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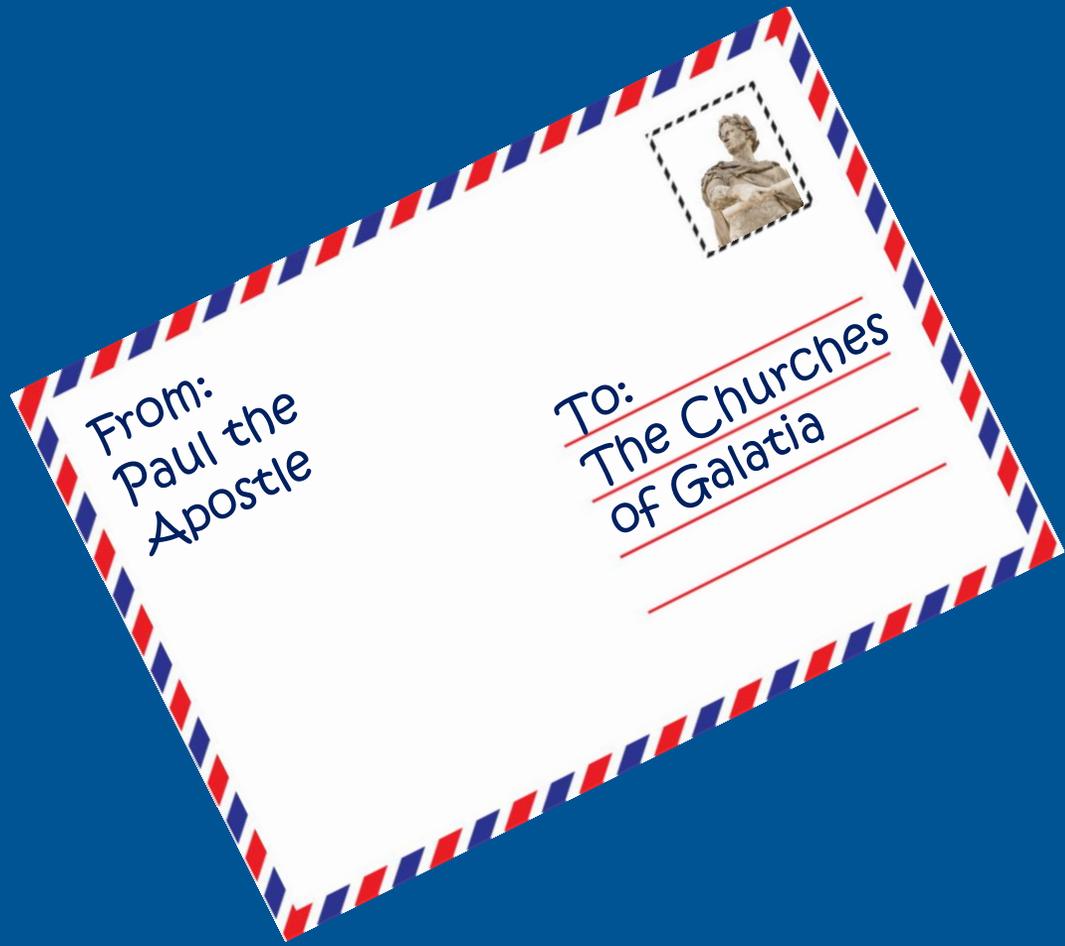
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From:
Paul the
Apostle

To:
The Churches
of Galatia

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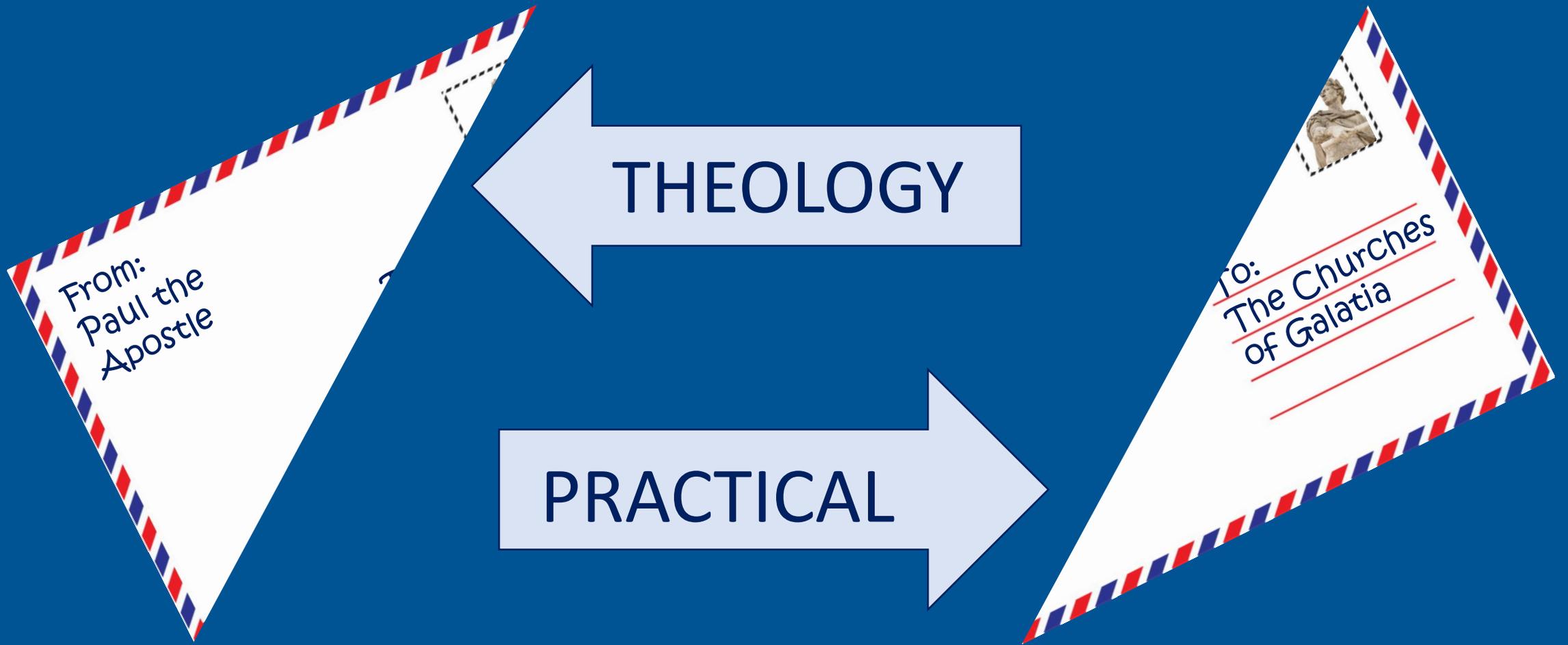
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The Reality
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This letter came
from a real life
in a real time
to real people



Paul had a real
problem

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“asthenia”

Myasthenia gravis

Also called: MG

OVERVIEW

SYMPTOMS

TREATMENTS

TESTS

SPECIALIST

Droopy eyelid
and mouth

Source

Symptoms can include:
Difficulty swallowing
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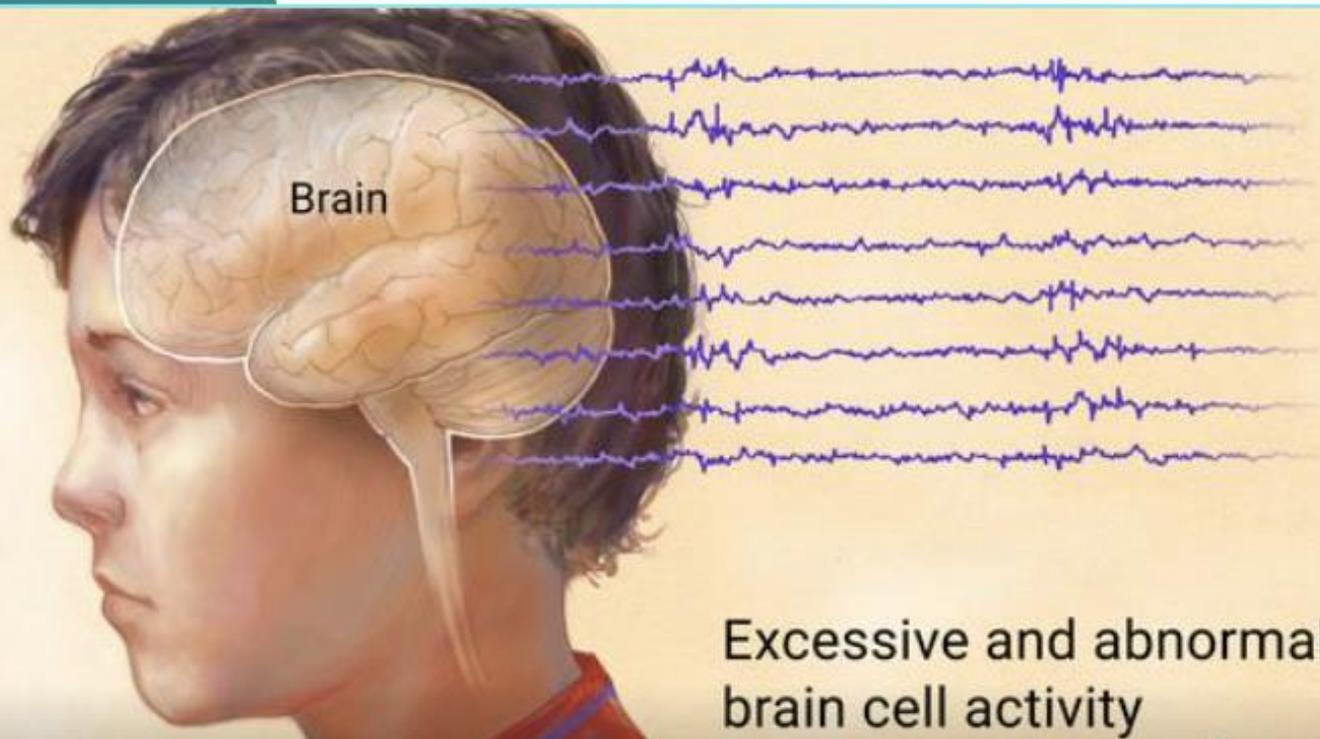
Also called: seizure disorder

OVERVIEW

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SPEC



πτύω
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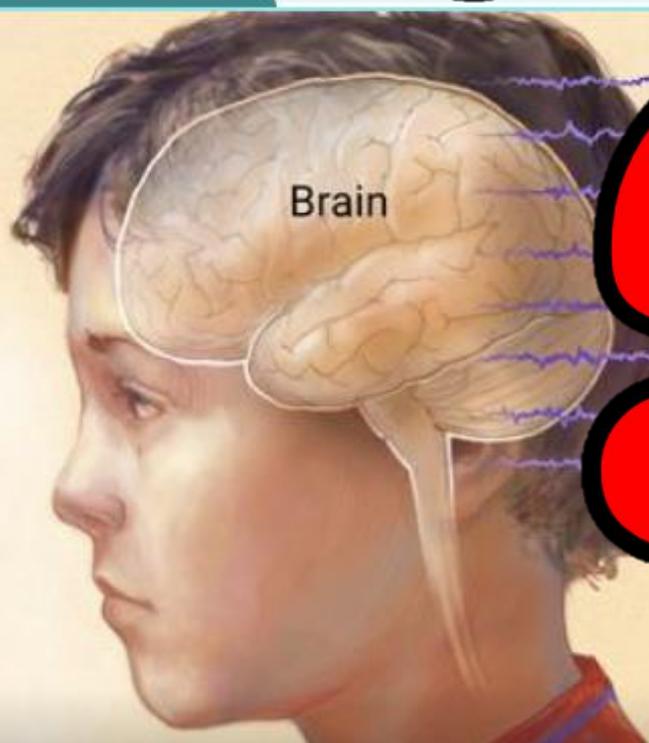
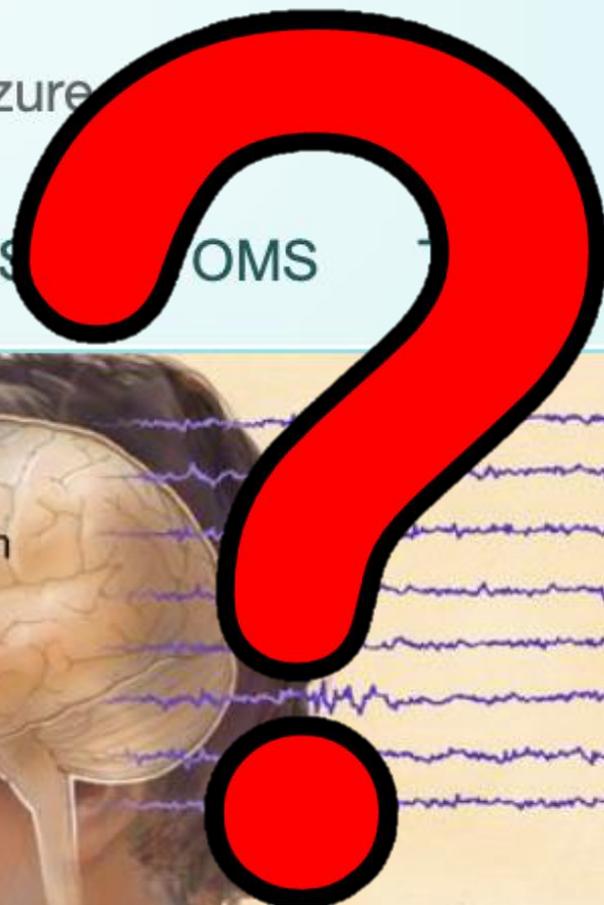
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Excessive and abnormal
brain cell activity

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Gal. 6:11 “See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.”

Glaucoma

OVERVIEW

SYMPTOMS

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Testing for
glaucoma

Eye problem?

Glaucoma

OVERVIEW

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

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God was still
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The Galatians came
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Gal. 3:2 “Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?”

The affection was mutual and real!



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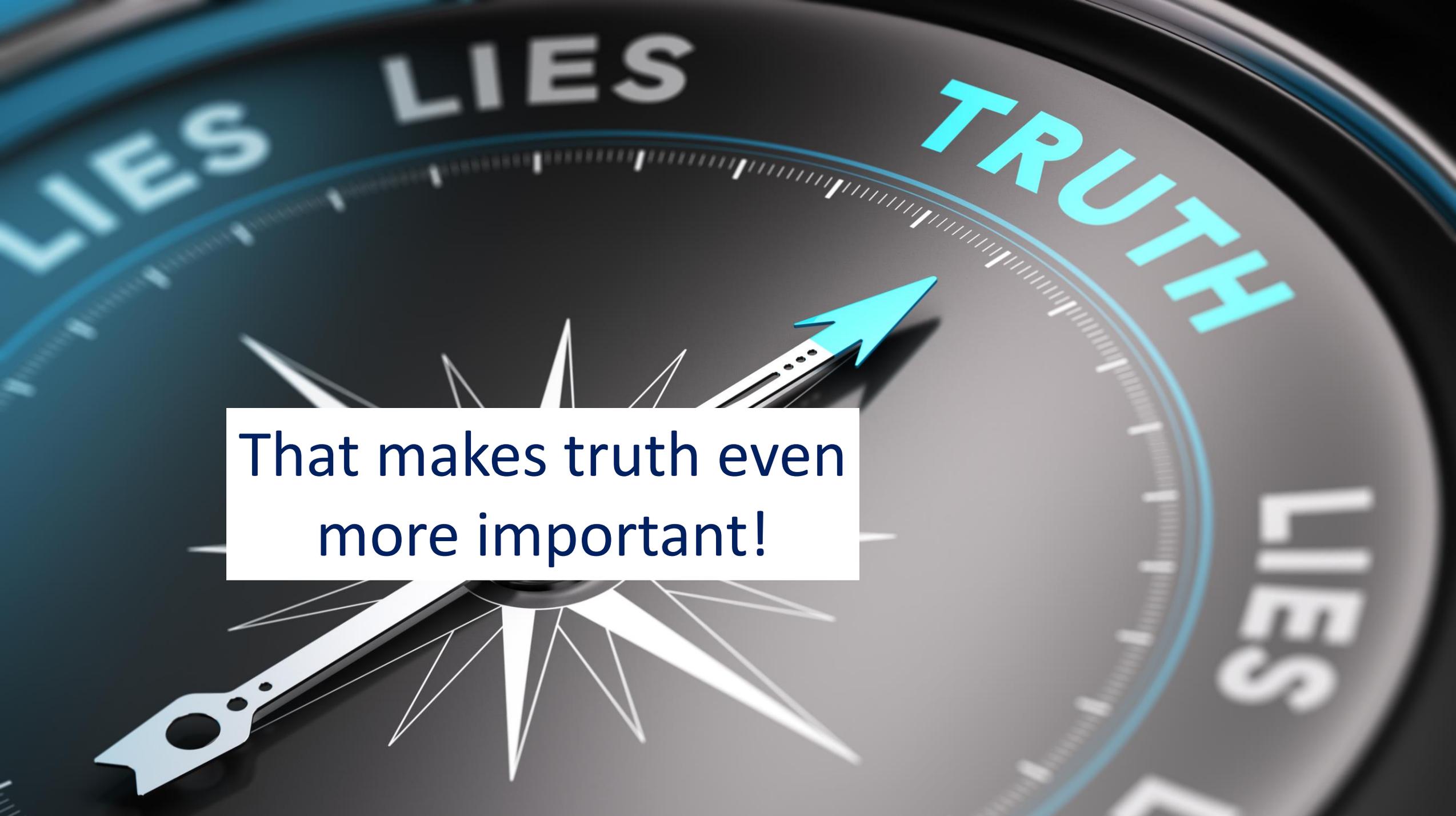
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2 Cor 3:18 “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding
the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the
same image from one degree of glory to another.”



That makes truth even more important!

Gal. 4:16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?... 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Gal. 4:16 ὥστε ἐχθρὸς ὑμῶν γέγονα ἀληθεύων ὑμῖν; ...
20 ἤθελον δὲ παρεῖναι πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἄρτι καὶ ἀλλάξαι τὴν φωνήν μου, ὅτι ἀποροῦμαι ἐν ὑμῖν.



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You want under the Torah?
You better listen to the Torah!



Genesis is
Torah too!

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED
GENESIS

CHAPTER 1

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let the waters be under, and the firmament above, and let the firmament divide the waters from the waters.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the firmament be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters he called the Seas: and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the tree yielding fruit after his kind, which is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

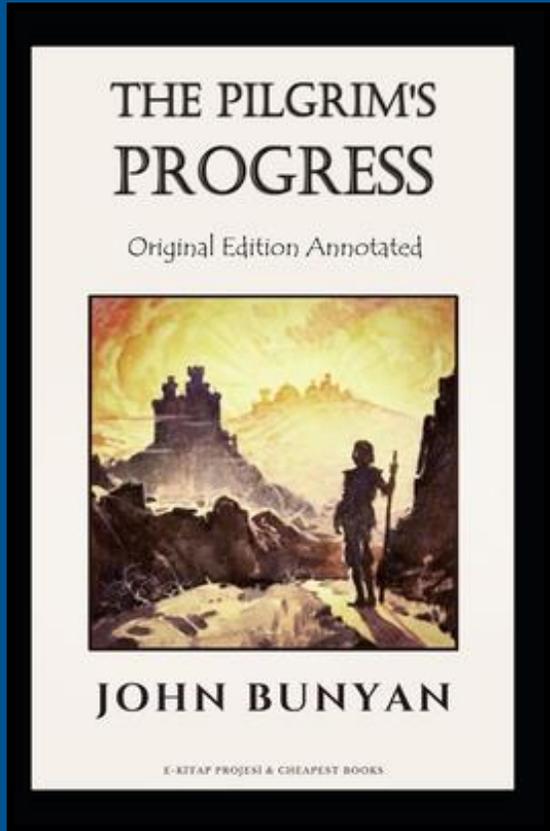
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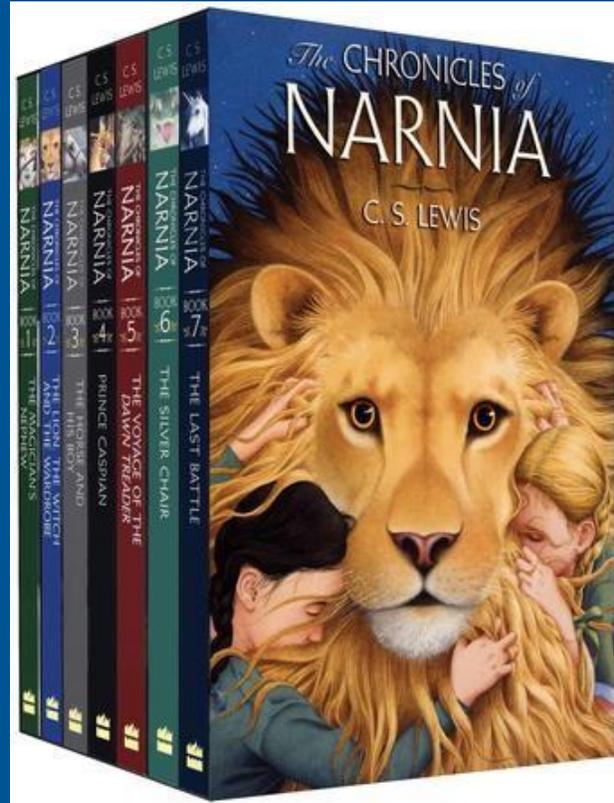
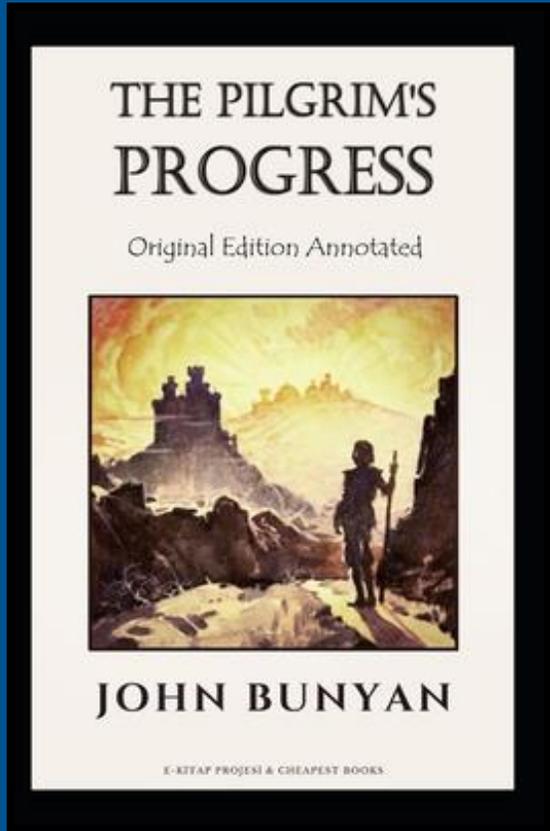
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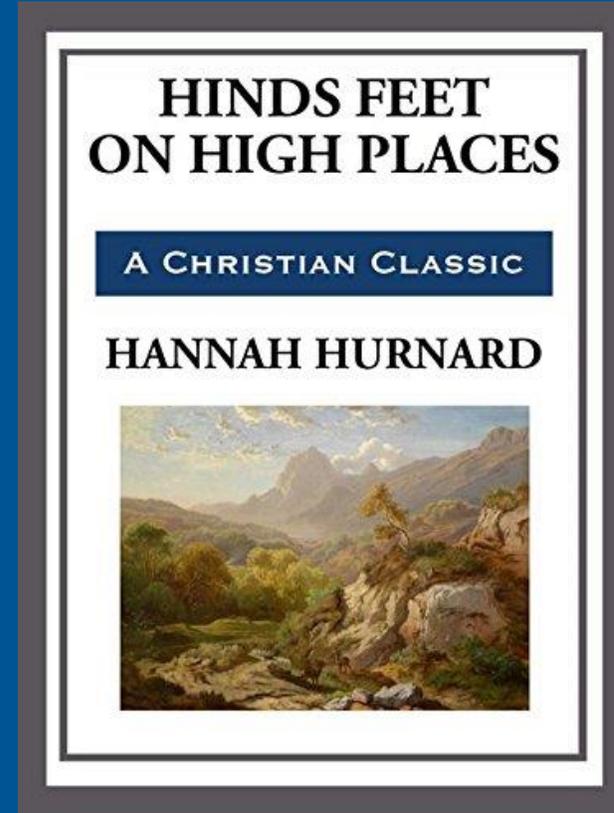
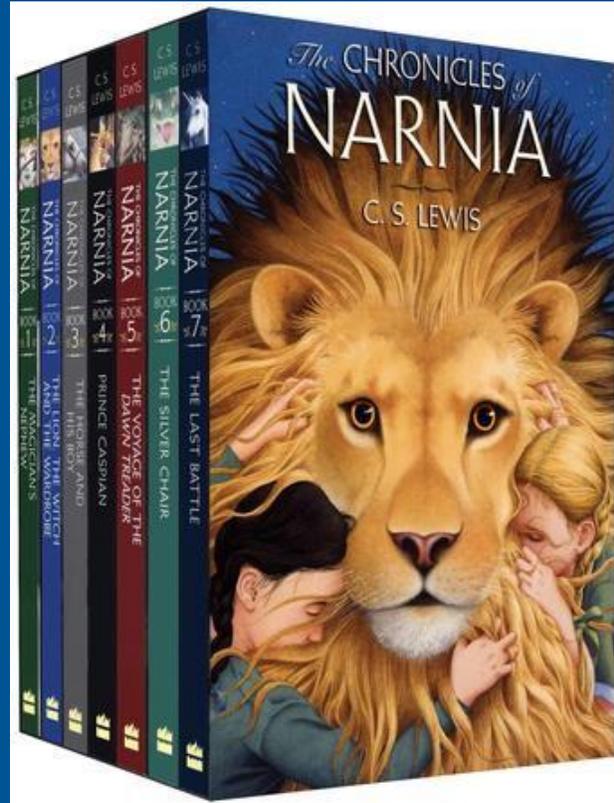
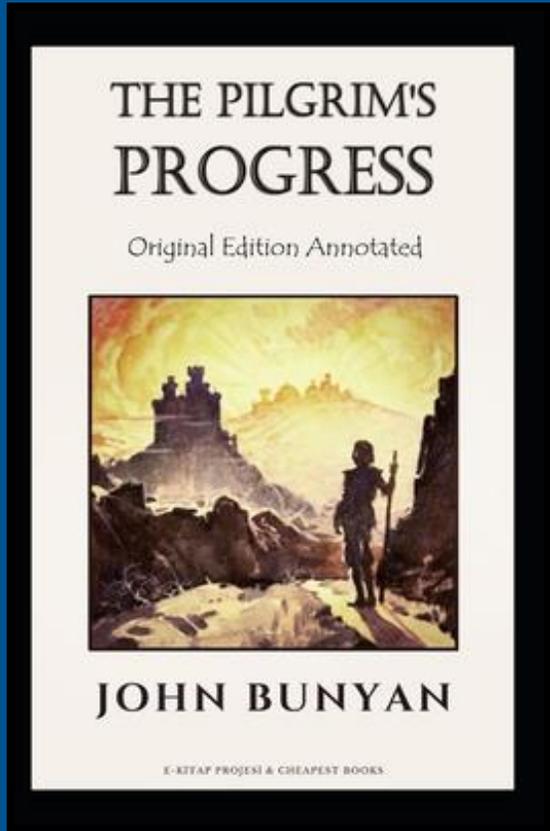
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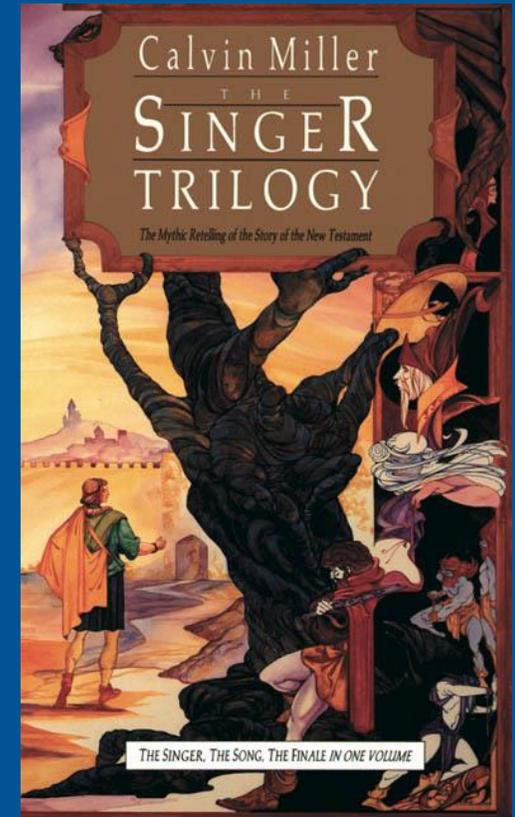
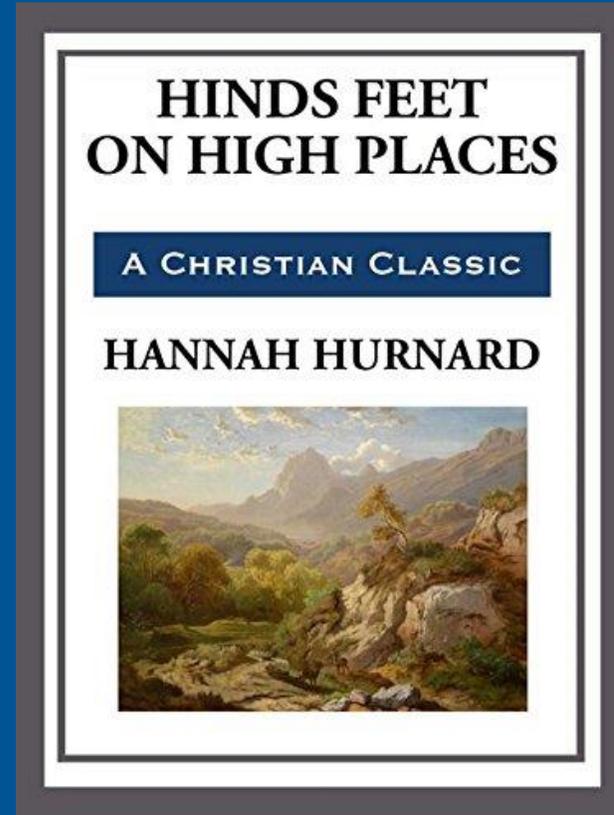
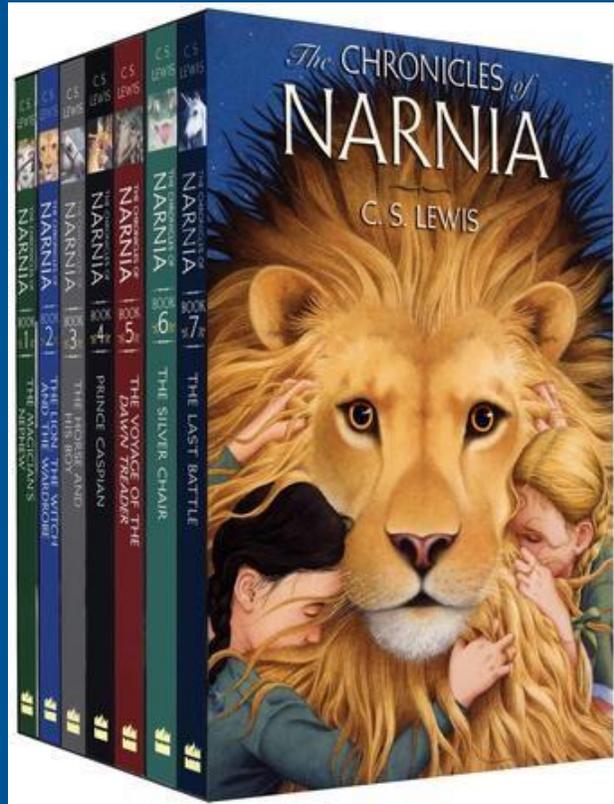
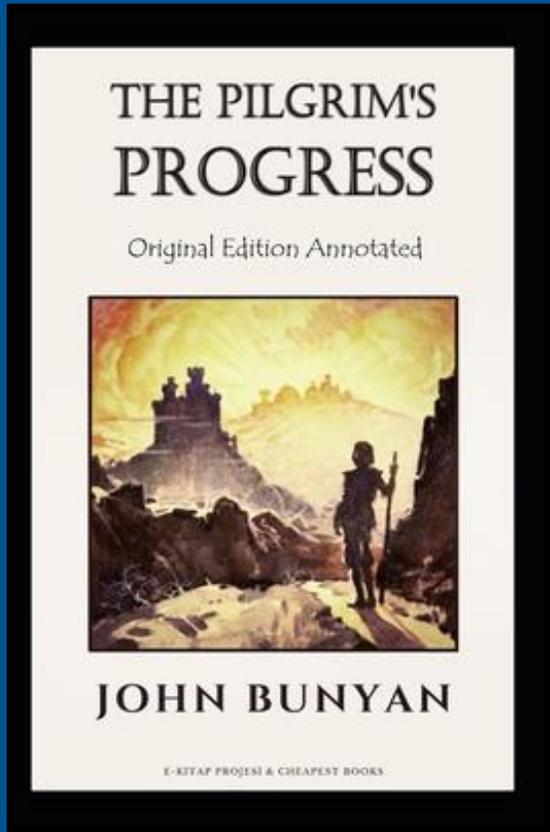
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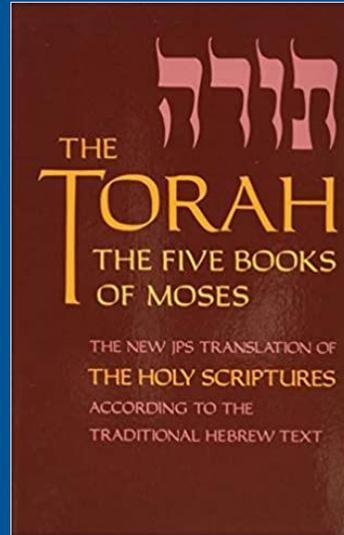
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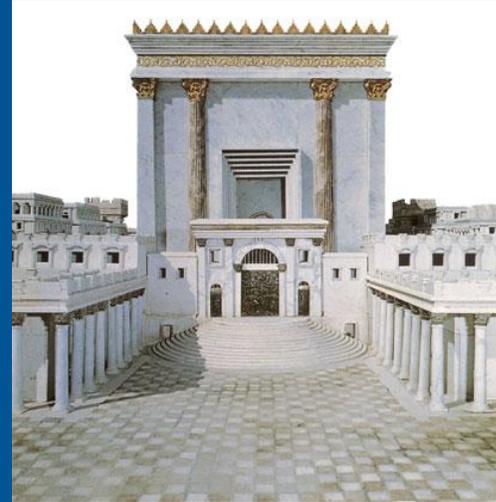
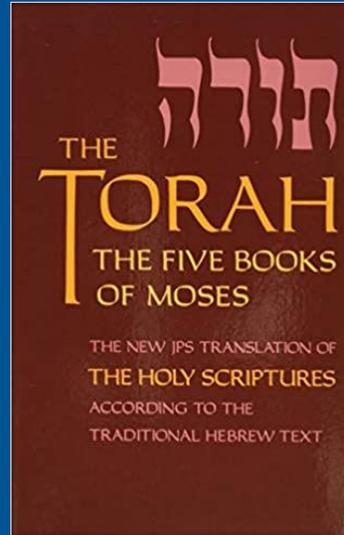
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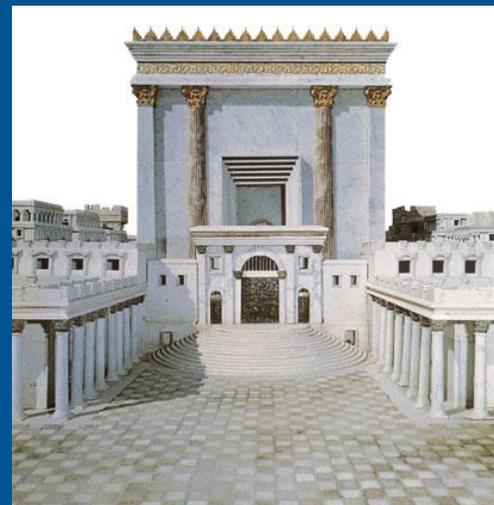
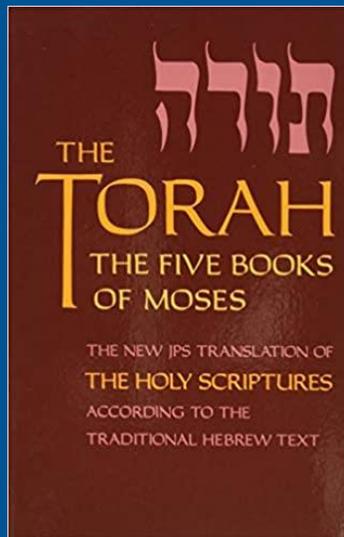
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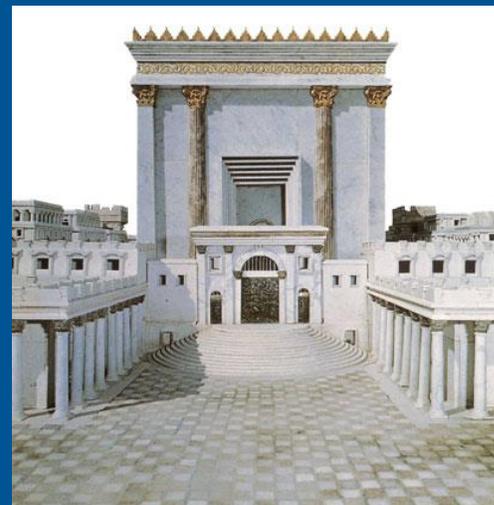
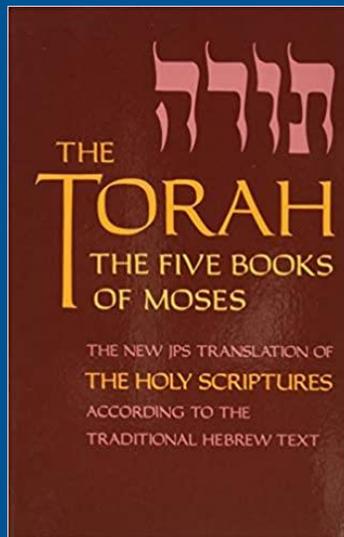


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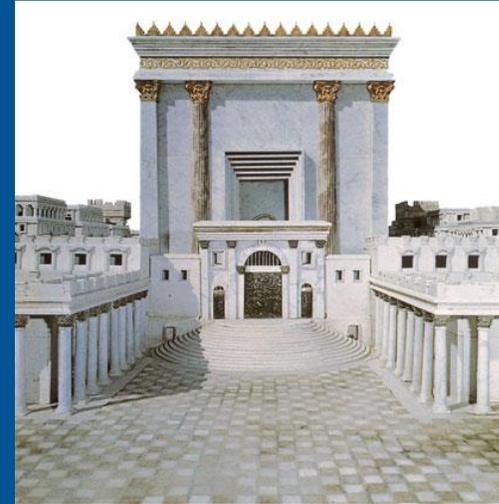
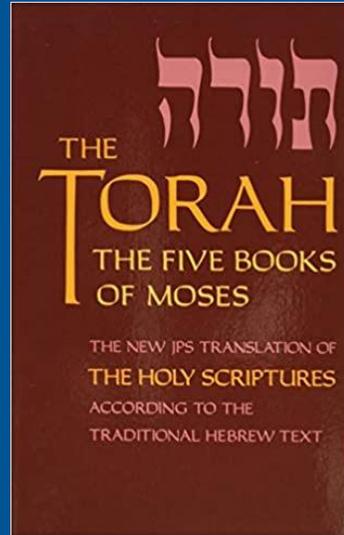
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Gal. 4:27 For it is written,
“Rejoice, O barren one who
does not bear; break forth and
cry aloud, you who are not in
labor! For the children of the
desolate one will be more than
those of the one who has a
husband.”

Gal. 4:27 γέγραπται γάρ·
εὐφράνθητι, στεῖρα ἢ οὐ
τίκτουσα, ῥῆξον καὶ βόησον,
ἢ οὐκ ὠδίνουσα· ὅτι πολλὰ
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Rom. 1:16-17 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed **from faith to faith**, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”

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And God is **STILL**
at work!

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And one of
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To form Christ
in you!

A wide-angle photograph of a large church service. The sanctuary is filled with a dense crowd of people seated in pews. The stage is illuminated with blue light and features a large wooden cross on the wall behind the altar. A band is visible on the right side of the stage. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant religious gathering.

Let's go to church!