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TIMELESS TRUTHS BIBLE CONFERENCE

On October 19-22, 2025, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse taught through the *Book of Zephaniah* at the Timeless Truths Bible Conference in Waynesburg, PA under the *aegis* of Willow Grove Independent Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Scott Blair. The church members were faithful in all of the services Sunday through Wednesday, and the fellowship was spiritually rich.



Left: Dr. Strouse giving a lecture on Zephaniah

Center: The faithful members of Willow Grove Independent Baptist Church

Right: Scotty Blair explaining the timeline

Former Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduates were in attendance along with Dr. Blair (DMin), namely Dr. Stephen Hinebaugh (DMin) and Pastor James Lawrence (MDiv). It was a joy to find these graduates faithfully serving the Lord Jesus Christ in their respective churches.



Pastor Blair and his wife Kelly are special friends and gracious hosts in the Lord to my wife and I through the years. Unfortunately, my wife Jan was not able to travel because of recent knee surgery. Nevertheless, the services went well and the fellowship was a blessing to all.

The LORD raised up young Josiah as the final godly king for the Southern Kingdom to bring national reform to Judah. The Chronicler revealed the spiritual stages of the great grandson of Hezekiah, enumerating decisive times in his life. For instance, Josiah became King of Judah when he was eight years old (640 BC) and reigned for thirty-one years, dying by the hand of Pharaoh (609 BC), according to II Chr. 34:1 and II Chr. 35:20 ff. At sixteen, he sought the LORD and at twenty began his national reformation (II Chr. 34:3). He attempted to reform the nation religiously to bring Judah back to the national worship of Jehovah as prescribed in the Tanak. He destroyed the pagan images and restored the Temple (II Chr. 34:3-8). When he was twenty-six the “*book of the law of the LORD given by Moses*” was discovered (II Chr. 34:14).

National reformation, however, always needs spiritual revival to maintain the movement (c. 622 BC). The LORD raised up a group of prophets to help sustain the national effort by King Josiah. Jeremiah submitted to the will of Jehovah and began preaching His message, saying, “*Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place*” (Jer. 7:3, 5; cf. also 26:13; 35:15). Nahum had a message meant to encourage the Southern Kingdom that her arch enemy, Nineveh of Assyria (Nah. 1:1; 3:7), would soon be destroyed by another nation (612 BC). Zephaniah arose to the reformation effort of King Josiah (620 BC) and warned that the Day of the LORD was imminent (Zeph. 1:7, 14-16). He prophesied about the coming terrible judgment and encouraged the Jews to “*Seek ye the LORD*” (Zeph. 2:3) before it was too late! About 606 BC, the Prophet Habakkuk recognized that Judah needed divine visitation but questioned Jehovah’s use of the Chaldeans (Hab. 1:2-6). The LORD answered the query of the prophet with the requirement of trust, saying, “*the just shall live by his faith*” (Hab. 2:4). In the end, Habakkuk was left with trusting in the wisdom and ways of God, saying, “*Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation*” (Hab. 3:18). Two other spiritual giants of the LORD, coeval with King Josiah, were Daniel and Ezekiel, both deported to Babylon in 605 BC and 597 BC, respectively.

Obviously, National Reform is beneficial only if it is based on biblical precepts and practices, and supported by the LORD's scriptural institution. For Judah, the *Tanak* was the guide book for biblical worship, beginning in the heart of the devotees. Hosea wrote about the LORD's desire for Israel, saying, "*For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings*" (Hos. 6:4). The chosen people in the Promised Land were to worship Jehovah from their respective hearts under the guidance of the teaching of the priests and the challenge of His prophets. The Northern Kingdom failed and received decimation in 722 BC by the Assyrians. The Southern Kingdom was on the verge of failure in this last surge of reform by King Josiah, and eventually fell in 586 BC to the Babylonians. Jeremiah declared that the original plan of the LORD to turn His original creation from "***without form and void***" (Gen. 1:2) to a place on the created land (Gen. 1:10) to put the Garden of Eden and eventually the "city of peace" (Jerusalem) for Adam and Eve and their "*godly seed*" (Mal. 2:15) to raise the "family of man," was now destroyed and everything went back to "***without form and void***" (Jer. 4:23)! Following destruction came restoration. The merciful and gracious Jehovah will have a believing remnant of the Family of Man, via the death, burial, and resurrection of the precious Jesus Christ, adopted into the Family of God, and living with Him throughout eternity in New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2; 22:17)!

In this Baptist Dispensation (cf. Mk. 1:1-4; Mt. 3:16; Acts 2:38-41), the LORD's spiritual movement is the biblical Baptist assembly, albeit relatively small, as the divinely designated entity for individual regeneration behind any national reform, and not some national coalition of ecumenical religionists comprised of Charismatics, Catholics, Protestants, Hindus, and Jews, bringing about national prosperity and even world peace (shades of Rev. 6:1-2)!

Baptist pastors, stay true to your biblical calling of propagating the Great Commission by evangelizing, baptizing, and catechizing your Jerusalem!



TYNDALE BIBLE CONFERENCE

From October 17–18, 2025, Commonwealth Community Baptist Church in Bronx, NY, under the leadership of Dr. Joel Grassi, hosted the Tyndale Bible Conference. Dr. Ryan Strouse was one of the speakers. Praise the Lord for churches who strive to remain in the truth and have the desire to share it with others!



Come one and come all!

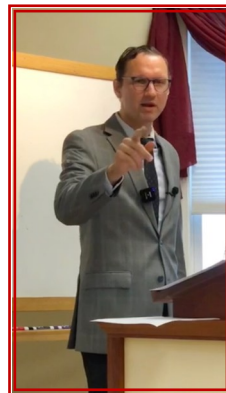


Pastor Darrell Nelson with conference speakers Dr. Joel Grassi and Dr. Ryan Strouse



With Scotty Blair

PULPIT SUPPLY



“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

LECTURE SERIES

BBTS Fall Lecture Series

November 7, 2025

“Who is this Upright Man Called Job?”

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse and Dr. M. Ryan Strouse

Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh and Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT will host the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A delicious luncheon and voluminous book table will be available for all attendees.

For those planning on attending, please give names and numbers ASAP.

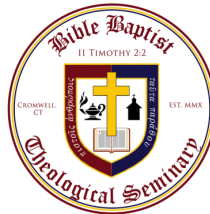
BBTS FALL SEMESTER

Beginning August 25, 2025

Monday (6-9 PM)

Galatians

Dr. M. Ryan Strouse



Beginning August 28, 2025

Thursday (6-9 PM)

Hebrew/Greek

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

BBC/BBTS 2025-2026 SCHEDULE

November 7, 2025

BBTS Fall Lecture Series

Galilean Baptist Church

Stafford Springs, CT

Who is this Upright Man Called Job?

Jan 5-9, 2026

Ireland Module

Hebrew Exegesis

Jan 12-16, 2026

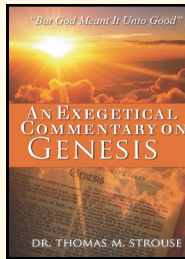
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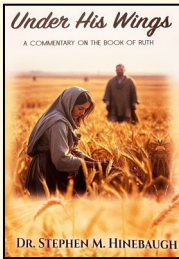
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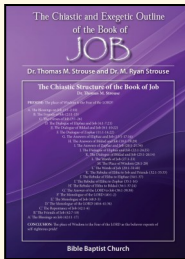
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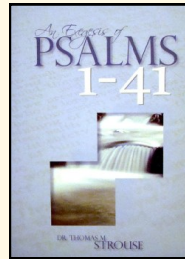
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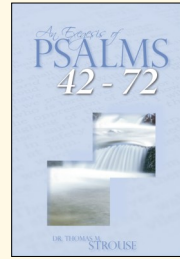
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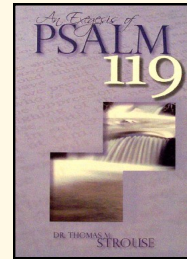
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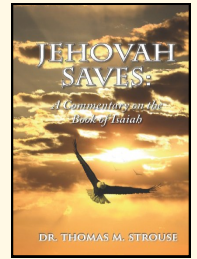
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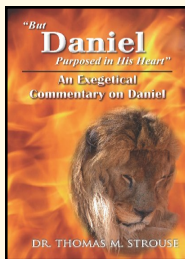
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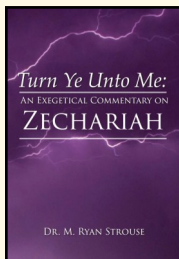
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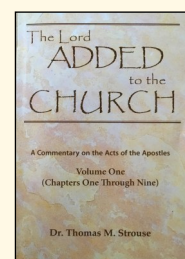
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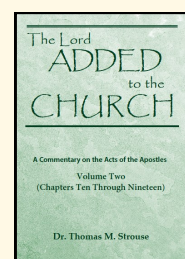
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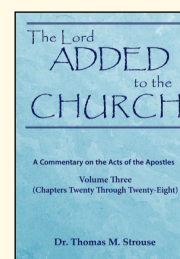
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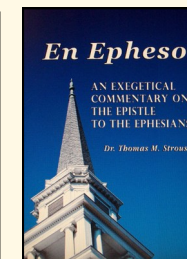
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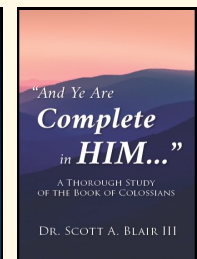
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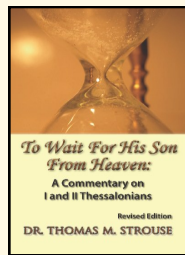
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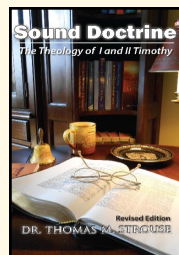
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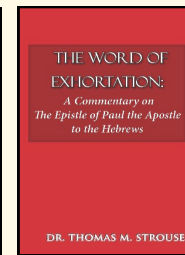
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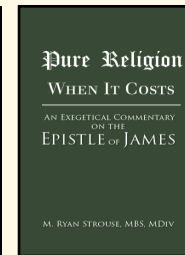
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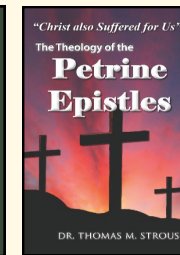
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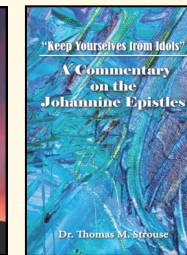
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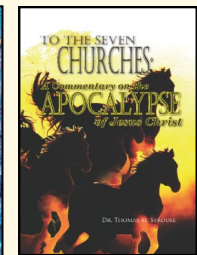
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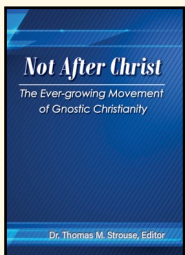
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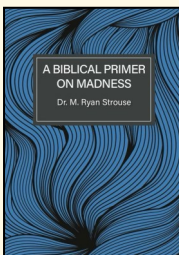
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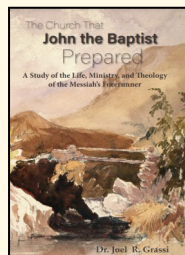
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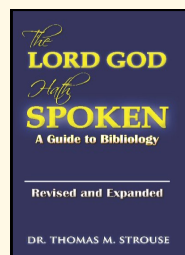
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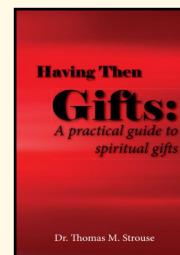
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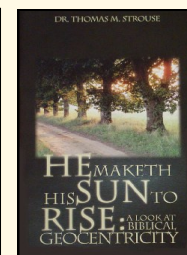
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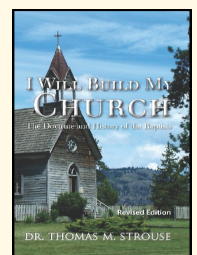
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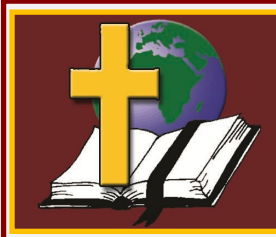
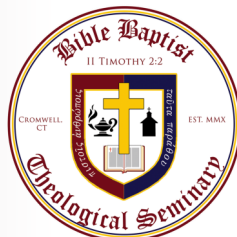


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