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GIANTS AND CHRISTMAS

Embedded in the Seed Promise given to Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:15) was the ultimate fulfillment about which Paul spoke, saying “*God was manifest in the flesh*” (I Tim. 3:16). This primary truth must be the continual focus of the Lord’s assemblies, preaching and teaching about the Person and Work of the precious Lord Jesus Christ (I Tim. 3:15). Satan was present when the Seed Promise was given and heard the prophecy of his ultimate doom. The attack began! Whereas both Adam and Eve and then later Noah and family received the divine and permanent commandment to be “*fruitful and multiply*” (Gen. 1:28; 9:1, 7) and consequently to produce the human race through which the Messiah would come, Satan had other plans.

Initially, Satan orchestrated his demons to cohabitate with women to produce the race of giants (*Nephilim* and *Rephaim*) through which the Messiah would never come (Gen. 6:1-4). The race of giants almost consumed the race of humans to the extent that Jehovah had to send the universal flood to salvage one last remaining family of the human race (Gen. 6:5-8). The Seed Promise would be fulfilled through Noah’s son Shem (Gen. 9:26), and certainly not through the race of giants, all of which died in the flood (Gen. 7:21-23; Lk. 17:27). The race of giants again sprouted in the valley of giants with the purpose to thwart Jehovah’s Land Promise to Abraham and [Article continued on page 2](#)

11th ANNIVERSARY OF BBC

On December 4, 2009, church members from several different area churches covenanted together to start Bible Baptist Church with twenty-seven believers signing the church charter. After several weeks of meeting in members’ homes, Bible Baptist Church rented a building in Cromwell, CT for the meeting place. By the grace of the precious Lord Jesus Christ the church was started and upheld by the Lord Himself, with encouragement from the word of God and several area churches. We are celebrating what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in the last eleven years. The Lord has continually met the financial needs of the assembly and allowed Bible Baptist Theological Seminary to continue and to flourish, with modules around the world as well as with online seminary classes. Through the years Bible Baptist Church has had regular services on Sunday and Wednesday without missing any services with the exception of about three because of snowstorms. Even during the pandemic COVID-19 the church has continued to meet in obedience to the Lord (Mk. 12:17), and by the grace of God without illnesses of any sort, claiming passages such as the following: “*He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes*” (Ps. 105:37). As Pastor of Bible Baptist Church, I thank the Lord for the faithful family units that continue to grow in and unite around the truth. “*Brethren, pray for us*” (I Thes. 5:25), that this candlestick will continue to be faithful to the Lord, obeying His word.

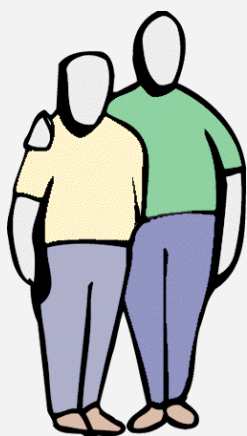
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his seed (Gen. 6:4; Num. 13:28-33; Dt. 3:11-13; Josh. 15:8). The giants eventually died off and shall have no place in the Lord's resurrection program (the *Rephaim* "shall not rise" [Isa. 26:14]). Satan's second plan focused on the sodomites of Sodom and Gomorrah who produced no race and certainly no possibility of fulfilling the Seed Promise. The sodomites followed the example of the apostate angels and fornicated and went after strange flesh (Jude 1:6-7; II Pet. 2:4). The practices of sodomy and bestiality are anti-incarnation of God.

Anything against the Lord's repeated commandment to Noah's family to be "*fruitful and multiply*" was diabolical and would break "*the everlasting covenant*" Jehovah made with His creation symbolized by the rainbow (Gen. 9:1, 6-17). The human race must increase, and not decrease through murder (Gen. 9:6; Ex. 20:13), sodomy/lesbianism (Gen. 19:4-13; 24-25; Dt. 29:23; Lk. 17:29; Rom. 1:26-27; I Tim. 1:10), bestiality (Lev. 18:23; 20:15), etc. When the human race violates "*the everlasting covenant*," then the longsuffering but righteous Lord will judge the world with world-wide destruction and devastation by means of the prophesied Tribulation (Isa. 26:1-5; Dan. 9:27).

Satan could not stop the fulfillment of the Seed Promise of the incarnation of God in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, man continues to violate the everlasting covenant through the promotion of "*the spirit of antichrist*" (I Jn. 4:3) by destroying the human race and limiting its increase. At the same time, the majority of mankind trivializes the incarnation of God and rejects the redemption of the precious Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ! Christ did not die for angels/demons, for giants, or for animals, but for mankind. "*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man*" (Heb. 2:9).



ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

*Then they cried unto
the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them out of
their distresses.
He brought them
out of darkness
and the shadow of death,
and brake their bands in
sunder.*

On Friday evenings from 7-9 PM, Bible Baptist Church holds the weekly meeting for the ARM Ministry with Dr. Robert Hovey introducing and preaching. The meetings involve singing hymns, sharing praises and prayer requests, before going into group sessions. There are also special speakers who come in to encourage, come alongside, and put a spiritual ARM around those in need.

If you know someone who might benefit from this church ministry, please contact Dr. Hovey at 860-380-0681.

THE BBC 11TH YEAR IN REVIEW

What happened in 2020? Plenty!

After our 10-year anniversary blast,
The Lord sent some tests to see if we'd last.
We were laughed at and even harassed,
But continually meeting, we were steadfast!

It seemed as we reached year number 11,
The Lord wanted to sift out some of the leaven.
Those disobedient we had to discipline,
Praying always for complete restoration.

"Caesar" said gatherings were not recommended.
So the lecture series both were suspended;
The Israel trip would no longer be attended;
And wedding plans were greatly amended.

But Amanda and Mark finally said "I do!"
Even though we had to find a new wedding venue.
For five graduates a commencement we threw,
Since the Seminary was able to continue.

It was also really cool,
That we could still have Vacation Bible School.
And though he couldn't travel overseas,
USA modules are Pastor's expertise.

A new ministry to our church we did start,
Which Satan immediately tried to thwart.
But him we were able to outsmart.
Because the ARM certainly comes from the heart.

Cookouts, barbecues, summer camp, men's retreat:
Fellowship with saints makes life extra sweet.
We will always have victory, and never see defeat
When we, as an assembly, obey God and meet.

That is what makes this a special year.
You see, God's Word is really quite clear.
We must obey it, from the path never veer,
No matter the consequence, the cost, or the smear.

And though our assembly is small in its size,
We now are definitely more unified.
Together we stand without compromise,
And for that we will never apologize!

THE SHEPHERDS' TESTIMONY

Luke 2:8-20



Pastor Cas Reeves

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

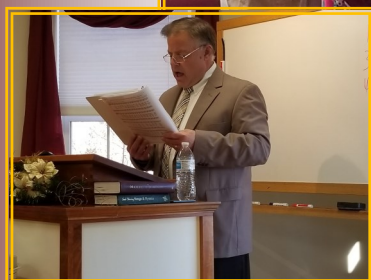
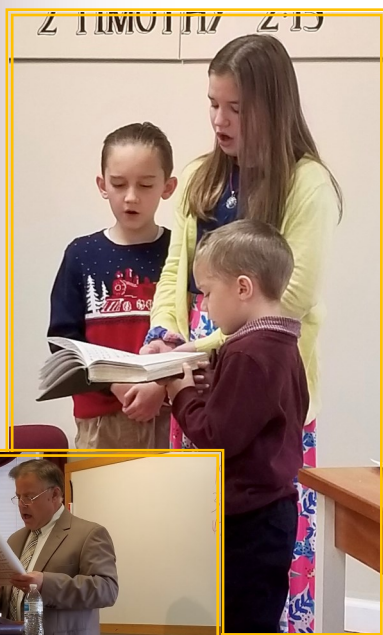
16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



Bill Gagnon shares a special from the Trinity Hymnal.

The children sing "Away in the Manger" during the Sunday service.

Quotes from the Past



"The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

Charles Dickens 1812-1870

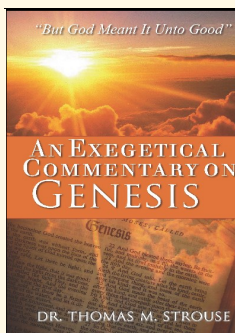
English Author who wrote "A Christmas Car-

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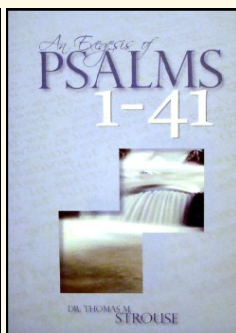
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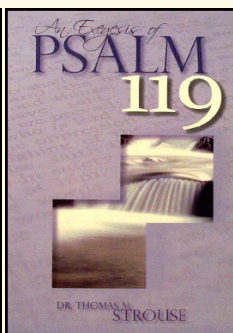
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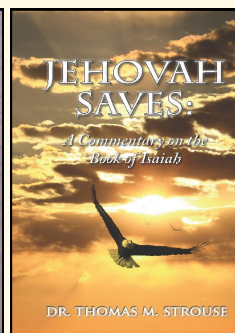
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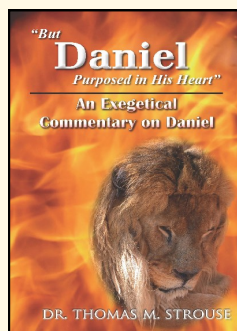
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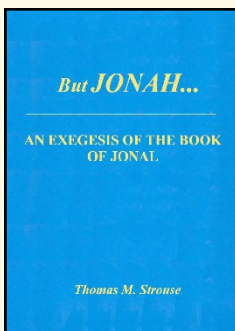
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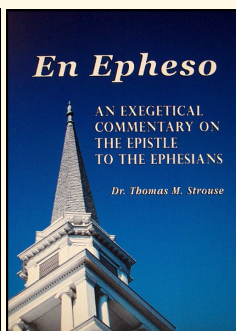
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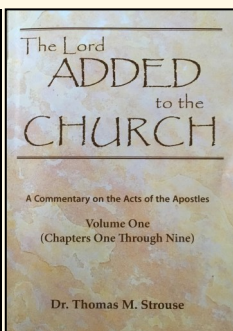
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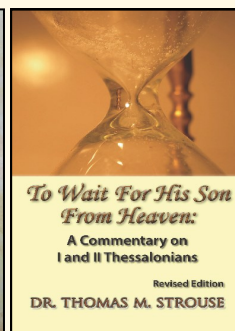
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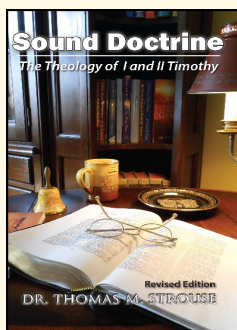
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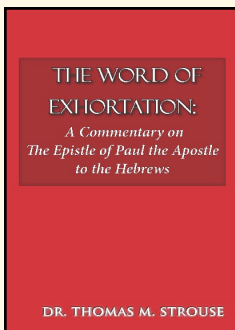
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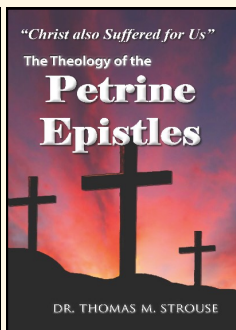
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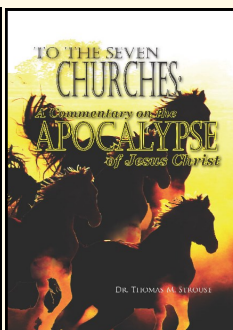
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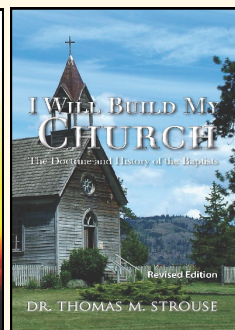
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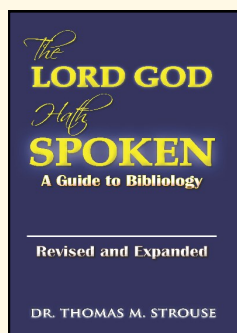
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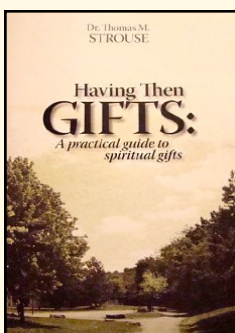
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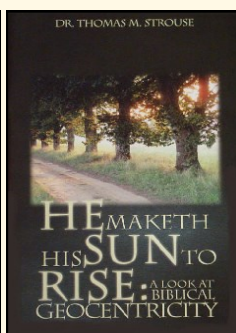
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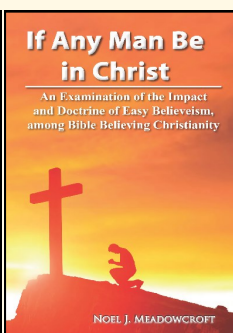
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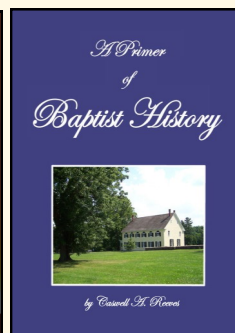
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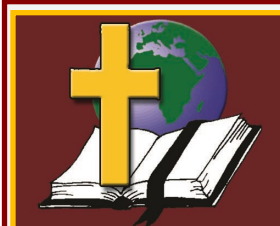


Easy-Believeism
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Baptist History
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