

# “Thriving in Babylon”

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**“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.’ Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: ‘Do not let the prophets and**

**diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are**

**prophesying lies to you in My name. I have not sent them,’ declares the Lord.**

**This is what the Lord says: ‘When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill My good promise to bring you back to this place. 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. Then you will**

**call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when You**

**seek Me with all your heart.’” ([Jer. 29:4-13 NIV](#))**

1. **Revival comes not when the people out there live like us in here. It begins when we in here live like Him out there.**
2. **You will live as an Immigrant, Tourist, or Ambassador for Christ.**

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.” ([2 Cor. 5:20 NIV](#))

“‘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.’” ([Jer. 29:11 NIV](#))

1. **Let God bring honey from the rock.**

“If My people would only listen to Me, if Israel would only follow My ways...But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.” ([Ps. 81:13, 16 NIV](#))