

When You are In a Tough Spot

Jeremiah 29



Israel's Captivity

2 Chron. 36

1. Jehoiakim was taken to Babylon along with Daniel and several others (605 B.C.)– v. 5-7
2. Jehoiachin and others were deported to Babylon (597 B.C.) – v. 10
3. Zedekiah
 1. Did evil in the eyes of the LORD
 2. Did not humble himself
 3. Rebelled against the king
 4. Was taken into captivity (586 B.C.) v. 18-21

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Settle Down

- 4 This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:
- 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.

When You are In a Tough Spot... Bless Your City

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.”



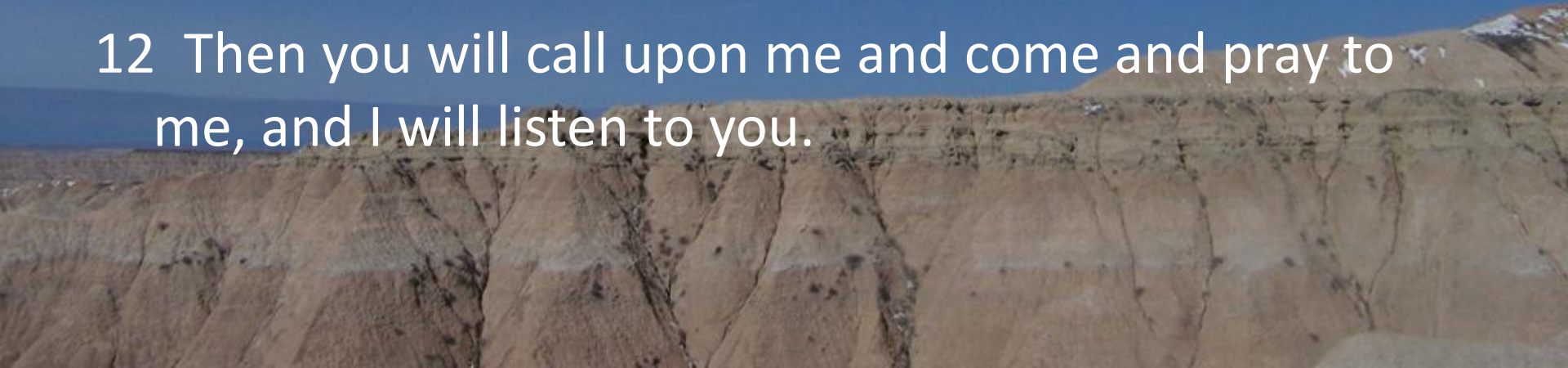
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Trust God's Timing

10 This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious 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.

12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.



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Look For God

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. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

