

How Our Civilization Started

Commentary for October 1, 2020 — ... and How Our Civilization Will End

“The Prophetic Birth of Our Civilization” is the title of the October 2020 article. (As usual, I recommend you first read the “[October 2020 Newsletter](#).”) The article shows how God sent out the prophet Jeremiah to announce to the nations (their rulers and the people) that a new era of man soon would begin.¹ It seems that Jeremiah traveled to the nations God told him to visit, as mentioned in the Book of Jeremiah. He was given messages from YHWH for each people, group, and kingdom.

Jeremiah was also given God’s protection when he would appear before these leaders. After all, Jeremiah was telling them YHWH, the Creator of the universe, has ordained the destruction of your kingdom. There is no mention in any of the writings of Jeremiah that he was harmed. The Books of Jeremiah and Lamentations, or Psalm 119 (also written by Jeremiah) do not mention any such actions, nor do the historical books of Kings and Chronicles mention such things.

In fact, Jeremiah was threatened, attacked, and even tortured by the last Kings of Judah. God saved him. Jeremiah later died at the hands of fellow people of Judah when they seized him and took him captive to Egypt.

Jeremiah’s Message to the Nations

Jeremiah’s task was to tell the rulers and people of the kingdoms and nations that the old ways of governance would be overturned and new systems would develop. Then he gave specific information to each kingdom about what would happen if they resist the change. His message was not popular to either the kings, rulers, or the people he was visiting.

Judah was the kingdom where God’s punishments of the nations of the world was first to fall. God’s chosen people continually and increasingly committed sins and idolatry, violating their covenant with YHWH that their ancestors agreed to, memorialized in the Law of Moses. These sins were committed by all classes of the people of Judah: kings, nobles, Levites, Aaronic priests, city dwellers, and farmers. These sins are told in the historical books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, and commented on and warned about in the books of the prophets.

As He used the Assyrians to punish and eliminate the evil northern Kingdom of Israel, YHWH

¹ The method of Jeremiah was likely similar to that of Jonah preaching to the rulers and people of Nineveh. Jonah’s message was known all around the world several decades before Jeremiah was sent out. Jonah’s message was reinforced not only by the people of Judah (and the remnants of the people of Israel within Judah) whenever the caravans would pass through Judah and surrounding lands, but the remnants of the Assyrian population, now made low, also likely told the story to the new rulers and people in the former lands of Assyria.

would now use the instrument of the Gentile King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar. He will be used to punish Judah with the ultimate judgment, exile from the land YHWH promised:

“Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that you know not, neither you nor your fathers; and there shall you serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.”

• **Jeremiah 16:13**

“And you, even yourself, shall discontinue [be removed] from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you know not: for you have kindled a fire in My anger, which shall burn for ever [for the eon].”

• **Jeremiah 17:4**

As the Head of Gold of the image he dreamed and Daniel interpreted (Daniel 2:32, 38), Nebuchadnezzar would begin a process that would take a bit more than 2½ thousand years to complete (so far as Scripture can be understood at this time). This process is still ongoing. The process will end when Christ returns to inaugurate not only a another new era of governance, but a new eon (or age) of mankind.

This process announced by Jeremiah and begun by Nebuchadnezzar initiated the destruction of the “old world order” and began a “new world order.” the unification of all humanity into one empire under one man. That man will be revealed before Christ returns. He will be the Anti-christ. So you have three eras (not *eons*) since the flood:

1. The old order went from the flood to the destruction of the Assyrian Empire to the conquests of Nebuchadnezzar in the Neo-Babylonian Empire decades later.² This transition is presented in this month’s article. Judgments upon the nations of the world, as Jeremiah predicted, are also confirmed (Zephaniah 1:14–2:15).³
2. The new order began with Nebuchadnezzar and it will last through our time to the rise of the Antichrist and will end with the return of Christ to this earth. This information is presented in the articles [“The Life and Times of the Antichrist – Part 1,”](#) [“The Life and Times of the Antichrist – Part 2,”](#) and [“Coming: The New World Order,”](#) all by Dr. Ernest Martin. Those promoting the “New World Order” now, and the false Christ in the future, must promote it as part of their deception upon mankind.
3. A new age (a new *eon*) will begin at Christ’s return. It will be the true “New World Order” lasting 1,000 years with one ruler, the Living Christ, with resurrected administrative rulers such as King David and the apostles (Revelation 20:4–6).

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² Two of the prophetic books of the Minor Prophets, [“The Book of Habakkuk”](#) and the [“The Book of Zechariah”](#) deal with this period of the Neo-Babylonian Empire shortly after the downfall of the Assyrian Empire. Zephaniah in particular details the fulfillments of YHWH’s punishments on Judah and Jerusalem (Zephaniah 1:4–13, 3:1–20) as predicted by Jeremiah.

³ The transition begun by Nebuchadnezzar, moving from the old order to the new order, did not inaugurate a new age or *eon*.