

# SEEKING SHALOM

ENACTING JEREMIAH 29:7



47 YEARS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN NEW ORLEANS

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# JEREMIAH 29:7

*Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*

Shalom (ESV uses *welfare*) encompasses ideas of “well-being, prosperity, and security associated with God’s presence among his people” (Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible).

What did this mean for the Jewish Babylonian exiles?

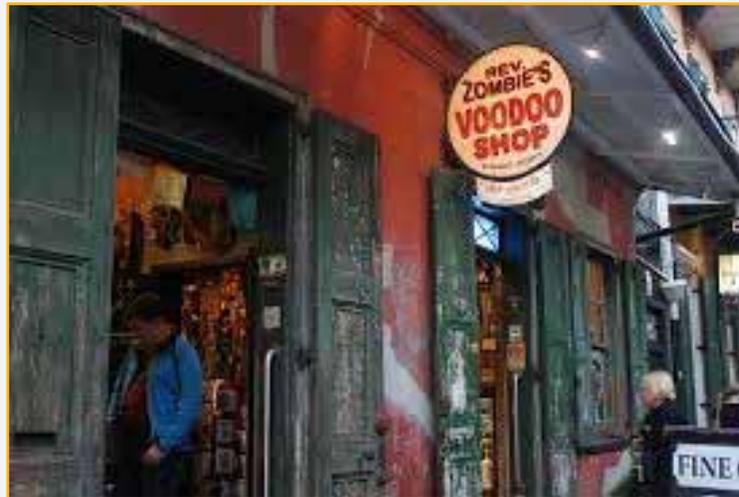
# FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Build houses
- 2) Settle down
- 3) Plant gardens
- 4) Marry and have children
- 5) Marry off your children to ensure grandchildren
- 6) Increase in number
- 7) Seek the well-being of your captives and their city

# URBAN BABYLON 6<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY BC



# URBAN NEW ORLEANS 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY





Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2: 7

**The meaning of the name Katrina: Pure**

<http://www.babynames.com/name/Katrina>

*IN THE CRUCIBLE OF CHALLENGE CREATIVITY IS  
BORN.*

HE WILL SIT AS A REFINER AND PURIFIER OF  
SILVER; HE WILL PURIFY THE LEVITES AND  
REFINE THEM LIKE GOLD AND SILVER. *MALACHI*  
*3:3*

# **THE CRUCIBLE OF CHALLENGE**

# ROMANS 5:3-4

...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

# SILVER ORE



Argentiferous Quartz,  
Pyrargyrite, and Stephanite  
500' Level, Ruby Silver Mine

# CRUCIBLE



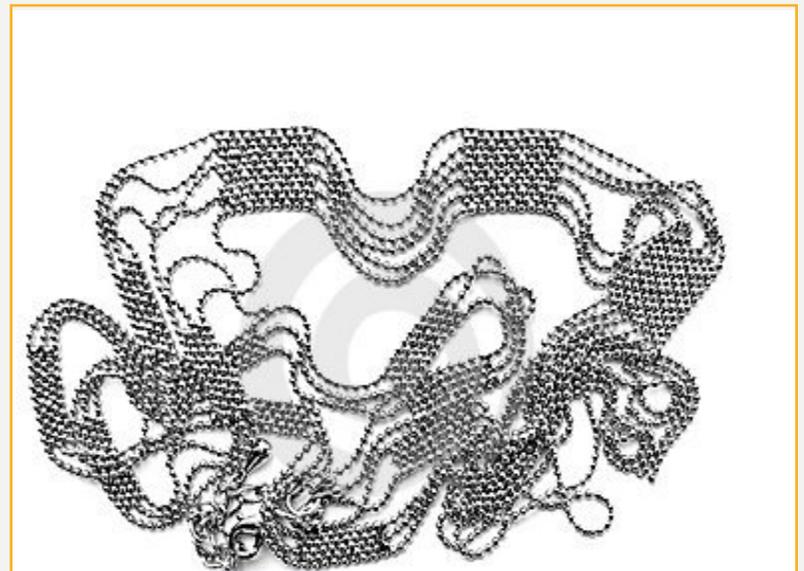
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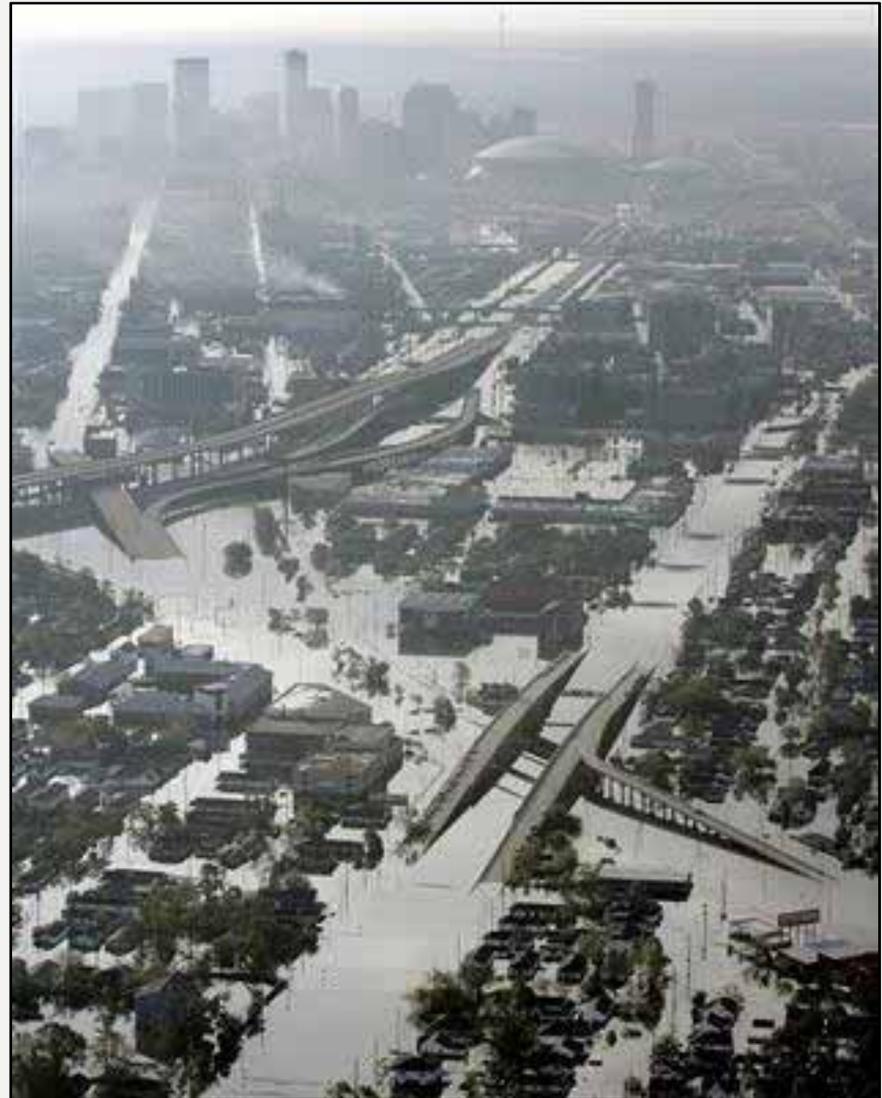
# ORE BEING POURED



# END RESULT



# KATRINA AS CRUCIBLE



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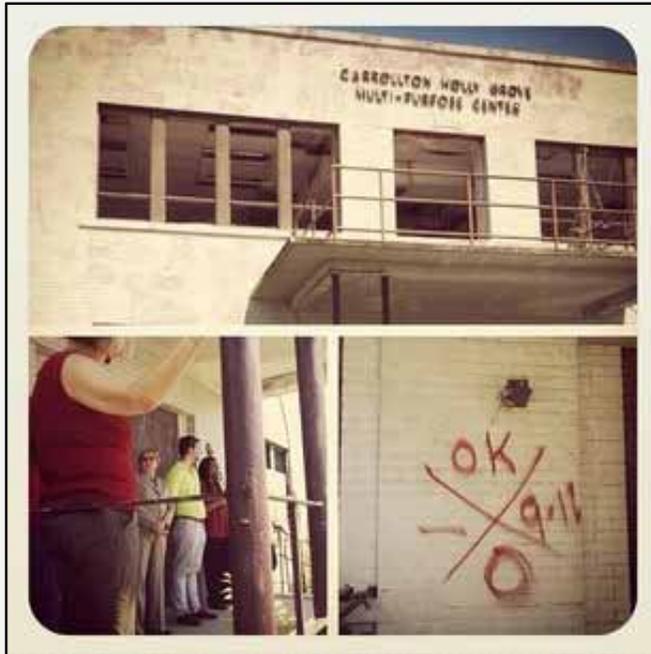




# DUNBAR SCHOOL



# SENIOR CENTER



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# HOLLYGROVE GREENLINE



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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



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# CONRAD PLAYGROUND



# BIG TIME TIPS BAR



# CRIME CAMERAS

## Hollygrove residents hope new cameras deter crime

Written by: Meg Gatto

NEW ORLEANS, LA (WVUE) - Residents in the Hollygrove area say they feel a little safer after new security cameras are installed, free of charge on several homes. The goal is to prevent crime, by showing criminals, there's always someone watching.

Gracie Atkins has lived in her Hollygrove home for 40 years. "We look out for each other, we don't want bad things happening in this neighborhood," said Atkins.

Knowing so many people, Atkins has a pulse on the comings and goings of her neighborhood explaining, "Our issues and our problems used to come from a couple blocks down the street and my car has been hit four or five times from people running away from gunshots, things like that."

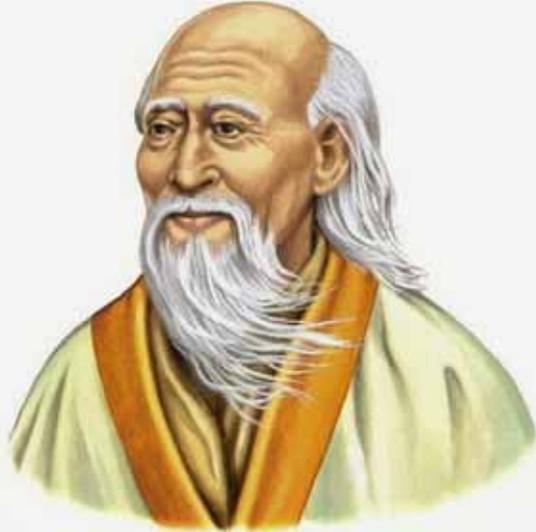
Atkins thinks a new camera installed on her home Saturday, will deter some of that crime.



# LEVEL GROUND CHURCH



# LAO TZU, 6<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY BCE



Go to the people.  
Live with them.  
Learn from them.  
Love them.  
Start with what they know.  
Build with what they have.  
But with the best leaders,  
when the work is done,  
the task accomplished,  
the people will say  
"We have done this ourselves."

# 1 PETER 4: 12-13

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.