

## Frequently asked questions ...

**Q:** *How much does the conference cost?*

**A:** The conference is free. If you desire to give a donation to help with the costs of the conference, a free-will offering will be taken each evening.

**Q:** *For whom is this conference intended?*

**A:** Anyone interested in more information on the Bible—theologians, pastors, Christians, and students.

**Q:** *How do I cancel my registration?*

**A:** Go to [www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer](http://www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer), look on the left side under Registration for the **Cancel Registration** link, fill out the form with your name and e-mail address, and submit the form.

**Q:** *How do I reserve space for a display at the conference?*

**A:** We are providing ten display tables for ministries wishing to represent their organization. These are on a first-come/first-serve basis and must be approved in advance. Those interested in reserving a display table should e-mail Connie Balthrop at [cjs.balthrop@gmail.com](mailto:cjs.balthrop@gmail.com).

**Q:** *How do I access the latest conference information, including schedules, papers, presentations, audio and video files?*

**A:** Go to [www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer](http://www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer).

**Q:** *If I'm unable to attend some of the sessions, how can I access the information presented?*

- A:**
1. We will have live streaming available for all sessions at [www.deanbibleministries.org/live](http://www.deanbibleministries.org/live), so you can view the presentations live from your computer and mobile devices.
  2. Audio and video files of each session, as well as the papers and/or presentations, will be available within a day of presentation at [www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer](http://www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer).
  3. Once the conference is completed, you can order video and/or audio files from Dean Bible Ministries—visit [www.deanbibleministries.org](http://www.deanbibleministries.org).

**Q:** *Is Wi-Fi® available during the conference?*

**A:** West Houston Bible Church does provide free Wi-Fi, however, it is turned off during the presentations.

**Note:** If viewing this on a computer, click on any of the above links with dotted lines to be taken to that webpage.

**Hotel:** LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
4424 Westway Park Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77041  
(713) 939-1400

LaQuinta Inn & Suites is offering the following special conference rate until **February 15, 2023**:



- Standard room (1 king/2 queen beds): \$109/\$115 per night plus applicable hotel tax
- King extended suite: \$125 per night plus tax
- Two-room king suite: \$139 per night plus tax

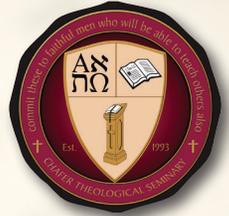
The above rate includes continental breakfast each morning and free Internet, but do not include 17% lodging tax. You must mention “Chafer Pastors’ Conference” when making your reservation to get this special conference rate.

**Click here** to reserve your LaQuinta room online.

**Hotel/Conference Transportation:** Transportation will be provided each day of the conference by volunteer drivers from the LaQuinta hotel to the conference and back to the hotel in the evening.

**Airport Transportation:** We are unable to provide volunteer airport pick ups or drop offs. Both Uber and Lyft offer service to and from Houston’s airports. Please make sure you furnish them with the address of the hotel or your destination.

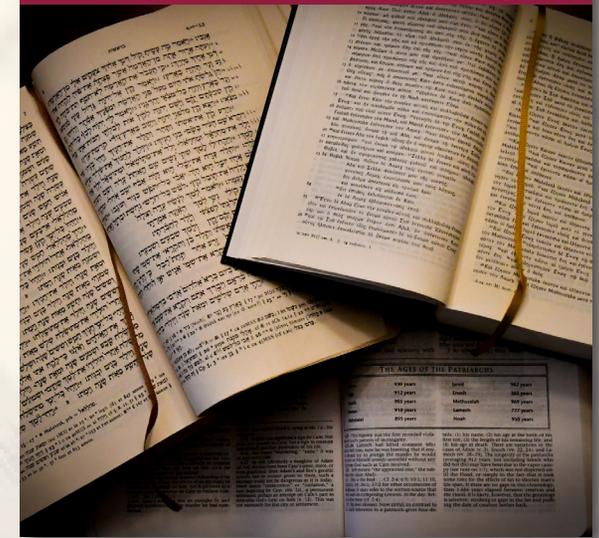
**Notice to those planning to attend the 2023 CTS Pastors’ Conference:** Please do not bring babies or children to the conference. Unless your child is old enough and well behaved enough to sit quietly with you for long periods of time throughout the day, please make other arrangements in advance for the care of your child at a location other than West Houston Bible Church. Rooms for baby-sitting or childcare will NOT be made available at any time during the 2023 conference. Parents of little ones are reminded that live streaming of the entire conference is available at [www.deanbibleministries.org](http://www.deanbibleministries.org).



# 2023

# Chafer Theological Seminary Pastors’ Conference

## Critical Issues for Understanding the Old Testament Text



Monday–Wednesday  
**March 6–8, 2023**

West Houston Bible Church  
1500 W. Sam Houston Parkway N., Suite 104  
Houston, Texas 77043  
(713) 468-0904

[www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer](http://www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer)

The annual Chafer Theological Seminary Pastors' Conference is open to theologians, pastors, students, and those interested in learning about the Bible. It is a tremendous opportunity for all attendees to grow in their understanding of the Scriptures and to enjoy fellowship with other like-minded believers.

- Check-in: Monday, March 6 at 12:00 P.M.
- Opening statements: 1:00 P.M.
- First speaker: 1:30 P.M.
- Evening session: 7:30 P.M.
- Cost: Free

**Chafer Conference information:**  
[www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer](http://www.deanbibleministries.org/chafer)

### Critical Issues for Understanding the Old Testament Text

Challenges to the veracity of the text of the Hebrew Bible have often been the starting point for doubts about the Bible and the beginnings of apostasy. These are vital issues often approached in summary in Old Testament Introduction courses. At this year's Chafer Conference, we have three experienced and well-qualified experts to address some of these challenging questions. For pastors this will be a rich time of building upon previous studies to look at the transmission of the Old Testament, the value of the Dead Sea Scrolls and ancient translations for validating and illuminating the text of the Hebrew Bible. On top of that, we will have the wonderful opportunity to dig into challenging questions about the transmission and preservation of the Scripture especially applied to some of the discrepancies between the Septuagint and the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and other textual problems. These questions are significant for developing an accurate understanding of the chronology of the Old Testament. For the enthusiastic Bible student, you will also gain an understanding of not only important background issues, but as these issues are referenced by your pastors at your home church, you will have gained a solid framework for understanding what is being taught.

Each evening we will also have the opportunity to focus on three important Scriptural passages as our Keynote speaker, Pastor and Missionary Jim Myers, takes us through God's Word. Three passages of significance will be exegeted and explained for us in a way that will deepen our understanding of these passages, but also challenge us with their implications for our own spiritual growth.

### Conference speakers:

#### Dr. Douglas Petrovich



**Douglas Petrovich** currently serves as Professor of Biblical History and Exegesis at Brookes Bible College. He was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. After graduation from The Master's Seminary with a Master of Theology degree in New Testament, he and his family moved to Siberia under missionary status to launch a seminary from scratch. In 2008, his family moved to Canada, where he ultimately received a M.A. and Ph.D. in Syro-Palestinian archaeology from the University of Toronto. He has appeared in two documentary films, *Patterns of Evidence: The Moses Controversy* and *Is Genesis History?* and published two groundbreaking books as well as many journal articles.

Dr. Petrovich's topics include:

- *Solving a Textual Variant Properly*
- *Building a Sound Old Testament Chronology*
- *The Chronology of the Exodus Event*

#### Dr. Randall Price



**Randall Price**, Th.M. in Old Testament, Dallas Seminary; Ph.D. Hebrew Literature and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas; post-grad work in archaeology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Former Distinguished Research Professor of Biblical and Judaic Studies, Liberty University; President, World of the Bible Ministries, Inc. is author or co-author of 40 books and co-directs the Qumran Cave Excavation Project, Dead Sea, Israel. Dr. Price has traveled to Israel 110 times, including leading Israel tours and archaeological digs.



To register,  
**Click here**

He is married to Beverlee Price and they have 5 children and 13 grandchildren.

Topics Dr. Price will discuss include:

- *Why the Inspired Biblical Writings Disappeared*
- *Value of the Dead Sea Scrolls to Biblical Studies*
- *Using the Dead Sea Scrolls in Biblical Studies*

#### Mr. Henry Smith



**Henry B. Smith Jr.** earned a B.A. in Economics from Rutgers in 1992. In 2015, Henry graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary with an M.A.R., emphasizing apologetics and Biblical languages. He is now the Administrative Director of the Shiloh Excavations for Associates for Biblical Research (ABR). He served as the Director of Development for ABR from 2005 through 2015. Henry is the co-host of ABR's television program, *Digging for Truth*. He has published dozens of articles on the ABR website, and is now heading up The Genesis 5 and 11 Genealogy and Chronology Research Project for ABR.

Presentations by Henry Smith will include:

- *Transmission and Preservation of Scripture*
- *Genesis 11's Genealogy and Old Testament Chronology*
- *Dating Methuselah's Death: Pre- or Post-Flood?*

#### Keynote speaker: Mr. Jim Myers



**Jim Myers** is a pastor, missionary, and founder of Word of God Bible Church and Word of God College in Kiev, Ukraine. Jim earned a degree in linguistics at the University of Houston after studying at the Moody Bible Institute. He did graduate work at Missionary Baptist Seminary. He planted and pastored churches in Arkansas and New Mexico for 20 years. Since the break-up of the former Soviet Union he has been evangelizing, planting churches, and teaching the Bible and theology in numerous seminaries and Bible institutes in Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Africa, and South America.