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Thank You to all who supported the Bible Institute of Missouri in some way in 2011. Without you, this great work would not be possible. Please keep the school in mind and in your prayers in 2012. May God bless you for your generosity.

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Director's Desk

What Does This World Really Need to Know?

They need to know that the same God who created them loves them and has provided a plan by which they can be saved from their sins through their obedience to His will. Recently, the world's population passed the seven-billion mark. That simply means that there are billions of people who need to hear the "good news." Some of those live in our beloved country.

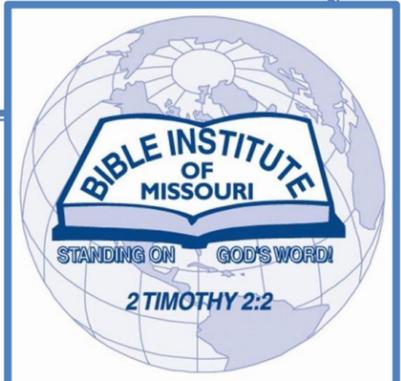
A knowledge of the Bible will provide them with the soul saving truth they desperately need to keep them from being lost. Paul said, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That means every lost soul must have access to His Word if they have any hope of eternal salvation. Yes, they can receive His Word by receiving a copy of the Bible, and with a thorough examination of the text, they can find the answers that will lead them to salvation. However, God has provided an effective plan for them to hear the gospel, and that involves someone preaching the gospel to the lost of the world. Jesus gave His disciples a Great Commission, and that was to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, gave God's plan for the evangelism of the world (2 Timothy 2:2). The evangelism of the world will be accomplished through the training of men to go out and proclaim the truth to everyone on this earth.

At the Bible Institute of Missouri, we are striving to do our part to provide faithful gospel preachers to go out into our own nation to proclaim the precious gospel to the lost. Our sister schools in Ghana, West Africa; Uganda, East Africa; and Zambia, Southern Africa are leading multitudes to Christ as we continue to train faithful gospel preachers in Africa also.

I want to thank you all for your continued support of the school here in Springfield, Missouri. If you know of some faithful man who wants to train to preach the gospel, we believe we have a staff, facility, and program that is one of the best in the country. Pray for us. Come and visit us. If I can be of any assistance to you, feel free to call me at 417-619-8197. For complete information concerning our program of work, log in to www.bim-us.org. —Jerry Sullins

NOTE: Two first-year BIM students still need to raise an additional \$500/month of support each. If you are interested in helping one of these students, please contact Jerry Sullins at 417-619-8197.

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2



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EVENING SCHOOL

Current Schedule

6:30 PM — *The Synoptics* with Jerry Sullins
7:30 PM — *The Pentateuch* with Brent Green
8:30 PM — *The Church of the New Testament*
with Chuck Northrop

The current Monday evening classes just started on January 9, 2012 and will continue until April 23, 2012. Spring break will be March 5, 2012. If you live in or around Springfield, Missouri, we would love to have you in class on Monday nights. If you live too far away, you can also watch the classes live online every Monday night. If you happen to miss a class or want to watch a class from the past, then you can also find those on our [website](#).

BIM Third Quarter Classes

First-Year Classes:	Second-Year Classes:
Hermeneutics	Jeremiah and Lamentations
Church History	Ezekiel and Daniel
Preacher and His Work III	Preacher and His Work VII
English III	Greek III

Combined:

Wisdom Literature I
Denominational Doctrines

Resources

Check out the "[Resources](#)" page on our website to find daily devotionals and archived lessons from past lectureships.

Did You Receive a Copy?

To update our mailing list for the *BIM Informer*, we need your help. If you would like to receive a copy via mail or email, please send your name, address, and/or email address to Brent Green at bgreen@bim-us.org. Please consider making this announcement at your home congregation also. Thanks for your help.

Current BIM Student Body



Allen Fischgrabe, Jesse Young, Kent Eakins, Uriah Greer

The upcoming issues of the *BIM Informer* will highlight and showcase the present student body.

Student Showcase



Kent C. Eakins was born and raised in Ozark, Missouri. He now lives in Sparta, Missouri and commutes to school. He is married to Angel, and they have three children. Their daughter, Ashley, is married and has two children, Kaleb and Zoe. Their son, Anthony, and daughter,

Amber, live at home. Kent's parents are members of the church. His father, Chuck, is a gospel preacher and his mother, Sue, has passed away. Kent and Angel are members of the Oldfield Church of Christ in Oldfield, Missouri. Kent plans to finish his study at the Bible Institute of Missouri and go out preaching the gospel. Kent is now in his second year at the Bible Institute of Missouri and is scheduled to graduate in June 2012. The article (right) is an example of his work.

Woes upon the Nations

Isaiah 28-35

Kent C. Eakins

In our study of the book of Isaiah, we find that his prophesies begin with several woes upon the northern kingdom of Israel (chapter 28). The nation seemed to be comfortable in its rich economy, but the people were like a bad tire on a car rolling down the road about to burst. The Lord was preparing a storm to come upon them like none they had ever seen. The wickedness of Israel was to be crushed by God by using the Assyrian nation as a tool of destruction. The quickness of Israel's fall was compared to the plucking of the first ripe fig that the harvester just gulped down instead of putting it into the basket. Israel would be taken in less than three years.

The southern kingdom of Judah also thought that it was beyond destruction. They had made alliances with Egypt and believed they would be protected. There was no security in Egypt, and they refused to look to God and repent of their evil ways.

During all of the warnings and woes, Isaiah moved ahead in time to the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah speaks of the sure foundation which is Jesus Christ the tried stone (cf. 2 Timothy 2:19). "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily'" (Isaiah 28:16). Jesus would be the foundation that would come for all men. Isaiah after this prophecy returned to his present time and spoke of how Jehovah would measure His people with justice and righteousness. He would sweep away their protection, and the flood of the Assyrian invasion would come upon them. Death would come upon them like a plague that would continue day and night until they reaped the consequences of their actions.

Isaiah gave another woe to Jerusalem and Judah because of their idolatrous worship (chapter 29). "You shall be brought down, You shall speak out of the ground; Your speech shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice shall be like a medium's, out of the ground; And your speech shall whisper out of the dust" (Isaiah 29:4). As you are reading this, you would think Jerusalem is about to be destroyed, but then Isaiah's prophecy changes

direction. "Moreover the multitude of your foes shall be like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones like chaff that passes away; Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly" (Isaiah 29:5). This would be the deliverance of Jerusalem from Assyria and her allies. This would have been a great relief for the people. However, the prophet Isaiah chastised the nation. He said that they would be blind — living in the state of spiritual intoxication. The Lord's people had fallen away in their sin, and even the prophets and seers could not give them direction.

The Lord made a promise that the seed of David would be carried on. Through this promise a remnant of His people would remain. Even after God's promise to save Jerusalem from destruction, Judah was plotting to make alliances with Egypt for protection. God's people, time and again, look to the wrong source for protection. Similarly, if we look at our world today, we see people putting their trust in the things of this world. We must understand that God is a just God but a firm God. He gave the promise of the seed of David, Jesus Christ, who came and died for all who have sinned. He also gave us His commandments to follow in order to live with Him in eternity. There are two examples seen here in Isaiah. First, God will seek and destroy the unrighteous. Second, He is still a forgiving God who loves His people. Just as His people were in and out of captivity, today we also can live either in or out of captivity. We can live in the clutches of the devil in sin or in the freedom of a life free from sin. The choice is ours to make. Just like God's people in the past, today most will be destroyed and only a few will be saved. The wide gate leads to destruction and the narrow leads to salvation. The path you take is up to you: eternity with God or eternity with Satan.

God Needs You!

Interested in enrolling? Check out the school today at www.bibleinstituteofmissouri.com or www.bim-us.org for more information about the Bible Institute of Missouri, including a catalog and an application. There is no greater privilege and honor than to be trained in God's Word in order to better serve in His kingdom.