



BBC UPDATE

BBTS 13TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The Lord blessed the weekend of May 13-15, 2022 with the activities of the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 13th Annual Commencement weekend. First, on Friday, May 13, 2022, ThD candidate Matthew Ryan Strouse defended his Doctoral Dissertation on the exegesis of the *Book of Zechariah* entitled “Turn Ye unto Me” (506 pp.). Dr. Thomas M. Strouse and Seminary Professor Jeff Skorupski were on the Dissertation Committee and examined and challenged the candidate with questions, observations and corrections. The following morning, Saturday, May 14, 2022, the same Dissertation Committee members heard ThD candidate Clint A. Schreiber defend his Doctoral Dissertation on the exegesis of the *Book of Job* entitled “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth.” Both men under close scrutiny ably defended the content of their literary work in front of a multitude of witnesses comprised of Bible Baptist Church and other sister churches.

On Saturday evening, the candidates were honored with a delicious banquet including sliced sirloin and stuffed chicken at the Marriott Courtyard, Cromwell. The candidates all gave the testimony of their salvation, family, and ministry. The evening was a time of great blessing for all. On Sunday, May 15, 2022, BBC held regular services in the AM at the Marriott Courtyard, Cromwell, for church members, visiting church members, and guests of the graduates. The academic staff comprised of Dr. Thomas Strouse, Dean of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Cas Reeves, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, Dr. Keith Main, Dean of Heritage Baptist Theological Seminary, and Professor Jeff Skorupski of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary led the candidates Mr. Andrew Williams, Sr., *Certificate of Theology*, Pastor Adam Shedal and Pastor David Smith, *Master of Biblical Studies*, and Professor Clint Schreiber, *Doctor of Theology*, and Mr. Matthew Ryan Strouse, *Master of Theology*, and *Doctor of Theology*. As the men came forward to receive their respective diplomas and to be hooded, their wives followed

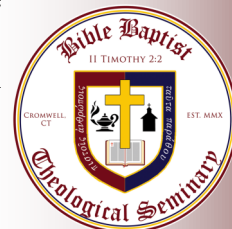


CLASS OF 2022

and received a bouquet of flowers for faithful and committed support for their husbands. Three others received the Master of Biblical Studies *in absentia*: Avelino DeGuzman, Mary Ann DeGuzman, and Ramil Radok, all from Dubai.

CLASS OF 2022

Left to right: Andrew Williams, Adam Shedal, Clint Schreiber, David Smith, Ryan Strouse.



DOCTRINAL DISSERTATIONS



The Doctrinal Dissertations were very well attended by church members and visitors. Below Dr. Thomas Strouse and Jeff Skorupski question the candidates, Ryan Strouse (left) and Clint Schreiber (right).



GRADUATION BANQUET

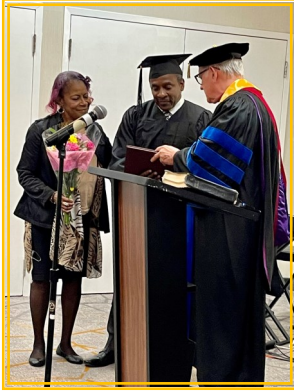


During the delicious banquet on Saturday night, the graduates shared their personal testimonies with all the guests. Each one was an encouragement and blessing to everyone listening.



CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY

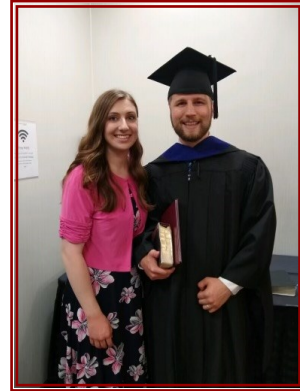
ANDREW WILLIAMS, SR.



Andrew with his wife Karen and family

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

ADAM DANIEL SHEDAL



*Adam with his wife
Rebecca*

DAVID JAMES SMITH



*David with his wife Bonnie and his parents,
Dr. David and Heidi Smith*

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES *IN ABSENTIA*



AVELINO P. DeGUZMAN, JR.

MARY JANE U. DeGUZMAN

RAMIL BARBA RADOK

Left: Brother Radok is one of the three members of Bible Baptist Church of Dubai who received degrees in absentia. Bible Baptist Church of Dubai is pastored by Bro. Flory Maloto, a church started by Pilipino Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY



MATTHEW RYAN STROUSE

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

CLINT A. SCHREIBER



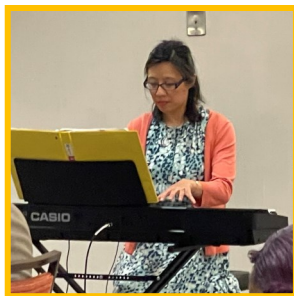
Clint with his wife Rebecca and his family

MATTHEW RYAN STROUSE



Ryan with his wife Christy and his parents, Dr. Thomas and Jan Strouse

MORE PICTURES FROM GRADUATION WEEKEND



Several ladies provided special music throughout the weekend including: Amanda Reeves, Jackie Hinebaugh, Heidi Smith, Kirsten Gagnon, and Christy Strouse

BBC/BBTS 2022 SCHEDULE

June 6-10

Community Baptist Church
Coopersburg, PA
"The Johannine Epistles"

July 25-29

Calvary Ind. Baptist Church
Plymouth, NH
"Biblical Geography"

August 22-26

Fairhaven Baptist College
Chesterton, IN
Acts, Vol. 1 (Chapters 1-9)

COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE

JEREMIAH 26:1-24

PREMISE: *The Man of God ministers with the Word of the LORD to do the Work of the LORD in the Will of the LORD.*

Background:

Josiah (641-609 BC) > Jehoahaz (609 BC) > Jehoiakim (606 -597 BC): Temple message (cf. Jer. 7:3 > 26:13) > “*Amend your ways*” > 609 > 605 > 597 > 586 BC

I. The WORD of the Lord (vv. 1-6)

- A. The Place of the Word (vv. 1-2b) > Temple > 3-fold repetition (Jer. 7:4)
- B. The Preaching of the Word (vv. 2c-5) > diminish not Dt. 4:2 > 12:32 > Prov. 30:6 > Rev. 22:18-19
- C. The People of the Word (v. 6) > “*this house*” (Jer. 7:10, 11, 14) like *Shiloh* > (I Sam. 4:10; Ps. 78:60)

II. The WORK of the Lord (vv. 7-19)

- A. It Requires Dedication to the Lord (vv. 7-9) > Shiloh? Warranted death!
- B. It Raises Difficulties in the Lord (vv. 10-11) > he should die > hate preacher of word
- C. It Reaffirms Determination for the Lord (vv. 12-15) > I can’t be bought out > truth not for sale! > whose words will win out? > Jer. 44:28!
- D. It Receives Defense from the Lord (vv. 16-19) > Micah 3:12 delivered him!

III. The WILL of the Lord (vv. 20-24)

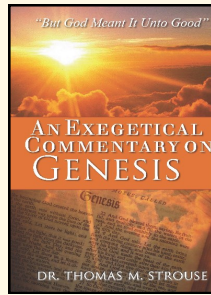
- A. The Responses (vv. 20-21)
 - 1. Flee the Geographical Will of the Lord (vv. 20-23) > Jonah syndrome
 - a. Urijah (“Jehovah my light”)
 - b. Influenced by Jeremiah against city and land
 - c. Jehoiakim wanted to kill him
 - d. Urijah left the geographical will of God > Egypt! (left place of truth!)
 - e. Urijah suffered tragedy outside of Geographical Will (so did Jonah)
 - 2. Follow the Geographical Will of the Lord (v. 24) > Jeremiah and Ahikam
- B. Result (vv. 23-24)
 - 1. Fleeing the Will of God has Problems (v. 23) > disobedience leads to death
 - 2. Following the Will of God gives Protection (v. 24) > obedience leads to blessing > Dt. 30:19

***Application:** The Lord has a will for Man of God who must resist money, fame, family, relatives, bigness, or other things to tempt him to leave the will of God.

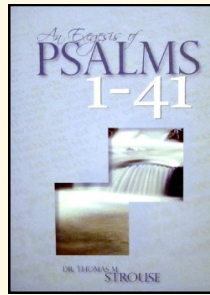
CONCLUSION: **You are trained men who have advanced to this level of biblical knowledge: Do not leave the will of God. Lord wants to use you!**

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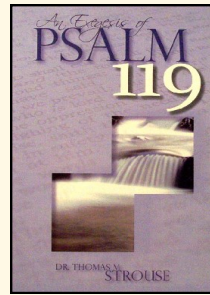
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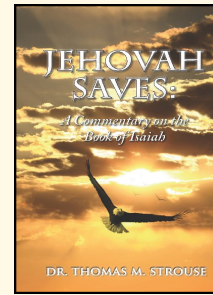
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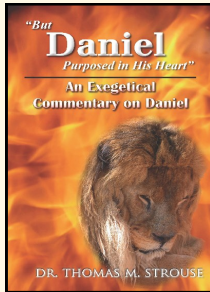
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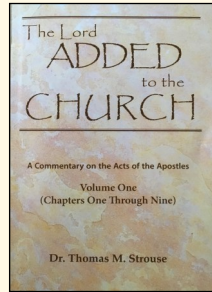
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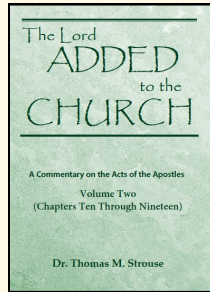
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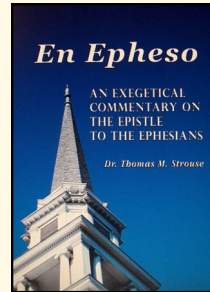
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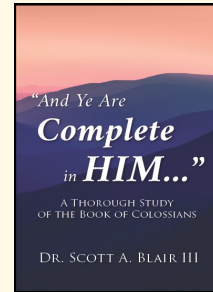
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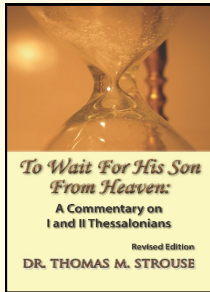
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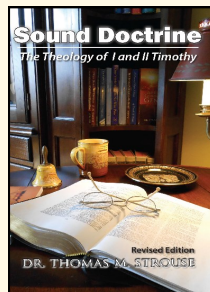
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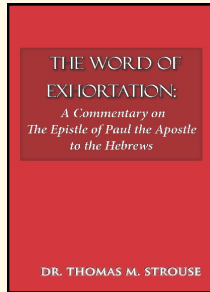
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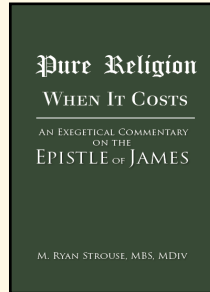
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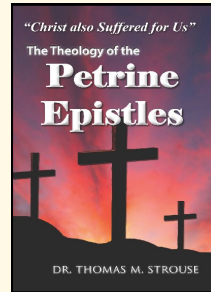
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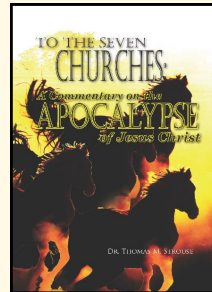
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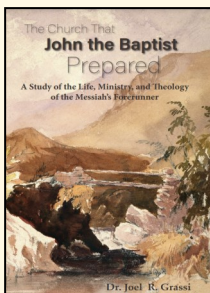
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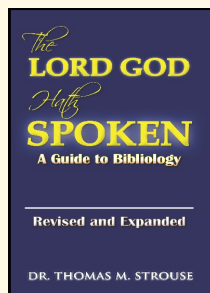
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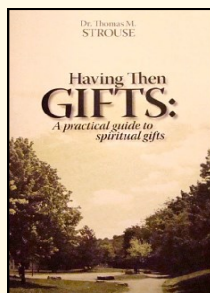
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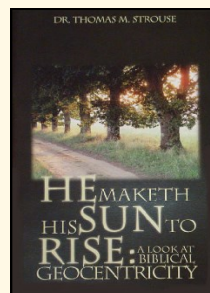
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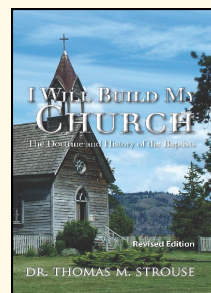
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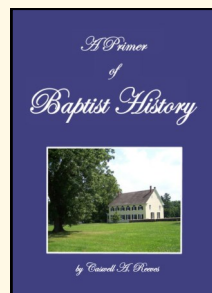
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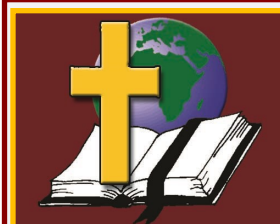


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