

Notes

Upcoming Events

Mission Night : Nov 11

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**

November 05, 2017



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY - NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA

SATURDAY - MISSION NIGHT @ 06:30 PM AT ICA

**Ushers: Soji Abraham, Saji Pathalil
& Sheena Mathew**

**CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :
Benny V. Kuriakose & Family**

**WEEK OF 11/12/2017
Saji Pathalil & Family**

Petra: The City of Rocks (Part -2)

Rev. Dr. Wilson Varkey

D. Roman Period

Petra was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom for most of its history until the Roman Emperor Trajan created the province of Arabia in 106 CE. Once Rome took possession of Petra, its importance in international trade began to wane. The decay of the city continued, aided by earthquakes and the rise in importance of sea trade routes. By the close of the Byzantine Empire's rule around AD 700, the destruction of Petra was complete. The site of Petra remained unknown to the western world until 1812, when Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt introduced it. UNESCO has described it as "one of the most precious cultural properties of man's cultural heritage." Petra was named among the 7 Wonders of the World in 2007.

E. Destruction of Petra

The people of Edom were proud of the strength of their cities, over which Petra reigned supreme. Unfortunately, they were a very evil nation and each of the many prophecies about them in the Bible includes God's judgment of their actions and a description of their future destruction. God had purposed in his heart that this city should be destroyed for their vices as learned from the prophecies of the Bible Joel 3:19 and Eze. 35:3-9. History tells us that Edom did very well for perhaps a hundred years after their final warning from God's prophets. Then, during the fifth century (400-499) BC, the Edomites were overwhelmed by other Arab groups. In turn, these groups were taken over by the Nabateans, who started living in the area sometime around 312 BC. Although Petra had its golden era during the period of Nabateans, the emergence of Greece and Rome and the natural calamities made Petra into a desolation.

F. Petra Today

As in the past, Petra is an outstanding natural defensive position even today. Airborne assault will be very difficult here. The Roman legions, the Crusaders, the Arabs, Iraq and the Jordanian army have all recognized this. The most important defensive feature is called 'the Shiq,' which is about 2,000 meters long. It is a narrow passage way which leads into the city. It has very high, sheer walls which can hide the people. The rocks of Petra can protect anyone from gunfire, bombing, artillery and perhaps even absorb some radiation.

G. Petra in the Future

The future significance of Petra is in debate. A good number of biblical scholars argue that Petra has no significance in terms of the end time's events. However, some do not agree with that position. They argue that the biblical prophecies suggest a future role for this city during the time of "The Great Tribulation." Isa. 63:1-6 describe the area of Petra in Jordan as one of the

potential places where Jews will flee when the Antichrist begins persecution. Book of Amos gives us some insights regarding the occupation of Petra by Israel Amos 9:11-14. It is this area that mysteriously remains free from the Antichrist's reign. Interestingly enough, Daniel makes a very bold statement in chapter 11. He says that "He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab, Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape" Dan. 11:41. Moab, Edom and Ammon are all in Jordan.

Bible Reading Plan Week 41

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
November 05, 2017	Matthew 18-20	Palau
November 06, 2017	Matthew 21-22	Palestine
November 07, 2017	Matthew 23-24	Panama
November 08, 2017	Matthew 25-26	Papua New Guinea
November 09, 2017	Matthew 27-28	Paraguay
November 10, 2017	Mark 1-3	Peru
November 11, 2017	Mark 4-5	Philippines

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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