

# BBC UPDATE

## BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - DUBAI



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

During the days of Feb. 6-14, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Strouse had a wonderful time ministering to the Baptist brethren in Dubai, UAE. After a long flight they arrived on the Muslim holy day of Friday and rested in the accommodating Four-Star Atana Hotel. On Saturday, the second day of the weekend, the church held an ordination council for two men within the church who have the call and qualifications for the office of elder. These men have been trained in Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, being knowledgeable in Scripture and experienced in church work. Following the council examination, the biblical challenge by Dr. Strouse, and the laying on of hands by the council, the church members enjoyed a cook-out with freshly-grilled goat and rice. On Sunday, the first day of the work week (through Thursday) Christians must go to church late on Sunday evening after eight-hour shifts to honor the Lord and His day of resurrection. Because of this “inconvenient hardship” many Christian churches and Baptists choose rather to worship earlier on Saturday, the last day of the weekend. Nevertheless, Bible Baptist Church of Dubai has determined to meet for the last twenty-one years at 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM for worship and fellowship, with many not getting home until after midnight, only to have to go to work or school the next day. The fellowship among these committed church members is sweet as the congregation is led by the loving pastor and the gracious hosts, Pastor and Mrs. Flory Maloto. Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduate, founded

Bible Baptist Church of Dubai twenty-one years ago. The assembly has Bible studies in two other sites with the desire to establish these as churches, now that several men have submitted themselves for the pastoral ministry. Dr. Strouse has had the



*Seminary Class*

privilege to preach at the villa in Dubai where the church regularly meets, as well as at the villa in Abu Dhabi for the Bible study, and at the rented room at the Holy Trinity facility for the Sunday PM church service. In the mean time, Dr. Strouse taught the course on Soteriology, or the doctrine of salvation which includes Hamartiology or the doctrine of sin and Anthropology or the doctrine of man.

During the day Dr. and Mrs. Strouse had the pleasure to do some sight-seeing, including viewing downtown Dubai from the Burj Khalifa (tallest building in the world) and shopping at the Mall of the Emirates (largest mall in the world [with an actual ski slope with snow]). On Tuesday they were invited to Zaya Nurai Island for dinner by the personal attaché of a multi-millionaire (in his absence), and saw what the wealth of the



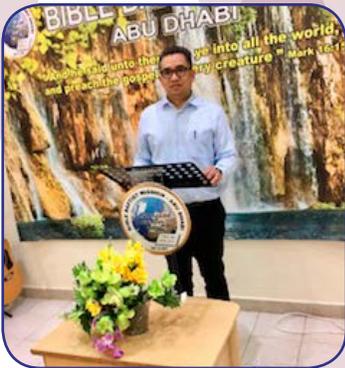
*Island Mansion Beach*

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world could buy and furnish for a resort home. Although the gold and silver of the world are impressive and perhaps tempting, the Christian has the promise of an eternal mansion (Jn. 14:2) in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2-27) with glory and beauty far beyond imagination, as the Apostle Paul averred, saying, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9; Isa. 64:4). On Wednesday the Strouses were treated to a trip to the Gold Souq (market) to view the vast wealth many shops had contain-

ing gold and silver. Of course Bible believers are looking forward to the promise of the precious Saviour Who revealed, saying, "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass" (Rev. 21:21).

In January of 2021, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary plans to have its first seminary graduation with several seminarians as candidates for the Master of Biblical Studies (MBS). Bible Baptist Theological Seminary professors Dr. Thomas Strouse and Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla have taught at least ten different seminary modules to suffice for the seminarians to fulfill the required courses for graduation.



Elder Ramil Radoc



Breakfast at Atana



Being from Speedway, Indiana, I found camel racing interesting.



Ordination of Nick Estrada (above) and Ramil Radoc (below)



Congregation at Abu Dhabi



Pastor preaching at Abu Dhabi



BBC service at Holy Trinity facility



At the top of Burj Kalifa



Pastor Cas Reeves

## THE HEART - CONTINUED

The heart is deceitful

*Proverbs 12:20: "Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy."*

The heart can be heavy (anxious)

*Proverbs 12:25: "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad."*

The heart can be made sick when hope is deferred

*Proverbs 13:12: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life."*

The heart is filled with its own ways

*Proverbs 14:14: "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself."*

The heart that is sound is health to the flesh

*Proverbs 14:30: "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself."*

The heart that is merry makes a cheerful countenance

*Proverbs 15:13: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."*

The heart of sorrow can break the spirit

*Proverbs 15:13: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."*

The heart that is proud is an abomination to the LORD

*Proverbs 16:5: "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished."*

The heart devises a man's way

*Proverbs 16:9: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directed his steps."*

The heart that is wise makes a prudent person

*Proverbs 16:21: "The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning."*

The heart that is wise teaches the mouth

*Proverbs 16:21: "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips."*

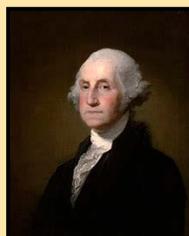
The heart that is froward finds no good

*Proverbs 17:20: "He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief."*

## Quotes From the Past:

**George Washington**  
1732-1799

First President of the  
United States of America



*"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence."*

# GROW IN GRACE DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

## THE CONTRAST: 10,000 TALENTS AND 100 PENCE

**Matthew 18:24** And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

**Matthew 18:28** But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

**Reflection:** It is important to note in this parable the incredibly wide difference between the debts owed.

I won't attempt to define how much 10,000 Talents or 100 Pence was equal to in today's monetary system but it should be very evident that numerically 10,000 is a whole lot more than 300 which truly reflected an immense debt that is owed to the Father in Heaven.

This parable teaches us that we cannot earn God's forgiveness for our innumerable

transgressions committed against Him. We can never pay for our sin debt. It is our Lord and Saviour who took our sin upon Himself and loosed us from our transgressions.

Even as Jesus was on the cross as an innocent, sinless Lamb, He called upon His Father not to condemn those who were unjust to Him but to forgive them, so are we called to do:

**Luke 23:34** Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

**Challenge:** If the Lord has forgiven your 10,000 talents of sinfulness then should you not forgive your neighbor her offense of 100 pence? What gets in the way of you forgiving others? How do you know when you have forgiven? Is there someone you have offended? What will you do to make it right?

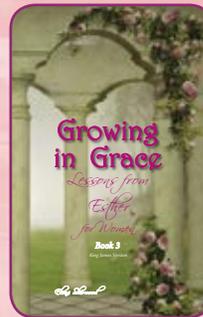
Right: Atlantis



Below: the goat



## GROWING IN GRACE: DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN ON BOOK OF ESTHER



Bible Baptist Church has published the third book in its devotional series for women. If you would like to receive a complimentary copy, please contact the author, Elena Sherwood, at: [Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com).

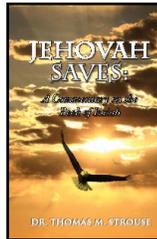
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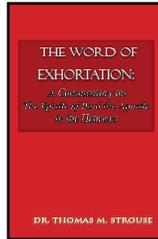
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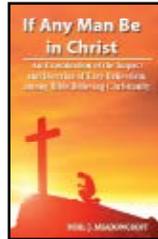
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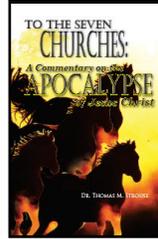
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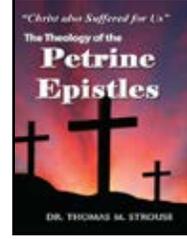
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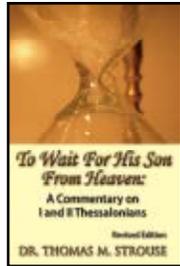
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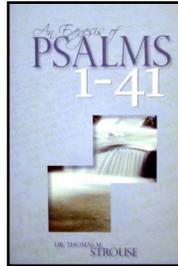
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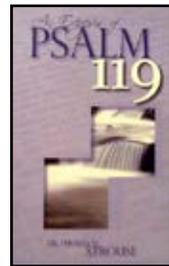
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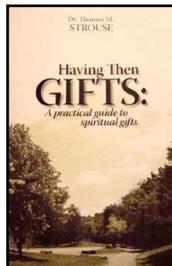
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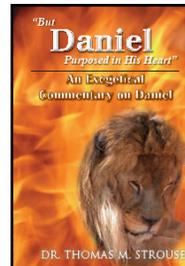
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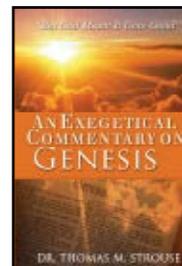
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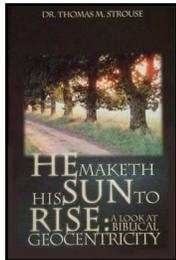
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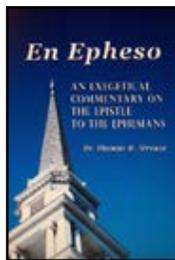
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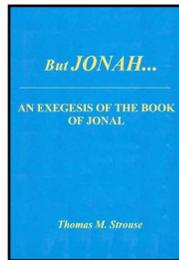
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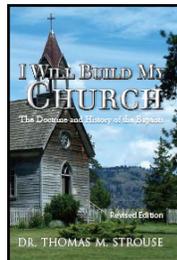
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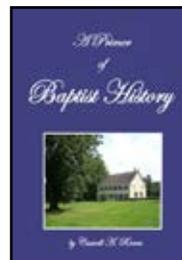
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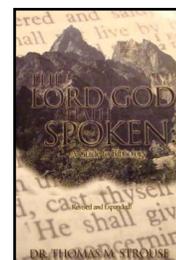
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## BBC 2020 SCHEDULE

**Mar. 9-13**  
Endicott, NY  
"Genesis"

**Apr. 17**  
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

**May 30**  
Gagnon-Reeves Wedding

**May 17**  
BBTS Graduation

**Jun. 8-12**  
Quakertown, PA  
"Eschatology"

**Jun 22-26**  
Quezon City  
"Ecclesiastes"

**July 20-24**  
Plymouth, NH  
"The History of the English Bible"

**Aug 24-28**  
Fairhaven Baptist Church  
"Minor Prophets"

**Sept 7**  
Labor Day Cookout  
Strouse House

**Sept 14-18**  
BBC of Nashua, NH  
"Bibliology"

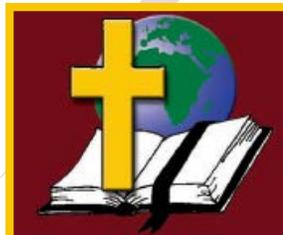
**Oct 6-17**  
Israel Tour

**Oct 25-28**  
Willow Grove Baptist Church  
"Timeless Truths Bible Conference"

**Nov 13**  
BBTS Fall Lecture Series

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