

“Bad News, Good News, Better News”

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

What it really means: It's not about AVOIDING Babylon; it's about TRUSTING God *IN* Babylon.

3 Warnings for “Exile Experiences”

1) Don't let your exile drive you to BELIEVE FALSE VOICES.

⁸*“This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, ⁹because they are telling you lies in My name. I have not sent them,’ says the Lord...”* Jeremiah 29:8-9 (NLT)

2) Don't let your exile cause you to DOUBT GOD'S PLAN.

¹⁰*“This is what the Lord says: ‘You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again.’”* Jeremiah 29:10(NLT)

¹¹*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”* Jeremiah 29:11(NLT)

3) Don't let your exile keep you from RETURNING to God.

¹²*“In those days when you pray, I will listen.*

¹³*If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.*

¹⁴*I will be found by you,’ says the Lord. ‘I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.’”* Jeremiah 29:12-14 (NLT)

[God the Father] *“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Bad News

Then-70 years of exile, **Now** -Exiles still happen

Good News

Then-God has a plan, **Now**-God still has a plan

Better News

His plan is always Jesus.