

# Excellence in Exile

Jeremiah 29:1-14

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- God's people are found in foreign lands.
- God's words are found among the noise.
- God's prescription for life in exile transforms refugees into residents.
- God's plan offers redemption for His exiled peoples.



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# Further Up, Further In

1. In what ways are Christians exiles in the world?
2. How do you think that the Jewish exiles in Babylon felt about their Babylonia captors? Why? Read 2 Kings 24:10-15 and Jeremiah 52:3-16.
3. What things in our lives can get in the way of us rightly hearing or discerning what God is saying to us? Read Jeremiah 29:8-9.
4. What can we learn about how we should live in our earthly exile from the nature and timeline of the tasks given to the Jewish exiles in Jeremiah 29:4-7? How should we be praying for and seeking the welfare of the city?
5. Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. In what ways is our redemption and restoration in the New Covenant similar to that which the exiles in Babylon were anticipating? In what ways is it different?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle