

Paul, His Life and Teachings



Paul's Theology
The Pre-Existent Christ

Lesson 42

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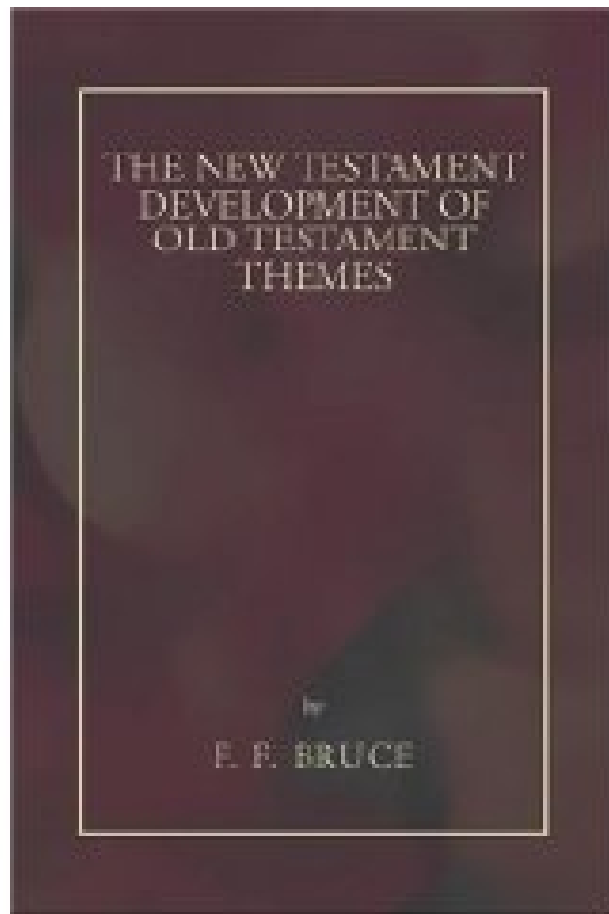
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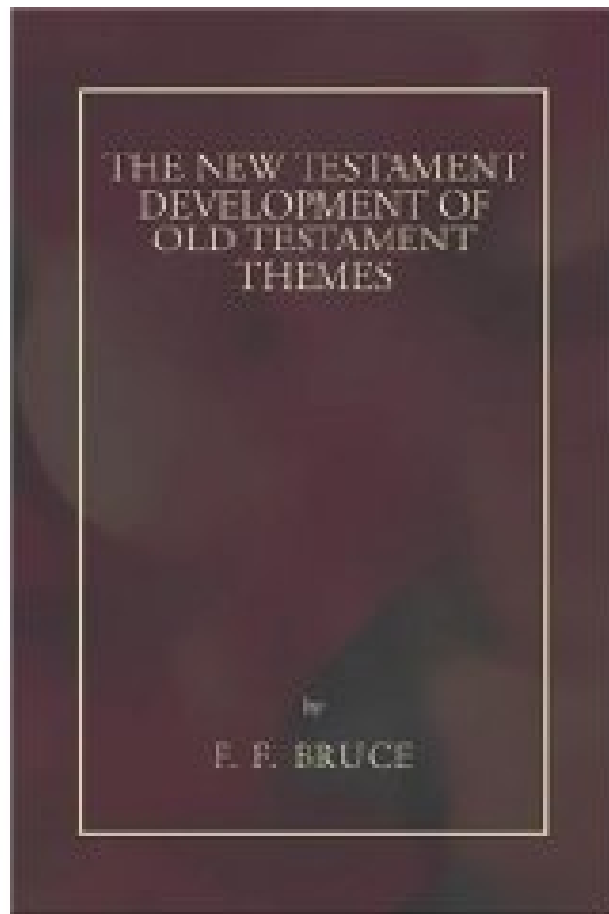


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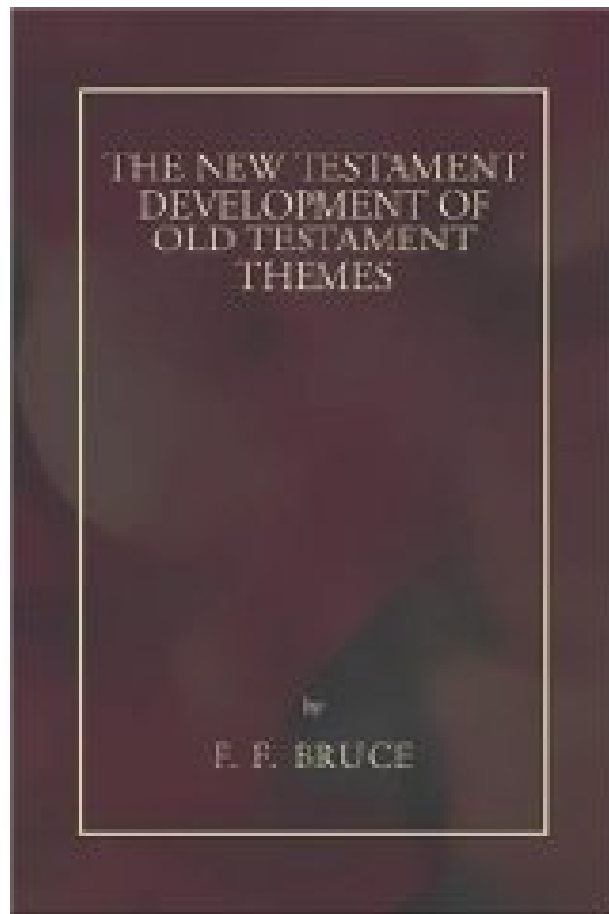
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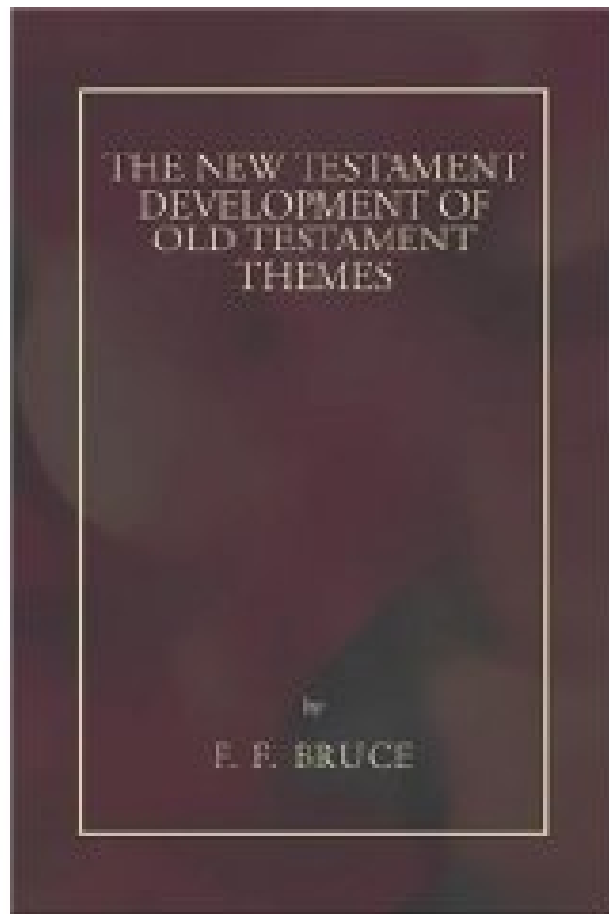


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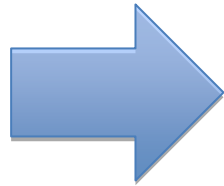
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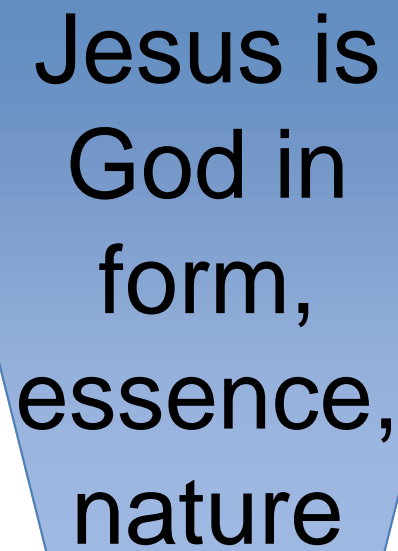
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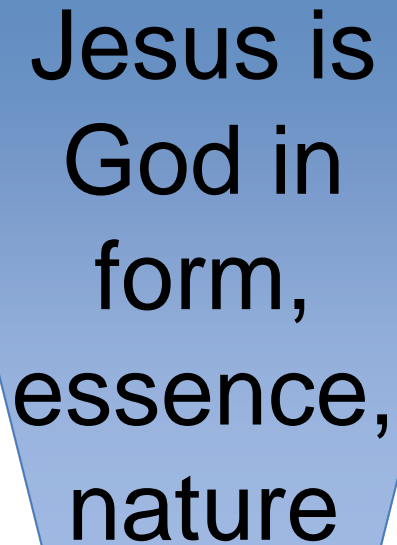


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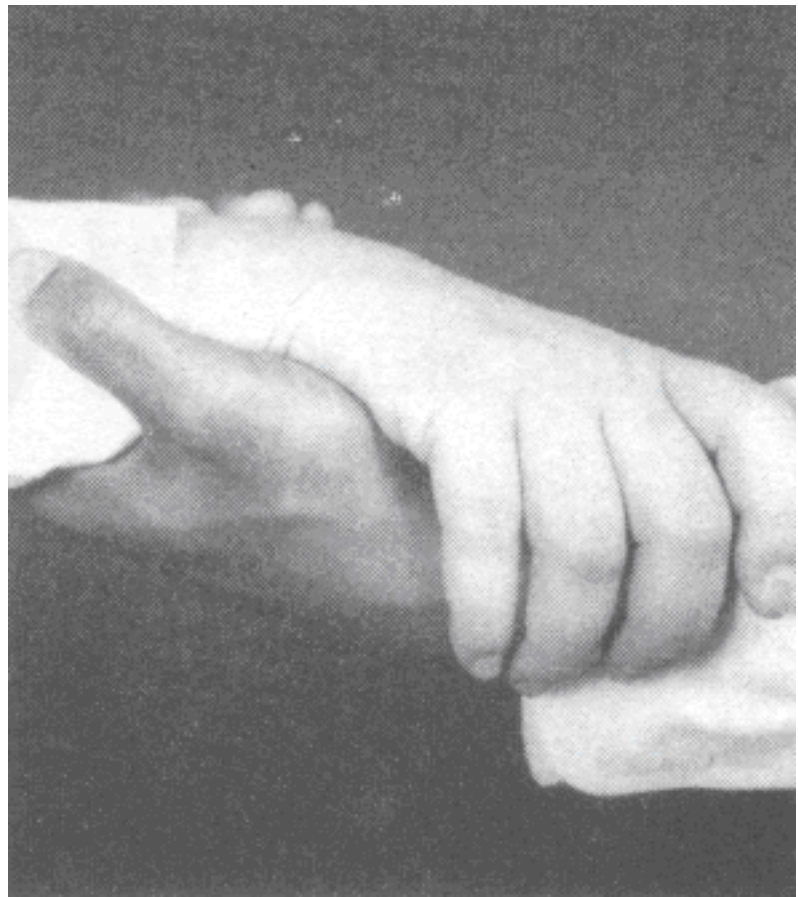
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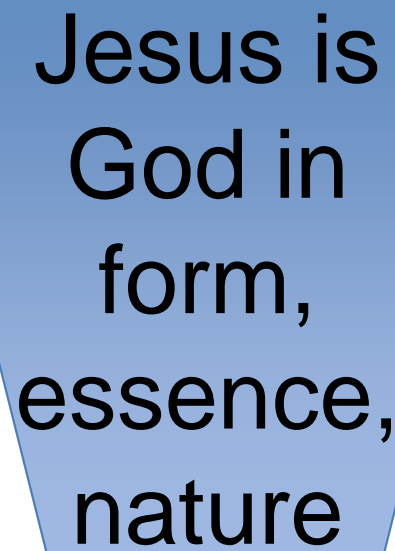
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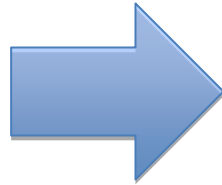
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Samarites Rewitted

The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath and Sepharvaim and settled them in the towns of Samaria to replace the Israelites. When they first lived there, they did not worship the Lord; so he sent lions among them and they killed some of the people. It was reported to the king of Assyria: "The people of Samaria do not worship the Lord; so he sent lions among them and they killed some of the people." He has sent lions among them, which are killing them off, because the people do not know what he requires.

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King Ahaz came up to Damascus and sent to Uriaiah the priest for its construction. Uriaiah the priest built an altar in accordance with all the plans that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus and finished it before King Ahaz returned. When the king came back from Damascus and saw the altar, he approached it and presented offerings on it. He offered up his burnt offerings and grain offerings, and sprinkled the blood of his fellowship offerings on the altar. The bronze altar that stood before the temple—from between the new altar and the temple of the Lord—put it on the north side of the new altar.

King Ahaz then gave these orders to Uriaiah the priest: "On the large new altar, offer the morning burnt offering and the evening grain offering, the king's burnt offering and his grain offering, and the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering and their drink offering. Sprinkle on the altar all the blood of the burnt offerings and sacrifices. But I will use the bronze altar for seeking guidance." And Uriaiah the priest did just as King Ahaz had ordered.

King Ahaz had ordered the removal of the basins from the stands. He removed the Sea from the bronze bulls that supported it and set it on a stone base. He took away the Sabbath canopy that had been built at the temple and removed the royal entryway outside the temple of the Lord, in deference to the king of Assyria.

As for the other events of the reign of Ahaz and what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? Ahaz rested with his fathers and was buried with them in the City of David. And Hezekiah his son succeeded him as king.

Hosea Last King of Israel

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hosea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

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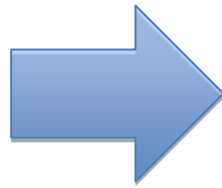
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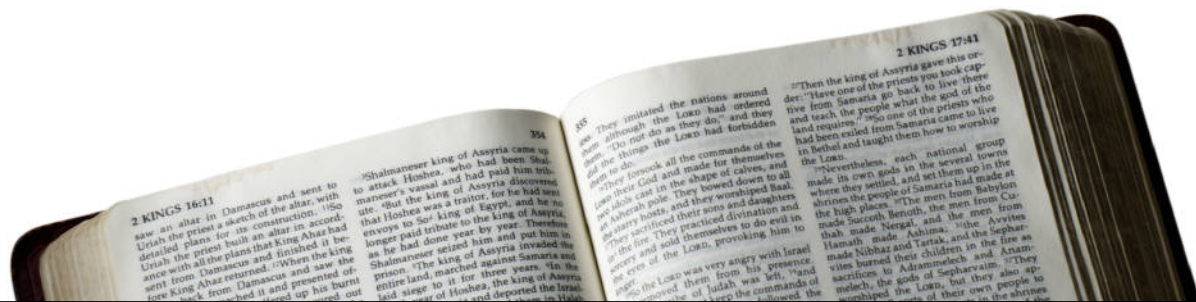


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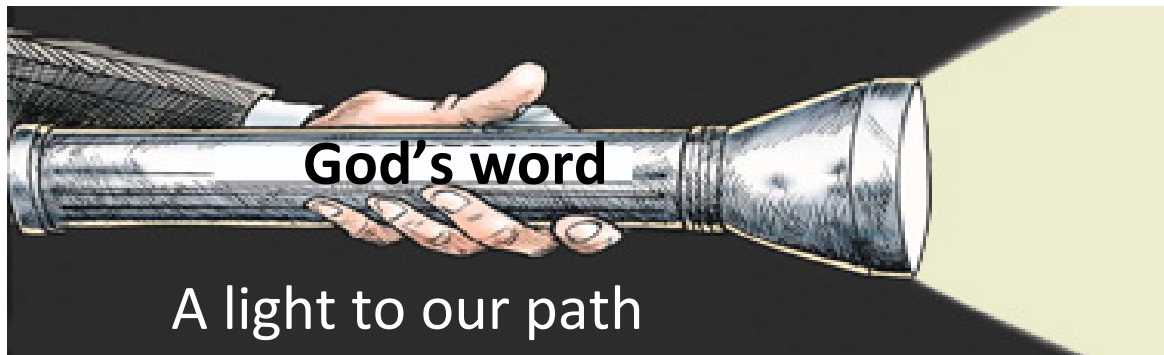
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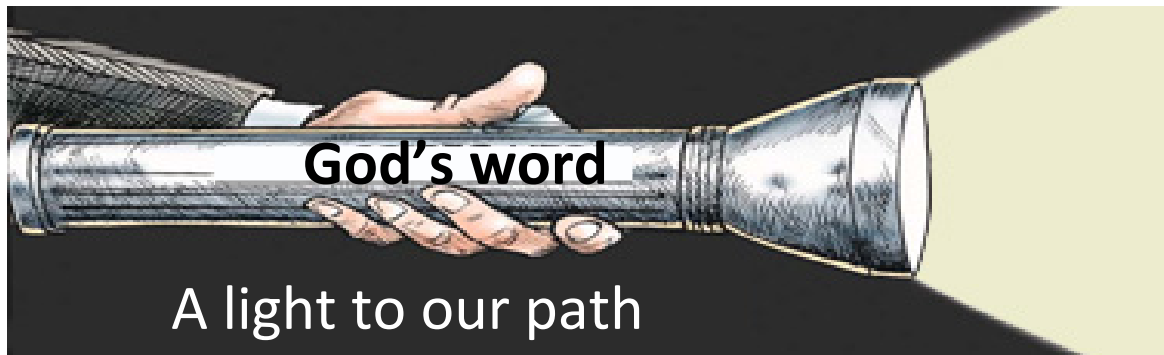


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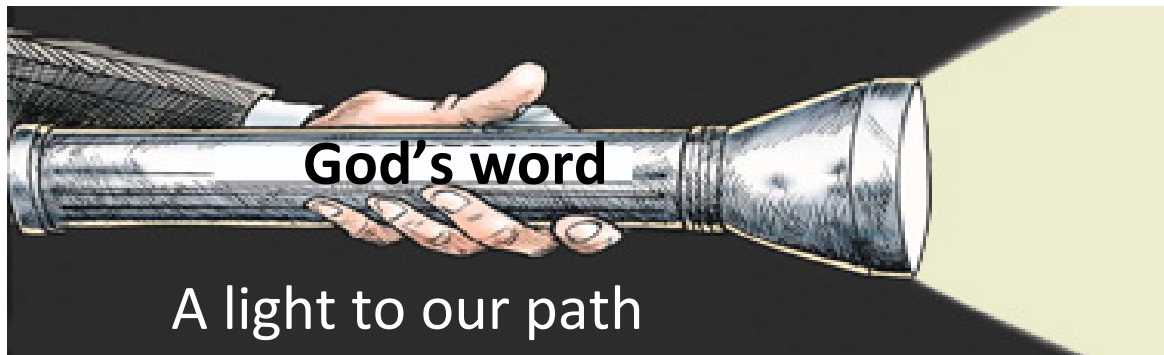
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