



ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Feb 16-19 and Feb 20, 2021

Gemünden, Germany (BUT NOT THIS TIME!!) (WE are ON-LINE!)

This year's presenters: (kwik glance)

Jaro Marcin (Prague, 'Czechia') - "*Lessons learned from the Teacher (Qoheleth)*"

Patrick Boyns (Peterborough, UK) - "*The Prophet Ezekiel*"

Craig Young (Marseille, FR) - "*Ephesians - A Unity Beyond All We Could Ask or Imagine*"

Todd Olsen (Oklahoma City, US)

speaking on: "*Two Tools and a Ready Answer*" ---

Todd is presenting a synopsis of an extended series now planned for 2022.

And, for **ABSS II - Todd Olsen** will present our Saturday Seminar:
"*Why did Jesus Come in the Flesh, and What Does That Have to do With Melchizedek?*"

DETAILS

In this 2nd mailing - ABSS 2021 Details - we will include:

- 1) an brief overview of the speakers/topics (above)
- 2) the schedule (also at a glance) and some notes to clarify
- 3) details on our speaker' topics and some brief biographical
- 4) some other notes about Tue PM and Thu PM
- 5) some general info (*Don't miss the part where he asks for money for this free seminar!*) :)

AND...the ZOOM meeting link! (last page here, also in a separate email Monday)

SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule is as follows (can still be adjusted if needed):

ABSS I - Tu-We-Th-Fr

- 1) 09h00 - Devo and then Jaro Marcin: *Lessons from Qoheleth* **
- 2) 16h00 - Patrick Boyns: *Ezekiel*
- 3) 17h00 - Craig Young: *Ephesians*
- 4) 19h30 - Todd Olsen: *Two Tools and a Ready Answer* ** (tu-th)

ABSS II - Sat 10h - Todd O: *Two Tools - pt 3* and 11h: *Jesus and Melchizadek*

(Times are Bru-Paris-Ams and Prague times - Central Europe - GMT +1)
(Oh yes — and also Gemünden time!) (US Central Time is 7 hrs behind this.)

(Notes on the schedule!!):

** Jaro will present only We-Th-Fr. On Tuesday we will just get acquainted and situated.
Todd will only present on Tu and Th—this is a “teaser” for his real assignment “next year”
Tue PM we can take 30-40 minutes after Todd to share: links for good music, or for study aids or “other” ?? (please apply in advance) :)
Wed PM we will adjust and agree to meet later (adapting for those who want to come, but are tied up at home as well—likely connect around 8:30 pm. That’s when we will introduce to you OUR SURPRISE ‘VIRTUOSO’ GUEST! - No hints yet---but you can still guess. :)
And... THURSDAY... How could we not? We propose an adapted version of our famed **“Gemündener Follies” !!** You are invited to share! Do bring your own “virtual ice cream”!

PRESENTERS and their TOPICS

Todd Olsen (Oklahoma City, USA)

"Two Tools and a Ready Answer"

Presentation in 3 parts titled "2 tools and a Ready Answer"
(Tuesday, Thursday, hour 1 Saturday)

This is an overview analysis of all religious and philosophical systems attempts to answer the 3 irreducible questions of human existence: Origin, Purpose, and Destiny. Its purpose is to provide tools to test every claim and ultimately to demonstrate the unique claims and promises of our Promised Messiah Jesus Christ.

(Saturday, Hour 2)

Presentation title - *"Why did Jesus Come in the Flesh, and What Does That Have to do With Melchizedek?"*

This is a logical extension of the study "2 Tools and a Ready Answer" when the unique claims of Jesus Christ are considered and the historical, practical and eternal consequences pondered. This study will connect the promises to Abraham, unified Israel in the land, Israel's unity and land lost for a purpose, the first coming of the Promised Messiah, and His promised return.

Todd graduated from Abilene Christian University in 2003, is Board Certified in orthopedic surgery and currently serves as Medical Director for OneCore Surgical Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has lectured domestically on knee and shoulder replacement surgery and has lectured internationally on the topic of shoulder related disorders and stem cell/regenerative therapies. More importantly, he maintains a 40 acre farm with his wife Cassandra and their four children Severin, Erika, Sofia and Aanika. As hosts of an 80+ student homeschool co-op, Todd had the pleasure of compiling and presenting 60 hours of lecture to high school seniors on the topics of "History of Religion" and "Story of Philosophy" in an effort to outline every major attempt mankind has taken to answer the 3 irreducible questions of human existence: Origin, Purpose, and Destiny. These lectures have been further condensed and presented to multiple church and youth groups and will be the basis of his presentations this week.

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Craig Young (Marseille, France)

"Ephesians - A Unity Beyond All We Could Ask or Imagine"

In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul grapples with the early church's greatest challenge: the dividing wall of hostility that separates fellow believers in Jesus. There is no escaping it, walls only serve to create shadows that keep the light of the gospel from shining. Indeed, Jesus is gentle and humble of heart, but make no mistake, he came to destroy walls and put to death hostility. The heart of God is revealed in the extraordinary way that Jesus goes about destroying these walls, and in the way that he continues God's act of creation right in the heart of the church.

The message for today is inescapable: as the church faces huge dividing walls of racial, political, religious and cultural origin, only Jesus can help to see us through, and help us to see one another. Indeed, to see the profound message of Ephesians is to never see your brothers and sisters in Christ the same way again.

Craig has been ministering in France with his wife Katie for the last 30 years. He is one of the shepherds of the Chapelle de Fuveau Church of Christ in Marseille. He directs and serves as professor for the theological training program *Chrétiens en Mission* in the same city. With a big heart for the next generation, he also serves as director for Harmony Bible Camp and helps oversee the *Centre Bonnefoi* where the camp is held. Craig's favorite place to hang out with the next generation is on the soccer field.

Craig has a doctorate in missiology as well as a masters in Global Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary. He previously received a masters in civil engineering. Craig and Katie, married now 33 years, thank God each day for their greatest blessing, two daughters and two sons-in-law to match: Emilie and Robin Presthus, and Esther and Jackson House. They all love to sing together.

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Patrick Boyns (Peterborough, UK)

"The Prophet Ezekiel"

The book of the prophet Ezekiel is probably the easiest of the longer prophets and so serves as a useful introduction to this part of the Hebrew Bible. The writing is clear, vibrant and full of excitement, presenting a very uniform message to the exiles. It has much to say of the mission of God for his people today. You may never meet a more fascinating chap than the son of Buzi. These four sessions will hopefully serve as a useful introduction to the book – they may even change your life.

Patrick has taught with the British Bible School in Corby, England, for over 30 years and has served as the principal since 2001. He is involved in developing a number of programmes and has been busy this past year teaching onliner. Originally from London, at 19 years of age he moved to Scotland where he began following Jesus. After graduating from the British Bible School he married June Smyth from Belfast, Northern Ireland, and returned to Scotland to work with the congregation in Dunoon. Patrick has served with congregations in England, spends a week each summer helping at a Bible Camp in Scotland, loves to teach and has been involved in an archaeological dig at Tel Beth-Shemesh in Israel. Interests include fell-walking, media production and antiquities. June sadly passed away in September 2011, since when their three children: Shanae, Aubrey and Rachelle have all married. He has three adorable grandchildren, Haven, Joseph and Darcie, with a fourth on the way.

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Jaro Marcin (Prague, ‘Czechia’)

“Nothing New Under the Sun”

Lessons learned from the Teacher (Qoheleth) in the course of a short, uneventful life

Jaro is your neighborhood optimist. For the last five years he has been blessed with the opportunity of working for EEM, a ministry that seeks to provide access to God’s Word. Previously, he worked primarily as an educator and translator. He has graduated from Presov University, which inadvertently awarded him a doctorate in linguistics, and from Abilene Christian University. He dabbles in poetry, music, ministry, and parenting. He is the driving force behind the [Unseen Choir](#) and the co-host of the monthly **Faith Talks**.

A native of Slovakia, Jaro resides in the city which modestly calls itself the “Mother City” with his wife and two teenage daughters.

GENERAL STUFF

Registration?

Not per se... but let us know now, if you haven't already, that you plan to tune in.

Recordings?

Jaro (our logistics man this time, hosting the ZOOM meetings) will be recording the sessions. This will include the interactive parts, from the moment we say "start the recording please". You are free during interactive segments to blank your screen (for privacy) but please consider that the teacher is encouraged to see your face. The recordings will not be widely available—only to people who request a link.

That being said, we will also plan to stream the feed on our FB group page. It is a private group. Ask to be admitted. This is a one-way signal---no interaction.

Since we don't have to reserve or assign rooms and since there is relatively "unlimited" space in the ZOOM ROOM, we don't need you to 'register' per se.

Be reminded of the special programming on TUE and also THU at 20h30.

Tue: resource sharing and great links Thu: entertainment from "beyond the pale"...

Refer to the info in the first pdf (attached again here) called "announce plus"

With no costs to speak of, there is no fee *per se* for this year. IF... you are able and inclined, consider sharing 10 euro (pp) with ABSS.

(I want to split what comes in between bolstering our scholarship account balance and helping someone just a bit who is helping us with this year's set-up.)

(Bank account IBAN BE02 8334 5438 4440 for WANT (Work-fund Antwerp))

Disclaimer (repeated, for emphasis)

This covid business teaches us... you adjust as you go. So we will likely do some of that. If you think of anything missing in this info, please "reach out". :)

IF... you are new to ABSS, you might be interested to compare the info pack from last year to see what a 'normal' year is about. Just ask for "last year's info".

LINK for the ZOOM MEETINGS

Jaro Marcin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ABSS 2021

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86140167609?pwd=U1BYaWtuY0piWWIZVENkbDFiam4xZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 4016 7609

Passcode: ABSS (or see: facebook.com/groups/697781630273815)