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NEW HAMPSHIRE MODULE

During the week of September 22-26, 2025, the Lord blessed as Dr. Thomas M. Strouse taught through the last six of the Minor Prophets, namely Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Pastor Jonathan Stockton hosted the module which included a total of nine men studying the Scriptures, trekking through each prophet. Among these men

were several seminarians of whom one was new and the other men staunch supporters of Pastor Stockton and Bible Baptist Church of Nashua. Many thanks must go to Mrs. Nancy Couture for overseeing the food preparation for the class every night at 7 PM.



The first three Minor Prophets, Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk, were coeval with each other and with the Major Prophet Jeremiah. These men of God were called to present several truths to encourage King Josiah (641-609 BC) and the believing Jewish remnant of the Southern Kingdom in their last days. King Josiah attempted to bring reform to Judah but it was short-lived. Jeremiah challenged the people to “*amend your ways*” (Jer. 7:3). Nahum attempted to encourage the Jews that the terrifying Assyria would soon be disposed of by another strong nation (Nah. 1:1). Zephaniah forecasted that the Day of the LORD was coming (Zeph. 1:14) to bring initial judgment on the Southern Kingdom (586 BC). Finally, Habakkuk asked the “*why*” question of no judgment on the sinning Jews, and the LORD answered revealing that He was going to use the wicked Babylonians to decimate Jerusalem and the Solomon Temple. The prophet was left with the great spiritual challenge “*the just shall live by his faith*” (Hab. 2:4). Haggai and Zechariah challenged Zerubbabel and Joshua to finish rebuilding the Second Temple. The Prophet Malachi charged the priests with practical apostasy and promised the coming of John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord’s “*messengers*” (Mal. 3:1).

THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH

Introduction

Zechariah¹ is one of the twelve Minor Prophets listed in the prophetic section (*Nebiim*) of the *Tanak*. The Minor Prophets, along with the Major Prophets (designations because of book length), were men of God who challenged Israel and Judah to look to the LORD as He was orchestrating the events which would ultimately usher in the Messianic Kingdom. For instance, the organization of the twelve Minor Prophets seemed to be around the complementary ordering of the first six which dealt with the sin question (Hosea [8th], Joel [9th], Amos [8th], Obadiah [9th], Jonah [8th], and Micah [8th]), and the last six which dealt with the solution (Nahum [7th], Habakkuk [7th], Zephaniah [7th], Haggai [6th], Zechariah [6th], and Malachi [5th]). Zechariah and Haggai were contemporary post-Exilic prophets who ministered after the 586 BC fall of Jerusalem. Zechariah specifically dated his writing between 520-518 BC (Zech. 1:1, 7; 7:1).

That Jehovah God has a great interest in meeting with His people in the divinely-appointed place is without controversy. Biblically, the Lord declared to Moses that the exact location, when revealed, must be the place for Jehovah worship, stating, *“Then there shall be a **place** which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD”* (Dt. 12:11). That location was Mt. Moriah, as Scripture revealed, saying, *“Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite”* (II Chr. 3:1). The history of Jerusalem, the location for the temple of God, begins with Melchizedek as king/priest in Salem (Gen. 14:18; Ps. 76:2), traces through the events of David taking Jebus (= Jerusalem; II Sam. 5:5-7) and pitching a tent for the Ark of the Covenant (II Sam. 6:17), Solomon building the first Temple (I Ki. 6:1), the Babylonians destroying city of Jerusalem and the Temple (Jer. 39:1 ff.), the Jews rebuilding both through Zerubbabel efforts and Haggai and Zechariah’s preaching (Ezr. 6:14), the destruction of the Zerubbabel-Herod Temple in AD 70 (Mt. 22:7), the construction of the Tribulation Temple (Rev. 11:1-2), and ultimate building of the Millennial Temple (Ezk. 40:3 ff.). All of this ultimately pre-figures the Lord’s final home for all of the saints in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2 ff.).

¹ The name means “Jehovah remembers,” and at least 29 different individuals had this popular name. “Zechariah” occurs 39x and “Zachariah” occurs 4x in the OT, and “Zacharias” 11x in the NT.

The LORD's eight visions to Zechariah reinforced His great desire and ultimate purpose to rebuild the city of Jerusalem and Temple. These visions span the ages from the building of the second Temple to the final Millennial Temple.

Background

The prophet Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream and revealed four Gentile kingdoms dominating in the history of Jehovah's chosen people. The kingdoms in order were the Babylonia, Media-Persia, Grecia, and Roman empires (Dan. 2:36-40; 7:3-8; 11:1 ff.). Jeremiah predicted that Judah would be taken into exile under Nebuchadnezzar for seventy years (Jer. 25:11-12). The man Daniel was in the first deportation in 605 BC and lived into the reign of Cyrus (Dan. 1:1, 21). By 539 BC, Daniel understood that Jeremiah's prophecy fulfillment was close at hand (i.e., c. 535 BC)² and prayed that the Lord would not delay His fulfillment (Dan. 9:1-3, 19). In fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy concerning the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple through the decree of Cyrus (Isa. 44:28-45:4; cf. also Prov. 21:1), the king of Persia gave his approval (Ezr. 1:1-4; cf. Jer. 25:11-12). The rebuilding began about 536 BC but slowed down and then finally ceased³ from about 530-520 BC. In 520 BC, Haggai, Zechariah's contemporary⁴, began to preach a series of four messages to Zerubbabel and Joshua (Hag. 1:1-11; 2:1-9, 10-19, and 20-23) with the simple imperative "*build the house*" (1:8). In fact, he contended that crop failures and famine were from the LORD as incentives to put His will first (1:9-11).

Zechariah had returned to the land and began to minister to the returning exiles (Zech. 4:9-10; 6:10). Some fifty thousand exiles returned initially with the hopes of resettling the land (Ezr. 2:64-66). They erected the altar of burnt offering (Ezr. 3:1-6) and laid the foundation of the Temple (Ezr. 3:8-13). Zechariah rebuked the people for their evil neglect and encouraged them with the LORD's declarative zeal, saying, "*I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: **my house shall be built in it**, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem*" (Zech. 1:16). Through the instrumentality of Zechariah, Joshua was crowned (Zech. 6:9-15), the people apparently repented (Zech. 7:1-8:23), and the Temple was finished and dedicated to Jehovah (Ezr. 6:15-18).

² Because there were three deportations, the Jews may have been confused about the termination of the captivity: 605-535 BC; 597-527 BC; or 586-516 BC.

³ Reasons for the waning interest in rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple may be some or all of the following: 1) after 70 years, Babylon was now home [Jer. 29:1-7]; 2) inconvenient cost and commitment to the building projects; 3) political unrest in Media-Persia; and 4) resistance from the Samaritans.

⁴ Cf. Ezr. 5:1; 6:14.

Three Persian kings helped restore Israel to their land (Cyrus [559-530 BC]; Darius I [522/1-486 BC]; and Artaxerxes I [464-423 BC]). Ezra brought spiritual revival to the Jews (458-456 BC) and Nehemiah orchestrated the re-building of the walls of Jerusalem in 52 days (444-432 BC).

Authorship

The prophet Zechariah wrote all fourteen chapters⁵ during a relative short period of time (520-518 BC and beyond). He apparently was born in exile in Babylonia and returned with the early group of exiles (538-537 BC). His grandfather Iddo⁶ came back to the land with Zerubbabel (Neh. 12:1, 4), and Zechariah succeeded Iddo as priest (Neh. 12:10-16). Zechariah's father Berechiah⁷ may have died prematurely and thus the prophet's rapid priestly advancement, since he was a young man (Zech. 2:4).

Prophecies

I. Messianic

- A. The Lord's coming in lowliness (Zech. 6:12).
- B. The Lord's humanity (Zech. 6:12).
- C. The Lord's rejection for thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12-13).
- D. The Lord being smitten and the sheep scattered (Zech. 13:7).
- E. The Lord's second coming (Zech. 14:4).
- F. The Lord's Kingship (Zech. 14:9)

II. Other

- A. The Rebuilding of Babylon (Zech. 5:5-11)
- B. The Millennial Temple (Zech. 6:12-13)
- C. Millennial Peace (Zech. 9:9-10)
- D. The Idol Shepherd or Antichrist (Zech. 11:15-17)
- E. The Millennial fountain opened (Zech. 13:1)
- F. The Final Siege on Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-2)
- G. Topographical changes (Zech. 14:4-5)
- H. Worship and holiness in the Millennium (Zech. 14:16-21).

⁵ Critics have posited the inane position that Zech. 9-14 was written by someone else at a later time because of style and chronology.

⁶ Iddo means "his witness."

⁷ The name means "blessing of the LORD" and occurs 10x.

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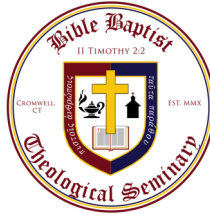
BBTS FALL SEMESTER

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Monday (6-9 PM)

Galatians

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Hebrew/Greek

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Commonwealth Community Baptist Church
Bronx, NY

October 19-22, 2025

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Who is this Upright Man Called Job?

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The Book of Job

WEDDING CELEBRATION

On October 11th, newlyweds Aiko and Naomi Tinte will be having another wedding ceremony—this time with family and friends from the Philippines and other states, together with the BBC brethren. The couple wishes to celebrate with everyone who has encouraged and prayed for them in their journey to becoming husband and wife.



The Tintes' first wedding ceremony was held on June 28th at Bible Baptist Church.

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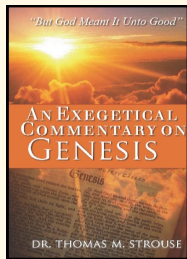
Bro. August Gagnon gave a biblical challenge to the brethren during a Wednesday service.

“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.”

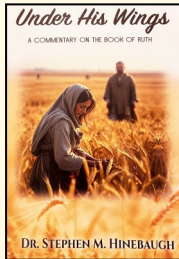
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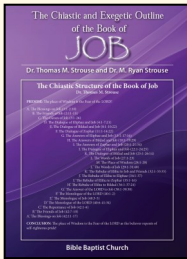
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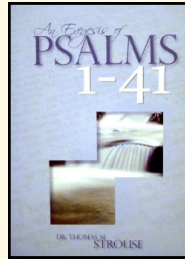
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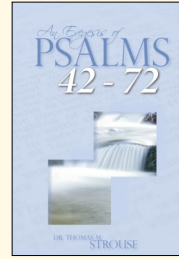
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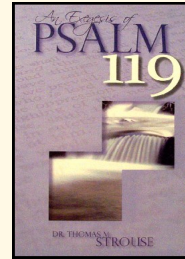
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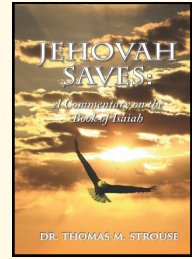
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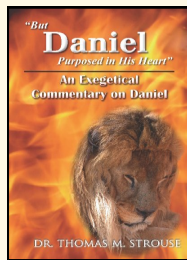
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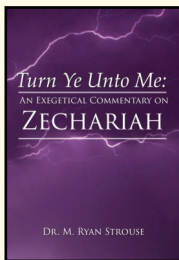
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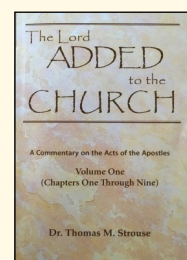
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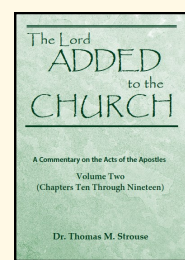
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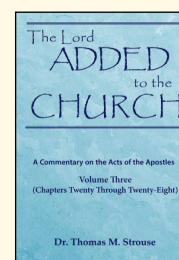
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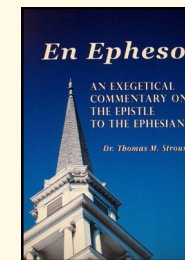
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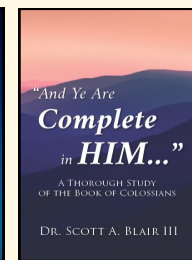
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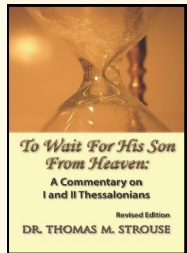
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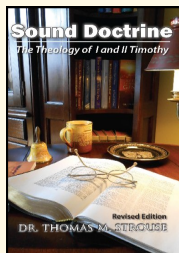
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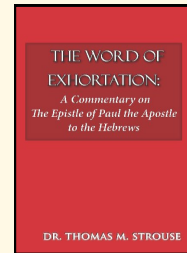
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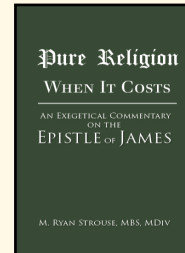
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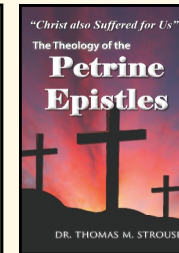
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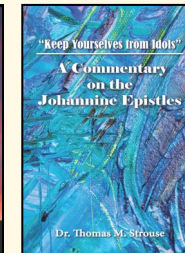
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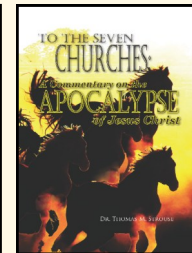
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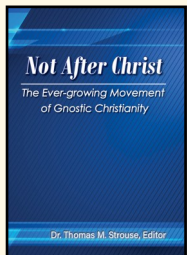
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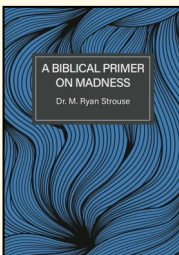
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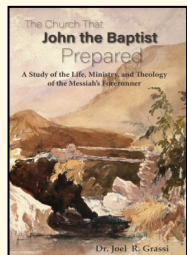
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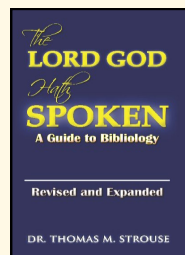
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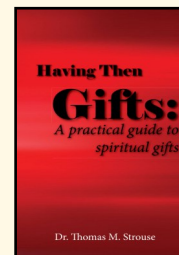
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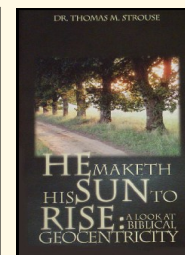
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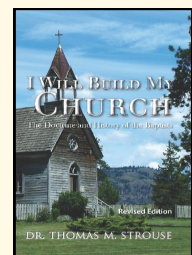
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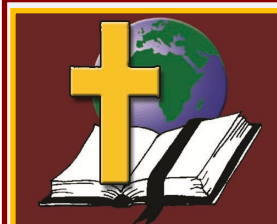


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