

“Impact in Exile”

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- The Kingdom of God
 - Mark 1:14-15
 - Advent - Let earth receive her king
- John 3:3,5
- Philippians 3:20
- 1 Peter 2:11-12
- Hebrews 11:13
- Exiles?
 - Increased sense of hostility from those around us
 - Not just ignored or marginalized, but actively opposed, restricted and silenced
 - Considered purveyors of hate, bigotry, insult, and offense – no longer to be just tolerated, but must be restricted and opposed
 - More and more evident that we are not residing in our homeland
- Israelites As Exiles
- 2 Kings 25:8-11
 - Babylonian King arrived in Jerusalem
 - Burned down the temple and all the houses
 - Tore down the walls of Jerusalem
 - Took the people as exiles to Babylon
- The clash of kingdoms
 - The kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world
 - The kingdoms of this world now ruling God’s people – in the immediate sense
- Question #1 – Where are we?
 - We are not at home, but dislocated
 - Not in the place God had given them
- Question #2 – Who is in charge?
 - Under the immediate rule of their enemies
 - Yet, under the rule of God

- God’s instruction for exiles
- Jeremiah 29:4-11
 - Build homes and plan to stay
 - Plant gardens and eat the food they produce
 - Marry and have children
 - Find them spouses and have many grandchildren
 - Multiply – do not dwindle away
 - Work for the peace and prosperity of the city
 - Pray to the Lord – for its welfare will determine your welfare
 - Don’t listen to the false prophets
 - You will be in Babylon for 70 years
 - I will come and do all the good things I have promised
 - I will bring you home again
 - I have plans for you, good not disaster, to give you a future and a hope
- Exiles Excelling
- Daniel 1:1-4