

## The Way of the Exiled, pt 3

Part 1: Jeremiah prophesied it. Jeremiah 24-29

Part 2: Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego lived it. Daniel 3-4

**Part 3: Jesus died for it. Matthew 22:17-22; 27:11-14; John 18:28-20:29**

- (Isaiah 53:1-12) "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? {2} For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. {3} He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. {4} ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. {5} But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. {6} All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. {7} He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. {8} He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. {9} And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. {10} ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. {11} He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. {12} Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

### LIVING BETWEEN LOYALTY AND SUBVERSION

Jesus died for it.

(John 18:36) "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

**Today we conclude this series and hopefully we all have a clearer picture of God's sovereignty, His love for us, how patient He is toward us, and how His plans unfold to show us those things (and more). We will be able to practically apply God-honoring, Christian living in our own symbolic Babylon.**

- We have learned about the prophecy that Jeremiah delivered by reading through several chapters of the book of Jeremiah. (Part 1)**
- We have read an account of exactly how Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego aligned themselves with the prophecy, thus leading to their salvation. (Part 2)**
- We will read how Jesus taught by example the first century Israelites how to live by this way of life, realizing yet how we are all still in exile. (Part 3)**
- Each week, we will discuss further how this applies to our current lives and how we should live amongst a crooked and perverse nation (Phil 2:15).**

The Kingdom of Heaven is in the devil's possession, he took it from Adam when in the Garden of Eden, putting humanity in exile:

(Matthew 11:12) "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

(John 14:30) "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

(2 Corinthians 4:4) "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Which is why the devil tries to tempt Jesus with giving it to Him, he knew that Jesus was here to take it back:

(Matthew 4:8-11) "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; {9} And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. {10} Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. {11} Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him."

And the enemy remains in this world until the Messiah comes in glory to reclaim it

as depicted in Revelation 19-22, following the rescuing of us all from exile.

(1 Peter 5:8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

And now, our King and LORD, Jesus Christ sets the ultimate example of living in exile, teaching it openly all the way to the cross.

(Matthew 22:20-21) "And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? {21} They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

So, we know well what we are to render unto Caesar. But what things are God's and how do we render that unto Him?

(Matthew 22:37-39) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. {38} This is the first and great commandment. {39} And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Jesus lived out His teaching of loving our neighbors as ourselves when He declared this:

(John 15:13) "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

And as He hang on the cross dying for us, He pled with the Father:

(Luke 23:34) "¶ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."

Peter declares the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:7 in this passage:

(1 Peter 2:21-25) "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: {22} Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: {23} Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: {24} Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. {25} For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

## **How do we love the Lord our God with such a love?**

Be ready, v12 → 2 Timothy 3:1-5

(1 Peter 4:12) "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:"

Be glad, v13-14 → Colossians 3:16 → Psalm 100

(1 Peter 4:13-14) "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. {14} If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

Be Steadfast and suffer, v15-16 → 2 Timothy 2:3

(1 Peter 4:15-16) "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. {16} Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."

Be humble, v17-18 → 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10, Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10 → Revelation 20:12

(1 Peter 4:17-18) "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? {18} And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Be faithful, v19 → 2 Timothy 2:4-5, 2 Timothy 4:6-8

(1 Peter 4:19) "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

### Sermon Scriptures:

Psalm 78

Malachi 4:1-6

1 Peter 4:16

John 18:36

Matthew 11:12

John 14:30

2 Corinthians 4:4

Matthew 4:8-11  
Revelation 19-22  
1 Peter 5:8  
Matthew 22:20-21  
Matthew 22:37-39  
John 15:13  
Luke 23:34  
1 Peter 2:21-25  
1 Peter 4:12  
2 Timothy 3:1-5  
1 Peter 4:13-14  
Colossians 3:16  
Psalm 100  
1 Peter 4:15-16  
2 Timothy 2:3  
1 Peter 4:17-18  
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