



BBC UPDATE

MODULE



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During the week of February 6-10, 2023, Dr. Thomas Strouse taught the module “The Geography and Commentary of Paul’s Prosperous Journey (from Troas to Rome)” at the Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY. Dr. Cas Reeves is the pastor of Heritage Baptist Church and Dr. Keith Main is the Dean of Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary. The course was well attended by about twenty-four students.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

Introduction

Nothing! Many want to discard the King James Bible (KJB) or King James Version (KJV), even though the LORD God has honored it for over four hundred years among western Christians, for the Modern Versions for which there is no evidence that He has honored them or their corrupt texts behind them. Of late, there have been internet recommendations on how to transition churches from using the KJV to using Modern Versions. The alleged motive has been the issue of the readability of the Bible. Supposedly, the KJV is too difficult to read because of some archaic words and expressions (nevertheless, there are Bible helps for difficult words such as *The Defined King James Bible*). A secondary motive is for church growth. Churches will not grow if they do not have fifth grade reading level Bibles. American churches are biblically uneducated and spiritually anemic. Therefore, they need the pabulum of the Modern Versions to have some basic knowledge of general Christian truths. Apparently, the biblical dictum “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*” (II Tim. 2:15) is *passé*.

The Reason

The fault that American churches are biblically ignorant falls upon the pastoral leadership of the assemblies. Many pastors do not exegete the text of Scripture and therefore feed their respective congregations with milk rather than with meat. They present to their congregations homiletical ditties filled with quotes of past orators, poems, stories, current events, and political assessments. Many churches have eliminated the number of church services per week because of the lack of interest in Bible study on the part of pastors and congregants. Bible colleges, especially those of the parachurch ilk, teach the pastoral candidates more about pulpiterism and leadership principles rather than

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about focused exegesis of the Bible texts. Only the baptizing agency has the divine commission and privilege to teach Scripture (Mt. 28:19-20), and hence these future pastors outside of this biblical venue are theologically and practically ignorant of the ecclesiological backdrop and undergirding of the New Testament. Hosea predicted this current problem, saying, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”* (Hos. 4:6).

Since the assembly is *“the pillar and ground of the truth”* (I Tim. 3:15), the pastor and people are in the institution of truth, and have the Spirit of truth abiding within (I Jn. 2:27), Who will teach them to know all things (I Jn. 2:20), and be able to discern *“the spirit of truth and the spirit of error”* (I Jn. 4:6). Through history, the Lord’s people in His assemblies have recognized the truth of the texts behind the KJV and the legitimate English renderings that satisfy the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words.

The Substitution

Benighted pastors and ignorant church members have not realized that the Greek text of the Modern Versions omits about seven percent (7%) of Greek text of the KJV New Testament. The number of words in the *Book of Jude* and *the Book of Revelation* constitute about seven percent of all the words in the Greek New Testament of KJV. Large passages of the New Testament that are either omitted or questioned in the Modern Versions include Mark 16:9-2 and Jn. 7:53-8:11. The Gnostic-laced Greek text of the Modern Versions omits or changes key Christological verses to diminish the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, such as Jn. 1:18, I Tim. 3:16, I Jn. 4:3, and I Jn. 5:7-8.

What are these new and non-heavenly honored Modern Versions? The following are a few weak translations attempting to improve the former weak translations, *ad infinitum*: the American Standard Version (1901) was replaced by the New American Standard Version (1971) which was replaced by the New International Version (1978) which was replaced by the English Standard Version (2001), which was replaced by the New English Translation (2005) which was replaced by the Legacy Standard Bible (2020). One wonders when the New and Revised Legacy Standard Bible will be available?! Will its shelf life be four hundred years? Obviously, new translations every few years destroy any serious effort to memorize Scripture, but helps fund Bible publishing companies.

The Value of the KJV

The Hebrew Masoretic text of the KJV has consonants, accents and vowels in fulfillment of the Lord’s promise Who said, *“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled”* (Mt. 5:18). The Lord Jesus prepared His people to receive by faith His New Testament text, which indeed saints have done. He said, *“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me”* (Jn. 17:8; cf. also Acts 2:41; 8:14; 11:1;

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17:11; and I Thes. 2:13). The Greek text behind the KJV is the Received Text. Contrariwise, the philosophy for the Greek text behind the Modern Versions is that it is the product of unbelievers attempting to restore or reconstruct the Greek text that the Lord indeed purposefully did not promise to preserve and did not preserve (*sic*).

Conclusion

The dimly-illuminated pastors who want to replace the KJV with Modern Versions in their congregations are offering their flock a seven percent deficient New Testament based on human text and translation philosophy and preparing the way for its soon replacement. Pastors and church members, what is wrong with the KJV? Nothing! Why not honor the Lord Jesus Christ by using the English translation that the Lord has honored since 1611 in the English-speaking world?

PUBLISHED BOOKS OF BBTS SEMINARY STUDENTS AND DOCTORAL GRADUATES

One of the practical out workings and purposed goals for Bible Baptist Theological Seminary students, and especially the doctoral graduates, is to publish their dissertations in book form. Of recent, this goal has been met as recent students and graduates received the challenge to publish commentaries on Bible books and themes. Bible Baptist Theological Seminary has declared and is known for her biblical stance on all of the Scripture from the Received Bible texts of the Old and New Testaments. These commentaries use the *KJV* as the biblical foundation to help and encourage Bible believers in their respective assemblies. The following is a recent but not exhaustive alphabetical list of some Bible Baptist Theological Seminary students and doctoral graduates and their recently publish books.

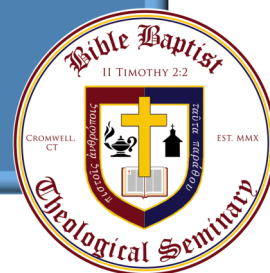
1. Dr. Scott Blair, DMin, *And Ye Are Complete in Him. A Thorough Study of the Book of Colossians*
2. Dr. David Ellsmore, DD. *The Church which is His Body. Is it Local or Universal?*
3. Dr. Joel Grassi, ThD. *The Church that John the Baptist Prepared.*
4. Dr. Chet Kulus, ThD. *One Tittle Shall in No Wise Pass: Destroying the Scholarly Myth That God did not Inspire the Vowels of the Old Testament.*
5. Dr. Keith Main, DMin. *The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts.*
6. Dr. Jed Raquintain, ThD. *The Great Commission: A Biblicist's Exposition. Examining traditional missiology in light of the Scripture.*
7. Dr. Jacob Reeves, DMin. *The Doctrine of Biblical Giving.*
8. Dr. Ryan Strouse, ThD. *Turn Ye Unto Me: An Exegetical Commentary on Zechariah.*

BBTS LECTURE SERIES

BBTS 2023 SPRING LECTURE SERIES

WHEN: APRIL 21, 2023
TIME: 9AM—3PM
WHAT: “SPECIAL STUDIES IN THE
JOHANNINE EPISTLES”
WHERE: GALILEAN BAPTIST CHURCH
STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT
RSVP: MARCH 31, 2023

**LUNCHEON AND BOOK TABLE
AVAILABLE**

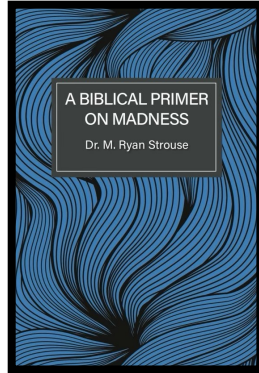
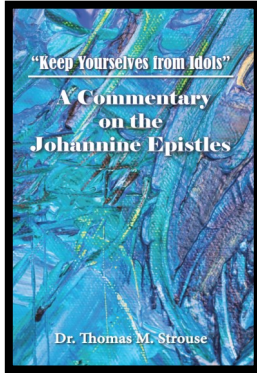


DEBATES

Two former seminarians under Dr. Thomas Strouse will be engaged in official debates for biblical truth. Dr. Andrew Knight will debate atheist Mr. Dan Barker on the topic “Is God to Blame for Suffering” on Friday, February 17, 2023 (7-9 PM). The event will be located at Live Oak Cultural Center, 2050 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach, FL. Live Stream: CTN TV Sarasota. For more information, call 386-220-3141.

Mr. Thomas Ross, erudite scholar on bibliology, will debate Mr. James White, perennial opponent to the *Textus Receptus*, on the topic “The Legacy Standard Bible, as a representative of modern English translations based upon the UBS/NA text, is superior to the KJV, as a representative of TR-based Bible translations” on Saturday, February 18, 2023 (12:45 PM). The event will be located at the Covenant Reformed Baptist Church, Tullahoma, TN. It will be available on YouTube: KJB1611 Channel. More information can be found at the faithsaves.net website. Pray for these men as they defend precious Bible truths from the apostates of the world. “*For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth*” (II Cor. 13:8).

A COMMENTARY ON THE JOHANNINE EPISTLES



Bible Baptist Church is pleased to announce the new commentary entitled “*Keep yourselves from Idols.*” *A Commentary on the Johannine Epistles* (323 pages) by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse is now available.

Also coming soon is the printing of Dr. M. Ryan Strouse’s expanded material from the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series entitled *A Biblical Primer on Madness* (350 pages +).

Left: Dr. Ryan Strouse meets with his Monday night class: The Bible and Madness

BBC/BBTS 2023 SCHEDULE

January 30

BBTS 2023 Spring Semester Begins
The Bible and Madness (PS 620)

February 2

BBTS 2023 Spring Semester Begins
Greek I BL 601 and Greek V BL 605

April 21

BBTS Spring Lecture Series
Special Studies in the Johannine Epistles
Galilean Baptist Church
Stafford Springs, CT

May 22-26

Ireland Module
Gospel of Luke and Medical Language
Acts 1-9

June 5-9

Community Baptist Church
Coopersburg, PA
Book of Hebrews

September 25-29

Bible Baptist Church
Nashua, NH
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October 22-25

Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
Timeless Truths Bible Conference

October 28-29

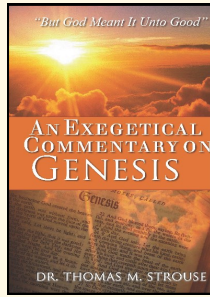
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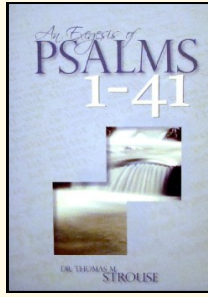
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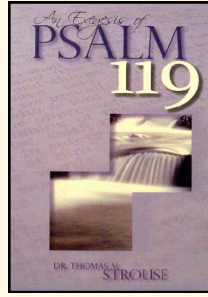
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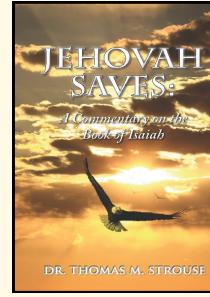
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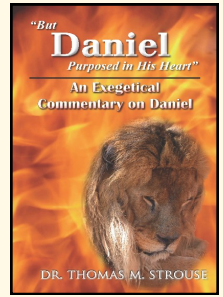
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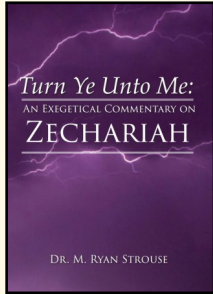
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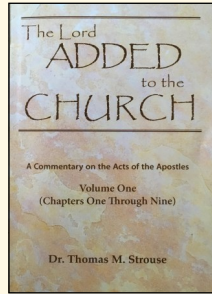
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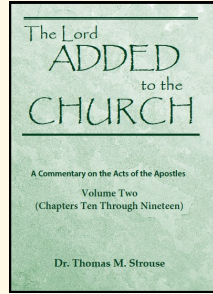
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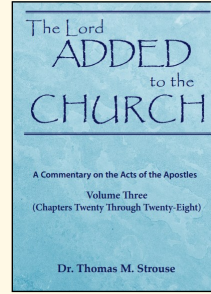
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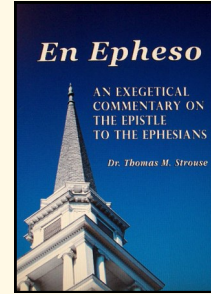
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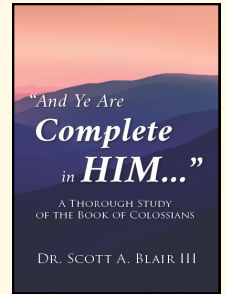
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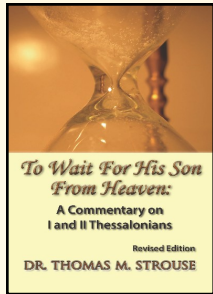
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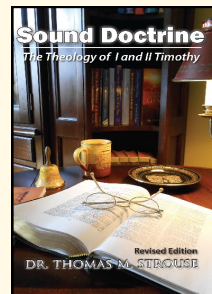
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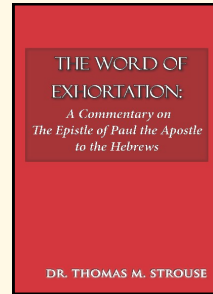
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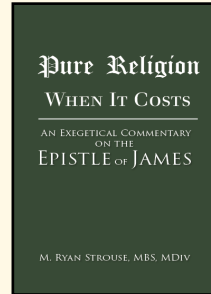
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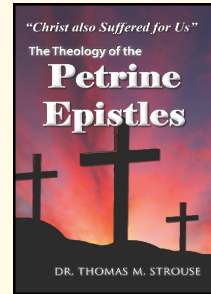
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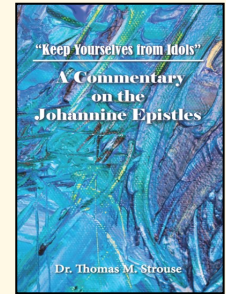
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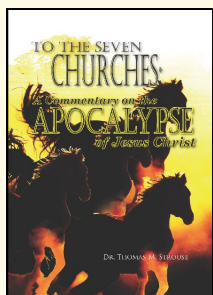
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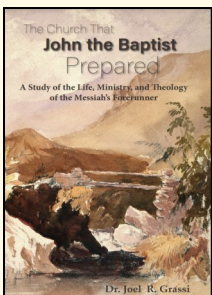
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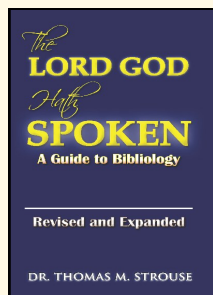
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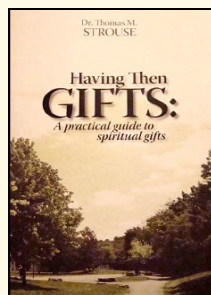
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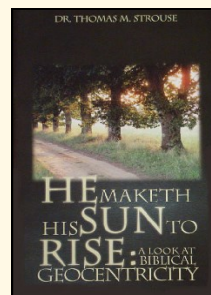
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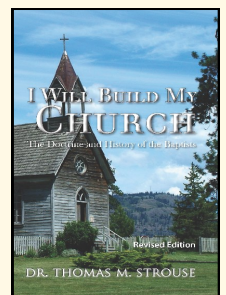
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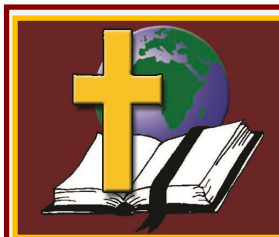
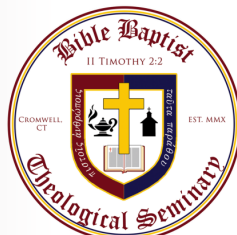


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