

Jeremiah 29:4-14

How to Live in Exile

The Babylonians are coming, and they are us!

Exile in 21st Century America: From Community to Autonomy

- Justice Kennedy: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."
- Senator Feinstein: "The dogma lives loudly in you."

Exile in 6th Century B.C. Judah: From Centralization to Textualization

- Hanniniah's prophecy: "Within two years I will bring back....I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon" (28:2-3 and 10-11).
- The Lord says, "You have broken wooden bars but I have made in their place bars of iron" (28:13-14).

I. Living in Exile–Now (vs. 4-9)

1. Live the Creation mandate (vs. 4-6)
2. Seek the welfare of the City (v. 7)
3. Reject the siren calls to cultural dominance (vs. 8-9)

II. Living in Hope–Now (vs. 10-14)

1. God's plan (vs. 10-11)
 - Generational
 - Purposeful

2. Our prayers (vs. 12-14)
 - Prevailing
 - God's strategic plan

Conclusion

What does the welfare of the City look like?
See Jeremiah 33:10-11