

Why do some people genuinely seek for Jesus or God but do not become believers? Doesn't Jeremiah 29:13 say they will find him?

God gave sincere men (Je 29:13) the opportunity to come to him (vv. 12–14).

Jeremiah wrote to the Jewish exiles living in Babylon (vv. 1–23). He warned that the those living in sin (vv. 15–19) and the lying, immoral prophets (vv. 20–23) would be punished by God.

God gives all men the chance to be saved (Jn 3:16, 2 Pe 3:9). Few (Mt 7:14) avail themselves of the opportunity to live (Deut 30:19, Josh 24:15).

John MacArthur wrote: “The kingdom presses ahead relentlessly, and only the relentless press their way into it.” ...Christ is magnifying the difficulty of entering the kingdom...”¹

Genuine seekers (Mt 6:33) will find the Lord. He is a God who wants to be found (Ac 17:27).

¹ MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). The MacArthur Study Bible (electronic ed., p. 1412). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.