

# **EXILE ENCOURAGEMENTS** **AND EXHORTATIONS** **Jeremiah 29**

**God graciously communicates what His people need to know**

## **I. A MESSAGE OF COMFORT** (1-14)

### **A. A LETTER FROM HOME** (1-3)

1. The Details (1) > Envelope information
2. The Date (2) > After 596 BC
3. The Delivery (3) > Via a diplomatic mail pouch

### **B. A LETTER OF HELPS** (4-9)

1. Be good residents (5-6)
2. Be good citizens (7)
3. Be good thinkers (8-9)

### **C. A LETTER OF HOPE** (10-14)

1. God's Prediction (10)
2. God's Plans (11) > Fixed and favorable
3. God's Promises (12-14)
  - a. When you call I will listen (12)
  - b. When you seek I'll be found (13)
  - c. When you come I'll restore (14)

## **II. A MESSAGE OF CONDEMNATION** (16-19)

### **A. THE PEOPLE** (16)

1. Their fate: Coming though it had not yet occurred
2. Go figure: Jeremiah too would experience this

### **B. THEIR PERIL** (17-18)

- Destruction and devastation from the effects of war

Over please >

### C. THEIR PROBLEM (19)

1. Inattentiveness: Not listening to God's Word
2. Stubbornness: Refusing multiple appeals from God's messengers
3. Waywardness: Even though all that Jeremiah had predicted had thus far come true

## III. A MESSAGE OF CAUTION (15, 20-32)

### A. BE ASTUTE (15, 20)

1. The Exile's Assumption (15)
  - They are susceptible to deception
2. The Exile's Instruction (20)
  - Listen up!

### B. BE AWARE ... (21-32)

1. Of those informing you (21-23)
  - a. Their sayings (21a) > Falsely prophesying in God's name
  - b. Their sentence (21b-22) > Death by fire!
  - c. Their sins (23a) > Foolishness, adultery, lying
  - d. Their situation (23b) > God knows and witnesses what they're doing
2. Of one attacking Jeremiah (24-32)
  - a. His complaints (24-28) > About the priest and the prophet
  - b. His Condemnation (29-32)

## CONCLUSION:

*Even though many of His people had disregarded and disobeyed Him, God continued to provide encouragement and exhortations to them.*

**We should be grateful for a loving and longsuffering God.**