



December 4-10, 2016
Text: *Jeremiah 29:1-14*
ADVENT THEME: Advent Choices

1st Sunday of Advent: *Preparers or Preventers*

2nd Sunday of Advent: *Faith; not Fear*

3rd Sunday of Advent: *Hope; not Despair*

SUMMARY OF SERMON: Jeremiah was inspired by God to write a letter to the exiles in Babylon. Sent there because of Israel's continued unrepentant sin before God, the outlook seemed hopeless and they were in despair. But Jeremiah reminds them to trust in the Lord, seek Him with all their heart and they will find God filling them with hope. Indeed, the Lord has wonderful plans for their future.

RELATED BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK [The Bible readings this week are about overcoming despair through hope in the Lord.]

Monday, Dec. 12 – **Romans 5:1-5** [Paul mentions that because of the gospel of Jesus Christ we can endure even hardships because of the hope in our hearts (v.5) that God is at work and continues to minister His love to us by the Holy Spirit.]

Tuesday, Dec. 13 – **II Thessalonians 2:13-17** [Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians (and us) to stand firm in the gospel of Jesus Christ, no matter the circumstances. We are able to do so through the good hope of our loving heavenly Father.]

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – **Psalms 71** [This psalm comes from the heart of an older follower of God who has endured much hardship. Yet, nothing can make him despair for he continues to be filled with God's hope (v.14).]

Thursday, Dec. 15 – **Romans 8:18-27** [This rich passage reveals that humanity's sin has adversely affected creation itself. Yet we are filled with hope because the Holy Spirit witnesses in our hearts that God has a glorious future for us in Christ.]

Friday, Dec. 16 – **Psalms 131** [This short psalm is a psalm of humble, simple trust in the Lord. It results in a proclamation for Israel, the people of God, to put their hope in Him.]

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