

Sermon Title: Kingdoms & Kings: No Church in the Wild

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-7; Jeremiah 29:1-14

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- 1. As we begin a new series through the book of Daniel, what experience do you have with the book? Are there any portions that have been impactful to you?
- 2. In the next two months, we will have our next political election. Without sharing feelings about candidates, issues, etc., what emotions are you feeling during this time?
- 3. We recently discussed "the sovereignty of God" in our summer series. This is a key theme that marks the book of Daniel? How is this important in light of Daniel 1:1-7 and Jeremiah 29:1-11?
- 4. Can you think of examples today when God uses people or powers outside of the church to cause people to turn back to Him?
- 5. Who would you consider to be a part of "the faithful remnant" of Christianity in our world today?
- 6. Daniel and his friends had to determine which parts of the Babylonian culture they could live with and which parts they should stand against. How do you make that determination in your own culture?
- 7. Read Jeremiah 29:1-14. What hope did Jeremiah give the people?
- 8. How can this hope help us when we struggle with listening to and obeying God's truth?
- 9. Does the fuller context of Jeremiah 29:1-14 change how you have heard and applied Jeremiah 29:11?
- 10. Daniel and the exiles will dwell in Babylon for 70 years. The very same Babylon which destroyed Jerusalem. Not only will they dwell there, but Babylon will thrive because of them. Are you able to reconsider your role and faithfulness within American culture in light of this?
- 11. Daniel will serve in Babylon through four different emperors and three different kingdoms. The political views could not be more polarizing than this. How does his faithfulness serve as an example to us?