

**Daniel 10 and 11**

The blank page in the Bible between the OT and the NT represents the inter-testamental period, or what is often called the "400 years of silence" because during that period no prophet of God spoke. The word "silence" may be a misnomer, because God had already spoken about this period and prepared his people through Daniel (8-12). Daniel 10-11 contains prophecy on what will happen during this period: the rise of the Greeks, Alexander the Great, his four Generals that took over his Empire, then Antiochus Epiphanes IV who brought absolute horror to God's people between 175-164 BC in Jerusalem.

God had told them in advance what kind of empires would arise, (Babylonian, Medes, Persians, Romans), and about a particular king from the Seleucid kingdoms called Antiochus Epiphanes IV, who would bring great suffering and shame on the Jews by defiling their temple, and forbidding them to pray to YHWH. But God also told them that their suffering would be brief, and that after this period of suffering, the Messiah would come. The Jews during this period suffered greatly, but they endured bravely with hope.

There is another period where God seemed silent. That's the period between Genesis and Exodus, where the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. Again there is no recorded history of any utterance from God during that period, but similar to the prophecy to Daniel, God had already told Abraham that his people would be slaves for 400 years, and that after that period a great deliverance would come. And again they suffered greatly, but endured bravely with hope. And God raised up Moses.

There are a lot of great scholars who disagree on the details of these prophecies, the number of years in Egypt, etc. But they all agree on the point that prophecies were given to the people of God to strengthen them and give them hope so that they will endure the present suffering with joy and assurance. Prophecies are not given to entertain or fascinate the church. The prophecies given through Abraham and Daniel kept the people of God strong and safe through the most difficult times in the history of Israel. They served their purpose. But this is not the end.

Jesus Christ is the promised seed from Abraham. He is the "Anointed One" prophesied by Daniel. Jesus picks up on Daniel's prophecy, affirms it, and then takes it further by saying that He will come again one day. But before the Second Coming, a period of testing will come upon the people of God. This will be a time of great testing and suffering the world is yet to see. We don't know when this will be. We don't know how these things will come about. We don't know how many in the church today will be able to stand faithful if it comes in our time. But one thing we know, Jesus had promised that He will never leave us nor forsake. His grace is sufficient. His Power is available. The present suffering is nothing compared to the glory that will be revealed. No eye has seen. No ear has heard what He has in store for us. God promised and they endured the Pharaoh. He spoke and they endured Antiochus Epiphanes IV. Christ has promised that he will come again. And therefore we wait with hope.

- **Pastor Kedo Peseyie**



**CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD  
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD**

# City Church

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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.*

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

- Leader : Rosemary Jamir
- Speaker : M. Odyuo
- Ushers : Tali Longkumer & Lima Sangtam
- Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
- Flower : Thejavino Moa

### **Call to Worship Praise & Worship**

Reading: Psalm 101  
**Mass Prayer**

- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn **No.3** : All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- Message
- Hymn **No.139** : The Solid Rock
- Benediction



## PSALM 101

I will sing of your love and justice;  
to you, LORD, I will sing praise.  
I will be careful to lead a blameless life—  
when will you come to me?  
I will conduct the affairs of my house  
with a blameless heart.  
I will not look with approval  
on anything that is vile.  
I hate what faithless people do;  
I will have no part in it.  
The perverse of heart shall be far from me;  
I will have nothing to do with what is evil.  
Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret,  
I will put to silence;  
whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart,  
I will not tolerate.  
My eyes will be on the faithful in the land,  
that they may dwell with me;  
the one whose walk is blameless  
will minister to me.  
No one who practices deceit  
will dwell in my house;  
no one who speaks falsely  
will stand in my presence.  
Every morning I will put to silence  
all the wicked in the land;  
I will cut off every evildoer

Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 28,800    Offering: ₹ 7,375  
Mission: ₹ 1,000    Thanksgiving: ₹ 500  
Nagamese: ₹ 350    Total: ₹ 38,025

### INFORMATION

- Next Thursday women fellowship at **5pm**. **Leader**—Kevizayienuo Myingthungo , **Scripture Reading**— Holika **and Sharing**- Dr. Toshevi Kreditsu
- Enroute today at **3pm**. Come and be blessed!
- Wednesday Bible Study and prayer, **5:00 - 6:30 pm**.
- Deacon Board meeting today after service.

### PRAYER:

- The unprecedented bad weather has caused loss of lives and property. Many are suffering. Let us intercede and seek God's intervention and mercy for healing of our people and our land.
- Let us confess the sins of our leaders and our people (like in Ezra 9 and Nehemiah 9), that God may forgive us, restore us, and bring times of refreshing again.

### Hymn story on **The Solid Rock**

"So ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God. My Sundays were spent on the streets (of London) in play." Those were the words of Edward Mote, who rose from an unruly childhood to become a great writer and minister. He composed only one song, but a great song it is, indeed. It has been a favorite of people around the world.

In his early adult years, Mote attended Tottenham Court Road Chapel where he heard sermons by the noted John Hyatt. He soon learned from Hyatt's sermons that Jesus Christ could take away all the fears of life and give him the peace of heart and mind that he had long desired.

He became a carpenter apprentice and through hard labor and conscientious efforts came to own his own cabinet shop. One day while walking to his work, he began thinking that he should write a hymn. Before he reached his shop he had the chorus:

"On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand."

Before the day ended, he had four stanzas. The following Sunday, he visited in the home of a friend, a minister, whose wife was at the point of death. During the afternoon, they read from the scriptures and prayed with her. As the preacher looked for a hymnal to sing from, as was his custom, he could find none. Mote reached into his pocket and pulled out his verses and asked if they might be sung to her. And so they were. She seemed to enjoy them very much. Mote was so pleased that she found comfort in his verses, he had 1,000 copies printed for distribution among his friends. Sometime later, Edward Mote became a Baptist preacher. His efforts made it possible for a house of worship to be built for his congregation. They were so grateful they offered to deed the property to him, but he replied, "I do not want the Chapel, I want only the pulpit; and when I cease to preach Christ, then turn me out of that."

He served this congregation for more than 20 years, never missing a single Sunday for any cause.

In his 77th year, as he lay on his bed of sickness, he replied, "I think I am going to heaven. Yes, I am nearing port. The truths I have preached I am now living upon, and they will do to die upon. Ah! The precious blood, which takes away all our sins. It is this, which makes peace with God."