

Multidimensional Churches and Ministries in a Multicomplex World II

“A word of prophecy in a complex world”

When the Hebrew children left Egypt, Yahweh guided them from being people, totally controlled by Pharaoh, to becoming a nation. They were to establish a new community, a kingdom in the earth as it is in Heaven.

“The Kingdom of God is the community as God imagines it”

KJV Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Followers of Jesus are to pray and work for the kingdom (*the community as God imagines it*) to come and His will (desire) to be done in earth as it is in Heaven.

When a nation doesn't respond to Godly leadership, He will put them under bad leadership.

The Lord prophecies 70 years of captivity for the nation's refusal to follow His way.

The prophets always had a word of hope,

- We should anticipate favorable change!

I

Prophecy accurate *instruction*.

KJV Jeremiah 29:4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom **I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;** ⁵ Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; ⁶ Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. ⁷ **And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it:** for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

The city would fall and God's people would go into captivity.

They were told to build houses and family care. *Vs 6*

They were told plant and eat and sustain life.

- They were told to increase. *Vs 6b*

They were told not to diminish or decrease.

The people are called to city care. *Vs 7*

- They were told seek the welfare of each city to where they were.
- They were told to pray for each city where they were. *Vs 7b*

They were told in the cities' peace, would be their peace.

- Shalom is a benefit of obedience.

II

Prophecy warning against false prophets.

NKJV Jeremiah 29:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: **Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams** which you cause to be dreamed. ⁹ For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; **I have not sent them, says the LORD.**

One of the marks of the pre captivity days was false prophecy.

Prophesying peace, safety and no captivity were common place.

Prophets were prophesying lies.

The Lord tells His people to ignore all these voices.

These voices are in conflict with the Kingdom and the Lord.

- The Lord warm's His people to listen to Him alone.

III

Prophecy hope to the church, ministries and people.

NKJV Jeremiah 29:10 For thus says the LORD: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.** ¹¹ **For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.** ¹² Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, **and I will listen to you.** ¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **I will be found by you,** says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; ¹⁴ **I will gather you** from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and **I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.**

He never forgets His covenant. *Vs 10*

His thoughts are favor, good will and a future towards His people. *Vs 11*

The Lord says when His people pray, I will listen. *Vs 12*

- The Lord says when His people seek Him, they will find Him. *Vs 13*

IV

Prophecy the gathering of God's people and restoration.

The Lord says He will gather His people. *Vs 14*

He promises *He will restore! Vs 14b*

- *We are to increase in these times.*
- *We are to come out better!*

- *We are to practice City Care!*
- *We are to **ignore** false prophets and voices.*
- *We are to be confident He will remember His covenant.*
- *We are to remember He will restore!*

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