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Part 3: Plans to Prosper



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“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 a hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Three Guidelines for Interpreting Scripture

- Understand the context.
- Use Scripture to interpret Scripture.
- Apply what we learn.

What's the Context?

“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 (home) to this place.’” (Jeremiah 29:10)

We could make the argument that this promise doesn't apply to us. It is a specific promise, to a specific group of people, in a specific situation. It was completely fulfilled seventy years after it was spoken.

Could This Also Be a Promise to Us?

- **“For I know the plans I have for you ...”**

God has a plan for us – a plan to bring us to heaven.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

“Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.”
(Matthew 5:48)

- **“...plans to prosper you and not to harm you...”**

“Now may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may the Lord lift up His smile upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

- **“...plans to give you a hope and a future.”**

“Always be ready to give people a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15)

HOPE = H_____ O_____ P_____ E_____

“Call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.” (Jeremiah 29:12-14)