Jeremiah 45-48

Is chapter 45 out of place?

**Macrostructure 46-51**

46:1—word of the Lord to Jeremiah concerning... Egypt
47:1—word of the Lord to Jeremiah concerning the Philistines
   48:1—concerning Moab
   49:1—concerning Ammon
   49:7—concerning Edom
   49:23—concerning Damascus
   49:28—concerning Kedar and Hazor
49:34—word of the Lord to Jeremiah concerning Elam
50:1—word of the Lord through Jeremiah concerning Babylon

v. 1—“nations” (cf. 1:5)

v. 2—why begin with Egypt?

Carchemish current excavations and maps:


[http://www.antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/wilkinson329/](http://www.antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/wilkinson329/)

Maps #2 and #3 on handouts

Date (v. 2):  
Reason:  
Result:

v. 6—
vv. 7-8—?simile

v. 9—Cush = Sudan/Ethiopia Put= Libya Ludim = ?Lydia (Map)

v. 10—“vengeance” for what?

v. 11—“balm”

v. 13—?date/?event

v. 14—Migdol, Memphis, Tahpanhes (cf. 44:1) (Map)

v. 15—NASB “mighty ones” (better transl. “bull”)

Apis cult (cf. v. 20)

v. 17—“bag of noise” = “King Loudmouth” Who?

v. 18—Tabor (Map)

Mt. Carmel

v. 25—Amon = ?

“gods”

?Event/date

vv. 27-28—cf. 30:10-11

47:1—“before . . . Gaza”? (Map)

Event/date:

Option 1: 605 B.C.

Option 2: 601 B.C.

Option 3: 

v. 2—“waters from north” =

v. 4—“Tyre and Sidon” (Map)

“Caphtor” = ? (cf. Amos 9:7)

v. 5—“baldness”

Ashkelon (604 B.C.) (Map #3)

?Possible connection with Jer. 36:6-7
Structure chapter 48

48:1—Moab
  Woe

48:46— Woe
  Moab

48:1—cf. Isa. 15-16; Jer. 27
  Nebo (Map) and Mesha, King of Moab (cf. 2 K 3:4-5) with Moabite Stone

  Kiriathaim = Kiriathen

v. 2—Heshbon (Map)
  “Madmen”

v. 3—Horonaim (Map?)

v. 5—Luhith (place unknown) ?north Moab??
  “descent Horonaim” ?south Moab

v. 7—Chemosh (national god of Moab; war god demanding child sacrifice, 2 K 3:26-27)

v. 13—Bethel

v. 18—Dibon (Map)

v. 20—Arnon (Map)

vv. 21-24—Holon, Jahzah, Mephaath, Beth-diblathaim, Beth-gamul, Bozrah: all
unknown locations

v. 26—Moab’s besetting sin?

v. 27—“Israel a laughing stock”?

vv. 31-32—Kir-heres (not Kerak), Jazer, Sibmah: all unknown locations

v. 34—Elealeh, E of Heshbon; Jahaz (=Jahzah, v. 21), S Moab; Eglath-shelishiyah
(unknown); Nimrim (not Wadi Nimrim in N Moab), in S Moab, but
unknown

vv. 45-46—Balaam’s Oracle (Num. 21:28f.; 24:17)
  ?Sihon (Num. 21:26)

v. 47—? Restoration (cf. 46:26; 49:6, 39)