

Message Notes

The Story of God

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works IN JESUS CHRIST!

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The Story of God and Our Story

Gospel Application – “Have you merged your
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Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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“I am in favor of giving the
them the opportunity to try
it on for themselves.”



“That reminds me of story. A man had taken a pledge against drinking. The man”, said Lincoln, “was offered a drink at a friend’s house. The man declined, on account of his pledge, so his friend offered him lemonade instead. Then the host mentioned that the lemonade would be a bit more palatable if he were to pour some brandy in it. The man said that if his host were to do that unbeknownst (or unknown) to him, then ... he could not object.”



The title 'BETWEEN TWO WORLDS' is rendered in a white, distressed, hand-painted font. The word 'BETWEEN' is on the top line, 'TWO' is smaller and positioned between 'BETWEEN' and 'WORLDS', and 'WORLDS' is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by numerous white lines of varying lengths radiating outwards, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. The entire graphic is set against a dark blue background with a subtle, grainy texture.

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

1 Peter 1:1-2

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of
Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ²who have been
chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus
Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.



Let's meet Peter!

GRECO, El

Apostle St Peter

1610-14

Oil on canvas, 97 x 77 cm

Museo de El Greco, Toledo

1 Peter 1:3-5

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:6-9

⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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REMBRANDT Harmenszoon van Rijn
Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem, 1630
Oil on panel, 58 x 46 cm Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

We get a hint of how draining the prophetic work was through the words of Daniel. Of the sufferings he had to behold he writes:

*My spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.
(Daniel 7:15)*

And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it. (8:27)

When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breadth is left in me." (10:15–17)

Such is the reward of the prophet. They were largely rejected in their own day. They served another time. They couldn't understand salvation as clearly as they desired. And they were often physically impaired due to the nature of their work.

~ David R. Helm, [*1 & 2 Peter and Jude: Sharing Christ's Sufferings*](#), Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2008), 50-51.

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The message of the prophets pronounces God's judgment on the sin of his people, but it does not stop with judgment. The final vision of the Old Testament is not of dry bones in death valley. Rather, it is renewal beyond conceiving. The prophets picture the restoration of all that had been lost: the land, the temple, the sacrifices, the priesthood. But the restoration does not look back to recover the past; it looks forward to God's final renewal. God's fulfilment will transform everything. Not only will the remnant of Judah and Israel be gathered, but the remnant of the Gentiles will be gathered with them. Not just Israel, but Egypt and Assyria will be called the people of God. Eden will be restored, and more: God will make a new creation where peace will be universal and darkness will be gone.



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In these verses Peter establishes the relevance of the OT for his readers, and he will continue to use the OT throughout his letter both to further explain Jesus and to exhort his readers with its ethical teachings. The hermeneutic that Peter explains in 1 Pet. 1:10–12 allows him to draw his readers' self-understanding into solidarity with the OT people of God, giving them a new heritage now that they have abandoned the empty way of their biological ancestors (1:18), whether Gentile or Jew. They are no longer citizens of diverse nations but have been joined to the one people of God. Therefore, their self-understanding must be reshaped in accordance with this new reality that is of the greatest value.

~ Karen H. Jobes, *1 Peter*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005), 97

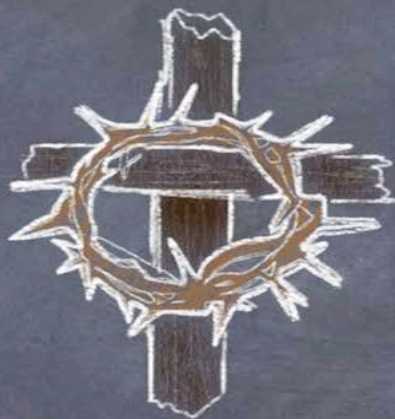




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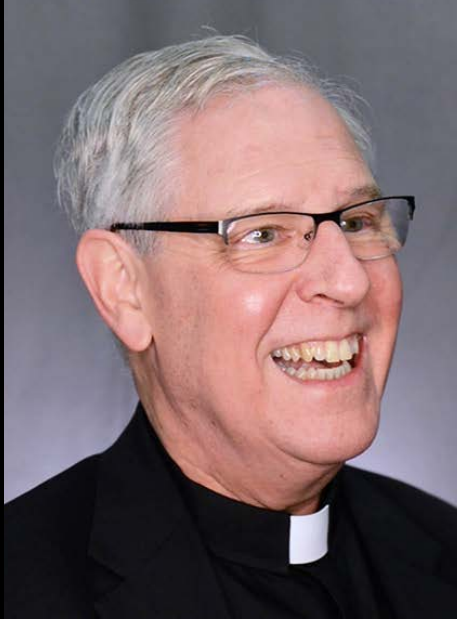
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The sense of privilege that the readers should have of actually living in the time of fulfillment that the prophets longed to experience is underlined by mentioning “which things angels desire to look into.” ... The sense is not one of idle curiosity but of a longing to see the fulfillment of God’s promises. Great as they are, it was not to them or for them that the fulfillment came...



Although suffering, these believers are a privileged people.

~ Peter H. Davids, *The First Epistle of Peter*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990), 64–65.



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