
Journey – Explore More

Scanning the neighborhood

DEEP-DIVE IN BABYLON —————> God's purpose and plan amid **EXILE**

Q: Was the Babylon Exile just a one-off for ancient Judah, or a real and practical teaching for **US** now?

- Keep in mind 1 Peter 1.1-2, 17-19. And, while you're at it this week, take a quick 15 minutes to read through all of 1 Peter. **THAT** is **OUR** world here and now!

JEREMIAH 29:4-14

- V 5-6: God said to **DO LIFE** there
- V 7: Work for the peace and prosperity of the city.
 - Q: Whose peace? The people of the city!
 - Q: How ca **WE** be instrumental for **THEM**?
- V 8-9: This verse hits home: "Do not listen to prophets who tell you what you want to hear! Truth test; reality check. What has been my pattern?"
- V 10: Exile forever? **NO**—an **END** will come!
- V 11-14: So, in our own context of exile...
 - For what purpose do we have hope, future, prospering?
 - When we pray and seek God whole-heartedly, and he promises to hear...**WHOSE BENEFIT** is that for? —————> The **PEOPLE** of the **CITY** who have no peace.

NEXT STEP in the JOURNEY:

- For you as an individual/household to bring a measure of Jesus peace to **THIS CITY**?
- For our congregation collectively to bring a greater measure of peace-bringing to this **CITY**?



Time Out – Psalm 4

"Luther wrote: *Whenever a good Christian prays "Dear Father, Thy will be done," God replies from on high, "Yes, dear child, it shall indeed be done in spite of the devil and all the world."*