

HIGHLIGHTS

Context:

1. Old Testament
2. Prophet Jeremiah
3. In the process of exile
4. Passage is about broken fellowship
5. You = exiled Jews, not you

Jeremiah 29:11 “*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.*”

Content:

God's plan for Israel was more peace than prosperity.

Jeremiah 29:12 *Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.* 13 *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.* 14 *I will be found by you,*” declares the LORD, “*and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,*” declares the LORD, “*and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.*”

God's plan for Israel was revival more than return.

Carry Out:

God's plan for you does not end if you find yourself in exile!

God's plan for you is to come back to Him!

Prayer of Daniel 9 (522 B.C.)

“Lord you are the great and awesome God who keeps his promises of love with those who love you.

We pray and confess our sin.

We have not listened to you or followed your Word, and because of this, we have strayed and are lost.

We now ask that you would listen, that you would forgive, and that you would restore the broken fellowship between us out of your mercy and grace.

We now seek you, knowing that we will be found and brought back to your side.”