



# BBC UPDATE

## THE LAND OF SINIM



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In the second of five Servant of the LORD passages in the *Book of Isaiah* (cf. Isa. 42:1-9, 49:1-13; 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12, and 61:1-3), the prophet Isaiah promised salvation to the Israel and the nations, saying, “Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name...Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the **land of Sinim**” (Isa. 49:1, 12). The Apostle Paul cited one of the Servant of the LORD songs and applied it to the precious Lord Jesus Christ, saying, “For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth” (Acts 13:47; see Isa. 42:6 and also 49:6). Significant in His promise of redemption was that it was universal (cf. Jn. 3:16), including not only the Jews but also the Gentiles in remote places such as the north and the west, as well as the distant “land of Sinim.”

### “The Land of Sinim”

Where was the land of *Sinim* and who inhabited it? The word “*Sinim*” (*siyniym*) is an Isaianic *hapax legomena* plural noun related to the Hebrew word for “thorns.” Modern commentators who have a love affair with the Greek of the *LXX* read gh/j Persw/n (*ges Person*) as the “land of Persians,” and those who favor the Dead Sea Scrolls render it as “Syene,” a place in Egypt associated with Aswan. Modern versions such the *NAB* and *RSV* adopt the reading as “Syene,” whereas the *NIV* renders it as “Aswan,” and the *NLT* employs the reading “Egypt.” Related words in the Hebrew are “*Sinites*,” a tribe of the Canaanites (Gen. 10:17), and the geographical location of “*Sin*,” either a town in eastern Egypt (Ezk. 30:15-16) or a tract of land in the wilderness between Elim and Sinai (Ex. 16:1). Since *Sinim* was a land far from Israel at the ends of the earth, none of the aforementioned is a possible identity.

Early commentators understood that *Sinim* was the Hebrew name for the Chinese in the land of China or Sina. The commentator Charles John Ellicott (18<sup>th</sup> century) and the commentary by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown (1871) recognized that the Arabians and Syrians gave the name Sin, Tein, or Tshini to China and the Chinese. The short-lived Xin Dynasty of the first century derived its name and pronunciation from the Hebrew word “*sin*” (*samech-yod-nun*). Historically significant as well, China’s Second War with the Japanese was called the Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945). Since Hebrew was the original language and all other languages including Chinese are really confounded Hebrew (Gen. 11:9), the Chinese derived the name of their land from the Hebrew. Under the process of

inspiration Isaiah knew of the land of China (*Sinim*) and thus referred to it and its inhabitants, the Chinese, as potential recipients of Jehovah's great salvation through the Suffering Servant!

### China in Prophecy

With the belief that the "*land of Sinim*" refers to China and "*the kings of the East*" (Rev. 16:12) will be involved in end time prophecy, one may assume that "*the kings of the East*" refer to the kings or leaders of China. It is also significant that the Hebrew *Sinim* is plural as well as the description "*kings*" of the east. Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel to begin the Tribulation (Dan. 9:27), after the NT saints are removed via the Rapture (I Thes. 4:16-5:9). He will successfully kill the two witnesses guarding the physical and spiritual aspects of the Tribulation Temple (Rev. 11:1-7), and demand that the Jews worship him and his idol (II Thes. 2:5; Rev. 13:14-15). The remnant believing Jews will flee (Mt. 24:15 ff.; Rev. 12:9-17) as he will abide in Jerusalem (Dan. 11:41). The Battle of Armageddon will begin with the armies of the nations coming to the Promised Land to vie for possession, beginning in Megiddo (Rev. 16:12-16) and eventually sieging Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-2). Antichrist will be disturbed when he hears "*tidings out of the east*" (Dan. 11:44), presumably when the Euphrates dries up and facilitates the advance of the "*kings of the East*," China (Rev. 16:12). Since the Antichrist is not identified with the king of the south (Arabia) and the king of the north (Russia) or with the kings of the East (China), he will be the western Caucasian leader coming out of the Revived Roman Empire (Dan. 9:26-27). Apparently, the weakened North American countries, including the United States, will subsume under the leadership of the European Roman Antichrist to fight the kings from the other three directions. He will have strength militarily and financially since he will enslave the weaponless masses of the western world through the abject poverty of socialism. The plutocrats will have all of the financial wealth of the world in their rebuilt Babylon (Zech. 5:11), enjoying it until the Lord comes back to destroy their exclusive "capitalism" (Rev. 18:9-21).

### Conclusion

According to Scripture, North America including the United States will have no place of influence in world affairs during the Tribulation except as pawns for the European Antichrist. Although China will have a role in weakening the military and economic influence of the west to facilitate the rise of Antichrist, the "*land of Sinim*" will be distinct from and opposed to the west, including the Antichrist. With little imagination the Christian observes the weakening influence of America and Western Europe through the instrumentality of China. The obvious stupefied leadership of the western world fosters the need for a strong, charismatic statesman leader to promise peace to the Middle East and especially to tiny Israel. The destruction of the western world is a satanically calculated plan, using financial collapse, petty dictators, military ineptness and cowardice, loss of personal rights, and open borders to facilitate this demise.

Although the Chinese will have a major role in the destruction of the west and in the universal rebellion towards the Lord, and although kings of the nations will be destroyed by the LORD (Zech. 12:1-8; 14:1-5), some Chinese will receive Jehovah's worldwide salvation! "*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*" (Tit. 2:13)!

# CHIASTIC STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF JOB

**PREMISE: The place of Wisdom is the Fear of the LORD!**

- A. The Blessings on Job (1:1-2:10)
- B. The Friends of Job (2:11-13)
- C. The Curses of Job (3:1-26)
- D. The Dialogue of Eliphaz and Job (4:1-7:21)
- E. The Dialogue of Bildad and Job (8:1-10:22)
- F. The Dialogue of Zophar (11:1-14:22)
- G. The Answers of Eliphaz and Job (15:1-17:16)
- H. The Answers of Bildad and Job (18:1-19:29)
- I. The Answers of Zophar and Job (20:1-21:34)
- J. The Dialogue of Eliphaz and Job (22:1-24:25)
- K. The Dialogue of Bildad and Job (25:1-26:14)
- L. The Words of Job (27:1-23)
- M. The Place of Wisdom (28:1-28)**
- L.' The Words of Job (29:1-31:40)
- K.' The Rebuke of Elihu to Job and Friends (32:1-33:33)
- J.' The Rebuke of Elihu to Eliphaz (34:1-37)
- I.' The Rebuke of Elihu to Zophar (35:1-16)
- H.' The Rebuke of Elihu to Bildad (36:1-37:24)
- G.' The Answer of the LORD to Job (38:1-39:30)
- F.' The Monologue of the LORD (40:1-2)
- E.' The Monologue of Job (40:3-5)
- D.' The Monologue of the LORD (40:6-41:26)
- C.' The Repentance of Job (42:1-6)
- B.' The Friends of Job (42:7-10)
- A.' The Blessings on Job(42:11-17)

**CONCLUSION: The place of Wisdom is the Fear of the LORD as the believer repents of self-righteousness!**

## WHO IS THE LORD?

Text: *Psalm 28:1-9*



Pastor Cas Reeves

If you are saved, you know the LORD, and you know who He is to you. However, the Psalmist writes it very succinctly and very beautifully. He describes the LORD as “my rock.” It is the Lord who is the solid one in our lives; He is like a rock upon whom we can stand (1). The LORD is a personal God. He is One to whom the Psalmist can plead his desires and supplication, and the One who is near unto him (2-5).

Who is the LORD? He is the God who hears our prayers and our supplication, and who answers our calls for help (6). He is our strength and protector, the One in whom we have placed our trust; and in whom we have committed our safety. He is our helper, the One we rejoice in and sing our songs of praise (7).

The LORD is our strength. He is the One who saves us, and makes us His inheritance forever (8, 9). It is the LORD who blesses us with all blessings and feeds us with all manners of good food, and who will lift us up forever (9).

I hope this is the LORD God that each of you know as your personal Savior. -CAR

### QUOTES FROM THE PAST



Isaac Watts  
1674-1748  
English poet,  
theologian  
& hymn writer

*O God, our help in  
ages past,  
Our hope for years  
to come,  
Our shelter from  
the stormy blast.  
And our eternal  
home.*



*Recent photos of our  
BBC young people.*

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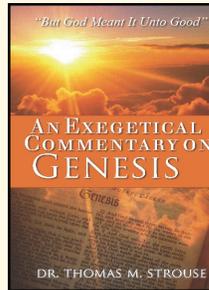
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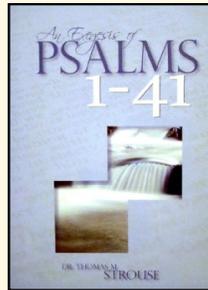
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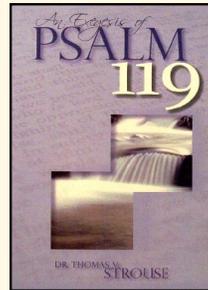
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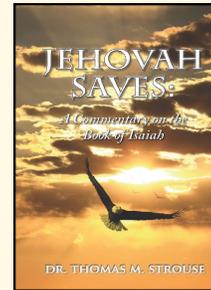
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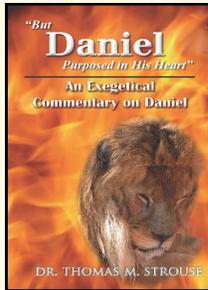
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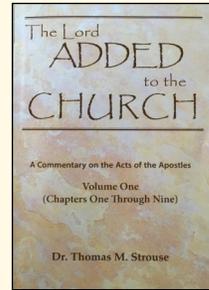
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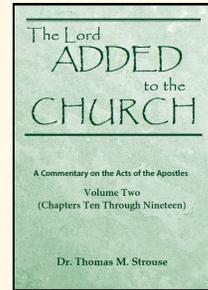
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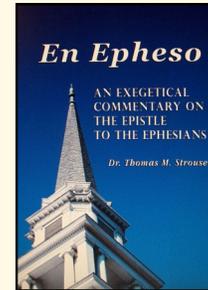
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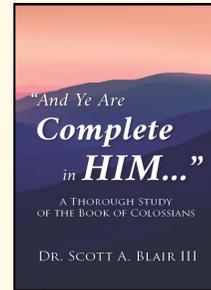
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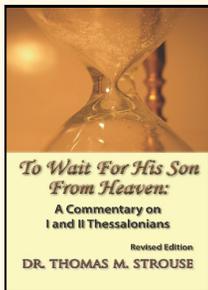
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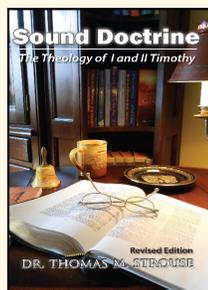
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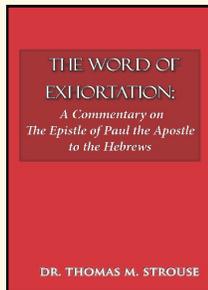
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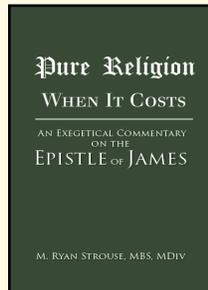
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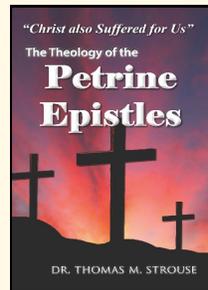
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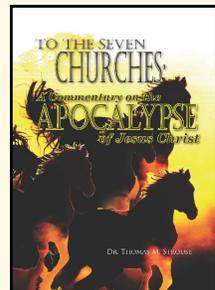
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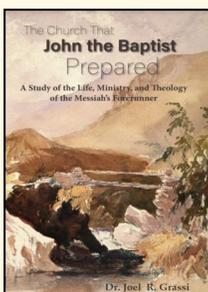
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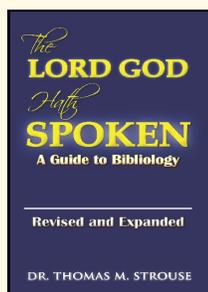
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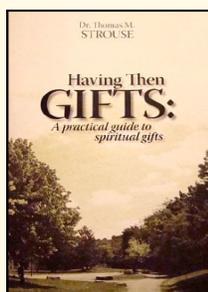
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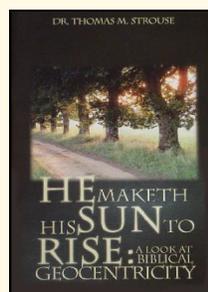
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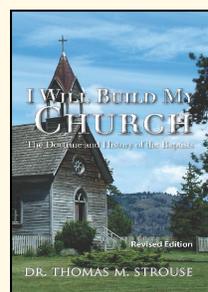
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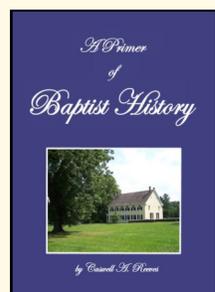
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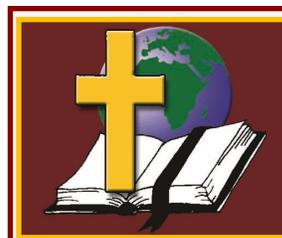
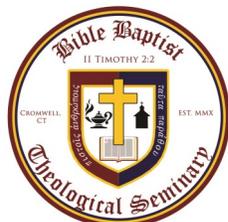


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