

GOD'S PERFECT PLANS

Jeremiah 3:14-18

“For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD,
'plans for welfare and not for calamity
to give you a future and a hope.”
- Jeremiah 29:11

I. INVITATION (14a)

- A plea to return

A. A CALL TO REVIVAL

B. A COMMITMENT TO HIS COVENANT

II. RESTORATION (14b)

- An opportunity to return

A. FOR THE REPENTANT

B. AN OPPORTUNITY

- Each person is given an opportunity

III. INSTRUCTION (15)

- The provision of shepherds

A. THE SHEPHERD'S DESCRIPTION

1. Prophets and pastors

- See Jer. 23:1-4 and Acts 20:28-31

2. According to God's heart: These are good and godly men

B. THE SHEPHERD'S DUTIES

- See Eph. 4:11-16; II Tim. 4:1-5 and I Peter 5:2-4

IV. **SALVATION** (16)

- The absence of the Ark

A. THE NATION'S BLESSING

B. THE ARK'S DEMISE

- The people will not speak, think, visit or remake it

C. THE SAVIOR'S MINISTRY

- See Mark 15:37-38 and Hebrews 10:19-23

D. A SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

- See John 4:23-24

V. **REVELATION** (17-18)

- The reign of Christ

A. THE LORD RULING (17a)

- Rev. 20:4-6

B. THE LORD APPEALING (17b)

- See Zech. 14:16-19

C. THE LORD CLEANSING (17c)

D. THE LORD'S PEOPLE (18)

- See Jer. 31:31-33; Ezek. 37:21-23 and Rom. 11:26-32

CONCLUSION:

What are God's good plans for you?

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you ***a future and a hope.***"

Consider II Peter 3:9-13

1. God desires all to repent (9-10)
 - That is why He is waiting
2. God encourages us to live holy (11)
3. God reminds us of earth's coming disappearance (10,12)
4. And God promises us a new Heaven and Earth (13)

Indeed, God gives us ***a future and a hope!***

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