**A Stranger in a Strange Land**

(Exodus 2:22, KJV)

The experience of Israel in captivity reminds us that this world is not our home. We are outsiders living in a foreign land. We don’t fit here because –

**1. The world *mocks* our lifestyle** (1-4)

A. The world tramples spiritual *pearls*

Matthew 7:6

B. The Lord calls us to spiritual *sobriety*

Ecclesiastes 7:2-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8; 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Peter 4:7

**2. The world *despises* our city** (5-6)

A. The *Jerusalem above*

Galatians 4:26

B. The *church on earth*

1 Timothy 3:14

**3. The world will be *judged* by our King** (7-9)

Though such a vicious desire for revenge has always been sinful, it reminds us that –

A. *Revenge* is a natural response

B. *Forgiveness* is a gracious response

Ephesians 4:30-32

C. *Justice* is the Lord’s response

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. The world rejects our lifestyle

Romans 12:1-2

Ephesians 5:3-4

1 Peter 4:3-5

2. Our true city

Galatians 4:26

Philippians 3:18-21

1 Timothy 3:14

Hebrews 11:8-16

Hebrews 12:22-23

3. The world will be judged

Deuteronomy 32:43

Revelation 6:9-11

Romans 13:17-21

“It’s a fool’s life, a rogue’s life, and a good life if you keep laughing all the way to the grave” (Edward Abbey).

Risus abundat in ore stultorum – “Laughter is abundant in the mouth of fools” (Latin proverb).