

PARTNER LETTER APRIL 2007

Dear Partner

Grace and peace to you in the Lord and Master Jesus.

I was reading this past few days and felt to share these words from the Word with you.

Jere 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

However have you ever read the verses leading up to it that qualify verse 11 and qualify you to be a recipient of what God promises in V11.

They say: -

Jer 29:4 *This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:*

Jer 29:5 *"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.*

Jer 29:6 *Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. **Increase in number there; do not decrease.***

Jer 29:7 *Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."*

Jer 29:8 *Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have.*

Jer 29:9 *They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD.*

Jer 29:10 *This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.*

Jer 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future.*

But hope needs a nurturing environment.

God didn't give them permission to take that hope, then just sit back and do nothing. No, He told them exactly what He wanted them to do while He was working out some of the details for their future:

*Jeremiah 29:6 NAS **Multiply there and do not decrease.***

Jeremiah 29:5-7 NIV "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce... Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you... Pray unto the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper".

In other words, while you're waiting for God to turn things around, seize the moment.

Become as productive as you possibly can.

Maximise your potential.

A lot of Christians, while they wait for God to work, think they can do nothing when there's plenty around to do.

God said, *"Pray for the prosperity of those around you, because when they prosper you will too."*

A lot of people don't understand this. We've become concerned about one person only - ourselves.

When we mess up, the only person we tend to see is ourselves. But God says *"While you're waiting on Me to do something good for you, begin doing something good for others."*

That's what Paul meant [Acts 20:35 NAS](#) *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"*.

Then he added in [Ephesians 6:8 NIV](#) *"The Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does"*.

You see, by blessing others you literally open up a channel for God to come through when He blesses you.

We pray for your overflowing blessings this month.

Yours faithfully

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