

Letters to Exiles

6-9-13

I. A Letter to Exiles: Jeremiah 29:1-14

A. Jeremiah: A Weeping Prophet

Jeremiah 9:1 *Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!*

1. Jeremiah saw the end of His nation, temple, etc
2. It was not his fault, but he was called to preach this destruction

B. Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

1. They would remain for 70 years - Jeremiah 25:11-14
 - a. A lifetime (Psalm 90:10)
2. Directions to Living in Exile
 - a. Build homes and have families
 - b. Pray for those over you
 - c. Do not listen to false prophets

Do this, and I will bring you home

II. Exiles Today

A. We are looking for a homeland - Hebrews 11:15-16

B. Build Homes, Have Families

1. Christian life is not one of debauchery: Galatians 5:19
 - a. Neither is it a life of deprivation
 - b. We are always finding balance
2. God gives divine directions
 - a. For families and work: Ephesians 5-6; I Peter 3, I Timothy 3
 - b. For entertainment and recreation: Philippians 4:8

C. Pray for Those Over You....

1. Those who govern are God's servants
2. Pray for them: I Timothy 2:1, I Peter 2:13, Romans 13
3. A Christian is an obedient citizen.....
 - a. Unless it conflicts with God's law
 - b. Daniel

D. Beware of False Prophets

1. Jeremiah faced 2 false prophets
 - a. Hananiah (Jeremiah 28)
 - b. Shemaiah (Jeremiah 29:24 on)
2. TODAY: Matthew 7:15-16

E. Looking Forward to Home

1. One day we will be brought home
 - a. Theirs was Zerubbabel and Joshua;
 - b. Ours is the Joshua who is Zerubbabel
2. Many Jews chose not to return
 - a. Many today are caught up in the world
 - b. Do you want to go home?