

**TWISTED—PART 3**  
**“PLANS TO PROSPER YOU...”**  
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**Jeremiah 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.’”

**To Better Understand & Interpret The Bible, We Need To...**

- 1) **Understand The Context**
- 2) **Interpret Scripture With Scripture**
- 3) **Apply What We Learn**

**The Context**

**Jeremiah 29:1-10**—“This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...”

**Jeremiah 29:11 was a **Specific Promise** not a **General Promise**:  
It’s **FOR us**, but **not TO us!****

**Jeremiah 28:1-17**: **Hananiah** (false prophet—lies) versus **Jeremiah** (the truth)

**Jeremiah 29:10**—“This is what the Lord says: ‘When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.’”

**Interpret the Bible with the Bible**

**God’s a Good God & He Prospers His People & He Gives Us Hope (Psalm 34:8; James 1:17; Luke 11:13; Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:13)**

**Jeremiah 29:12-13**—“Then you will 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.”

**The Big Idea:**

**It's Not That God Delivers Us From All Of Our Struggles & Trials—It's That He Never Leaves Us Nor Forsakes Us & He's Always Good!**