

# **The Promise Keeping God**

**Ezra 1:1 - 2:70**



## **Daniel 1:1-2 (NIV)**

**In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. [2] And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.**

## **Daniel 9:1-3 (NIV)**

**In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom-- [2] ...I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. [3] So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**

## **Ezra 1:1-2 (NIV)**

**In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing:**

**[2] "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:**

**"The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.**

## **Ezra 1:3-4 (NIV)**

**Anyone of his people among you--may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem. [4] And the people of any place where survivors may now be living are to provide him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem."**

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## Daniel 9:4 (NLT)

I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands.

→ **Because God Kept His  
PROMISES to Israel. . .**

**. . . we can Count on His  
Promises to us**

# WE WILL...

- **Have Bold Access To God**
- **Have A God Who Understands our Weaknesses**

– *Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT) This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. [16] So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

# WE WILL...

- **Go Through Trials And Suffering**

- *John 15:18-20 (NIV) "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ...[20] Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also..."*

- **Never Suffer Alone**

- *Hebrews 13:5 (NIV) Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

# **WE WILL...**

- **Have Victory Over Satan**

**(if we SUBMIT to GOD & Resist)**

*– James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

## **Ephesians 4:29-30 (NIV)**

**Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. [30] And do not GRIEVE the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

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## 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**.

## Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. [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.

## **Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)**

**Then you will call upon me and come and  
pray to me, and I will listen to you. [13]  
You will seek me and find me when you  
seek me with all your heart.**