

## Bible Reading Plan Week 34

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
September 10, 2017	Jeremiah 50	Korea, North
September 11, 2017	Jeremiah 51-52	Korea, South
September 12, 2017	Lamentations 1-2	Kosovo
September 13, 2017	Lamentations 3-5	Kuwait
September 14, 2017	Ezekiel 1-4	Kyrgyzstan
September 15, 2017	Ezekiel 5-8	Laos
September 16, 2017	Ezekiel 9-12	Latvia

**Charity Night—September 30th**

**IPC Eastern Region Convention**

**Oct 06-08**

## 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

September 10, 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

@ 06:30 PM AT ICA

**Ushers: Thomas Kurian, Sheeba Abraham  
& Anita Thannickal**

### CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

**Thomas K. Kurian & Family**

WEEK OF 09/17/2017

**George Johannan & Family**

## Lord Visited His People

This title is taken from Ruth 1:6 which is part of a familiar story. There was a famine in Bethlehem where God's chosen people lived. There was a famine in the house of bread. It sounds ironic, no bread in the house of bread. Well, the Master Planner plans things very differently than the mortal man. One of the families could not suffer it any more. They set out in search of food and ended up in Moab – a people cursed by God. I presume they got enough food there, but at the same time lost a few precious lives, tragedy after tragedy.

The land of Egypt was very prosperous. The country was rich and famous; probably, the most known and admired country in the universe. The king was very powerful; he wanted to dominate the whole world. In the midst of this prosperity, power and arrogance the Master Planner had a plan to humble the powerful king and the boastful nation. He caused a famine, very severe famine in the land of plenty and not for a season but for seven long years.

When the Master Planner causes or allows something he has a grand plan behind it. In the case of the famine in Bethlehem he did not allow everything to go wrong. He did something very positive which shows his mercy towards every people group. He visited the house of bread and provided bread for the inhabitants. Naomi got this news in Moab. She wanted to go back alone but Ruth wouldn't agree to her plea and arguments. Ruth accompanied her affirming Naomi's people as her people and their God, the living, true God as her God, forsaking all the gods she had in Moab. God pulled out a pearl from the heap of the cursed people and gave her a place in the genealogy of His son.

When Egypt was indulging in prosperity God's chosen servant was slaving in a gentile's house, was being accused of false charges and thrown into prison. To raise the faithful young man - who was humiliated by the king's officer- from the dungeon the Master Planner decided to humble the king and the nation and he caused a famine. The king could not find anyone better to manage the affairs of the nation other than Joseph, while it was still prosperous. There were seven very prosperous years which was followed by seven years of severe famine. We read when there was no food in the land of Canaan Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt.

Famine in one land to give a place of honor to someone who was not worthy to come into God's household; famine in another land to raise his faithful servant to a position of authority and to provide food to his chosen people in the midst of the famine. Revival, restoration, honor, elevation, provision, all in the face of famine.

Sometimes I think we as individuals and as church go through seasons of famine in our life. I pray that famine in our midst – perceived or real – will be for the acceptance and/or ele-

vation of someone. As Naomi heard God visited his people and Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt it is my prayer that in this Golden Jubilee year people will hear that God visited ICA and there is grain (spiritual bread) in ICA. That people will say the true, living God is manifest in Levittown. That people will acknowledge the majesty, power and authority of the Sovereign God among us. That people will be saved and restored to right relationship with the Master Planner. Let that be our continuous prayer.

(P A Samuel)

## JUBILEE PICTURE TAKING SCHEDULE

<b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>FAMILY PICTURE</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>FAMILY PICTURE</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>CHURCH GROUP PICTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</b>
<b>OCTOBER 1</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHILDRENS CHURCH WOMENS FELLOWSHIP MISSION BOARD &amp; CHARITY BOARD CHURCH BOARD MALAYALAM CHOIR 1 &amp; 2 ENGLISH CHOIR JUBILEE COMMITTEE ADVISORY BOARD EDITORIAL BOARD</b>

## Reminder

Please submit your articles for Jubilee Souvenir by **September 30<sup>th</sup>** to **tikoipuram@gmail.com**, **pasamuelnhp@gmail.com** or give it to the secretary.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **SRITUAL GROWTH**
- **HEALING**
- **FINANCIAL SECURITY**
- **MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN**