

# Jeremiah 50:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

## Analysis

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**The LORD hath opened his armoury**—the Hebrew *otsar* (אֹצָר, treasure house, storehouse) suggests God's arsenal of judgment weapons stored and ready for appointed times. **And hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation**—the *kelei za'am* (כְּלֵי זֵעַם, instruments of wrath) are the Medes and Persians whom God deploys as His agents (Isaiah 13:5, 17-19).

**For this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts**—*Adonai Yahweh Tseva'ot* (אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה צְבָאוֹת, Sovereign LORD of armies). The full divine title emphasizes absolute authority over all military forces, earthly and heavenly. What appears as Persian military strategy is actually God's sovereign work. Human armies serve as instruments in divine hands, accomplishing purposes they may not comprehend.

## Historical Context

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The Medo-Persian coalition under Cyrus II conquered Babylon in 539 BC. Isaiah had prophesied this 150 years earlier, even naming Cyrus (Isaiah 44:28-45:1). The Persian strategy of religious tolerance contrasted with Babylonian policy—Cyrus allowed conquered peoples to return to their homelands and rebuild their temples. This policy enabled the Jewish return under Zerubbabel (Ezra 1:1-4), fulfilling Jeremiah's seventy-year prophecy (Jeremiah 29:10). What seemed like Persian benevolence was actually God's 'work' to restore His people.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does the image of God's 'armoury' comfort believers facing opposition and persecution?
2. What does this verse teach about God's sovereignty over human military and political power?
3. How should understanding that earthly armies are 'weapons' in God's hands shape our response to global conflicts?

## Interlinear Text

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פָּתַח	יְהוָה	אֶת	אֶת וְצָר וְ	וַיֵּצֵא	אֶת
<b>hath opened</b>	<b>The LORD</b>	H853	<b>his armoury</b>	<b>and hath brought forth</b>	H853
H6605	H3068		H214	H3318	
כָּל יְ	זַעַם וְ	כִּי	מַלְאכָה	הֵיא	לְאֲדָנָי
<b>the weapons</b>	<b>of his indignation</b>	H3588	<b>for this is the work</b>	H1931	<b>of the Lord</b>
H3627	H2195		H4399		H136
יְהוָה	צָבָא וְ	בְּרֶץ	כַּשְׁדִּים:		
<b>GOD</b>	<b>of hosts</b>	<b>in the land</b>	<b>of the Chaldeans</b>		
H3069	H6635	H776	H3778		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 51:55** (References Lord): Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

**Jeremiah 51:25** (References Lord): Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

**Jeremiah 50:15** (References Lord): Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

**Revelation 18:8** (References God): Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

**Psalms 45:3** (Parallel theme): Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

**Psalms 45:5** (Parallel theme): Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

**Jeremiah 51:20** (Parallel theme): 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;

**Amos 3:6** (References Lord): Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?