

THE LIVING



FROM CHAOS

STORY

TO ORDER



Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

1 Peter 2:11–12



You Are Here

Jeremiah 29:4–14



As “foreigners and exiles,” we can either

Be the city

Blast the city

Bless the city



We can bless the city by our manner of living (29:4–7)

1. Make the city “home”
“Build houses...plant gardens...” marry and have children
2. Seek the “shalom” of the city
“Pursue the well-being...”
3. Pray for the city
“Pray on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive.”



We can bless the city...it's a matter of trusting (29:8–14)

1. Not in the bogus prophets of false hopes
“Don’t let them deceive you...”
2. But in the Lord and his purposes
“I know the plans I have for you—for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

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