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That Her Hard Service Has Been Completed 40:12 to 48:22



These **chapters** particularly address the questions concerning **the LORD's** ability and desire to deliver **His people** in light of **the Babylonian** captivity (see my commentary on [Jeremiah](#), to see link click [Gu - Seventy Years of Babylonian Rule](#)). **Would the exile prove that God had abandoned His people? Would it mean that He was unable to defend His people from the pagan nations surrounding them? Would it mean that He had been defeated by His people's destructive sinfulness?** No! Not only would it not prove that **the LORD** had abandoned **His people**, the exile would give **ADONAI** an even greater opportunity to display **His** sovereignty and trustworthiness. Remember the main points that are going to be brought out in these nine chapters. First, it is written within the light of **the Babylonian** captivity. Secondly, there is going to be a contrast between **God** and idols. Thirdly, there is going to be a contrast between **Isra'el** and the Gentiles. Fourthly, there will be a message of deliverance, both from the **near historical Babylon** and the **far eschatological Babylon**. Finally, **God** is going to emphasize the final overthrow of **Babylonian** idolatry.