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## Out of Context – Week #2

Jeremiah 29:4-11 (NIV)

*This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” <sup>8</sup> Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. <sup>9</sup> They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.*

### Two Common Mistakes:

- Distorted theology - The belief that Christ purchased for us not only spiritual provision but financial and physical prosperity as well.
- Disassociated theology - The belief that this promise is not afforded to individual believers today.

**So, what is God in fact saying and promising us in Jeremiah 29:11?**

- That often when we want removal, He wants refinement (for us).
- That often when we want removal, He wants revival (through us).

**Three Postures:**

- Combative - Us against them.
- Conforming - We become them.
- Compassionate - Us for them.