

## Missionaries – Part 5

### Exiles as Missionaries

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Missionaries. Our topic today: Exiles as Missionaries.

Scripture Theme Song: “You are a Chosen Generation” (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) Taken as prisoners of war
  - a) Isaiah 39:5-7
  - b) Daniel 1:1-7
    - i) What important insights can you glean from this passage about the treatment given to these prisoners of war?
- 2) Characteristics of a faithful missionary
  - a) Daniel 1:8-20
  - b) Daniel 3:8-18
  - c) Daniel 6:4, 10-11
  - d) List some important characteristics of a faithful missionary:
    - i) Commitment – 1:8
    - ii) Faith – 1:12
    - iii) Diligence – 1:20
    - iv) Courage – 3:17-18
    - v) Integrity – 6:3-4
    - vi) Prayer – 6:10; 9:3-19
    - vii) Other characteristics?
- e) What can we learn from the fact that only four of the exiles are mentioned by name?
- f) How were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah able to resist the compromises that surrounded them?
- 3) The impact of these missionaries in exile
  - a) Daniel 2:47-49
  - b) Daniel 3:28-30
  - c) Daniel 5:9-11
  - d) Daniel 6:24-27
  - e) Why is it so important that our lives are a living testimony of the truths we proclaim?
- 4) The compelling message of these missionaries in exile
  - a) Daniel 3:14-18
  - b) Daniel 4:17
  - c) Daniel 7:13-14, 27
  - d) Daniel 12:1-3
- 5) Some contemporary Bible scholars challenge the idea that Daniel was a real character in history. They suggest that the book of Daniel was fabricated 400 years after the supposed time of the make-believe prophet. How do we know these stories about Daniel and his three friends are true? Matthew 24:14-16
- 6) Other exiles as missionaries
  - a) Joseph
  - b) Ezekiel
  - c) John on the island of Patmos
  - d) Captive girl who served in the house of Naaman
  - e) What lessons have you learned today from our study of exiles as missionaries?