



“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; Build yourselves houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; Take for yourselves wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that you may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray to the LORD for it: for in its peace, shall you have peace.” Jeremiah 29:4 – 7

Increase is always on God’s mind! His intent, His desire, His purpose for your life is increase! It’s too easy to blame circumstances for our troubles, yet we see here that the Lord tells even those captives now in a foreign country, “I want you to increase and prosper even in the capital of a foreign country!” His desire is that they carry on with life as if they were at home in Jerusalem!

Are you a complainer? Are you complaining because of your present situation? Do you feel that you are restricted and being held back from increase and blessing because of where you currently are in life? ... because of a boss? ...because of your skin’s color? ...because of the opportunities afforded to you or that have passed you by? Nonsense! Begin to live your life to the full! Pray for your “city” and expect the Lord’s increase!

“Be fruitful, and multiply; replenish the earth, and subdue it – be masters over all of life...” (Genesis 1:28 Paraphrased). It is the Lord’s command and with His command is His empowerment to prosper!

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