

### ***Sermon Scripture Passage:***

#### **Jeremiah 29:4-14**

4 “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 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 decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. 8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, 9 for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord.

10 “For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear 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 I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

#### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

### **Scripture References:**

#### **Jeremiah 23:9, 16**

9 Concerning the prophets: My heart is broken within me; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine, because of the Lord and because of his holy words. 16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.

**Romans 8:28** – And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

The Big Story: A Lamp to My Feet #9 – Defeat and Exile – Behold the Days are Coming!

How could it be part of God’s plan for Israel to be defeated and sent in exile to \_\_\_\_\_?

The Difficult Ministry of Jeremiah the Prophet:

Jeremiah was sent to proclaim God’s Judgment: Vision of a \_\_\_\_\_ pot from the north.

All three kinds of leaders in Israel, Prophets, Priests, and Kings had become \_\_\_\_\_

The Prophets of the Northern Kingdom/Samaria led the people to the worship of \_\_\_\_\_.

The prophets of Judah in Jerusalem engaged in adultery and walked in \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah was lowered down into a \_\_\_\_\_ and sunk into the mud.

He had to contend against false prophets that would, “speak \_\_\_\_\_ of their own minds.”

Two phases: Surrender and initial captivity, and then \_\_\_\_\_, war and total destruction.

Jeremiah 29 – The Prophet writes to those in the initial exile/captivity to instill hope.

29:4-6 Live out your faith where God has \_\_\_\_\_ you.

29:7 Seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city

29:8-9 Do not be led \_\_\_\_\_ by false prophets

29:10-11 Know that you are not \_\_\_\_\_.

29:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with all your heart

Jeremiah 31 – The Lord will make a \_\_\_\_\_ covenant with houses of Israel and Judah

*How are the aspects of the promise in Jeremiah 31:31-34 fulfilled in Christ?*

Answers for the blanks:

- Babylon
- Boiling
- Corrupt
- Baal
- Lies
- Cistern
- Visions
- Rebellion
- Planted
- Welfare
- Astray
- Forgotten
- Seek
- New
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