Wilderness/Promise #18 Pastor Rick Baker

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Out of the Wilderness of Exile

**Into the Promise of *Shalom***

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Are we not in exile?

*Can the God of the Universe engage in His mission with His people in any and every setting or does He need a specific cultural context, like a theocracy or something like it?*

**How to relate to God when relating to God has all kinds of hardships and distractions in the way...**

*This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. (4)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_where God plops you—He has plans for you. (29:4-6)

*...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. (1)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the people among whom God has put you—your enemies are God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (29:7)

The enemy is not just an enemy,

If you only see yourself as a victim,

In a community setting,

*“Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. (8)*

1. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by religious sounding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supposedly commissioned by God. (29:8-9)

The height of idiocy is to

*“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.” (11)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD with all your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—His plans include peace, hope and a future for those who do. (29:10-14)

MY GRACIOUS PROMISE—