

Believers waiting for the deliverance are called to:

1. Be missionaries they are. v. 4 ⁴ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Jeremiah 29:4

• The church is a small city within the "city" living according to the _____ of God.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ... I Peter 2:9

2. Be productive and make a _____

difference. v. 5-7

⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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 29:5-7 ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. I Peter 2:11-12

- **3. Don't listen to people.** *v.* 8-9 ⁸ 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. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 29:8-9
- 4. Remember God's _____. v. 10-11 ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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." Jeremiah 29:10-11
- **5.** Seek the Lord with all your _____. v. 12-14 ¹² "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity..." Jeremiah 29:12-14

My Next Step Today:

- \Box Thank God for our nation and the freedom we enjoy every day.
- $\hfill\square$ Seek God's perspective on the controversial issues of our day.
- Pray that we might be bold in reaching our family, our neighbors, our city and the world for Christ.
- ☐ Help hand out flags and wristbands at the City of Irving Independence Day Parade.