

LONG STORY SHORT

The Exile

Jeremiah 2:1-17; 29:1-13

The **Warning** of Exile

The LORD, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his **prophets** to **warn** them, for he had **compassion** on his people and his Temple. (2 Chronicles 36:15, NLT)

The **word of the LORD** came to me: “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: “This is what the LORD says: “I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you **loved me** and **followed me** through the wilderness, through a land not sown. Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and **disaster overtook them**,” declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 2:1–3, NIV)

Partnership has its Privileges... Rejection has its Consequences.

Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. This is what the LORD says: “What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they **strayed** so far from me? They followed **worthless** idols and became **worthless** themselves... Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 2:4-5, 9, NIV)

“My people have committed two sins: They have **forsaken me**, the spring of living water, and have dug their **own cisterns**, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. “Why has Israel become a **slave**? Why has he been **carried away as plunder**?... You have **brought this upon yourselves** by **rebelling** against the LORD your God, even though he was leading you on the way!” (Jeremiah 2:12-14, 17, NLT)

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The **Way** in Exile

The Options in Exile:

- 1) Resist by **revolting**.
- 2) compromise by **embracing**.
- 3) Transform by **impacting**.

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 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. 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.” (Jeremiah 29:4–7, NIV)

The way of Exile is the way of Truth and Grace.

Truth without grace is mean.

Grace without truth is meaningless.

Truth with grace is miraculous.

This is what the LORD says: “You will be in Babylon for **seventy years**... But then **I will come** and **do for you** all the good things I have promised, and I will **bring you home** again.” (Jeremiah 29:10, NLT)

What you love will change the way you live; but how you live will never change the way you are loved!

**We are never without hope
because God is never without a plan.**