

# A Verse to Remember 5

*This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.*

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>Jeremiah 29:11</b>
<b>TEXT - NKJV</b>	<b><i>For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.</i></b>

<b>BOOK</b>	<b>The Book of Jeremiah</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF BOOK</b>	The ministry of the faithful Prophet Jeremiah, who despite grief and inner turmoil, warned Israel of judgment due to their idolatry, unfaithfulness, and disobedience to His will & purpose.++

<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>THEME OF CHAPTER</b>	A Letter of encouragement from Jeremiah in Jerusalem to the Jewish priests & leadership in exile in Babylon.

*Jeremiah lived during a Godly time in Israel's history under King Josiah. It is possible that Jeremiah may not have been born yet when Josiah took the throne. Probably 14-15 years went by and Jeremiah was called to enter the ministry by God.*

**When** did God decide that Jeremiah was going to be a prophet? (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

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**To** whom was Jeremiah going to preach (minister) to? (Jeremiah 1:5)

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**How** did Jeremiah respond? (Jeremiah 1:6) \_\_\_\_\_

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**What** other Old Testament leaders had the same excuse?

Judges 6:15 \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_

*However, God does not give up on these guys. He doesn't give up on us either.*

**How** did God say He would enable Jeremiah to do the job? (Jeremiah 1:9)

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**What** was the job that God had for Jeremiah? (Jeremiah 1:10)?

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*Then, all hell broke loose. King Josiah was killed by the Egyptians. Then, the Babylonians defeated the Egyptians & many Jewish leaders were put under house arrest & hauled off to Babylon. Long story short, the Jewish kings were deposed or killed & a puppet was put in charge of Israel.*

**How** would you have felt as an exiled Jewish leader to hear that your home had been destroyed & your leadership removed?

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*Then Jeremiah wrote them a letter (our verse is in this letter).*

What happens after 70 years? (Jeremiah 29:10) \_\_\_\_\_

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*You say, 70 years? That's a long time, right? God forgives; God restores; God keeps loving; God has good plans for us. However, there are consequences. Ouch!*

What kind of thoughts did God have for them? (Jeremiah 29:11)

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What plans did God have for them? (Jeremiah 29:11)

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How will their prayer (contact with God) be affected? (Jeremiah 29:12-13)

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Where will the Jews end up? (Jeremiah 29:14)

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In your present circumstances, could God have a future and a hope for you? Explain

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