

#24 - Message to the Exiles (Jeremiah 29)

I. Plans for Welfare (29:1-14)

- This is a letter from Jeremiah to the _____ in Babylon, sent after the second wave of captives were taken with Jehoiachin. (1-3)
- The message: settle down and seek the _____ of the city where you live, and _____ for it—because as it does well, you will do well. (4-7)
- As usual, this message was in contrast to the _____ of false prophets. (8-9)
- The promise is that God is planning their _____, and that after _____ years He will restore them to their land. (10-11)
- Notice that God's restoration is tied to their _____ back to God and seeking Him with all their _____. (12-14)

II. Concerning the King & Prophets (29:15-23)

- Two things misleading the exiles into thinking they will return soon:
 - _____ . (15; see chapter 28)
 - _____ . (16)
- God says the _____ and all in Jerusalem will suffer God's punishment and be a reproach because they have refused to listen to Him. (17-20)
- To two _____, the message is that they will be executed by Nebuchadnezzar as punishment from God for their lying & _____. (21-23)

III. Jeremiah Threatened & Defended (29:24-32)

- This guy Shemaiah had written to Zephaniah the priest, _____ him for not locking up Jeremiah for his message of a long captivity. (24-28)
- After hearing about this (from Zephaniah), Jeremiah writes another letter to the exiles saying that Shemaiah will _____ for lying to the people. (29-32)