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Ancient Israel found themselves in a severe crisis as a people and a nation. They had been plundered and led away captive. In their disobedience they stood confused about it all. They had been given so many promises, had they lost their value? Had God changed His mind? Was there no hope in their future? Then the Lord speaking through Jeremiah, reminded them of His heart for them and His plans. Read His words:

Jeremiah 29: 10 This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen. 13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. 14 I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."(New Living Translation)

There are some truths in the above passage we need to remember in these troubles times as a nation founded on a belief in God and the standard of His Word. An honest evaluation is always healthy.

1. Man's Sin is Costly -- This is just truth. It was Israel's sin that brought the enemy's authority into their own borders. There had been blatant rebellion and the serving of idol gods and abandonment of God's Word on a massive wide scale. The result was the loss of their national security and personal security.

2. God's Promises are Sure -- I am always encouraged by the fact that God is God. He always has the trump card. Heaven never has to meet in an emergency session to try to figure out what needs to be done. I firmly believe the devil is on a leash and God can yank his chain at any moment. Notice v10-- "I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised..." Dear friends hang on to the good Word of God. His promises are sure regardless of the circumstances. It sometimes takes time (For Israel it was 70 years), but God will honor what He has spoken.

3. God's Heart is for Restoration -- In v10, He says "I will bring you home again." He did it too. History records for us how Israel came back home to their land. It has happened more than once.

If you are suffering due to a bad choice or decision, please know that God's heart moves toward repentance. He desires to restore. He specializes in rescuing people from messes.

4. God's Plans are Good -- Notice v11! God states His intentions toward Israel. His intentions toward believers today are clearly spelled out (Rom. 8:28-38). It means so much during crisis to be reminded that God has a plan and it's intentions are good. Put your stock into the promise of God and bank on the goodness of the heart of God. Everything He does has redemption in it.

5. God Does Not Plot Disaster -- Read v11 again. His plans are not to release disaster. Lay that on the devil's doorstep. God is a good Father and does not plot evil toward His children.

6. God's Future for You is filled with Hope -- When you serve God, you always have something to look forward to. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and it is not a train!

7. God is Already Planning on Answering Your Future Prayers -- v12 This is so encouraging to know especially during times when you don't even feel like praying or when what you prayed for has not yet happened.

8. God Wants to Be Found by You -- v13 His heart is for us to pursue Him and He will let us catch Him. He longs for deep intimate fellowship with us. Seek Him knowing that this is His heart toward you.

9. God will Reverse Circumstances and Restore Fortunes -- v14 Wow. What a blessing to know that a

comeback is being planned and all the enemy has taken over will be retaken. God will the turn the tables around.

10. God Has a Heart to Gather and Bring Things Together -- v14 All through the Scripture you see God gathering things together for His purposes whether its the waters in Genesis One or a nation in Jeremiah 29. God can bring things together for good. We can stake our claim on that!

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