

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**  
***“THAT’S NOT WHAT IT MEANS!”***  
***“I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU”***  
**READ: JEREMIAH CHAPTERS 28 AND 29**

This Wednesday, we conclude our Bible Study series “That’s Not What It Means!” with a lesson on one of the most popular verses in the whole Bible. We find this quote in homes in kitchens, bathrooms, and offices. Jeremiah 29:11 is almost a one verse anthem! But does it mean what many Christians seem to think it means? Let’s find out together.

Pastor Rivers teaches that context is the most important way to understand scripture. Context is what happened before, during and after the text. Please read Jeremiah 29:11 NIV to prepare to answer and discuss the following questions:

**JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV**

11 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.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What does this scripture mean to you, and have you used it to predict a future of prosperity and success for your life?
  
2. Who was Jeremiah, what kind of prophet was he and where did he rank among the Old Testament prophets?
  
3. Who is the “you” in Jeremiah 29:11 and why is it an error in Biblical interpretation to believe we should apply this message to our personal lives in 2023?
  
4. Who was the prophet Hananiah and what was the difference between his prophecy and the prophetic words of Jeremiah?
  
5. How does the reading of Chapter 28 show us how God really feels about the so called “Prosperity Gospel” which preaches that we can name it and claim it including money, homes and great jobs, fancy clothes, and cars “in Jesus’ name!”?
  
6. Which verses show us how Hananiah used the tactics of theatrics and gimmicks to prove to the people that his prophecies were true and came from the Lord?
  
7. After reading Chapters 28 and 29, what do you feel about Jeremiah 29:11 now and how would you explain to other Christians that the text doesn’t mean what they make think?
  
8. After reading and understanding better Jeremiah Chapter 28 and 29, can you think of a time when you confused God’s plans with your desires?