

**The Writing on the Wall**

(Daniel 5)

The Babylonian era is about to end within 24 hours time, and the Medo-Persian era will begin. Daniel 5 is within this 24 hours bracket. This is not an unlikely scene because we learn that the Medo-Persian army had encamped around the gates and walls of Babylon as Belshazzar feasted with his lords. Babylonian exile and rule was a time of “Pagan *domination* and rule over Israel”. The Medo-Persian Empire brought in an era of *restoration* by allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem and build the Temple.

**Who was Belshazzar?** After Nebuchadnezzar, his son Nabonidus (the last king of Babylon) took over. Belshazzar is the son of Nabonidus. Nabonidus was away for 10 years fighting in Arabia, and during that time he put his son Belshazzar second-in-charge of his kingdom. Daniel was offered the “third” ruler position. Belshazzar had no character or discipline of a king. The only way he can impress his kingdom is by throwing a big party. And this feast led to his downfall.

**Lessons to learn:**

(1) Belshazzar was a self-centred man. CS Lewis says that selfishness is not always bad and is often useful, but thorough self-centeredness is never good. It is pure evil because everything has to revolve around the “I”. When self-centredness grows, judgement is swift (as in Belshazzar’s case).

(2) Holy-Common-Sinful. Belshazzar takes the temple utensils (1:2, 5:2) and uses them to drink and praise his idols. He had taken a holy thing, made it common and sinful. This movement from “Holy” to “sinful” happens all the time. For example, we can turn our calling into politics (which is holy), into a common one by becoming like everyone else in the profession, and turn it into sin by abusing power and trust of people. If this happens, judgement is not far away.

(3) God will hold us responsible for the knowledge we have. v. 22, “...and you his son, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all these...” Romans 1 say that everything we need to know about God has been revealed. The question is whether are as acting and living on what we know.

**MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN** (Numbered. Numbered. Weighed. Divided).

**Mene, Mene:** your days are numbered. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Ps 90:12).

**Tekel:** you are weighed and found wanting. This is not a scale where we have our bad deeds on one side and our good deeds on the other to balance out our good and bad. But imagine you on one side, and God’s Divine Law on the other side. On your own you weigh nothing, and God’s law is heavy. But if Christ puts his blood and righteousness on you, that balances out the scales.

**Parsin:** If you do not believe in Jesus, you will be weighed and found wanting, and then you will be divided and thrown over into Hell.

**Finger of God.** The “*finger of God*” appears in other parts of the Bible: The Law given through Moses was written on stone with the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). “When I look at ... the work of your fingers” Psalm 8. Jesus writes on the ground with his finger as the Pharisees shouted condemning a woman (John 8).

The fingers of God will write again soon. What will it say? Learn to number your days aright and live in the fear of God. Let Christ and His work on the Cross fill your side of the scale. Then you will be safe and secure.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD  
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

**VISION statement of the City Church:**

*City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.*

**AIMS of the City Church:**

**Worship:** *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

**Fellowship:** *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

**Evangelism:** *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God’s great salvation.*

**Discipleship:** *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

**Mission:** *To send out people in obedience to God’s call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

**FATHERS’ DAY SERVICE**

- Leader : Dr. Asunu Thong
- Speaker : Bano Vinito
- Ushers : Tiala Toshi & Holin Sangtam
- Keyboard : Lithungpeny Murry
- Flower : Among Sani

**Call to Worship**  
**Praise & Worship**  
 Reading: Psalm 98  
**Mass Prayer**

Announcement

**Children’s choir**

Offertory

Hymn : Open My Eyes That I May See

Bible Reading and Prayer for Fathers

: Rosemary Jamir

Message

Hymn No.268 : Make Me a Blessing

Benediction



## PSALM 98

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.  
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
let them sing before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

### INFORMATION

- Thursday Women Fellowship will be colony wise fellowship at 5pm.
- Enroute today at 3pm. Speaker: Nympha. Come and be blessed!
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study fellowship at 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

# Happy Father's Day!

## CHILDREN'S BIBLE CAMP

CITY CHURCH KOHIMA



*"Live in Obedience to God's Word"*  
Jeremiah 7:23

25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

ST. PAUL SCHOOL PHESAMA

### PRAYER:

- Praise God for the encouraging response in answer to our prayer making the 1st Men's Fellowship a grand success. Men's Fellowship will be held every **1st Friday** of the month. Pray for God's leading upon the core team consisting of **Mr. Mhabemo Yanthan, Mr. Toshi Pongen and Mr. Ajen Longkumer** as they will take up the task of leading the Men's Fellowship.
- Pray for God's leading upon the teachers and the children who will be participating in the forth coming **Children Bible Camp** that it would be fruitful, life transforming and God honouring.

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Mission: ₹ 11,500    Nagamese: ₹ 760    Total: ₹ 2,58,940

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