



# BBC UPDATE



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## THE BOOK OF JUDE

Jude was the step-brother of the Lord (Mt. 13:55) and had received salvation at the time of the crucifixion and resurrection (Jn. 7:1; Acts 1:14). He, his mother, and siblings remained in Jerusalem after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 1:14). Presumably he became one of the elders in the Jerusalem Baptist Church (Acts 15:2), and he wrote to his home church before the Jerusalem Church Council (AD 49) about the apostasy within (Acts 15:1, 24) while he was away (Jude 1:3-4). His audience knew both the apostles (1:17) and the *Tanak* (1:3 ff.), making the assembly at Jerusalem the most likely recipient.

Jude dealt with the truth of the reality of apostasy within the assembly. The LORD created the perfect heavens and earth with perfect angels and with perfect mankind. His perfect creation apostatized, starting with perfect Lucifer who apostatized, and then with perfect Adam and Eve who apostatized. Mankind has the heart of apostasy and even regenerated church members still have the heart for apostasy (Rom. 7:15-25; I Cor. 3:3; Eph. 5:18). The word *apostasia* occurs in Acts 21:21 (“*forsake*”) and in II Thes. 2:3 (“*a falling away*”). Apostasy means “to stand from (the truth).” Peter wrote to his former Jerusalem church members who were scattered by Saul of Tarsus, warning about internal apostasy (I Pet. 1:1; II Pet. 1:1; 2:1 ff.). James wrote to the twelve tribes scattered by Saul of Tarsus about internal apostasy (Jam. 1:1). Jude wrote to the Jerusalem assembly that remained after the attack of Saul of Tarsus, again warning about internal apostasy. Fundamentalism holds that apostasy only applies to rank Christ-denying clergy and misses the interpretation of these inspired books that apply the warning of apostasy to church members. Paul warned the Ephesian church about apostasy from within the ranks of elders (Acts 20:30) and named apostates in the church (I Tim. 1:20; II Tim. 2:17). Once a church member begins to turn from truth, he or she begins to go down the slippery slope into terrible sin (II Pet. 1:8-9; 2:22). Usually the turn from truth starts with the heart attitude towards the pastor who has presented the truth, and ends in spiritual disaster. The following page is a proposed outline for the *Epistle of Jude*.

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## OUTLINE OF JUDE

- I. The Address of a Humble Man (vv. 1-2)
- II. The Analysis of a Honest Report (vv. 3-4)
- III. The Acknowledgement of Heretical Apostates (vv. 5-16)
  - A. Case Studies (vv. 5-11)
    1. Israel (v. 5)
    2. Angels (v. 6)
    3. Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 7)
    4. Apostates (v.8)
    5. Satan (vv. 9-10)
    6. Cain, Balaam, Korah (vv. 11)
  - B. Characteristics (vv. 12-16)
    1. Contemporaries (vv. 12-13)
    2. Condemnation (vv. 14-15)
    3. Complainers (v. 16)
- IV. The Admonition to the Holy Assembly (vv. 17-23)
- V. The Anthem to the Heavenly God (vv. 24-25)

## “SUMMER OF PREACHING” PROGRAM

Bible Baptist Church will initiate the “2021 Summer of Preaching” with several men having an opportunity to preach during some of the services. Several of these men have been studying in seminary classes and are working on their first public messages. This is an effort to help train and encourage these men to be preachers of the Gospel. Preaching from the pulpit of Bible Baptist Church could be intimidating because the seminary context and personnel. All Christian men should be able to handle the word of God publicly after some training and local church experience. *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”* (II Tim. 2:2).



### JOHN THE BAPTIST BOOK COMING!

Dr. Joel Grassi wrote his 600 page Doctor of Theology dissertation on the person, life, and ministry of John the Baptist. Dr. Grassi is presently working on the final touches of his dissertation to put in book form. Prayerfully, the book will be available by the middle of this summer, 2021 published by Bible Baptist Theological Press.

# THE PROPITIOUS MEETING

It all started back in 2005 when Dr. Thomas Strouse met and invited Pastor Cas Reeves to preach in the chapel of Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary which was under the *aegis* of Emmanuel Baptist Church, pastored by Pastor Michael Bates. Since that time of mutual friendship and church contacts the Lord has brought together several marriages because of this interrelationship. The recent marriage of John Reeves and Megan Bates is case in point.



*Pastor & Mrs. Reeves with Pastor & Mrs. Bates; Pastor Bates & Pastor Strouse reunite for the Sunday evening service in Nashua, NH.*



*Mr. & Mrs. John Reeves*



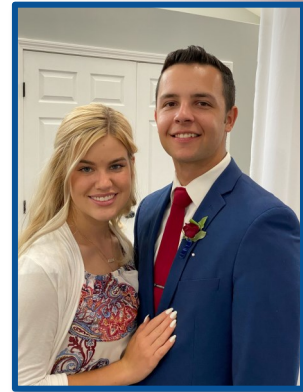
*Pastor & Mrs. Stephen Bates with the new couple*

*Other "seminary couples":*

*Ashton (Main) & Ben Reeves married in 2013*

*Charity (Bates) & Aaron Reeves welcomed their first child on May 28th*

*Amanda (Gagnon) & Mark Reeves celebrated their 1st anniversary on May 30th*



## BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

**June 7-11**

Community Baptist Church  
Coopersburg, PA  
*Ezra & Nehemiah*

**Jul 26-30**

Calvary Independent Baptist Church  
Plymouth, NH  
*The Gospel of Luke & Medical Terms*

**August 23-27**

Fairhaven Baptist College  
*Apologetics*

**Sep, 20-24 2021**

Bible Baptist Church, Nashua, NH  
*Defense of alleged errors in KJV*

**October 24-27**

**Timeless Truth Bible Conference**  
Willow Creek Baptist Church  
Waynesburg, PA  
*TBA*

**November 5**

**BBTS Fall Lecture Series**  
Galilean Baptist Church  
*TBA*



Pastor Cas Reeves

In describing Job's spirituality, God makes the statement that Job is one that fears God. This word, fear, ירא(yare) is descriptive and speaks of a quality regarding Job's practice. The Hebrew word, ירא(yare) promotes the meaning of one that has a fearing reverence toward God. In other words, it conveys a reverential trust which one has for God, involving faith toward God and hatred toward evil. It is a fearfulness toward God that acknowledges God and promotes godliness.

The fear of God is wise. There are two other accounts beside Job where this same phrase "feared God" is found. The first account of this phrase "feared God" is found two times in the book of Exodus, referring to the midwives that saved the male children after the king of Egypt had commanded all male children be put to death. These are found in Exodus 1:17 and the other in Exodus 1:21:

*"But the midwives **feared God**, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive."*

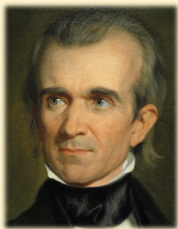
## FEAR GOD

*"And it came to pass, because the midwives **feared God**, that he made them houses."*

Beside the books of Exodus and Job, the second account of this phrase "feared God" is found in an account, which is in the book of Nehemiah, where it refers descriptively to the keeper of the palace, Hananiah, who is given charge of Jerusalem. This account is found in Nehemiah 7:2:

*"That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and **feared God** above many."*

From these accounts one learns that to fear God, ירא(yare) is something that is practical that brings with it extraordinary and outstanding behavior on the part of those who reverentially trust in God. The midwives feared God and defied the order of king of Egypt. Hananiah was a faithful man who feared God above many of his brethren and was given charge over Jerusalem. And Job who feared God was the greatest of the men of the east. Solomon wrote the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Truly Job, Hananiah, and the midwives were wise in the eyes of the Lord. —CAR



## QUOTES FROM THE PAST

James K. Polk  
1795-1849  
31st President of USA

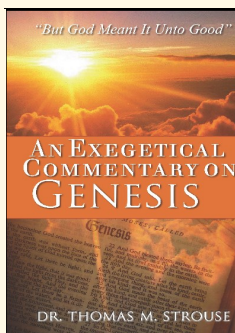
*"The gratitude ... should be commensurate with the boundless blessings which we enjoy."*

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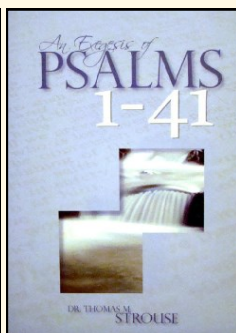
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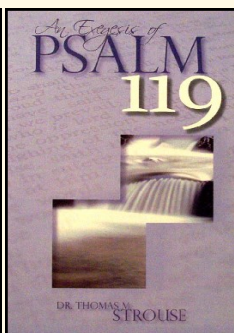
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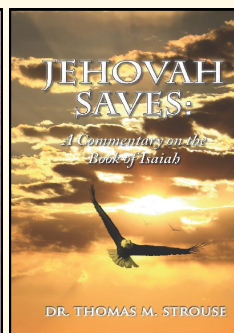
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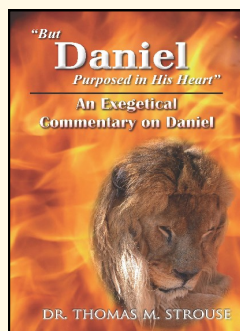
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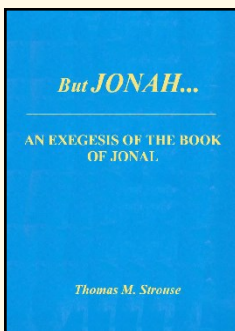
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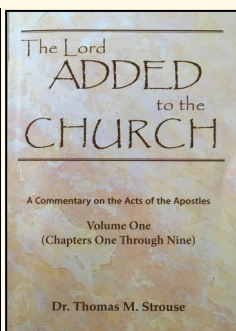
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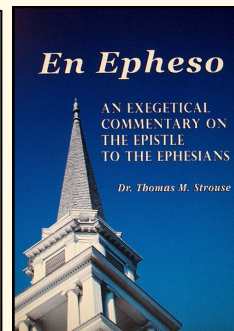
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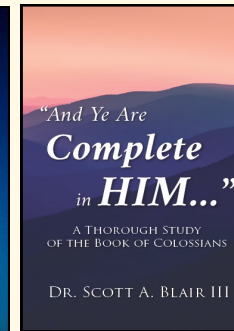
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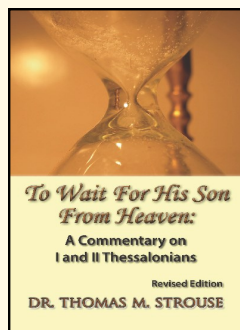
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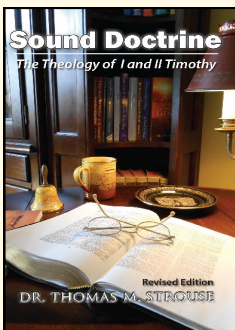
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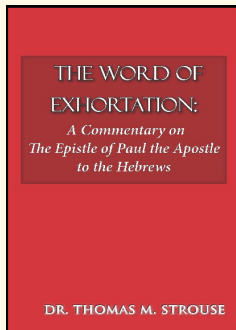
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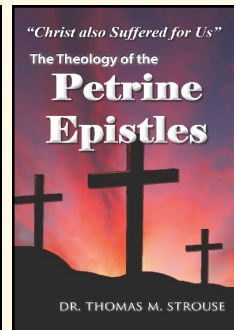
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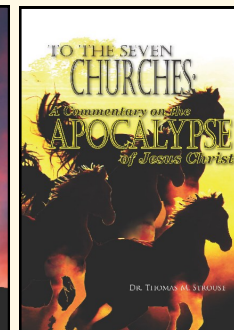
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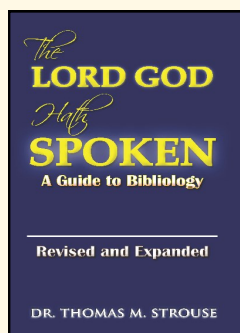
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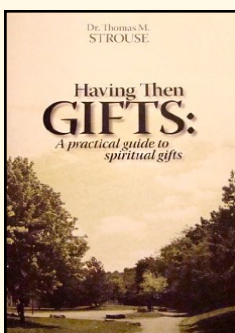
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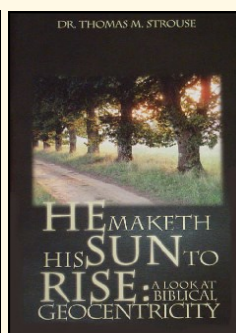
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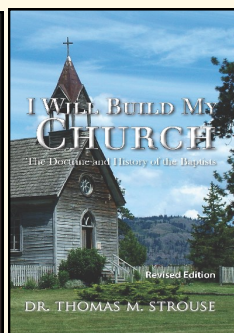
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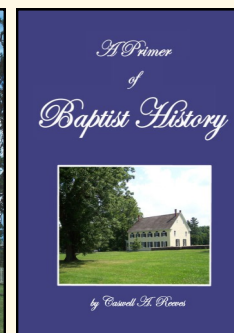
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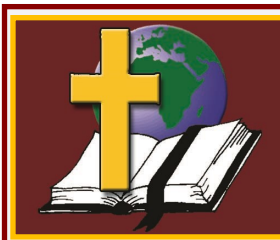


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