



BBC UPDATE



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MOTHER'S DAY: BATHSHEBA THE MOTHER

Introduction:

*Bathsheba started out as the worst of mothers and became the best of mothers! Your start; your finish?

*She knew of the Seed Promise and Desire of Women (Gen. 3:15; Dan. 11:37). Adam/Eve > Judas/Tamar > Salmon/Rahab > Boaz/Ruth > David/Bathsheba > Holy Spirit/Mary > Jesus, Son of God!

I. Her Promiscuous Sin (II Sam. 11-12:23)

*David had the promise of an everlasting dynasty (II Sam. 7:12-16), and in pride, he did not need to go to war. He had a lust for women and as powerful king eventually had at least 8 wives and 10 concubines.

*He was walking back and forth at eventide and saw exposed Bathsheba washing for monthly purification (Lev. 15:19). How did he see her in the evening unless she enlightened the area of her bathing? She was married to the Hittite, descendant of Heth/Canaan. She needed a Jewish man for Seed Promise. Both were complicit: David knew where to look, and she knew he was looking!

*He took her and she conceived. They both sinned and kept the secret from her husband.

*She learned the consequences of her promiscuous sin as she lost her baby and her murdered husband.

II. Her Prodigious Son (II Sam. 12:13, 24-25)

*David was convicted of sin by Nathan and repented (v. 13) and was forgiven (Pss. 32, 51) as well as his wife Bathsheba (cf. Gen. 3:20-21). Sins were forgiven but consequences came to both. Bathsheba had to compete

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with 17 other women for David's love, not to mention the beautiful Abishag (I Ki. 1:1-4)!

*Nevertheless, the LORD honored Bathsheba with the "*beloved of the LORD*" *Jedidiah* (vv. 24-25), as Solomon was the wisest and wealthiest man in the world (I Ki. 3:12-13; Mt. 12:42). He wrote Scripture.

III. Her Powerful Strength (Prov. 31:1-31)

*Bathsheba's *prophecy* to her son Lemuel ("belonging to God"), Jedidiah ("beloved of Jehovah"), Solomon ("peace"): stay away from **women** and **wine**! So, Solomon warned about these dangers of the "*strange woman*" (Prov. 7:5) and of "*wine*" (Prov. 20:1; 23:30-31).

*Bathsheba's *perspective* to women (an Acrostic A, B, C > '*aleph, beth, gimel...tau* [22x]):

v. 10 > She is a Virtuous Woman who has spiritual and moral strength.

vv. 11-13 > She has her husband's trust for her to benefit him domestically.

vv. 14-15 > She provides services for the home: cooking, laundry, training children.

vv. 16-19 > She helps financially (not a "career" woman) and materially through hard work.

v. 20 > She has concern for others and is not selfish.

vv. 21-22 > She makes her family the greatest priority.

v. 23 > She exalts and supports her husband; he is the "greatest man"—that is why I married him!

vv. 24-25 > She takes care of clothes and basics for the family.

v. 26 > She is gracious with her tongue; not a critic or gossip.

v. 27 > She is not lazy; "*a woman's work is never done.*"

v. 28 > She is highly respected by her children and husband.

vv. 29-30 > She is excellent not because of grace or beauty but because



BATHSHEBA THE MOTHER (CONCLUSION)

she “*fears the LORD*” and wants to do His will! God’s will for women is marriage, children, and home (anti-“trans”!).

V. 31 > She has accomplished **God’s will for her life** and praise should come for fulfilling **her calling!**

IV. Her Persuasive Strategy (I Ki. 1:11ff.)

*She knew that the LORD wanted Solomon and stopped Adonijah as the successor King of Israel!

V. Her Prominent Stock (Mt. 1:1-6)

*Adam/Eve > Judas/Tamar > Salmon/Rahab > Boaz/Ruth > **David/Bathsheba** > Holy Spirit/Mary > Jesus, Son of God! She was in the lineage of the Messiah! It turned out well for her: **Mother, how about you?**



NOTICE

I am withdrawing my recommendation of the book *Pastor Diotrephes: A Study of Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing* by Mr. Thomas Ross in the May 1, 2026 Update.

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BBC CLEANUP DAY

On Saturday, May 2, 2026, many church members helped with spring cleaning, including scrubbing, painting, sweeping, and many other activities for our church, the house of the Lord, and for the church property. We are thankful for faithful and committed church members of Bible Baptist Church.

The Pane & Paint Professionals



The Great Outdoorsmen



BAPTISM OF PRESTON STROUSE

On Mother's Day, May 10, 2026, not only did Bible Baptist Church honor all mothers present, but also participated in the church ordinance of biblical baptism by immersion. Six-year-old Preston Strouse had the desire to be baptized into the church membership of Bible Baptist Church, having received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour in his family devotions several months prior. We are thankful for his godly parents, Dr. Ryan and Christy Strouse, and their desire to raise their five children for Christ. Pray for this new convert and his service as a member in Bible Baptist Church. The Apostle Paul asserted, *"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him"* (I Cor. 12:18).



*Baptizing in the name of the Father, of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost;*



Buried with Him in baptism,



*And risen with Him
to resurrection and to life.*

BBTS GRADUATION BANQUET AND COMMENCEMENT



On May 16 and 17, 2026, Bible Baptist Church will have her 16th annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Graduation Banquet and Commencement weekend at the Marriott Courtyard in Cromwell, CT. We are thankful for candidates from the Philippines, Ireland, and the United States.

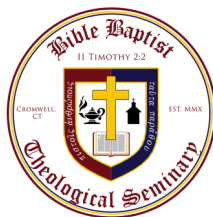
BBTS SPRING SEMESTER

Beginning January 26, 2026

Monday (6-9 PM)

Romans

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Beginning January 29, 2026

Thursday (6-9 PM)

Hebrew/Greek

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BBC/BBTS 2026 SCHEDULE

May 16, 2026

BBTS Graduation Banquet

May 17, 2026

BBTS Graduation Service

May 25-29, 2026

River Valley Baptist Church

Ireland

Hebrew II

June 1-5, 2026

Community Baptist Church

Coopersburg, PA

Minor Prophets II

July 20-24, 2026

Calvary Baptist Church

Plymouth, NH

I and II Thessalonians

Sep. 28-Oct. 2, 2026

Bible Baptist Church

Nashua, NH

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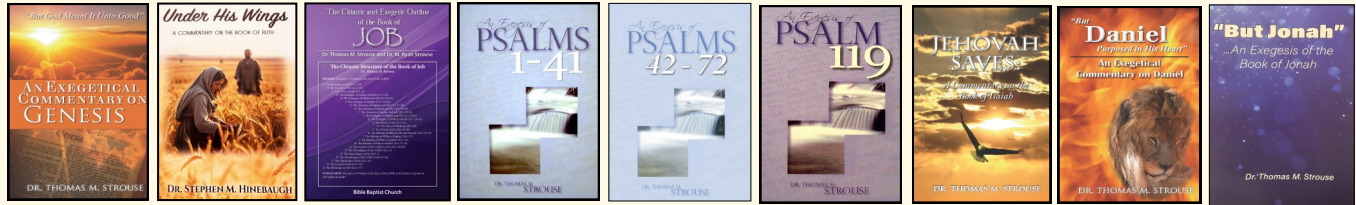
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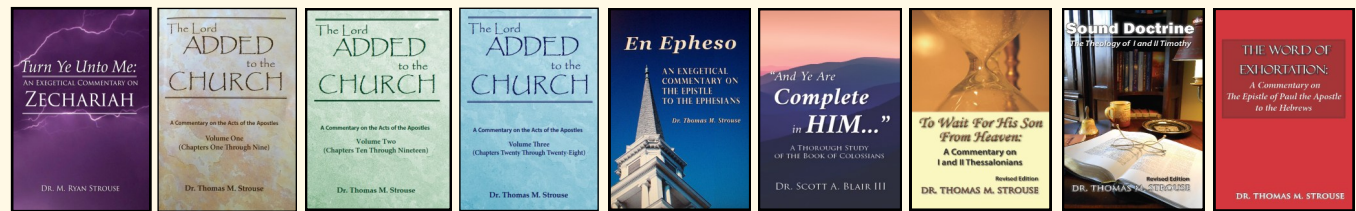
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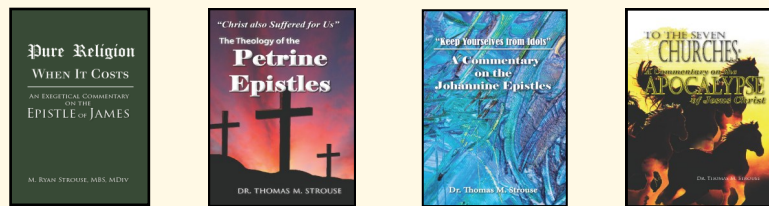
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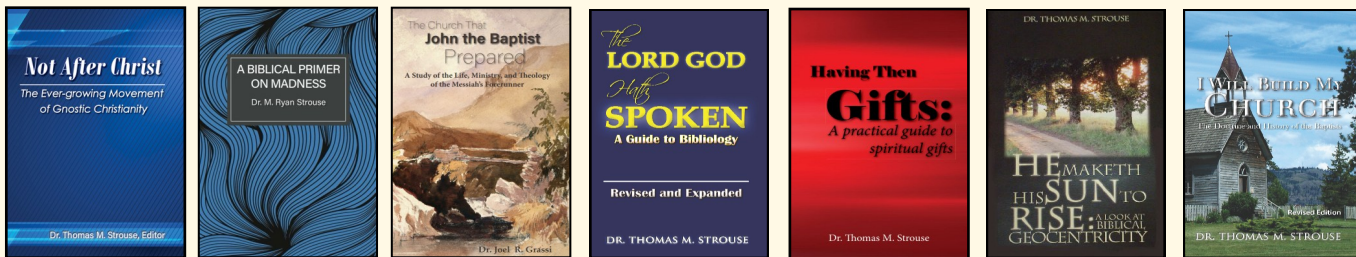
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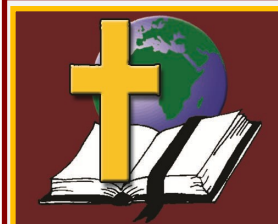
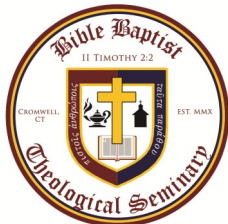


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