

CREATION TO CHRIST

GOD'S LETTER TO THE EXILES

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"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

WHY WERE GOD'S PEOPLE EXILED?

1. Continual _____.
2. God keeps His _____.
3. God's _____ would be made _____ to other nations.

WHAT ARE THE EXILES TO DO?

1. Know that God has _____ them _____.
(Jeremiah 29:1,4,7,14)
2. Know God is _____ (Jeremiah 27:4-5).
3. Live _____ (Jeremiah 29:5-6).
4. Seek the _____ of the city (Jeremiah 29:7,11).

_____ = Well-being and fulfillment in every aspect of existence – spiritual, psychological, social, physical. It cannot be confined to merely "spiritual inner peace" nor to merely outward physical and economic comfort. It means being right with God, with self, with community, with the natural world.
5. Avoid _____ who just tells you what you want to _____ (Jeremiah 28; 29:8-9,22).

6. Remember, God _____ His _____
(Jeremiah 29:10-11).
7. _____ (Jeremiah 29:7,12).
8. _____ the Lord _____
(Jeremiah 29:13).
9. Know God will _____ in His own timing (2 Chron. 36:15-21; 2 Kings 25; Jer. 27-29; 52).

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God is _____. He _____ His people and wants what is _____ for them. In His perfect _____ He will show Himself _____ over all _____.

"All too frequently we tend...to see our trials and temptations...as isolated nightmares. God, however, sees them from a different perspective. They are important and connected punctuations marks in the biography of grace He is writing in our lives. They give formation, direction, and character to our lives. They are all part of the tapestry He is weaving in history. He uses them to build up our strength and to prepare us to surmount greater obstacles, perhaps fiercer temptations."

~ Sinclair Ferguson ~