

SERMON TOPIC: EXILED

SERMON OUTLINE

EXILE

To be in exile means to be away from one's home, while either being explicitly refused permission to return or being threatened with imprisonment or death upon return.

CAPTIVE

a person whose ability to move or act freely is limited by being kept in a space

KEY POINTS

Jeremiah 29:11 is a famous verse, but it is often applied to life now without considering the context.

In chapters 25-28, Jeremiah describes 70 years of captivity that the exiles were about to face.

He even uses the phrase “drink the cup” to symbolize God’s judgment (25:15ff).

Living among the Babylonians was not easy for the Israelites because they were separated from their homeland (EXILES & CAPTIVES), treated like second-class citizens, and pressured to participate in the immorality of the idol-worshipping culture.

A false prophet named Hananiah sent a message of hope to the exiles (Jer. 28), saying that in just 2 years, the Israelites could go back to their homeland.

The contest between Jeremiah and the false prophets was carried on before by preaching, here by writing; there we had sermon against sermon, here we have letter against letter, for some of the false prophets are now carried away into captivity in Babylon, while Jeremiah remains in his own country.

A letter which Jeremiah wrote to the captives in Babylon, is Jeremiah’s reply to this false hope.

SUMMARY:

Gods’ promise in Jeremiah 29 v 11, is even greater when read in context of the whole chapter.