

## WHAT YOUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER WON'T TELL YOU

### Jeremiah 29:11 / 6-14-20 / AM

#### I. FIRST, GOD HAS A PERSONAL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

A. God's first word to these exiles was that He hadn't forgotten their plight— **"I know the plans I have for you."**

B. Jeremiah, though, assures the exiles, and us, that God is thinking about us.

1. God has a very personal plan for each of us— **"I know the plans..."**

2. It's a plan that is tailor-made for us— **"...plans I have for you."**

3. It's a plan, though, that might be a little different than our own plans.

4. A lesson for us here is that **"When God bolts a door you want to go through, don't try to climb through a window because God has something else in mind for us—Phil. 2:13 confirms this truth.**

#### II. SECOND, GOD HAS A LONG-TERM PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

A. God's plan for these exiles was to remain in Babylon for 70 years.

B. What was Jeremiah telling these exiles and us?

1. First, although we may be short-sighted and anxious to change things, God may not be.

2. Second, God's long-term plans for us are better than any short-term plans-- **"plans to prosper you and not to harm you."**

3. Third, God's plans aren't always easy to follow.

III. THIRD, GOD HAS A WORTHWHILE PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

- A. After 70 years, God miraculously brought Israel back to the Promised Land, back to Israel, back home.
- B. What does this tells us about God's plans?
  - 1. First, God's plans are better than or plans— **“plans to give you hope and a future.”**
  - 2. Second, God's plans are filled with hope even if it doesn't look like it—Romans 8:31.