

**"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."** Jeremiah 29:13

This promise was originally given to the Israelites in Babylonian exile.



### The Original Promise & Condition

#### Faith Under Fire



Daniel in the lion's den



his friends in the fiery furnace

#### A Conditional Promise



Obedient Exiles ("good figs")

The promise was only for the obedient exiles



Remained in disobedience

### The Enduring Application

#### Echoed in the New Testament



Jesus reaffirms this principle in the greatest commandment and the call to "seek, and ye shall find."

#### A Promise for Believers Today



This promise is absolutely carried over to those who love Christ and keep His words.

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# Expected End

Note for 20251101 – Jer 29:13

## 1. Opening

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## Introduction

Our focus verse today, taken from the Verse of the Day, comes out of a rather complex chapter in the Book of Jeremiah. A little background that might help us that this is directly in relation to what GOD showed Jeremiah about the two baskets of figs. One with good fruit and the other with bad fruit. It was revealed to Jeremiah that those who will give themselves over to the King of Babylon shall be spared and those that does not, rejects the judgment of GOD

for their iniquity and would not be spared. Jeremiah is set free by the King and given a choice to be free or to join himself to those take away. He chose to be set free and lands up at Beersheba, and shortly thereafter are met by Yochanan and his men, who flee to Egypt despite the warning from GOD by Jeremiah not to go to Egypt. They take Jeremiah captive and force him to go with them, where all of them perish in Egypt including Jeremiah. Now you have some background.

## 2. Scripture Text

### Jeremiah 29:13 KJV

*"[13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jer.29.13.KJV>

## 3. Devotional Reflection

The interesting thing is that this, the Verse of the Day, was spoken to those who were taken away into captivity, to Babylon from Jerusalem. But, in contrast, a curse remains on those that remained behind. (You can read the rest of this chapter to get specifics in this regard.) But these words were specifically written to those in Babylon with a warning that the Lord will revisit them in 70 years and that they should not listen to the false prophecies of those that prophesied something contrary to what Jeremiah said.

Let's unpack the Verse then: *"And ye (those in exile) shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."* (Note, the condition here is additionally that the search must be with all their heart.)

Now, when we get to the **Book of Daniel** (a Prophet in exile) we see him search for the LORD with all his heart, and not even at the threat of death in the Lion's Den does he falter. (**Daniel 6:1–28**) Alongside him, you have his three friends that would not bow to any other thing or person than the GOD of their forefathers. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a very hot furnace for it, and while those that cast them into the furnace were scorched, witness is given that 4 figures are seen in the furnace, and the three of them come out of that furnace unharmed and not even smelling of the furnace. (**Daniel 3:1–30**) (Interesting read in

consideration of this account is **Malachi 4:1-3** that gives a foreshadowing of the prophecy, how GOD can do what Malachi prophesies.)

So, what does this Verse have to do with us today? Well of course, firstly it ties into the greatest command as per **Deuteronomy 6:5** (Verse 4 also very revealing,) and quoted by Christ in **Matthew 22:37-40**. But secondly it also ties into if you knock the door shall be opened, if ye seek ye shall find (Rough reference to **Matthew 7:7**.) And of course we have **Matthew 6:33**, "Seek first the Kingdom of GOD and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" And by Christ's quote to those at the Sermon of the Mount (believers in Jesus Christ,) are tied to both the expected End of what is written in the **Torah** and by association, this in **Jeremiah 29:13**. It is clear to those who qualify by the conditions of the verse, but in Jerusalem, those who did not hand themselves over to Nebuchadnezzar is excluded and given, in substitute, a curse for their disobedience. They were spoiled and unworthy figs. (Remember Christ cursing the fruitless fig tree in **Matthew 21:18-22**)

In **Revelation 3:20** the same type of imagery is used in the letter to the Angel of the Church in Laodicea,

*"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."*

And if you understand you will understand too that this is for the church and resembling the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Which points to this verse, (note the details)

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:23 KJV)*

Now, tell me, is the sentiment of this verse in Jeremiah carried over to those who love Christ and keep His Words? Do we really have to look at the reference where Christ said that He was sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel? (**Matthew 15:24**)

## 4. Closing Paragraph

So, can you take the Verse of the Day for yourself if you believe in Jesus Christ and meet the criteria of the verse?

Absolutely, and you have a string of New Testament verses to back that up.

**Selah, Shalom.**

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