



KNOWING THE GOD WHO KNOWS YOU

Talk It Over
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“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the captives whom I have caused to be carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ‘Build yourselves houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat the fruit of them. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not be diminished. And seek (inquire for, require, and request) the peace and welfare of the city to which I have caused you to be carried away captive; and pray to the Lord for it, for in the welfare of [the city in which you live] you will have welfare.’

‘For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you,’ says the Lord, ‘thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you.’” - Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-12 (AMPC)

The origin of the word “perspective” means “to look through or beyond.”

The truth is, God planned for you, purposed you, designed you, created works for you, and intentionally causes goodness, peace, prosperity, and protection for your earthly journey.

In His plan, adversity often breeds blessing.

Israel is in captivity to Babylon and will remain there for 70 years. They are being chastised for their sin of rebellion and idolatry.

They are disillusioned, dispirited, despondent, and downcast.

Never forget in your most challenging moments how special, precious, and limitless God’s thoughts are of you.

His message is very clear:

I know where you are.
I expect you to settle down, endure and enlarge.
I have a purpose for you.

His purposes for us are fulfilled by the joys that give us wings and, equally, by the disappointments that deepen our faith and trust in Him.

Israel saw this captivity as a sheer waste, a meaningless interruption of their happy and useful lives.

Often, those things we were tempted to consider meaningless interruptions, profitless catastrophes, and purposeless changes appear in a different light, a different perspective when we think God thoughts.

Know this – God has set a limit to the triumph of evil. He has set an end to the duration of trouble.

Never waste your trials by resisting God.

“Final outcome” is actually “expected end.”

“End” means “a happy issue.”

Additional Scriptures: Psalm 137:1-2, 4 (MSG); Jeremiah 29:4-7 (MSG); Job 23:10 (MSG); Jeremiah 29:11 (AMPC)

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