Scattered Strangers - Elect Exiles of the Dispersion

**ESV 1 Peter 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are **elect exiles of the Dispersion** in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,... 17 And if you **call** on him as Father who **judges impartially according to each one's** deeds, conduct yourselves with **fear** throughout the time of your exile,... **ESV 1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

**BNT 1 Peter 1:1** Πέτρος ἀπόστολος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐκλεκτὸς παρεπιδήμοις διασπορᾶς Πόντου, Γαλατίας, Καππαδοκίας, Ἀσίας καὶ Βιθυνίας,

**KJV 1 Peter 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the **strangers scattered** throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,** Elect...**

**NAS 1 Peter 1:1** aPeter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to **those who reside as aliens,** scattered throughout bPontus, cGalatia, dCappadocia, eAsia, and fBithynia, gwho are chosen

**NIV 1 Peter 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

**LEXICON – Exiles, Aliens, Strangers**

παρεπιδήμος, ou m: The sense of “a sojourner,” or “a stranger” settled in a particular district only for a time. (derivatives of παροικέω and ἐπιδημέω ‘to live as a foreigner,’ 85.78, respectively) a person who for a period of time lives in a place which is not his normal residence - ‘alien, stranger, temporary resident.’ πάροικος: ἔσται τὸ σπέρμα αὐτοῦ πάροικον ἐν γῇ ἄλλῃ τίς 'his descendants will live as strangers in a foreign country' Ac 7.6. παρεπιδήμος: ἐκλεκτὸς παρεπιδήμος διασπορᾶς Πόντου 'to God’s chosen people who live as aliens scattered throughout Pontus’ 1 Pe 1.1. In Ac 7.6 the expression ‘as strangers in a foreign country’ may be rendered ‘as strangers living in a country which was not their own.’ Similarly, ‘who live as aliens’ may also be rendered as ‘who live in countries not their own’ or ‘who live with people to whose nation they do not belong.’

**ESV 1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners [παροίκοις] and exiles [παρεπιδήμους] to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

**Illustrated in the OT**

**ESV Genesis 23:4** "I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

**ESV Psalm 39:12** "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

**ESV Leviticus 25:23-24** 23 “The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me. 24 And in all the country you possess, you shall allow a redemption of the land.

**ESV Deuteronomy 10:19-21** 19 “Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. 21 He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

**ESV Psalm 119:19** 19 I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!

**ESV Psalm 119:54** 54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.

**ESV Psalm 146:9** 9 The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
ESV Genesis 47:9 9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. bFew and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and cthey have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning."

ESV 1 Chronicles 29:15-16 15 aFor we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are blike a shadow, and there is no abiding. c1 16 O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

Designated in the NT

ESV Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, a not having received the things promised, but bhaving seen them and greeted them from afar, and chaving acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

ESV 1 Peter 1:17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

ESV 1 John 3:1 See a what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called bchildren of God; and so we are. The reason why cthe world does not know us is that dit did not know him.

ESV John 8:23-25 23 aHe said to them, b"You are from below; I am from above. cYou are of this world; dI am not of this world. d24 I told you that you ewould die in your sins, for funless you believe that gI am he you will die in your sins." 25 So they said to him, h"Who are you?" Jesus said to them, i"Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.

ESV John 15:18-21 18 aIf the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. b19 aIf you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because byou are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. c20 Remember the word that I said to you: aA servant is not greater than his master. dIf they persecuted me, edthey will also persecute you. fIf they kept my word, they will also keep yours. g21 But aall these things they will do to you on account of my name, bbecause they do not know him who sent me.

ESV John 17:9-20 9 I am praying for them. aI am not praying for the world but for those bwhom you have given me, for cthey are yours. 10 aAll mine are yours, and yours are mine, and bI am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but athey are in the world, and bI am coming to you. cHoly Father, dkeep them in your name, ewhich you have given me, fthat they may be one, geven as we are one. 12 aWhile I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have hguarded them, and i‘not one of them has been lost except ikthe son of destruction, lthat the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now mI am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have nmy joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 "I have given them your word, and othe world has hated them ‘because they are not of the world, pjust as I am not of the world. 15 I qdo not ask that you rtake them out of the world, but that you rsanctify them in the truth; syour word is truth. 16 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 17 And tfor their sake uI consecrate myself, vthat they also wmay be sanctified wby truth. 20 "I do not wask these only, but also for those xwho will believe in me through their word,...

ESV John 17:25-26 25 orighteous Father, even though pthe world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 oI made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love qwith which you have loved me may be in them, and rI in them."

ESV John 18:36-37 36 Jesus answered, a"My kingdom bis not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, cmy servants would have been fighting, that dI might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." 37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, a"You say that I am a king. bFor this purpose I was born and for this purpose eI have come into the world— fo bear witness to the truth. eEveryone who is fof the truth glistens to my voice.".
ESV 1 Corinthians 2:12-14  12 Now awe have received not bthe spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.  13 And we impart this ain words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, binterpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.  14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are afolly to him, and bhe is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

ESV Romans 12:2  2 aDo not be conformed to this world, bbut be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ESV 1 John 2:15-17  15 aDo not love the world or the things in the world. bIf anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.  16 For all that is in the world-- athe desires of the flesh and bthe desires of the eyes and pride of life-- is not from the Father but is from the world.  17 And athe world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

ESV James 4:4  4 aYou adulterous people! bDo you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

An Incomplete Simple Overview of Some Things in 1 Peter

- Experienced by us while IN and FROM the World
  - Various Trials – 1 Pet 1:7
  - Speak against you as evildoers – 1 Pet 2:12
  - Endure sorrows while suffering unjustly – 1 Pet 2:19
  - Suffer (even beaten) for doing good – 1 Pet 2:20
  - Evil and reviling – 1 Pet 3:9
  - Suffer for righteousness sake – 1 Pet 3:14
  - Slandered and reviled – 1 Pet 3:16
  - Malign you – 1 Pet 4:4
  - Fiery trial – 1 Pet 4:12
  - Insults – 1 Pet 4:14
  - Etc...

- Expected from us while IN and even TO the World
  - Obedience to Jesus Christ – 1 Pet 1:2
  - Rejoice even in trials – 1 Pet 1:6
  - Prepare minds for action, sober-minded, Set hope fully on the grace that is ours in Jesus Christ 1 Pet 1:13
  - Do not be conformed...1 Pet 1:14
  - Be holy – 1 Pet 1:15
  - Conduct yourselves with fear – 1 Pet 1:17
  - Put away all malice and deceit – 1 Pet 2:1
  - Long for the pure spiritual mile – 1 Pet 2:2
  - Proclaim His excellencies – 1 Pet 2:9
  - Abstain from passions of the flesh – 1 Pet 2:11
  - Keep conduct honorable, good deeds – 1 Pet 2:12
  - Be subject to human institutions – 1 Pet 1:13
  - Etc...

- Extraordinary Expectation and Experience of Exiles
  - Sanctification of the Spirit – 1 Pet 1:2
  - Born again to a living hope – 1 Pet 1:3-4
  - Kept by God’s Power – 1 Pet 1:5
  - Rejoicing (because of Christ) with a joy inexpressible and filled with glory – 1 Pet 1:8
  - Chosen and Called OUT (made) as God’s People – 1 Pet 2:9-10
  - Strength for service supplied by God 1 Pet 4:11
  - Etc...