

# *The Circuit Writer* – “he went from year to year in circuit” I Samuel 7:16

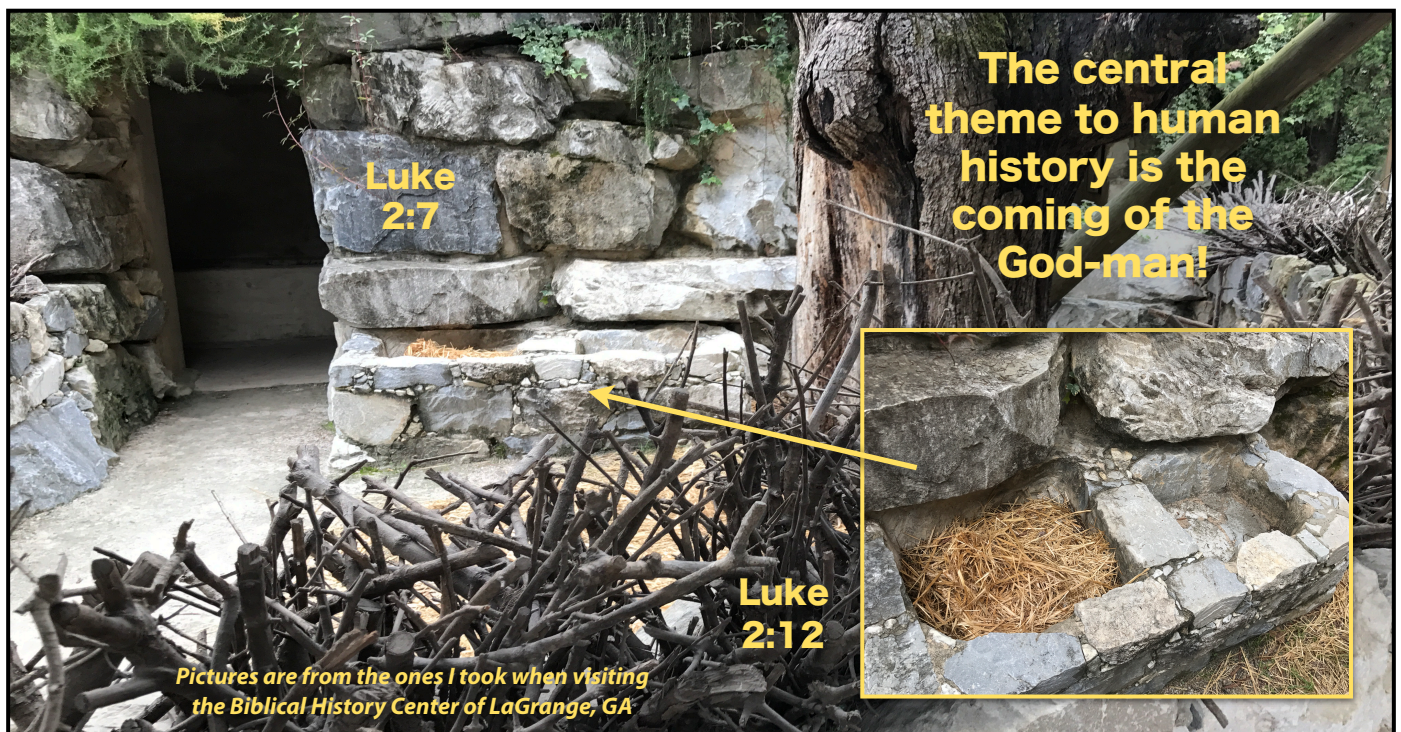
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## *Genesis 3:15 • History is His Story! • Hebrews 2:14-16*

In relation to the Scriptures, creation, and Christ, **God has also revealed Himself in history.** History, within the inspired Word of God, provides mankind with an infallible historical revelation. Yet history in general can also be very instructive, especially when studied according to a Christian worldview. Scripture provides the context of a definite starting point and ending point to history. The grand **Creator** of all is seen to be not only the gracious **Curator** of it, but also the grand **Consummator** of all (Romans 11:33-36). J. Frank Norris, told the students at the old Bible Baptist Seminary, “Do not judge the Bible by world history, but judge world history by the Bible.” In keeping with this, he would give impromptu lectures to them on world history as it related to the Bible.



Students at NBBS, beginning with the undergraduate bachelor's degree program, are **inundated with history.** In the same spirit of Dr. Norris, NBBS has a course entitled, **World History Overview.** This course not only relies much on Genesis 1-11, it also focuses on the seven major background nations of the Bible. Furthermore, since all 66 books of the Bible are studied twice at NBBS (by survey and exposition), and in the order they are given in the Bible, students also receive a thorough study of **Israeli and Bible history.** The curriculum of NBBS further includes **Church History, Baptist History,** and the **History of Missions,** as required courses. In one of the English courses, the **history of the English language** is included. In varying degrees, the theological courses convey the **history of doctrine.** In the Apologetics course, **Biblical archaeology** is studied. When studying Bible prophecy in several courses, students are even learning **history written beforehand!** ***This all serves to further set-off the drama of Galatians 4:4-5, “...when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem that were under the law...” (Matthew 5:17, Romans 10:4).***



<sup>1</sup>Due to ceremonial uncleanness, defilement to others, and the need for privacy, the inn would have been unsuitable (Lev. 12:1-8) – hence, the manger setting. One that could have had special meaning to temple shepherds tending sheep near to Bethlehem, who birthed lambs in the Tower of the Flock.

SEE: Genesis 35:21, 48:7, Micah 4:8 and Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*, pp. 186-187.



## Important Dates

Opening Day Rally & First Day of  
Spring Semester - Tuesday, January 14

## A Heads Up!

**NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church!** Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member present NBBS to your people. We are always ready to share what makes the NBBS uniquely effective in the training of preachers, and their wives, as well as a wise missions investment.

## Favorite Sayings

### "Riggsbyisms"

"At Christmas, our best gift should go to the Lord. Whose birthday is it?" *Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (Admin. of NBBS - 1984-1999).*

### Our Heritage Speaks

"Ten Points About the Unknown God by Paul in Acts 17:23-31 - 8) He requires repentance. v. 30. 'He commandeth all men everywhere to repent'" *Studies in Acts, Louis Entzminger*

## Alumni News!

"Being bombarded with commercialism, it was good to come to school and to be reoriented to the true reason for Christmas! Bro. Kenneth Ralph (2019 Alumnus)

Other alumni of the last few years, will also remember how the **messages** preached (including those of students), the **songs** sung in chapel, all the **music** played in the office area, and on the school side before classes, as well as **nativity sets** displayed throughout the school facility, are meant to impact all with the wonder which characterized Bethlehem the night that Christ was born. **Some of the greatest theology set to music is to be found in the Christmas hymns.** Once God the Son was made flesh, His sinless life, sacrificial death, setting-apart-of-sin burial, and signifying resurrection, were to be the result! His was a birth that changed everything!



The striking manger scene was donated to NBBS by Evangelist Fred Vaught's widow, Joan Vaught in 2014. We display it every year to magnify the significance of God the Son's incarnation.

## Charts Are A Major Part of the NBBS Curriculum

Several Hundred Charts are Incorporated into the Curriculum of the NBBS Courses

The Charts are  
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