

Paul, His Life and Teachings



Paul's Theology
The Pre-Existent Christ

Lesson 42

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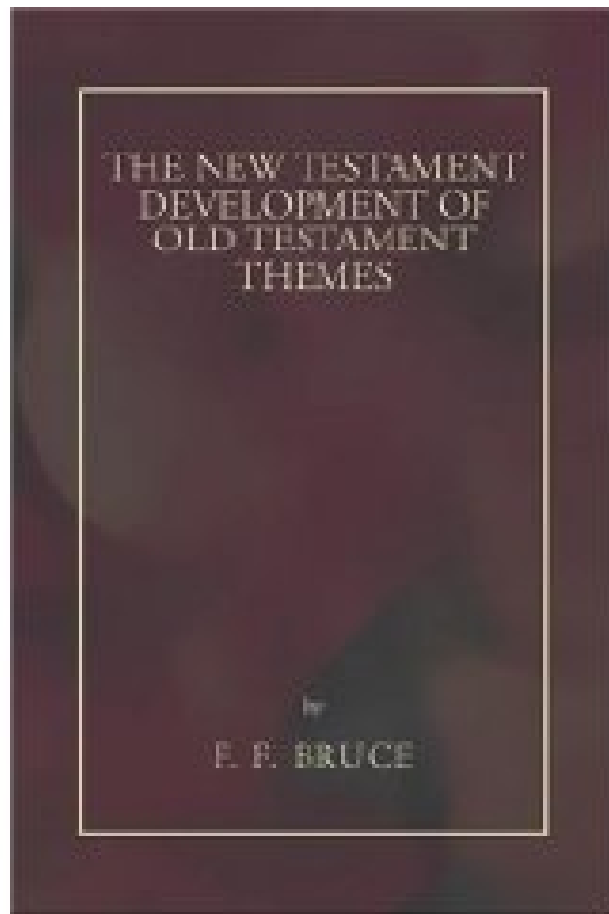
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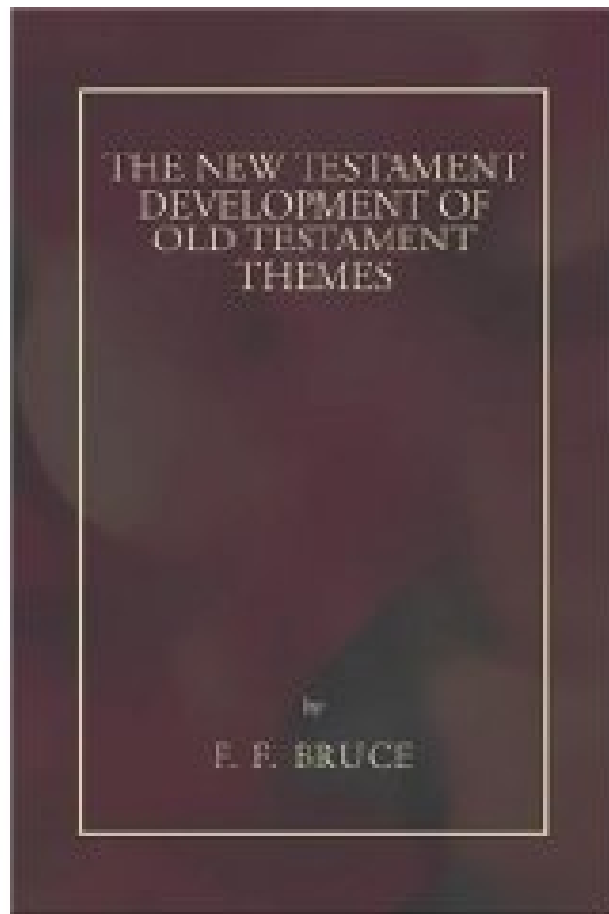


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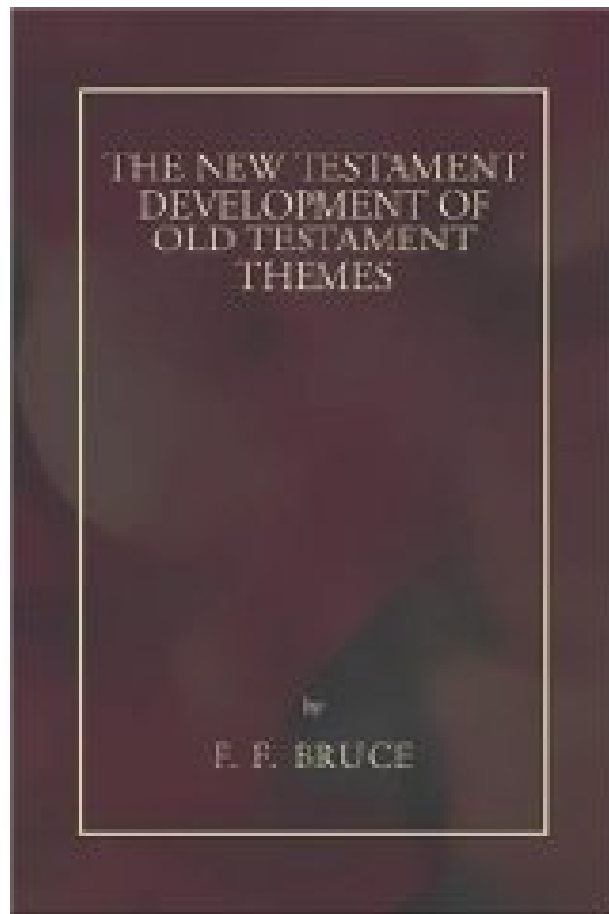
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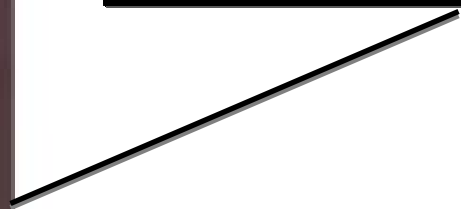


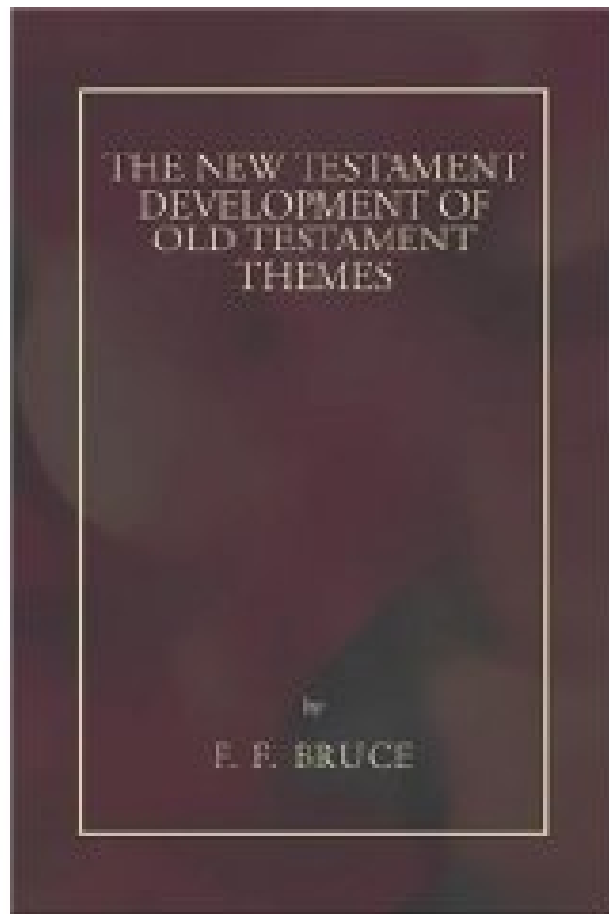
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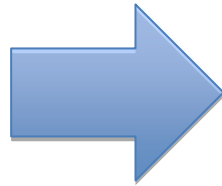
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Have this mind in yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (2:5-8).

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King Ahaz had ordered the side panels and removed the basins from the movable stands. He removed the Sea from the bronze bulls that supported it and set it on a stone base. ¹⁷He took away the Sabbath canopy that had been built at the temple and removed the royal entryway outside the temple of the L^ord, in deference to the temple 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? ¹⁸Ahaz rested with his fathers and was buried with them in the City of David. And Hezekiah his son succeeded him as king.

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They imitated the nations around them, although the L^ord had ordered them: "Do not do as they do," and they did the things the L^ord had forbidden them to do. ²They took all the commands of the L^ord and made for themselves altars, like those that the nations made. They bowed down to all sorts of idols, and they worshiped Baal, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets. They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the L^ord, provoking him to anger.

The L^ord was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left, and even Judah did not keep the commands of the L^ord their God. They followed the customs of the nations, and they gave them into the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them away from his presence.

When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the L^ord and made them to commit a great sin. ²The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them. The L^ord removed them from his land and did not return away from him, as he had warned through all the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland and exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

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. ²When they first lived there, they did not worship the L^ord; so he sent lions among them and they killed some of the people. ³It was reported to the king of Assyria: "The people of Samaria do not worship what the god of that country requires. They are killing them off, because they do not know what he requires."

² Or They made their sons and daughters pass through the fire

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To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. ¹⁰You must always be careful to keep the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands I wrote for you. ¹¹Do not worship other gods. ¹²Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. ¹³For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ¹⁴For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ¹⁵For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ¹⁶For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ¹⁷For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ¹⁸For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ¹⁹For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁰For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²¹For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²²For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²³For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁴For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁵For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁶For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁷For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁸For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ²⁹For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ³⁰For you worship the L^ord, your gods. ³¹For you 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saw an altar in Damascus and sent to Uriah the priest for its construction. ¹²Uriah the priest built an altar in accordance with all the plans that King Ahaz had sent him from Damascus and finished it before King Ahaz returned. ¹³When the king came back from Damascus and saw the altar, he approached it and presented offerings on it. ¹⁴He offered up his burnt offerings and grain offerings, and sprinkled his drink offerings on the altar that stood before the blood of his fellowship offerings. ¹⁵The bronze altar that stood before the altar he brought from the new altar and the L^{ORD}—from between the new altar and the temple—from between the new altar and the temple of the L^{ORD}—and put it on the north side of the new altar.

¹⁶King Ahaz then gave these orders to Uriah 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 drink 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 and their servants will use the bronze altar for seeking guidance." ¹⁷And Uriah 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. ¹⁸He took away the Sabbath canopy that had been built at the temple and removed the royal entryway outside the temple of the L^{ORD}, in deference to the king of Assyria.

¹⁹As 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? ²⁰Ahaz 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

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hosea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. ²He did evil in the eyes of the L^{ORD}, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

¹⁷ Or and what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? ¹⁸ Or the day of his burial (see Septuagint). ¹⁹ Traditionally given offerings. ²⁰ Or to Sam, i.e., he is possibly an abbreviation for Oshim.

¹Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack Hosea, who had been Israel's vassal and had paid him tribute. ²But the king of Assyria discovered that Hosea was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to Soi, king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria as he had done year by year. ³Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison. ⁴The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. ⁵In the ninth year of Hosea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the Medes.

Israel Exiled Because of Sin

⁶All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the L^{ORD} their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁷They followed the practices of the nations the L^{ORD} had driven out before them, as well as the practices which the kings of Israel had introduced. ⁸The Israelites secretly did things against the L^{ORD} their God that were not right. ⁹They set up sacred pillars and Asherah poles on every high place; they built themselves high places in all their towns. ¹⁰They set up sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high place they burned incense, as in the nations whom the L^{ORD} had driven out before them: had done. ¹¹They did the wicked things that provoked the L^{ORD} to anger. ¹²They worshiped idols, though the L^{ORD} had said: "You shall not do this." ¹³The L^{ORD} warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets."

¹⁴But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the L^{ORD} their God. ¹⁵They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. ¹⁶They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.

¹⁷They imitated the nations around them, although the L^{ORD} had ordered them: "Do not do as they do," and they did the things the L^{ORD} had forbidden them to do. ¹⁸They took all the commands of the L^{ORD} and made for themselves idols in the shape of calves, and serpents, and other gods, and they bowed down to all these idols. ¹⁹They bowed down to all the silver and gold images, and they worshiped Baal, an Assyrian deity. ²⁰They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. ²¹They practiced divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the L^{ORD}, provoking him to anger.

²²The L^{ORD} was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. ²³Only the tribe of Judah was left, and even Judah did not keep the commands of the L^{ORD} their God. ²⁴They followed the customs of the nations Israel had introduced. ²⁵Therefore the L^{ORD} rejected them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them from his presence.

²⁶When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the L^{ORD} and made them to commit a great sin. ²⁷The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them. ²⁸Until the L^{ORD} removed them from his land, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. ²⁹So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

Samaria Restored

³⁰The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath and Sepharvaim to replace the Israelites. ³¹When they first lived there, they did not worship the L^{ORD}; so he sent lions among them and they killed some of the people. ³²It was reported to the king of Assyria: "The people of Samaria do not worship what the god of that country requires." ³³He has sent lions among them, which are killing them off, because they do not know what he requires."

³⁰ Or They made their sons and daughters pass through the fire.

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¹Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires." ²So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the L^{ORD}.

³Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. ⁴The men from Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men from Cuthah made Nergal, and the men from Hamath made Ashima. ⁵The Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as sacrifices to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. ⁶They also appointed all sorts of their own people as priests in the shrines at the high places. ⁷They worshiped the L^{ORD}, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.

⁸To this day they persist in their former practices. ⁹They neither worship the L^{ORD} nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands that the L^{ORD} gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. ¹⁰When the L^{ORD} made a covenant with the Israelites, he commanded them: "Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them." ¹¹But the L^{ORD}, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. ¹²To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. ¹³You must always be careful to keep the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands I wrote for you. ¹⁴Do not worship other gods. ¹⁵Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. ¹⁶For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁷For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁸For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁹For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁰For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²¹For you 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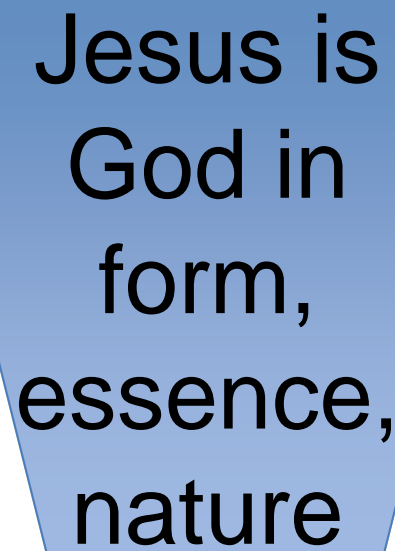
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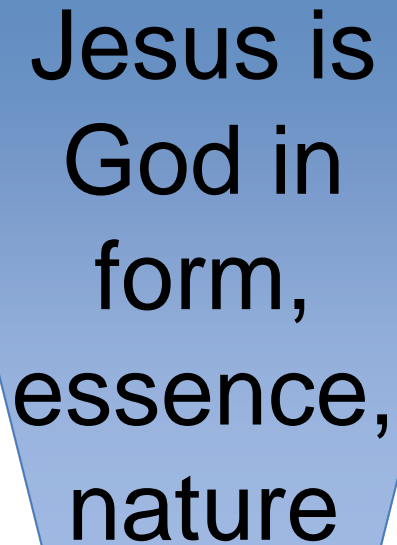


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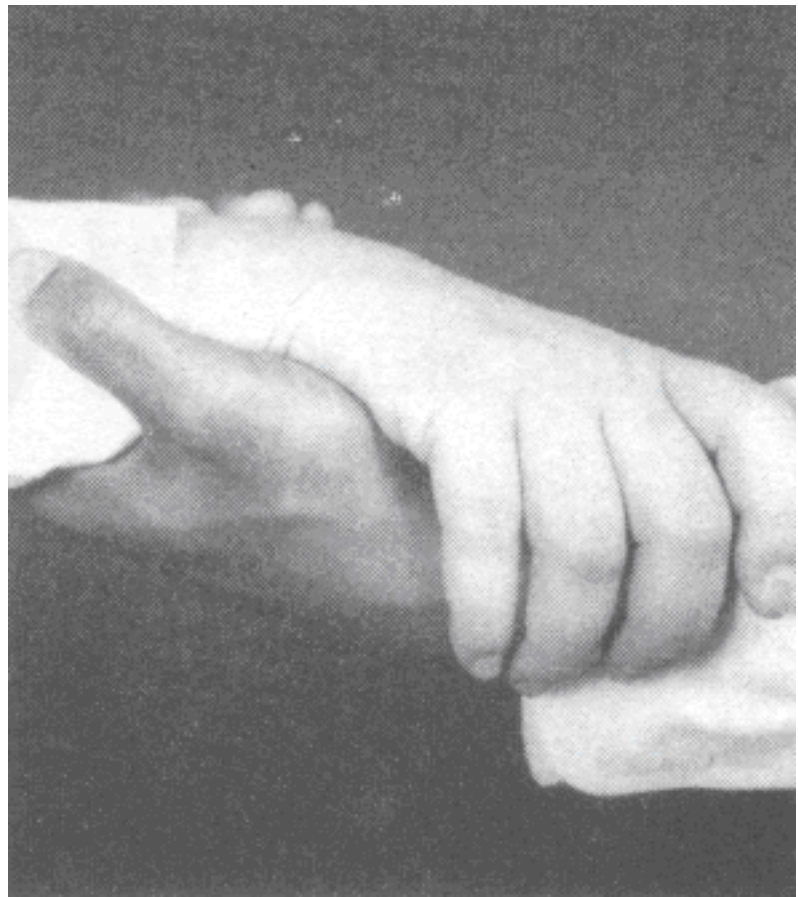
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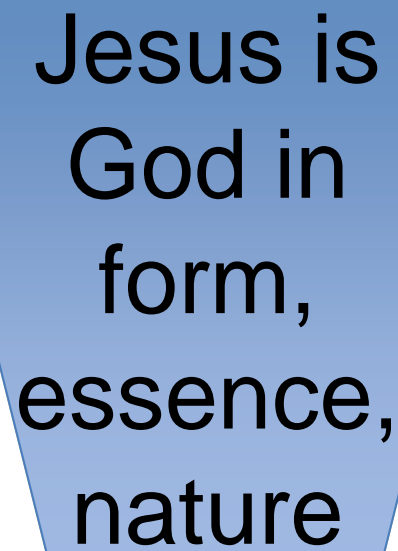
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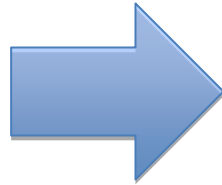
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- Philippians 2
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2 KINGS 16:11

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Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack Hosea, who had been Israel's vassal and had paid him tribute. But the king of Assyria discovered that Hosea was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to Soi, king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to him by year. Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison. The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. In the ninth year of Hosea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the Medes.

Israel Exiled Because of Sin

All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They followed the practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before them, as well as the practices which the kings of Israel had introduced. The Israelites secretly had things against the Lord their God that were not right. They set up sacred pillars and Asherah poles on every high place; they built themselves high places in all their towns. They set up sacred stones and under every spreading tree, in every high place they burned incense, as the nations whom the Lord had driven out before them had done. They did the wicked things that provoked the Lord to anger. They worshiped idols, though the Lord had said: "You shall not do this."

The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the Lord their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.

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When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the Lord and made them to commit a great sin. The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them. Therefore the Lord removed them from his land and did not return them, as he had warned through all the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

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2 KINGS 17:41

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Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. The men from Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men from Cuthah made Nergal, and the men from Hamath made Ashima. The Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as sacrifices to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. They also appointed all sorts of their own people as priests in the shrines at the high places. They worshiped the Lord, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought. To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the Lord nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands that the Lord gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. When the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, he commanded them: "Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them. But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices." You must always be careful to keep the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands he wrote for you. Do not worship other gods. Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. Rather, worship the Lord, your God. "I will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

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3	Florida	9-1
4	Texas	10-1
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"King Ahaz then gave these orders to Uriah the priest: 'On the large new altar, offer the morning burnt offering, and offer the grain offering, and the evening and his burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings of all the people, and their blood, and offer burnt offerings on the altar all day long.' 'Sprinkle the altar all day long with the burnt offerings and seek, and will use the burnt altar for seeking, and as a place of refuge.'"

"And Uriah the priest did just as Ahaz had ordered. And the side panels and removed the bases from the movable stands. He removed the iron and set it on bronze bulls. That support was the temple canopy that had been built on the Sabbath as a stone base. It was now built on the temple canopy that had been set away outside and removed. The royal entranceway outside the temple of the Royal, in deference to the king of Assyria.

So for the other events of the reign of Ahaz, the prophet Isaiah the son of Amos, the king of Assyria.

As for what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? ²⁰Ahaz reared with them in the City of David, and Hezekiah his son succeeded him as king.

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king of Israel in *Samaria*, and he reigned
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Israel Exiled Because of Sin
 "All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt, from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt, from the practices of the nations that followed the practices of before them, as the Lord had driven out the kings of the lands as he had done with the Israelites because of their practices. 'The Israelites sinned against the Lord their God, but he did not drive them out because he had introduced to them the law of Moses and the things against the Lord their God that he had commanded them not to do. They were not right from watchtower to high place, nor did they build themselves high places in any of their towns.' They set up pillars and stones and Asherah poles on every high place, and they burned incense and sacrificed to other gods, as the nations had done."

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They foretook all the commands of the LORD which He had commanded them to do, and they bowed down to all idols cast in the shape of calves, and two silver poles. They worshipped Baal, the Assyrian hosts, and their sons and daughters, the sturdy sacrifice. They practiced divination and they sacrificed themselves to do evil in secret and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.

So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah kept the commands of the LORD their God. They followed the advice Liso had introduced. Therefore Liso rejected all the people of Israel and gave them into the hands of their enemies, until he thrust

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Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires." So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the Lord.

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **For by him all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things**, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross (Col. 1:15-20)

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King Ahaz came up to Damascus and sent to Uriaiah the priest for its construction. ¹²Uriaiah 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. ¹³When the king came back from Damascus and saw the altar, he approached it and presented offerings on it. ¹⁴He offered up his burnt offerings and grain offerings, and sprinkled his drink offerings on the altar that stood before the blood of his fellowship offerings. ¹⁵The bronze altar that stood before the altar, he brought from the new altar and the L^{ORD} he brought from the front of the temple—from between the new altar and the temple of the L^{ORD}—and 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 drink 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 and their grain offering and their drink offering, I will use the bronze altar for seeking guidance." ¹⁶And Uriaiah the priest did just as King Ahaz had ordered.

King Ahaz had ordered the side panels and removed the basins from the movable stands. He removed the Sea from the bronze bulls that supported it and set it on a stone base. ¹⁷He took away the Sabbath canopy that had been built at the temple and removed the royal entryway outside and removed the L^{ORD}, in deference to the temple of the L^{ORD}.

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? ¹⁸Ahaz 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. ²He did evil in the eyes of the L^{ORD}, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him.

¹² Or and used up
¹³ Or to Sam, i.e., he is possibly an abbreviation for Oshim.
¹⁴ Traditionally grain offerings
¹⁵ Or the day of his lineage (see Septuagint)

Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack Hosea, who had been Israel's vassal and had paid him tribute. ²But the king of Assyria discovered that Hosea was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to Soi, king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria as he had done year by year. Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison. ³The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. ⁴In the ninth year of Hosea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the Medes.

Israel Exiled Because of Sin
All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the L^{ORD} their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They followed the practices of the nations that the L^{ORD} had driven out before them, as well as the practices which the kings of Israel had introduced. ²The Israelites secretly did things against the L^{ORD} their God that were not right. They set up sacred pillars, stones and Asherah poles on every high place; they built themselves high places in all their towns. ³They set up sacred stones and under every spreading tree, in every high place they burned incense, as the nations whom the L^{ORD} had driven out before them had done. They did the wicked things that provoked the L^{ORD} to anger. ⁴They worshiped idols, though the L^{ORD} had said: "You shall not do this." ⁵The L^{ORD} warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." ⁶But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.

¹⁸ Or the day of his lineage (see Septuagint)
¹⁹ Exilist 284, 5

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Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires." ²So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria came to live in Bethel and taught them how to worship the L^{ORD}.

Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places. ³The men from Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men from Cush made Nergal, and the men from Hamath made Ashima. ⁴The Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire as sacrifices to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. ⁵They also appointed all sorts of their own people as priests in the shrines at the high places. ⁶They worshiped the L^{ORD}, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought. ⁷To this day they persist in their former practices. They neither worship the L^{ORD} nor adhere to the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands that the L^{ORD} gave the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel. ⁸When the L^{ORD} made a covenant with the Israelites, he commanded them: "Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them." ⁹But the L^{ORD}, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. ¹⁰You must always be careful to keep the decrees and ordinances, the laws and commands that I have written for you. ¹¹Do not worship other gods. ¹²Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. ¹³For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁴For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁵For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁶For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁷For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁸For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ¹⁹For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁰For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²¹For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²²For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²³For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁴For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁵For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁶For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁷For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁸For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. ²⁹For you worship the L^{ORD}, your gods. 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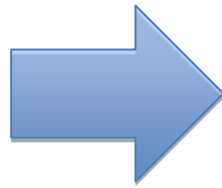
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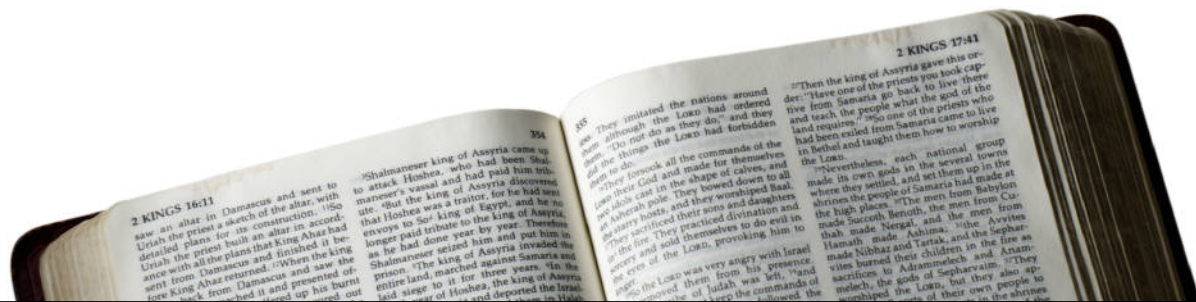


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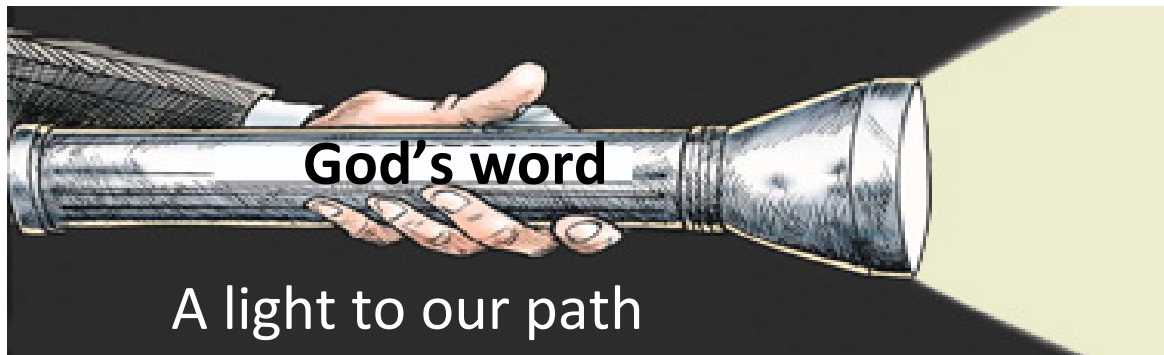
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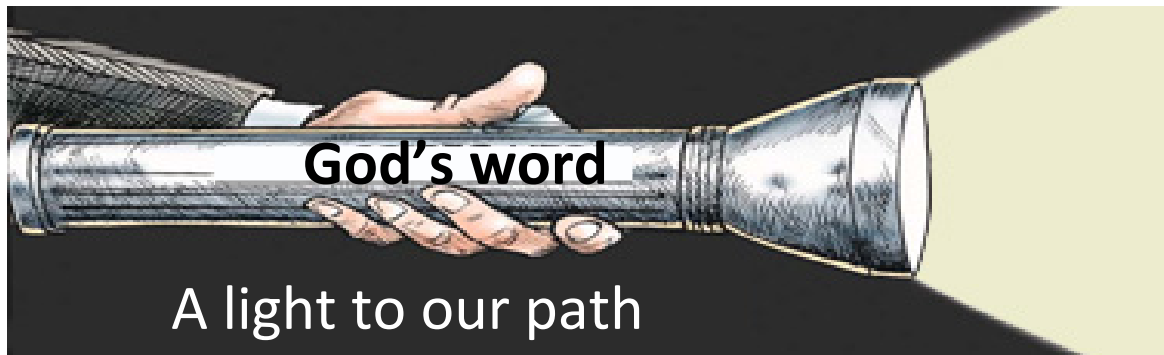


Points for Home

“He humbled himself” (Phil. 2:8)

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9)





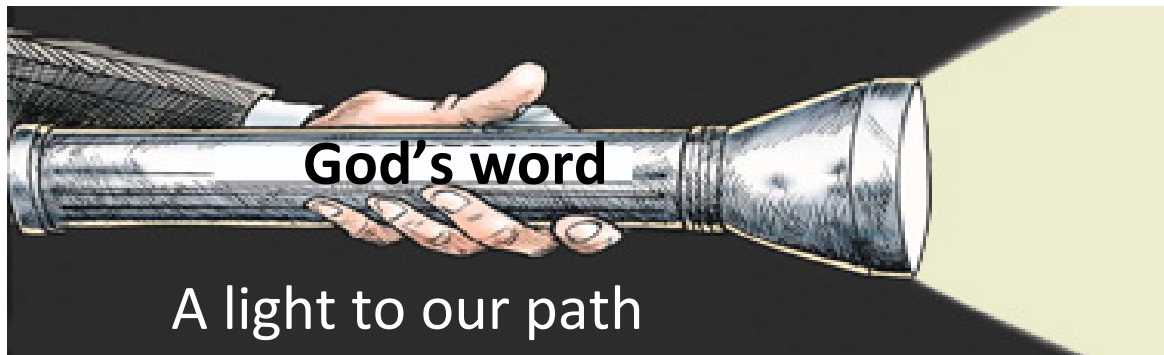
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Behold Jesus and behold God





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