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#4 - Strangers



Strangers in a Foreign Land

Abraham's Family

Israelites in Exile

13 Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge.

Isaiah 5:13

11 "Israel will certainly go from its land into exile."

Amos 7:11

1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 Upon the willows, in the midst of it we hung our harps. 3 For there our captors

Psalm 137:1-4

demanded of us songs, and our tormentors' mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." 4 How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Psalm 137:1-4

4 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, 5 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce.

Jeremiah 29:4-7

6 Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not

Jeremiah 29:4-7

decrease. **7** Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

Jeremiah 29:4-7

We can be faithful in a foreign land.

Strangers Headed to a Promised Land

Israelites in the Wilderness

6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; 7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through

Romans 9:6-8

Isaac your descendants will be named." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Romans 9:6-8

Spiritual Israel in a Current Wilderness

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.

1 Peter 1:14-15

3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desires of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking

1 Peter 4:3-4

parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;

1 Peter 4:3-4

Spiritual Israel in a Current Wilderness

We are headed to a different land.

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