

Today's Scripture verse was spoken right after the Israelites had been taken from Jerusalem as captives and settled in Babylon as exiles, unable to go home. Their whole world was turned upside down in disappointment. They were praying for a deliverance, but God said they were going to be there for 70 years. God didn't say: "I am going to get you out of Babylon and back to Jerusalem so I can prosper you." He said: "I am going to prosper you in captivity, in disappointment, while you are dealing with loss. But you need to take steps of faith - build houses, plant crops, marry, pursue new goals, look for opportunities. I have plans to prosper you in your difficulty."

Perhaps you are facing a disappointment, a betrayal, a breakup, a big setback etc. You feel like you are in 'exile' and want to give up. No, get your passion back! God has plans to prosper you despite what is going on around you. Keep believing, keep being your best, and God will take you to new levels in the midst of that challenge.

Jeremiah 29:11 ""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.""