

Jeremiah 29

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(At this time, most people of Judah had been taken captive by Babylon. Judah was very close to falling completely. In this chapter, God was ending the corrupt nation of Judah, but not the people. Those who stayed true to God would do just fine in Babylon)

(This is also prophecy for the end times. When antichrist will be ruling earth for the 5 months, all will seem lost. The people that stay true to God and wait for the arrival of Jesus at the 7th trump will do just fine under God's protection)

29 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; (Daniel and his friends were in that group. They were in Babylon by the time of this writing)

²(After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) (They were all captive in Babylon) (Jeconiah was also called Jehoiakin)

³By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

⁴Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; (This was God's plan, not Nebuchadnezzar's. He needs to understand that, and act accordingly. We all have an ego. It needs to be kept in check)

⁵Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; (Live normal lives, but don't join their heathenism and idol worship. Worship Yahoveh and be blessed by Him; even while living in Babylon)

⁶Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not

diminished. (Stay true to God and let your family prosper. Just don't join the Babylonians' idol worship)

⁷And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. (God protected them, even in the midst of their captors. Thank Him for that)

⁸For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. (These are false prophets teaching traditions of men; don't listen to them. Study God's Word, unchanged; and be blessed) see Matthew-24:4-5, 2Thessalonians-2:3-17, Ephesian-5:6

⁹For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. (The priests and false prophets of Jerusalem had become corrupt and evil beyond saving. The false priests in the end days will claim to be speaking for God. HE never sent them. Don't be fooled by their false teachings)

NOTE: (The false rapture doctrine is the end day's version of these lies that are perpetrated by organized religion. Don't be fooled by them. God isn't taking us anywhere. HE is coming here at the 7th Trump)

¹⁰For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. (God ended the corrupt government and priesthood of Jerusalem, but HE saved the people who stayed true to Him)

(After 70 years, Cyrus, king of the Persians & the Medes, freed the Israelites to return to Jerusalem – just as God prophesied in this verse)

1Corinthians-10:11 (These things all happened as an example to us; so that we will know that God's Word is true. And so that we will know what to expect in the end days; when antichrist is ruling the world)

¹¹For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (To ensure that it ends up well for you – better translation)

NOTE: (We all have to live in this corrupt and perverted world; but we don't have to participate in their evil. Instead, follow God's plan and you will have a good healthy life and peace of mind)

¹² Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. (Return to God and HE will always hear you)

¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 1Chronicles-28:9 (If you seek God, you will find Him. It takes action on your part. Learn God's Word and live by it; and He will be with you and bless you)

¹⁴ And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive. (Judah's return to Jerusalem was also a type for us returning to Jesus during the Millennium. It will be a thousand year time of teaching)

See John-8:32 (Learn the truth and it will set you free)

¹⁵ Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon; (Babylon means confusion. That is not a place to find true prophets. God didn't say that. Men said it. Don't listen to them)

¹⁶ Know that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; (Those who refused to obey God's command to go into captivity)

¹⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. (Refuse God's Word and defy Him, and you will be judged for it. It won't end well for you)

Jeremiah-24:2 (The bad figs had some influence there, with their false prophets and their deception. Today, the Kenites continue to work in the shadows, to deceive and corrupt people)

¹⁸ And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: (This is

judgment pronounced upon the Kenites, and those who choose to believe their lies)

¹⁹ Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. (Even today in Christian nations, most people don't make time to learn God's Word; much less live by it)

(They prefer to sit on a pew on Sunday and listen to traditions of men and false doctrine; because it's much easier than actually learning the truth)

²⁰ Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon: (Those who obeyed God and went to Babylon)

²¹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; (Ahab = uncle; Kolaiah = voice of Yah; Zedekiah = justice of Yah; Maaseiah = work of Yah)

(These are all false prophets. They will all die at the hand of Nebuchadnezzar)

²² And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; (curse= a proverb) (Zedekiah became an example of what not to do in your life)

(The proverb in Hebrew is: Kolaiah, Koliah, Kolam; which means – Kolaiah – he is cursed; Koliah – he doesn't listen to God; Kolam – he will be roasted)

NOTES: (But those who obeyed God prospered, even in Babylon)

Example: (Meshech, Shadrech and Abednago, in the Book of Daniel. When they were thrown into a fiery furnace by Nebuchadnezzar, Jesus appeared and was with them. They weren't even singed by the fire. God protects His own, regardless of what man tries to do to them)

²³ Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD. (These false prophets weren't innocent. They deserved everything that they got)

²⁴ Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite, saying, (He was a false prophet) (Nehelamite = a dreamer)

²⁵ Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, (He is falsely claiming that God is sending this letter)

²⁶ The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks. (None of this is true. This guy made the whole thing up)

²⁷ Now therefore why hast thou not reprov'd Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you? (Shemiah is asking the false priests why they haven't stopped Jeremiah from prophesying yet. Shemaiah is actively working to stop Jeremiah; who is a true prophet of God. It won't end well for him)

²⁸ For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them. (God told Jeremiah to send that letter to the Israelites who were in captivity)

²⁹ And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

³⁰ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, (God is responding to Jeremiah; after he just heard the letter that Shemaiah wrote about him)

³¹ Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie: (This is Shemaiah's sin)

³² Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.
(Judgment – God will wipe him and his family out. Work against God and you will be cursed)