

BBCUPDATE



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THE SATANIC USE OF "BLURSDAY"

new word in 2020 is "Blursday" or "the difficulty in determining what day of the week it is." Before the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic the corporate/employment work schedule was fixed around the standard hours of 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday (TGIF) with weekends off. Of course certain industries because of their very nature deviated from this standard. However, with multitudes either out of work or working remotely at home during the Pandemic, days seem to blend into one long, unbroken stream of time with little differentiation other than periods of sleeping or being awake.

The seven day cycle of days and weeks became one blur of time. No longer were the experiences of certain definitive activities in place that demarked segments of life as "days," such as going to work, taking children to school, having a shopping day, or going to religious or church services. Since the week determines the month, "Blursday" could degenerate to "Blursmonth" so that the time cycle of life becomes a seamless passing of time without many time markers. Without some objective means to reveal to mankind "time" in an absolute framework, days and months are meaningless. So-called calendars for "time markers" would become subjective and easily manipulated for evil purposes.

Significance

he seven-day week and monthly schedule that most of the world has observed for two thousand years is based on the absolute truth of divine revelation revealed by Jehovah God in the Judaeo-Christian Scriptures. The LORD declared, saying, "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years" (Gen. 1:14; 2:1-2) and "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened" (Gen. 7:11). Two of the three most hated groups in the world today are the Jews and the Christians (the other being the "unvaccinated")! The world is not interested in perpetuating the days of Saturday/Sunday worship, but instead is diametrically opposed. Jews worship on the Saturday-Sabbath, but Christians worship on Sunday, the first day of the week which commemorates the resurrection of Christ. Scriptures aver, saying, "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre...He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Mt. 28:1, 6). Moreover, Christians commemorate the resurrection of Christ every Sunday, worshipping in the Lord's assemblies every first day of the week (Resurrection Sunday), as Paul declared, saying, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

COVID-19 has demonstrated that in-person Christian church services were not valued very highly by many pastors and church members worldwide. If church attendance is not a premium concern for Christians, how important is Sunday as a day of worship? Whether Christian pastors and church members can recognize the satanic battle that is being waged against Christianity, it should behoove Bible believers to realize that Lucifer wants to eradicate Sunday, the first day of the week, from the divinely-given time cycle of seven days.

Prophecy

aniel prophesied in Aramaic about the nefarious actions of the Antichrist, saying, "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time" (Dan. 7:25). The Scriptures reveal that the seven-year Tribulation (Dan. 9:24-27) will be organized around two units of forty-two months or twelve hundred and sixty days, as John recorded, saying, "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth" (Rev. 11:2-3, cf. 12:6). This numeric system is sexagesimal or having a base of six (i.e., rather than the popular decimal system of a base of ten, for example). Why would Antichrist be interested in a six-day week and why in eliminating Sunday? Every student of the Bible knows of the verse which states, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six" (Rev. 13:18). Of course the number of man is six and the number of perfection is seven. Scripture lays this foundation, indicating that Adam was created on the sixth day (Gen. 1:26, 31) and had to toil six days in a week (Ex. 20:6), the enemies of Jehovah such as Nebuchadnezzar had an image of sixty cubits high and six cubits deep with six musical instruments (Dan. 3:1, 5), and Goliath was six cubits and a hand span in height with six pieces of armour and a spear head of six hundred shekels of weight (I Sam. 17:4-7).

Apparently the Antichrist will change the week to six days to honor him and his number (666) and to eliminate the resurrection-honoring day—Sunday (Mk. 16:2). Satan, the author of reincarnation (no salvation for the body) is opposed to the resurrection doctrine of the body (cf. I Cor. 15:12; II Tim. 2:17-18), of which truth Christ was the firstborn from the dead (Col. 1:18). In order for the Ecumenical movement to unite during the first three and half years of the Tribulation (Rev. 17:5-12), Sunday worship would have to be eliminated to appease Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Seventh Day Adventists, etc. The twelve months would be thirty days each, making up a year of three hundred and sixty days. The loss of five days per year from 365 days to 360 days for three and half years would amount to mere seventeen and a half days, certainly insignificant for the change in seasons, etc. Keeping time in the first three and half years of the Tribulation will be confusing, to say the least. Therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ gave the time keeper for those in the Tribulation, saying, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)" (Mt. 24:15).

Conclusion

The stages of Satan for the preparation of his reign seem to be materializing. Although there are no signs for the Rapture of those in Christ and for the appearance of the Tribulation/Antichrist, saints are indeed two thousand years closer to the Rapture than Paul (I Thes. 4:15-17), and realize that apostasy seems to have reached its crescendo with the world-wide Pandemic and national collusions (II Tim. 3:13). Satan has already tested Christians and knows that Sunday does not seem to be a reverenced and respected day for many believers to assemble. If the majority of worldwide believers are not committed to assembling on Sunday, why have Sunday on the calendar? Is the spirit of "Blursday" moving to "blursmonth" as Satan is preparing for his reign once he is divinely permitted with the absence of the indwelling Holy Spirit in the catching away of saints (II Thes. 2:4-8)? Scripture gives the pattern for biblical Christians to observe for preaching services, saying, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them" (Acts 20:7a). May biblical Baptists "watch and pray" (Mk. 13:33) as they honor and obey the blessed Saviour and the Memorial Day of His Glorious Resurrection (I Pet. 1:3)!

12TH ANNIVERSARY POEM FOR 2021

As we come to the end of 2021 It's our 12th year of serving God the Son. We'll look back at some things we've done. With a little rhyme and a lot of fun (and maybe even a pun).

> In wanting to follow the Lord's will, Darrell Nelson faced the Ordination council. Doctrinal questions they did drill, The office of Pastorate he did fill.

> > Tommy worked on the landscape surround, Found a fox making a big dirt mound, Helped the men put the sign in the ground. Now the Lord's House looks nice all around.

> > > Our first Cromwell BBTS module Was added to our seminary schedule. Taught in person and not virtual, Pastor finished teaching II Samuel.



August Gagnon read the poem during our celebration dinner.



We published four books that are new. And one book got a printing redo. Around the world they were shipped to Men wanting more "meat" to chew.

> Our Pastor gets quite enthusiastic To give us an outline that is Chiastic. He taught us how to have a watchful optic On how to spot the inevitable gnostic.

Camp, fellowships, and a barbecue, A Labor Day message from brother Andrew. Of course, another graduation too. Galilean became the new Lecture Series' venue.

In Habakkuk we learned to have joy. New Sunday school teachers we did employ. Lunch on the grounds we still enjoy. Ryan and Christy are having *another* boy.

At VBS, we walked by faith not sight. And because we know it's right, We will continue to fight To meet every Sunday in the place of Light.

Another year has come to an end But not our work of the Word to defend. We know there are those whom we offend, But the truth, we are not willing to bend.

So, as you start 2022, Think about to whom you are true. Don't just sit in your pew. Get out there and DO!

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY FOR BBC

n Thursday, December 3, 2009, twenty-seven Baptist church members from several area churches covenanted together and signed the charter for the existence of Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT in the living room of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Strouse. This year Bible Baptist Church celebrated her twelfth year of existence under the mighty hand of her Head, the Lord Jesus Christ. Under the aegis of Bible Baptist Church the seminary ministry continued with the new name Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. During this time over one hundred precious souls have joined Bible Baptist Church with some leaving for various reasons including geographical moves, transfer of membership, church discipline, and death. The Lord has blessed Bible Baptist Church with faithful members who serve in various capacities and who support with finances and with regular attendance. Through the years Bible Baptist Theological Seminary has held modules in Ireland, Korea, Philippines, Portugal, Dubai, and various locations in the United States, including several Bible College/Seminary modules, instructing men in the word of God for preaching and teaching ministries. The church records and posts preaching messages and seminary courses online, which many believers around the world have testified about the spiritual value. Biblical commentaries on the Bible by staff and graduates have been written and distributed worldwide through Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. We are thankful for the Lord's goodness through the years as He leads and guides this New Testament assembly.



Faithful BBC Church members gather for a group photo.

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor and Bill keep a close eye on the gift table before the delicious Pot Roast dinner.

August, Linda, Allayah, Jack & Sandy show off what they received at the gift exchange.



12th Anniversary



Ryan is hoping to get some pulpit supply opportunities with his new preaching jacket!





Pastor "called to remembrance" the beginnings of BBC and the importance of having "unfeigned faith".



THE CITY OF DAVID



Pastor Cas Reeves

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

hat we know about the city of David and what it means to us is found in the Scriptures. We learn that it was a stronghold in Zion that was captured by David and called the city of David ever since (2 Samuel 5:7). David brought the Ark of the Covenant into the city of David from the house of Obed-edom with gladness (2 Samuel 6:12). King David was also

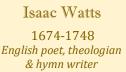
buried in the city of David (1 Kings 2:10). And in the New Testament it is revealed that the city of David, is Bethlehem" (Luke 2:4).

ver seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, God shared with his people, that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). How does one know it is referring to the Christ? Because He is referred to as the one, "whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." This can only refer to the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

t the birth of Jesus, the angel announced, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Matthew writes: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, … he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel" (Matthew 2:1-6).

Bethlehem is not only a place where our Savior was born, but it is a place that verifies the trustworthiness of God's promises to us. Yes, men can trust all of His promises: "Whosoever believeth in him [Jesus the Son of God] should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST





Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King; Let every heart, prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing!

BBC/BBTS 2022 SCHEDULE

January 17-21

Module

Heritage Baptist Church, Endicott, NY Alleged Errors in KJV

January 24

12th BBTS Spring Semester Begins

February 28-March 4

Module Bible Baptist Church,

Cromwell

Greek Text of II Timothy 1-4

April 15

12th Annual BBTS Spring Lecture Series

May 15

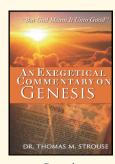
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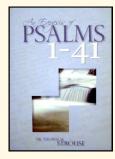
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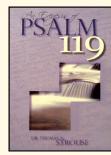
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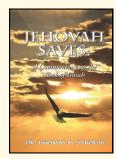
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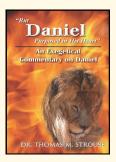
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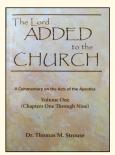
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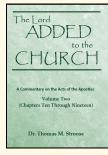
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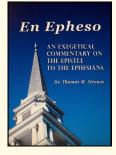
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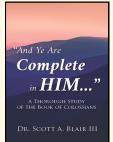
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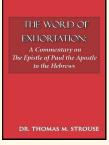
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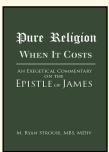
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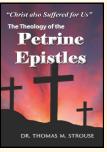
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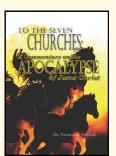
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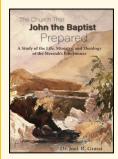
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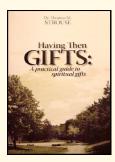
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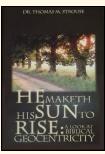
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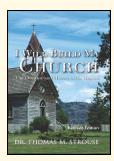
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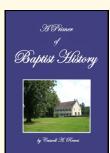
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