



“Plans To Prosper You”

Jeremiah 29:11

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CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 1:4-19

Jeremiah 20:1-9

Jeremiah 25:1-14

Jeremiah 28:5-17

Jeremiah 29:1-11 (12-14)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah 1:10

DISCUSS

1. Read **Jer. 29:11**. Culturally, as a whole, how are we in America tempted to read this one verse?

2. How might a misunderstanding of this passage set us up for disappointment? How might that disappointment affect our relationship with God?

3. As a group, utilizing the above passages from Jeremiah (*among others*), identify the context surrounding **Jer. 29:11**. Can you identify the irony in how we tend to use the verse today?

4. Does the promise of **Jer. 29:11** apply to us today? If so, how? ¹

5. Read **Jer. 31:31-34**. What is the promise here? Discuss.

6. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?

Notes:

¹The answer is twofold, yes and no. No, because the immediate fulfillment of this promise was met 70 years after it was given: Babylon was destroyed by Persia and the exile did end; Judah was allowed to return to Jerusalem (the temple was rebuilt, the wall was rebuilt). But that's not the only fulfillment... So, yes, there is application for us today. The “you” is plural and as Christians, we are apart of God's kingdom. So then, the extended fulfillment is for us too... In a different sense, we too will be brought out of exile under the New Covenant in Christ (See Jer. 31:31-34).