

## The Hopeful Letter

July 17, 2016

Jeremiah 29:1-14

- I. Situation
  - A. The letter (2 Kings 24:10-17)
  - B. The false horizon (Jeremiah 28:3-4; Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 1:1)
  - C. The message
  
- II. Build Houses, Plant Gardens
  - A. Houses
  - B. Gardens (Genesis 2:15-16; Psalm 84:5-6)
  - C. Don't know when they're beaten?
  
- III. Multiply
  - A. Grow in number (Luke 21:23; Jeremiah 23:3)
  - B. Creation again (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 17:6; Psalm 127:3-5; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Genesis 1:28; Psalm 126:4-6)
  
- IV. Seek and Pray for Peace
  - A. Shalom (Numbers 6:26).
  - B. Where I have sent you
  - C. Their peace and yours (Hebrews 13:20-21; Psalm 29:11)
  
- V. Living for the Long Term
  - A. The challenges of exile
  - B. The God of history (29:10-14)
  - C. A future and a hope