

Editor's Page

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We are pleased to welcome our readers to the second issue for 2013. Thank you for the continuing article submissions and for the reviews by the scholarly community that support *JATS*—we want to let you know how much we appreciate you and encourage you to keep up the good work! As always we have some stimulating and thought provoking articles for your contemplation as well as others that we trust will inspire and edify you.

Tom Shepherd, Director of the Ph.D./Th.D. programs at the SDA Theological Seminary, starts things off with reflections on the Word of God and the scholar from his study of 2 Peter 1:16-21. Tom served as president of ATS from 2012-2014. Jiří Moskala, Dean of the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University, then takes us on a comprehensive view of the Holy Spirit as portrayed in the Old Testament. Patrick Mazani, who did his doctoral dissertation on the book of Daniel, draws off his expertise in that book to look at Nebuchadnezzar's defects as depicted in Daniel 4:27.

René Gehring, pastor at Bogenhofen, Austria, then explores the question of whether Leviticus 15:18 portrays sexuality as something impure or is there a deeper understanding? Denis Kaiser, Ph.D. candidate at the SDA Theological Seminary, takes us into the field of church history by examining Luther's theology on creation as related in the Reformer's 1535 lectures. New Testament scholar from Southern Adventist University, Edwin Reynolds, examines an important topic in Adventist theology, unpacking the meaning of Paul's reference to "Away from the Body and at Home with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:1-10). This issue is then brought to a close with part three of Laszlo Gallusz' study on the meaning of thrones in the

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book of Revelation. As always we wish you an intellectual and spiritual feast as you partake of these studies. Blessings!

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