



BBC UPDATE

A Woman President

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This is an excerpt from the commentary *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah*, by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse. It is an effort to underscore biblically the judgmental nature of having a woman president.

ISAIAH Chapter Three

Overview

Because of the valid indictment for sin, the Lord will deal severely with Jerusalem (vv. 1-15), mainly by removing godly leadership (v. 1) and replacing with children (v. 4) and women (v. 12). Society became so perverse that “the daughters of Zion” (*benoth tziyyor*)¹ embraced heathen fashions and manifested their rebellious hearts by external garb to usurp husbands, seduce men, and reject the Lord (vv. 16-26).²

Verses 1-15

For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, 2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, 3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. 4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. 5 And the people shall be oppressed, ever one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand: 7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. 10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. 13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. 14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. 15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

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¹ Cf. also Isa. 3:17; 4:4; and SOS 3:11

² Peter advised Christian women about how their spirituality will affect their dress, saying, “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” (1 Pet. 3:3-4).

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

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The LORD's indictment was centered on Jerusalem, as He promised various curses culminating in the Babylonian affliction and ultimate overthrow. He will allow great instability within Jerusalem by removing "the stay and the staff" of the male-oriented leadership in society and military (vv. 1-3). The last three kings of Judah were juvenile-like³ politicians who led the Southern Kingdom (SK) to ruinous disaster (vv. 4-8; cf. II Ki. 24-25). They perverted everything as did the inhabitants of the city of Sodom (Gen. 18-19), which city was annihilated. In a reversal of roles, children oppressed them and women ruled over them,⁴ Manasseh began to rule at 12 years of age (II Ki. 21:1-2). but the Lord would untangle the perversion by rewarding the righteous and judging the wicked. The patriarchal system of leadership⁵ was sodomized and the LORD's vineyard was destroyed (cf. Isa. 5:1-7), Isaiah exclaimed (vv. 9-15).

Verses 16-24

Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: 17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts. 18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, 19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, 20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, 21 The rings, and nose jewels, 22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and

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⁴ This may refer to the wives/mothers of kings in an "Athaliah"-like manner of ruling and controlling kingdoms (II Ki. 11:1-16). Queen Athaliah (841-835 BC) was the evil and ruthless daughter of Ahab and Jezebel and the wife of Jehoram (II Chr. 22:10 ff.). Certainly Herodias ruled Herod and impacted the Jews of the first century, including the first Christian martyr, John the Baptist (cf. Mk. 6:17-28).

⁵ The Bible has revealed the truth of the patriarchal leadership in God's creation, including the heavenly Father over the Son (Jn. 14:28), and king over the queen (I Ki. 11:1 ff.), and the husband over the wife (I Cor. 11:3), male elder over the congregation (I Tim. 3:1 ff.).

the wimples, and the crisping pins, 23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils. 24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

The influence of women over kings and husbands was spiritually debilitating as indicated in their emphasis on occultic themes⁶ exhibited in an overemphasis on their garb. The women's pride evinced in their eyes and walk would be reduced through their heads shaven heads and their bodies exposed (vv. 16-17).⁷ The beauty of the twenty-one items of clothing, including 1) anklets, 2) "caul" [headband], 3) "round tires like the moon" [crescents], 4) "chains" [necklace], 5) bracelets, 6) "mufflers" [veils], 7) "bonnets" [turbans], 8) "the ornaments of the legs" [ankle chains], 9) "headbands," 10) "the tablets" [vatiy hannepshesh literally "houses of the soul" or perfume boxes {}], 11) "earrings," 12) "the rings," 13) "the nose jewels," 14) "the changeable suits of apparel" [festive garb], 15) "the mantles" [over-tunics], 16) "the wimples" [cloaks, Ru. 3:15], 17) "the crisping pins" [purses, II Ki. 5:23], 18) "the glasses" [mirrors], 19) "the fine linen" [linen garment], 20) "the hoods" [turbans, Isa. 62:3], and 21) "the veils" [large veil], would be destroyed with fire (vv. 18-23). Jehovah warned that the fashionable attire of the daughters of Zion would be reduced to sackcloth and a rope, shaven heads and the stink of captivity (v. 24).

Verses 25-26 (4:1)

Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war. 26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground. (And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach).

Wars, primarily the Babylonian overthrow, would decimate the number of Jewish men so that Jewish women would be willing to be self-supporting, with a husband, to remove the reproach of being without child (Gen. 3:15; Dan. 11:37).

⁶ Reference to "moon" or crescent (*saharon*) indicates the occultic (amulet) nature of the symbols of their jewelry (*vide* Jdg. 8:21, 26).

⁷ A woman's hair is her glory, and when shaven because of slavery, sickness, or prostitution, she needs a covering (I Cor. 11:6, 10, 15).

OBSERVATION

The text of Scripture (Isa. 3:12) and the above commentary, *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah*, demonstrate the manifestation of the LORD's judgment on a nation. Nations that reject the word of God and the Lord's divine order of male leadership (I Cor. 11:3) fall under His judgment. When godly men do not lead in government (Prov. 8:15; Rom. 13:4), churches (I Tim. 3:2-4), and the home (Eph. 5:25), then the Lord God allows the threats of children to intimidate society, and the leadership of women to control the home (I Ki. 21:7 ff.), the churches (Rev. 2:20), and government (II Ki. 11:1-3). Currently, America experiences the threat of children "running" homes and ISIS-trained youth plotting terrorist acts, especially where fathers are absent. The general attitude in the American public seems enamored with the unique possibility of having a woman president. The reality of a woman president of the United States of America would be the obvious disapproval of the Lord, revealing the soon judgment on a disordered society (Rom. 1:18; Isa. 3:12). It is time for Christian men to stop abdicating their divinely-given role of leadership, and become the Lord's patriarchs once again, emulating the patriarchal Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost).

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Bro. Jeff Skorupski in Ireland



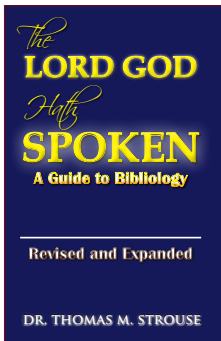
Bro. Jeff Skorupski and Bob Zemenski

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Bro. Skorupski getting culinary advice on what to order.

The LORD GOD Hath Spoken: Revised and Expanded



What does the Bible say about its own inspiration, preservation, inerrancy, and availability? The recent reprint of *The Lord GOD Hath Spoken* is an effort to allow Scripture to answer these questions. This expanded volume includes the essays of Dr. Thomas Strouse as he gives the biblical defense for the KJV and underlying texts, representing forty-five years of seasoned argumentation through theological essays and public debates for the word of God.

BBC/BBTS Calendar

November 13, 2015 8:30-3:00

BBTS Fall Lecture Series

Courtyard Marriot Cromwell

December 4, 2015 5-9 PM

Christmas Banquet

Bible Baptist Church

December 20, 2015 1:30 PM

Children's Christmas Program

Bible Baptist Church

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BBC Fellowships

Occasionally, Bible Baptist Church sponsors fellowships for her church members and guests. These are opportunities to fellowship in the Lord and with each other in different settings for growth and unity. On Saturday, September 19, 2015, several men and guests enjoyed the beauty of Laurel Island on Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton, CT. On this warm sunny day, the men cooked out, talked, sang songs, and received a challenge from Pastor Strouse.



The following Saturday, September 26, 2015, the BBC ladies with their guests made bookmarks and various kinds of cards as they fellowshiped together. Many expressed the joy and new friendships evinced from these times of fellowships.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP



Some of the beautiful handy work.



BBTS Fall Lecture Series

BBC is planning on hosting the BBTS Fall Lecture Series at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell, CT on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. The subject will be the biblical institution of marriage, giving a public forum for the defense of "The Bible and Marriage." With so many perverted attacks upon the Lord's plan for mankind (e.g., adultery, fornication, sodomy, lesbianism, trans-genderism, etc.), Christians need to know what the Bible says about the following subjects:

1. "Planning for a Christian Marriage" by Dr. Cas Reeves (8:30-10 AM).
2. "The Bible and Marriage" by Dr. Thomas Strouse (10-11:30 AM).
3. "The Bible and Sodomy" by Pastor Ken Brooks (1-3 PM).



Please RSVP soon.



Dr. Cas Reeves



Dr. Thomas Strouse



Pastor Ken Brooks

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THE LORD OUR LORD



Pastor Cas Reeves

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens (Psalm 8:1).

The word “excellent” in Hebrew means “wide” or “large.” It is used figuratively in reference to powerful. It also conveys the thought of gallant, glorious, goodly, noble and worthy. In reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, we are told, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). The Psalmist concluded, “For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods” (Psalm 135:5). Here the word “LORD” refers to the “self-Existent” or “Eternal”: Jehovah.

In warning the early New Testament Christians of false prophets and teachers, the Apostle Peter reveals our Lord Jesus bought us our freedom from the penalty of sin (2 Peter 2:1). He did this through “...his own blood..., having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Hebrews 9:12). In connection with the needful harvest of sinners for the kingdom of God, the Apostle Matthew records

Jesus saying to the disciples, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:37,38).

Once we have received or asked Jesus into our heart to save us (Romans 10:13). The Apostle Paul tells us, Christ wants to be the Lord of our sacrifice (our service). “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1). He goes on to share with us in the next verse, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (vs.2). We do this by allowing the mind of Christ (Bible thinking) to be in us. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5).

“Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite” (Psalm 147:5). Jesus Christ is our great Lord referred to in the Bible. Let us examine ourselves: Do we have a good relationship with the Lord of our salvation, and our service? We all bow to some lord in our life. Who is the lord in our life? As Christians, let us bow to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us make him the Lord of our life. -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST:

Ulysses S. Grant 1822-1885
18th President of the USA



Ulysses S. Grant

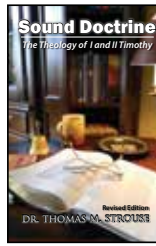
“Nations, like individuals, are punished for their transgressions.”

“I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution.”

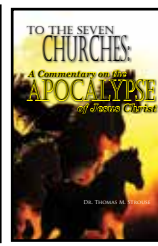
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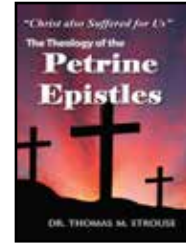
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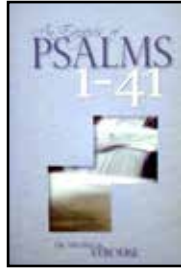
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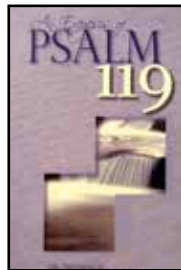
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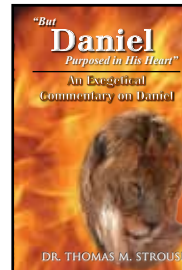
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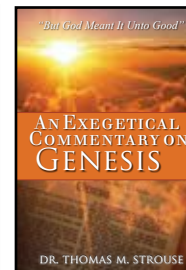
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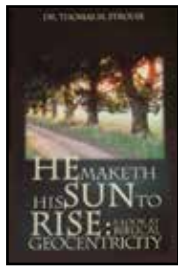
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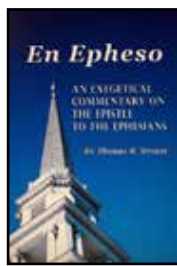
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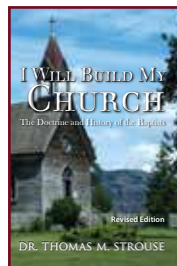
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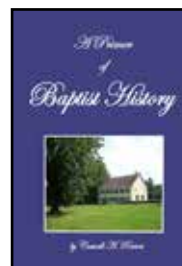
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Grow in Grace for Women

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eshewed evil.

Reflection: Understanding that we are made righteous by the Salvation that is in Jesus Christ alone, are you also demonstrating righteousness in your daily walk? Your position in Christ and your daily practice should integrate so that your life is a life lived with integrity.

The LORD called Job perfect and upright. If you were to observe a day in Job's life, what might you see that he should receive such favor from the LORD?

The desire for every Christian should be to hear those same words attributed to themselves from our heavenly Father.

Challenge: Does your position and practice line up? Examine your heart, what is one change you can make today so that your life demonstrates a harmoniously, integrated life in Christ?

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