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**The Exiles' Prayer:**  
**for the Welfare of Our Babylonian World**

**1. Our Biblical Call as Exiles**

- the LORD sent His people into Babylonian captivity: because of their sin, for Israel's long term good & God's glorious-unfolding plan
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- We are sojourners & exiles in a Babylonian-like world:  
called to holy living & godly witness

**2. Our High Calling as Exiles**

- the LORD called the Exiles to live among, seek the welfare of & pray for the city: the Babylonian people who had enslaved them
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Embrace Christ's incarnational, sanctifying call to be salt & light:  
loving & praying for our neighbors & our enemies

**3. The Danger of Exile-Rejecting False Prophets**

- the LORD rebuked & judged the false prophets – and warned the exiles not to be deceived by them
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Embrace a sojourner-exile worldview, calling & heart:  
while rejecting the prosperity & political false gospels of this age

**4. The Eternal Blessings of Our Promise-Keeping God**

- the LORD told the exiles He would fulfill His promise to them: and exhorted them to pray & seek Him with all their heart...
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Let's be Jeremiah 29:7 Christians waiting for our Jeremiah 29:11 future – exiles empowered by our eschatological hope in Christ