

A NEW CITY FOR EXILES

Ezekiel 40:1-4

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was struck down, on that very day, the hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me to the city. 2 In visions of God he brought me to the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, on which was a structure like a city to the south. 3 When he brought me there, behold, there was a man whose appearance was like bronze, with a linen cord and a measuring reed in his hand. And he was standing in the gateway. 4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart upon all that I shall show you, for you were brought here in order that I might show it to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel."

As exiles long to be home, you can know that your future home in the presence of God is more glorious than you can ever perceive.

1. God Removes His Presence from Faithless People but Returns it to Repentant Exiles.

Exodus 1, 5:11, 10:18-19, 11:16-17

How highly do you value God's dwelling presence with his people? Why?

2. Exiles Are Ultimately Going Home to a Greater Temple.

Ezekiel 40-42, Hebrews 8-10, 11:9-10, John 2:18-22, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 1 Peter 2:4-7, Ephesians 2:19-22, Revelation 21

If the people of God are a temple of God, what do you imagine it will be like living in the completed temple for all eternity?

Read over Revelation 21 and describe the sense you get that God loves his bride.

3. Exiles Are Ultimately Going Home to the Unhindered Presence of God.

Ezekiel 43:1-5, 43:10-11, 48:35, Revelation 22:1-5

When you hear of the hope that God's presence brings, what reminders can you give yourself to value his presence in your life more?

Church Announcements

- Sunday School 8:30am
- Wednesday study and prayer 7pm (prayer time following study)
 - Discussing Ephesians 1
- A quick meeting for members and regular attenders after church this morning.

Special Request

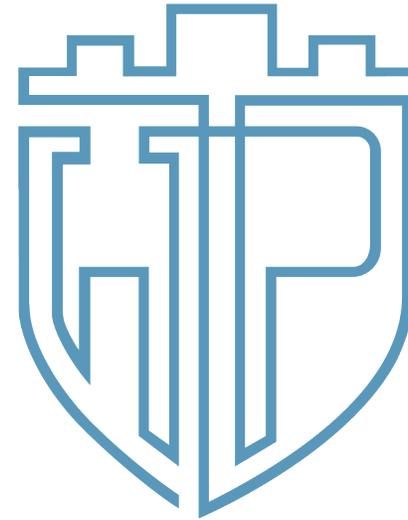
- Pray for those you know who need salvation.
- Pray for God's church to be united in Christ.
- Pray for the Rillos as they settle back into life in the USA.

Giving Information

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