemed impossible, yet God decreed it. Cyrus conquered Babylon in 539 BC, fulfilling this word.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's judgment on Babylon (His own instrument) display His justice?
2. What modern 'Babylons' trust in idols that will ultimately fall?

## Interlinear Text

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הִגֵּד יְדוֹ	בְּגוֹיִם	הַשֵּׁם יְעוֹ	וַיִּשְׂאוּ	יָסֵד	הַשֵּׁם יְעוֹ
<b>Declare</b>	<b>ye among the nations</b>	<b>and publish</b>	<b>and set up</b>	<b>a standard</b>	<b>and publish</b>
H5046	H1471	H8085	H5375	H5251	H8085

אֶל	תִּכְתֹּם דָּו	אָמְרוּ	נִלְכַּד הַ	בְּבָבֶל	הַבַּיִשׁוֹ	בֵּל
H408	<b>and conceal</b>	<b>not say</b>	<b>is taken</b>	<b>Babylon</b>	<b>are confounded</b>	<b>Bel</b>
	H3582	H559	H3920	H894	H3001	H1078

חֲתוּ	מֶרְדַּךְ	הַבַּיִשׁוֹ	עֲצֵבֶיךָ יָהּ	חֲתוּ
<b>are broken in pieces</b>	<b>Merodach</b>	<b>are confounded</b>	<b>her idols</b>	<b>are broken in pieces</b>
H2865	H4781	H3001	H6091	H2865

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**her images**  
H1544

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 46:1** (Parallel theme): Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast.

**Isaiah 21:9** (References Babylon): And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

**Jeremiah 51:47** (References Babylon): Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

**Jeremiah 51:44** (References Babylon): And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

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