

*We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior....*

**Philippians 3:20** nlt

*8 God called Abraham to travel to another place that he promised to give him. Abraham did not know where that other place was. But he obeyed God and started traveling because he had faith. 9 Abraham lived in the country that God promised to give him. He lived there like a visitor who did not belong. He did this because he had faith. He lived in tents with Isaac and Jacob, who also received the same promise from God. 10 Abraham was waiting for the city that has real foundations. He was waiting for the city that is planned and built by God. **Heb 11:8-10** erv*

**Matt6:19** *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”* esv

**Matt 24 45-51** *It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* niv

 **Beulah**

RJones Beulah 11.29.20 Philippians 3:20, various

## **An Expatriate’s Manifesto**

**Know how dual citizenship works -- for a better life.**

In-country status: there will be no illegals, there will be legal residents, citizens, rulers, and peasants.

As we abide in this foreign Earthland we have some questions

**Which Country’s Laws Should I Submit To?**

**How Does Money & Banking Compare?**

**How Are The Cultures Different?**

**Where Is My Primary Allegiance? “Occupy”**

**How Will The Climates Compare?**

**What About Real Estate?**

**Where Will I Live In The Coming Kingdom?**

## Let Us Adopt This Prayer From Daniel

*"Praise the name of God forever and ever,  
for he has all wisdom and power.  
He controls the course of world events,  
He removes kings and sets up other kings.*

*He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the scholars.*

*He reveals deep and mysterious things  
and knows what lies hidden in darkness,  
though he is surrounded by light.*

*I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors,  
for you have given me wisdom and strength.*

*You have told me what we asked of you  
and revealed to us what the king demanded."*

Daniel 2:20-23 nlt

When Daniel's country was overthrown and he found himself transported to a different culture, re-educated to the new regime, he did not fight or rebel. He assimilated to the new situation, just as Jeremiah had counseled and as Joseph had modeled. Daniel and his believer friends assimilated to the new ways. But Daniel carefully followed the Lord even as he sought to conform to the evil King Nebuchadnezzar's wishes. This is also what Jesus did six centuries later. We are *in the world but not of the world*. Jesus conquered evil Rome with love and within three centuries Rome was 90% Christian. Jesus conquers with love & sacrifice & obedience to heaven, our true headquarters.

When you follow Jesus in this ungodly world you will be called on to suffer at times. You will be caught in the vice between what the state wants and what God tells you to do. Comply when you can without compromising God's ways. Respect civil authority (Rom. 13:1-7). But don't follow Gandhi's advice to the ovens, as did the Jews. Be wise. -Rob

## We Are On Our Way To A Far Country



## Shepherd Your Family Carefully