

## Jeremiah 29

King James Version (KJV)

(At this time, most people had been taken captive by Babylon. Judah was very close to falling. In this chapter, God was ending the corrupt nation of Judah, 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 is 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 then)

<sup>2</sup> (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;) (Jeconiah was also called Jehoiakin)

<sup>3</sup> By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

<sup>4</sup> Thus 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 is God's plan, not Nebuchadnezzar's)

<sup>5</sup> Build 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)

<sup>6</sup> Take 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 their idol worship)

<sup>7</sup> And 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)

<sup>8</sup> For 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. (False prophets teaching traditions of men; don't listen to them; study God's Word, unchanged)

<sup>9</sup> For 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)

<sup>10</sup> For 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) 1Corinthians-10:10

<sup>11</sup> For 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)

<sup>12</sup> 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)

<sup>13</sup> 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 His Word and live it, and He will be with you and bless you)

<sup>14</sup> 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 in the Millennium)

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

<sup>15</sup> Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon; (Babylon means confusion. That is not a place for true prophets)

Jeremiah-24:2 (The bad figs had some influence there, with their false prophets and deception)

<sup>16</sup> 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)

<sup>17</sup> 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)

<sup>18</sup> 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: (Judgment pronounced)

<sup>19</sup> 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 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)

<sup>20</sup> Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

<sup>21</sup> 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; (Kolaiah = voice of Yah; Zedekiah = justice of Yah; Maaseiah = work of Yah)

<sup>22</sup> 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)

(The proverb in Hebrew-> Kolaiah, Koli, Kolam = like Kolaiah, they don't listen to God <Koli>, they will be roasted <Kolam>)

(Those who did obey God were well; example – Meshech, Shadrech and Abednago, in Daniel. They were thrown into a fiery furnace by

Nebuchadnezzar. Jesus appeared and was with them. They weren't even singed by the fire)

<sup>23</sup> 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. (They deserved everything that they got)

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

<sup>25</sup> 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,

<sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> 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 yet stopped Jeremiah from prophesying yet. He is actively working to stop a true prophet of God. It won't end well for him)

<sup>28</sup> 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. (Jeremiah was ordered to send that letter by God, to the Israelites in captivity)

<sup>29</sup> And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

<sup>30</sup> Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

<sup>31</sup> 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:

<sup>32</sup> 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 – work against God and be cursed)