

San Diego, Cal.  
Apr 17, 1908

Dear Folks  
As I have nothing today  
at present will start a letter  
to you. I have looked for  
letters from you but  
are but a few.

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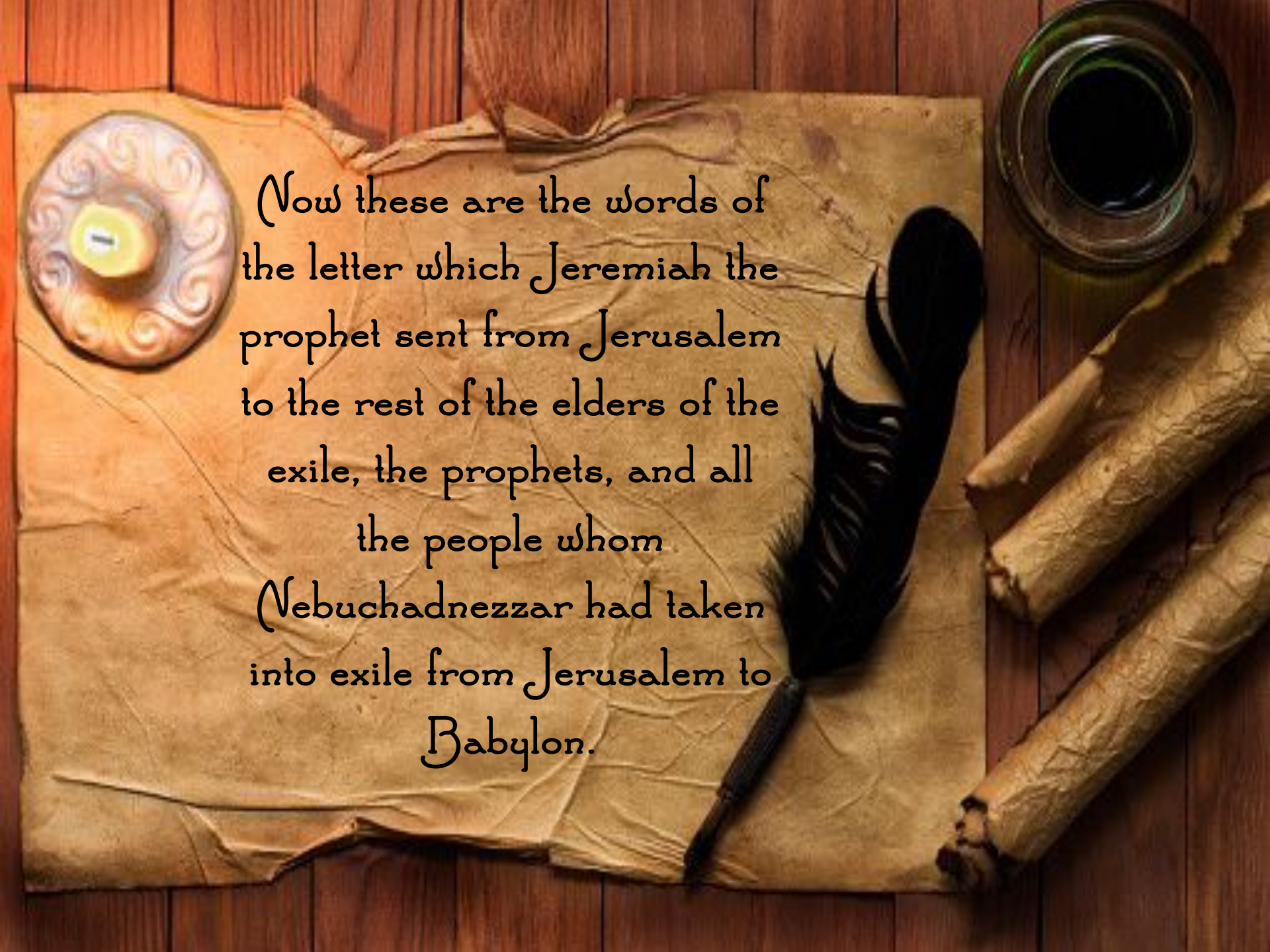


Mrs. D. J. Willard  
Bellefonte Pa

Mr. & Mrs. Willard  
welcome and  
ask you a paper  
As soon as we arrived we  
dropped anchor at the office  
extended greetings to  
each other. We will  
write you again.

# Letters Here & Abroad





Now these are the words of  
the letter which Jeremiah the  
prophet sent from Jerusalem  
to the rest of the elders of the  
exile, the prophets, and all  
the people whom  
Nebuchadnezzar had taken  
into exile from Jerusalem to  
Babylon.



**Psalms 137:1-6**

How were they to act in Babylon?

Were they to wait for a chance to break free?

Were they to overthrow the government?



Were they to simply count the days like a prisoner?

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a lush, green field of tall grass. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Jeremiah 29:4-14

*The Balance  
Between Here  
& There*



God Expected His  
People to be a  
Blessing in Babylon

- By making improvements (5)
- By making a good impression  
(7)
- By making a future (6)



God expected them not  
to forget His promise

- Home was Jerusalem (11)





Heaven is our home

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How are we to act in this  
land?





While we are here, we  
are to be a blessing

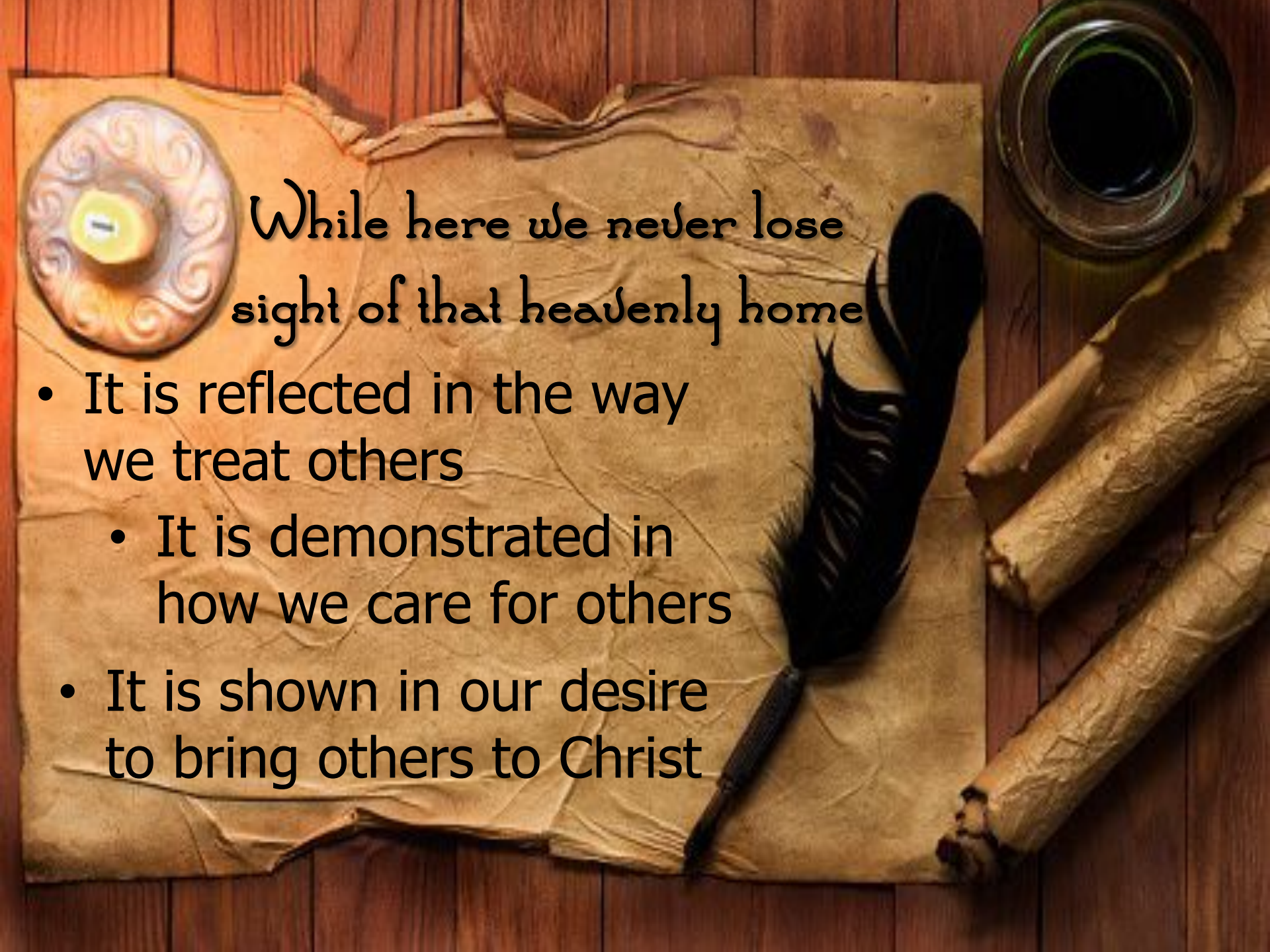
- We must make improvements

By being good  
stewards of what God  
has blessed us with

Psalms 24:1 “The  
earth is the Lord’s,  
and all it contains,  
the world and those  
who dwell in it.”  
Psalms 50:10  
every animal  
forest is Mine  
cattle on a hill  
hills.”

Psalms 50:11 “I  
know every bird of  
the mountains, and  
everything that  
moves in the field  
is Mine.”





While here we never lose  
sight of that heavenly home

- It is reflected in the way we treat others
  - It is demonstrated in how we care for others
- It is shown in our desire to bring others to Christ



*"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought the most of the next world. It is when Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become ineffective in this world."*




**C.S. Lewis**



*The Balance  
Between  
Here &  
There*

To be so concerned about earth that we miss Heaven makes us become conformed to this world





*The Balance  
Between  
Here &  
There*

To be so heavenly focused  
that we don't care about  
others is to miss the  
purpose of Jesus

*Some people are so heavenly focused  
that they're no earthly good*



*The  
Balance  
Between  
Here &  
There*

We are to be a blessing here  
while we long for that  
Heavenly Home...

We live as if  
we have one  
foot already  
in Heaven