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Upcoming Events

**Thanksgiving Day Service Nov 25**

**ICA SUNDAY SERVICE**

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 10: 45 am

Sunday School @ 09:30 am

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**WELCOME TO  
ICA SUNDAY SERVICE**

**October 29, 2017**



**WEEKLY ICA VOICE**

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING**

**@ 10:30 AM & 07:30 PM AT ICA**

**SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA**

**( PR. THOMAS PHILIP SPEAKING FRIDAY—SUNDAY )**

**Ushers: Raji Mathew, Thomas Kurian  
& Sarah Abraham**

**CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :**

**Mathew C. Jacob & Family**

**WEEK OF 11/05/2017**

**Benny V. Kuriakose & Family**

# Petra: The City of Rocks

Rev. Dr. Wilson Varkey

## A. Introduction

Petra is one of the modern wonders of the world. The city is famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system. Petra is also known as the Rose City due to the color of the stone out of which it is carved. Geographically it is located in the heart of Mount Seir, halfway between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba. Petra is the Greek name and the Biblical name was Sela. According to the available history, the earliest inhabitants of this area were the Horites, or Hurrian's. Later Edomite's, the descendants of Easu, gradually replaced the Hurrian's.

## B. Biblical References to Petra

The word Petra cannot be seen in the Bible. However, there are several references to Petra with the names like Edom, Sela, Joktheel Jud. 1:36; 2 Ki. 14:7. Israel and Edom were enemies starting with Edom's refusal to allow Moses and the Israelites' passage through their land on their way to Canaan Num. 20:18-21. During the kingdom years, Saul and David fought against the Edomite's 1 Sam. 14:47; 2 Sam. 8:13-14. When Jehoshaphat reigned as the king, Edom invaded Judah and was resisted 2 Chr. 20. Later, Amaziah fought against Edom, and took control of Petra, renaming it "Joktheel" 2 Ki. 14:7. When Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC, Edomite's gave aid and comfort to the enemy Ps. 137:7. Therefore, they were strongly condemned by Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Obadiah Isa. 34:5-8; Jer. 49:16-18; Oba. 3-4.

## C. Petra and the Nabateans

About 400 BC, the Edomite's were driven out by the nomadic Arabs called Nabateans. They made Petra their capital as early as 312 BC and controlled the most important trade routes between the East and the West. By controlling Petra as the major trade route, they amassed huge wealth because Caravans passing through this territory had to pay taxes to the Nabateans.

The Nabateans are known for their great ability in constructing efficient water collecting methods in the barren deserts. Historians estimate that the water supply was big enough for 100,000 people even though the city population was only 20,000 people. They accomplished this engineering marvel through an intricate system of cisterns, pools and waterways that captured and then transported water to the city.

Nabateans had amazing talent in carving structures into solid rocks. The rock-cut facades are the iconic monuments of Petra. The most famous among them is the so-called Treasury (Khazneh). Above the entrance to the Treasury, there is a giant urn carved on a solid stone. The tombs contain niches or small chambers for burials that were cut into the stone walls. Nabateans might have combined the artistic traditions of the East and West in many different and unique ways.

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## BIRTHDAY LIST NOVEMBER 2017

IRENE MARY THOMAS	11/08	IVANIA JOHN	11/09
JERYLN MATHEW	11/10	JENNIFER JACOB	11/17
EVANGELINE DARA	11/25	EVELYN ANN THOMAS	11/30

## Bible Reading Plan Week 40

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
October 29, 2017	Malachi 1-4	New Zealand
October 30, 2017	Matthew 1-4	Nicaragua
October 31, 2017	Matthew 5-6	Niger
November 01, 2017	Matthew 7-9	Nigeria
November 02, 2017	Matthew 10-11	Norway
November 03, 2017	Matthew 12-13	Oman
November 04, 2017	Matthew 14-17	Pakistan

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- HEALING
- FINANCIAL SECURITY
- MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN