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# **SUNDAY SERMON**

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# There is hope for your future

Jeremiah 29:8-9 (NKJ) 8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.

Jeremiah 29:9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the Lord.

Introduction: In the world now we have diffrent kinds of people who predict about what is going to happen on each day.

Among them we have ministers of God both false and the true men of God.

What about your personal future? Who do you listen to?

What do you believe?

Only one person knows the future. He is the one who has been there. God is the one who was, and is, and is to come!

He is the God of your past, present, and future! You can trust your future to the God who is already there!

When Israel was in captivity to Babylon after the fall of Jerusalem.

There were diviners calling themselves prophets, and they sent mixed messages to the people.

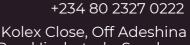
One group of false prophets offered a doomsday message with no hope.

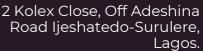
Another group offered false hope that Israel's captivity in Babylon would be brief and that they would soon find deliverance.

Jeremiah was the only true prophet of God, and his counsel gave them true hope. He spoke on behalf of the Lord Almighty. In a letter to those exiled, he warned them in Jeremiah 29:8-9 (NIV),

"This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,' declares the LORD."









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NOTE: When you are worried about the future and don't know what to do or who to believe:

trust God's Word over man's opinion.

God alone knows the future.

The word of God is a hope-filled future!

You can listen to the world and be filled with panic and fear.

When you listen to God's Word, you find peace and confidence.

One of the most unique and colorful prophets of the Old Testament was a farmer named Amos. In Amos 3:7 (NIV), he said, "Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets."

Just as Jeremiah recorded his prophecy in a letter to those exiled in a distant land, God has recorded His Word for us today.

God's Word will guide us into the future with hope and confidence as we follow Him.

Seek His counsel in His Word. Jeremiah added these words from the Lord that offered them and us a hope-filled future in Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "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."

Take heart, children of God; there's hope for your future!

With a lot that is happening now in our nation and in the world at large.

Who do you listen to and who do you believe?

God's word or social medial?

Your hope and your future will be determined by the amount of knowledge and the understanding of the word of God you have.

Let me round up with this story: there was a man who has two children and he was unable to give them education.

Then one grow up to become frustrated and bad so terrible in the city and the other one grow up to become a successful businessman.

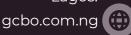
One day two of them were interviewed with the same question the first, the bad one terrorising the city was asked why are you so terrible?

He answered this way; "what do you expect with the kid of father that I have."

The successful businessman was also asked; why are you like this and how do you become successful businessman?



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He answered and said the same; "what do you expect with the kind of father that I have".

That is one see the the father as an excuse for his failure in life and the other brother saw it as a challenge to fight for his destiny.

Thet is why I do tell the youth not to blame anybody for their failure in life, they should rise up and fight for their destiny.

God has given assurance of a hope-filled future for His children, is now left for you torise up and fight for your future/destiny.

