

DANIEL 9

(I) 70 years of Exile is ending (vv1-3).

As Daniel was reading his Bible, he discovers that the Babylonian exile would be 70 years. Israel, after Solomon, had consistently failed to observe the Law for 500 years. This law included allowing the land to rest from cultivation every 7th year. 70 is the number of years the land had not rested since Solomon. But now that the 70 years exile is almost over Daniel is filled with concern over whether his people are ready to go back or not. "Have we learned our lesson? What if we mess up again?" Therefore Daniel gets down on his knees to prepare for his people.

(II) Daniel's Prayer (vv4-19).

(a) Daniel prays for mercy. When all is well we praise God; when in trouble we cry out for mercy. But according to Daniel, we need God's mercy more when our prayers are answered, lest we mess up again. Earthly success at the expense of eternal loss is not worth taking.

(b) Daniel's prayer is a recount of history. Chap 9 is a condensed version of 1&2 Kings, the failures of the last 500 years. He recounts the last 500 years, laments the present 70 years, and then God reveals to him what the next 500 years is going to look like.

(c) His prayer is full of "we/us/our". Daniel was not personally involved in the sins confessed. But he takes personally responsibility and confesses them to God on behalf of his people. *Note: he is not confessing someone else's individual sin, but he is confessing a nation's sin where everyone is equally responsible.*

(d) He has a low view of himself and a very high view of God.

(III) The Prophecy for the next 500 years (vv20-27).

(a) Daniel is concerned about the 70 years, but God has "70 times seven" more for them. "70 sevens" is also a figurative way of referring to perfection.

(b) The six great goals for Israel within the next 500 years are, v24: (i) *Finish transgression.* (ii) *Put an end to sin.* (iii) *Atonement for iniquity.* (iv) *Bring everlasting righteousness.* (v) *Fulfill both vision and prophecy.* (vi) *Anoint the most holy.*

(c) Daniel prophesied that after 70 sevens (490 years), the Anointed one will appear. About 490 years later, Jesus is about to enter Jerusalem on a donkey to die on the Cross. How staggering is that! This and many other details are fascinating, but Jesus is more fascinating. Don't get lost in the details and fail to worship Jesus.

(e) There are two aspects of prophecy: the immediate/obvious, and the vague/future. For example, when Abraham was promised a son/seed, for him Isaac was the immediate fulfilment. But the Bible points to the future and we know that this seed was ultimately Christ. Likewise, this six goals in v24, has been fulfilled by Christ on the Cross, but we know that they await a greater fulfilment. Jesus himself quotes Daniel and points us to the Second Coming. Daniel validated Jeremiah. And Jesus validated Daniel. And God validated Jesus at the resurrection.

Jesus is Coming Back! So, what are we to do? I suggest we do the three things Daniel did.

(i) ***A Sacrificial Lifestyle.*** He had no priest or temple at Babylon, but he continued offering daily sacrifices, the kind Paul talks about in Romans 12. His sacrifice was coming to God three times a day in prayer. Don't stop your daily sacrifice. (ii) ***He read his Bible.*** This is the Sword of the Spirit. Use it! (iii) ***He was a man of Prayer.*** Daniel's prayer was bold, broken, consistent, persistent, confident, loving, responsible, and not judgemental. God loves to answer this kind of prayer.

- Pastor Kedo Peseyie



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Ajungla Hesso
- Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
- Ushers : Toshinara Dvung & Usha Ezung
- Keyboard : Kimeri Ngullie
- Flower : Kezhanguno Longchar

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 62

Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn **No.74** : I Gave My Life for Thee
- Scripture Reading : Zaren Odyuo (Daniel 10)
- Message
- Hymn **No.40** : How Great Thou Art
- Benediction



Sunday, July 22nd, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 71,500 Offering: ₹ 12,020 Mission: ₹ 5,000
Building Fund: ₹ 5,000 Nagamese: ₹ 710
Total: ₹ 94,230

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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.*

PSALM 62

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
How long will you assault me?
Would all of you throw me down—
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?
Surely they intend to topple me
from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies.
With their mouths they bless,
but in their hearts they curse.
Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.
Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie.
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.
Do not trust in extortion
or put vain hope in stolen goods;
though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.
One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God,
and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone
according to what they have done.”

PRAYER:

- Your personal concerns.
- Pray for the believers in the country that they may persevere and grow in the faith in the midst of persecution. Pray that the Church of God may continue to be salt and light and be a bold witness in the country.

INFORMATION

- Next Thursday women fellowship at **5pm. Leader**– Tolika Moa, **Scripture Reading**– Dr. Chubala Jamir **and Sharing**- Mrs. Aien Sangtam (*Women Pastor, Sangtam Baptist Church Kohima*)
- Enroute today at **3pm**. Come and be blessed!
- Wednesday Bible Study and prayer, **5:00 - 6:30 pm**.
- Month end prayer on **31st** July from 6am—7am.
- There will be Men's fellowship on **2nd** August (Thursday) at 5pm.

Things you need to know about City Church

- It is a full-fledged local church, ministering, administering and supporting its own ministry under the Lordship of Christ.
- It is an Associate Member of NBCC, and thus enjoys wide range of fellowship and partnership of ministry.
- It is a church with multi-ethnic and multi-cultural community of believers, cleansed and united in Christ.
- It has its focused ministry to children, youth, young adults, women and the congregation at large through departmental and church organized activities.
- It seeks to cater to the spiritual needs of all who come to worship the Lord in his house.
- It seeks to be a mission oriented church so to fulfill God's mission mandate in reaching un-reach people of the region and beyond.
- It seeks to be God's healing agent and be a conscience to our society through its incarnate and prophetic ministry in our present day world.

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