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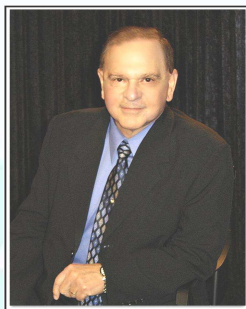
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GOD GIVES HOPE WHEN THINGS SEEM HOPELESS

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When the exiles from Jerusalem were carried into captivity by the Babylonians, the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, had this to say: *“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 29:11, NIV-Note: the quotation marks are of those of the editor). Beyond doubt these encouraging words from the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, fell on deaf ears—to the exiles this wasn't a time for them to trust what God was saying because they were feeling hopeless. At this point in time, it is likely that we as Americans are feeling the same despair the Israelites felt, when their greatest fear had become a reality. And pertaining to America, what is that? It is disease, loss of jobs, fear, and even death for ourselves and

loved ones. Yet, I am hopeful, yet confident, that our God is already poised to rescue us [without delay] and He will do the unexpected. Then we shall say, “Lord, why did we ever doubt you?”



In the midst of our troubles in America to combat the coronavirus, is there still “hope” resident in God's people? Will Americans be hopeful, though the media forecast is gloomy to say the least, and national leaders struggle to assure us that we shall survive? Pain and suffering is surrounding us, and we struggle along with other people

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throughout the world in combating the invisible coronavirus; yet we are not hopeless, but “hopeful.” We as Americans are a resilient people, and as believers we are asking God for wisdom and strength to endure the violent storm of disease that has tested our resilience to the limit. Yes, we have been knocked down, but we are not knocked out—though some are asking, “Is God sending judgment on America for its apostasy, since it has turned from Him. Will our God [continue to] bless and prosper America though it has taken a different (worldly) path that leads to destruction?” Many Christians in America are wondering, “Is God allowing this invisible coronavirus that has the potential to kill hundreds, if not thousands of people to bring America to its knees and back to Him?” While these are perplexing questions, we must as Christians not only believe [that God will rescue us], but pray that He will increase our faith and dispel our unbelief (Mk. 9:24 - NIV). When Jesus told the father with the demon-possessed son “*Everything is possible for him who believes*” (Mk. 9:23- NIV –quotations are those of the editor), the father immediately says, “*I do believe; [but] help my unbelief.*” (Mk. 9:24). Perhaps we find ourselves in America today to be like this father. So it is appropriate for us to ask the Lord [God] Almighty to dispel our unbelief and impart to us supernatural faith, wisdom, and knowledge so that we might stand firm in the midst of the storm.

The time and hour are upon us, so let us cry out to our God for help, asking Him not to turn from us, but to prosper us once again and rescue our nation from harm. There is still “hope” [for us] and a future [for us], because

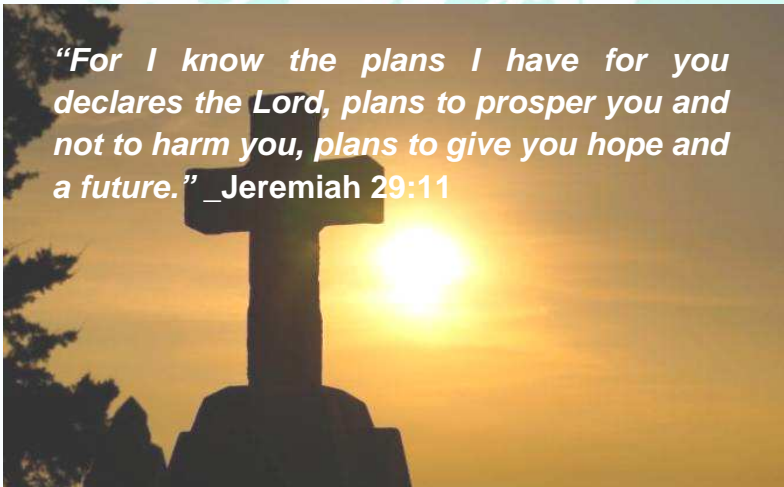
this is what the Lord Almighty promised *His people* (the exiles) who were carried to Babylon, and though we face many troubles, by faith we will not doubt His Word and promises, but rely upon the faithfulness of our God who will give us hope when things seem hopeless [and deliver us from harm].

Remember: “This too will pass” and I trust we shall always remember that Lord is the One Who rescued us.

We are praying for you and covet your prayers as well.

Sincerely, in HIS grip

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