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Jeremiah 29.1-11

1. Personalization of religion

- a. New Translations of the Bible and social concerns
- b. The English language is one of the most rapidly changing languages translation must reflect these changes ... Gender inclusive language ... TNIV ... focus on gender accurate language ... this reflects the incorporation of societal changes in the way in which the Bible is being rendered ... the translators indicate that they do not always agree with these changes and realize that they are controversial but make them anyway.
- c. Biblical translation is a journey not a destination
- d. CBT - believe in the infallibility of scripture and regard it as God's word
- e. 18 - 34 year olds are leaving the "church" in record numbers. Today's generation thinks differently than previous generations. Polled this age group about their spiritual beliefs.
- f. We may have erred on the side of the younger generation ...
- g. some elements that can be agreed upon but the final intent shows in the translation
- h. Jeremiah 29.11 -
 1. KJV
 2. NIV
 3. TNIV (rendered as inspirational verse for those today)
- i. Is this accurate ??

2. Context ...

- a. **Jeremiah 29.4** - thus saith the Lord of hosts ... whom I have caused to be carried away
- b. **Deut 28.15** - if thou wilt not hearken ...
- c. **Deut 28.25** - removed into all the kingdoms of the earth
- d. **Deut 28.41** - they shall go into captivity
- e. **Deut 28.49-50** - the Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far ...

3. Nature of Consequences

- a. **Deut 28.65-66** - thy life shall hang in doubt
- b. **Josh 24.20** - then he will turn and do you hurt
- c. **Jer 25.11** - shall serve the king of Babylon 70 years
- d. **Dan 9.2** - Daniel understood by books the number of the years
- e. **Jer 29.5-7** - build ye houses and dwell in them
- f. **Jer 29.10** - will cause you to return

4. The Plan of God

- a. **Jer 29.11** - I know my thoughts toward you
- b. **Hab 3.2** - revive thy work
- c. **Zech 1.12-13,16** - I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies
- d. **Isa 2.2** - mountain of the Lord's house
- e. **Zech 2.10-11** - many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day

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2. Context ...

Jeremiah 29.4 - 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;

Deut 28.15 - But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deut 28.25 - The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

Deut 28.41 - Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

Deut 28.49-50 - The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50: A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

3. Nature of Consequences

Deut 28.65-66 - And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: 66: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

Josh 24.20 - If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

Jer 25.11 - And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Dan 9.2 - In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Jer 29.5-7 - Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; 6: 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. 7: 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.

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Jer 29.10 - 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.

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Jer 29.11 - 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.

Hab 3.2 - O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

Zech 1.12-13,16- Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? 13: And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. 16: Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

Isa 2.2. - And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Zech 2.10-11 -Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. 11: And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

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