

Babylonian Dominance Foretold

25: 1-28

605 BC during the eleven-year reign of Jehoiakim

This is an odd and unexpected unit in the book of **Jeremiah**. We have encountered nothing like it before here. It is a sustained and relentless announcement of **YHVH's** judgment upon all the nations on the earth - even upon **Babylon**, who was regarded in most of the book to be **ADONAI's** agent. Now **the one** who has been **God's** agent stands under **God's** judgment.¹⁹⁸ After **seventy years** of dominance (see **Gu** - **Seventy Years of Imperial Babylonian Rule**), **Ha'Shem** would punish **the Babylonians** and **the Gentile nations** because of **the guilt they** had incurred. Judgment of **Babylon**, moreover, would be hopeful news of rescue for **Judah**.