FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU...

Introduction

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TO GOD'S PEOPLE EXILED IN BABYLON:

•Acknowledge God's **PROVIDENCE** (v. 4)

•Establish a **PRESENCE** (v. 5-6)

•Seek the PEACE (v. 7a)

• Pray for **PROSPERITY** (v. 7b)

•Beware False PROPHETS (v. 8-9)

•Trust God's PLAN (v. 10-11)

• Receive God's PROMISE (v. 12-14)

TO GOD'S PEOPLE EXILED TODAY

Conclusion

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Are you familiar with the Bible passage, "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."? Have you quoted it or had it quoted to you as a promise to you? What have you learned about that from this teaching? Is it a promise made to believers?
- **2.** Who was the letter containing this passage actually written to, and who wrote the letter? What were the circumstances for those people at that time? Do those circumstances exist for believers today? If they were to exist for believers in the future, would it necessarily pertain to them then? Why or why not, and why is this important?
- 3. What were the seven principle (or instructions) for the Jewish people outlined in these passages? What were they being told to do at that time? Do any of them apply to believers today (should believers apply any of the principles to our lives today)?



4. If we cannot (or should not) directly apply the promises in the Old Testament to New Testament believers, what good is reading the Old Testament to us, how does it apply?