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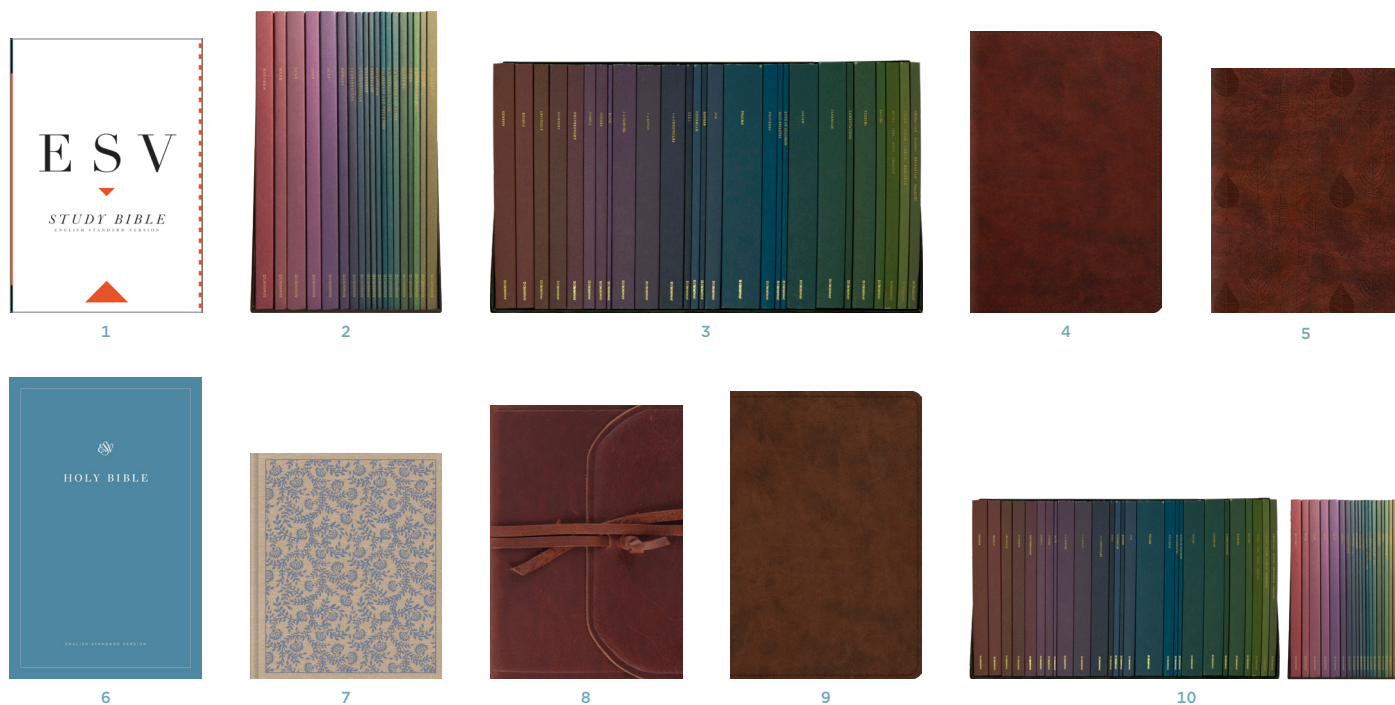
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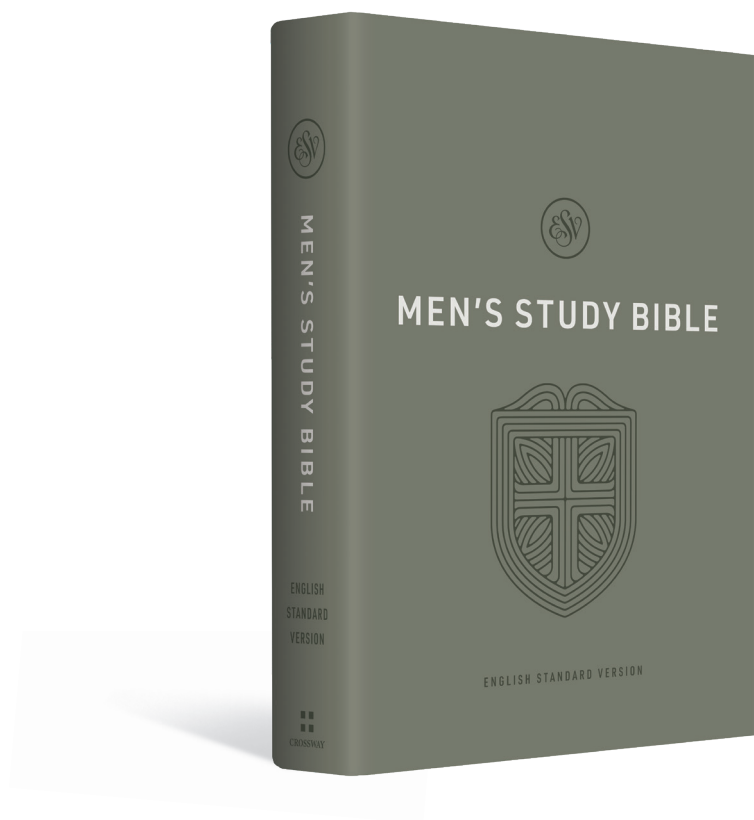
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MATTHEW 22:29

²⁹ But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, 'because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, 'have you not read what was said to you by God: ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.' ³³ And when the crowd heard it, 'they were astonished at his teaching.

The Great Commandment

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced 'the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, 'a lawyer, asked him a question 'to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And 'a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend 'all the Law and the Prophets."

Whose Son Is the Christ?

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees ' were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying,

¹ Some manuscripts omit *hard to bear*

Phylacteries (23:5) were small cube-shaped leather cases that were tied to the left arms and foreheads of Jewish men attending the synagogue. In the cases were passages of Scripture written on pieces of parchment. This was done in an effort to literally fulfill the OT command to keep the words of the Lord on their hands and between their eyes (Ex. 13:9; Deut. 6:8).

22:29–30 But are like angels in heaven who do not marry or have children. This teaching might at first seem discouraging to married couples who deeply love each other. Yet people will know their loved ones in heaven (see 8:11; Luke 9:30, 33).

22:31–32 I am the God of Abraham, and . . . Isaac, and . . . Jacob. The present tense in the quotation from Ex. 3:15 shows that God was still in covenant relationship with the patriarchs, even though they had died centuries earlier. The Sadducees should recognize God's power to raise the patriarchs and all of God's people to enjoy his eternal covenant in a life beyond this one.

22:35 A lawyer is an expert in the law; it is another term for "scribes of the Pharisees" (Mark 2:16; see Acts 23:5).

22:36 the great commandment. The rabbis had an ongoing debate regarding which commandments were "light" and which were "weighty" (compare 23:23; see note on 5:19). The Law refers here to the entire OT.

22:37–38 love the Lord your God . . . heart . . . soul . . . mind. This command from Deut. 6:5 was repeated twice daily by faithful Jews. It expresses the idea of total devotion to God. It includes the duty to obey the rest of God's commandments (see Matt. 5:19–20). "Heart," "soul," and "mind" together refer to the whole person.

22:39 You shall love your neighbor as yourself. See Lev. 19:18, 34.

22:40 the Law and the Prophets. See note on 5:17.

22:41–46 Jesus now asked the Pharisees about the long-awaited Messiah (the Christ). Whose son is he? Their reply, The son of David,

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"What do you think about 'the Christ? Whose son is he?' They said to him, "'The son of David.'" ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, 'in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, 'how is he his son?' ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, 'nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus 'said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²⁴ "The scribes and the Pharisees 'sit on Moses' seat, ²⁵ so do and observe whatever they tell you, 'but not the works they do. 'For they preach, but do not practice. ²⁶ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, 'and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ²⁷ They do all their deeds 'to be seen by others. For they make 'their phylacteries broad and 'their fringes long, ²⁸ and they 'love the place of honor at feasts and 'the best seats in the synagogues ²⁹ and 'greetings in 'the marketplaces

reflected the common understanding that the Messiah would be a descendant of David (see 2 Sam. 7:12–14; Ps. 89:3–4; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5). Jesus then cites Ps. 110:1, one of the messianic texts most quoted in the NT. In the psalm, David said that the coming Messiah (that is, David's "son") will not be just a special human descended from David. He will also be David's Lord. The fact that the descendant (Jesus) would have a more prominent role and title than the ancestor (David) further indicates the uniqueness of the Messiah and the greater honor that is due him as the Son of God. Psalm 110 emphasizes the Messiah's deity. The Messiah is to be God in the flesh (see John 1:14).

23:2 The scribes and the Pharisees. See notes on 2:4; 3:7. **Moses' seat** refers to a place of authority from which experts on the law taught.

23:3 so do and observe whatever they tell you. "So" connects this verse with v. 2. The mention of Moses evidently indicates "whatever they tell you about the Law of Moses" and does not include the Pharisees' later extensive additions to Mosaic laws.

23:4 heavy burdens. See note on 11:28.

23:5 phylacteries. Small cube-shaped cases made of leather, containing Scripture passages written on parchment. They were worn on the left arm and forehead as a literal way to obey Deut. 11:18; fringes. These tassels with a blue cord attached to the four corners of a man's garment (Num. 15:37–41) reminded people to obey God's commandments and to be holy (Num. 15:40).

23:7 Rabbi literally meant "my lord" but it was used generally for outstanding teachers of the law.

29 John 20:9 "I Cor. 6:14 **30** "ch. 24:38; Luke 17:27 **31** "See ch. 20:36 **32** "Acts 7:32; Cited from Ex. 3:6 **33** "See ch. 7:28 **34** "For ver. 34–40, see Mark 12:28–33 "ver. 23 **35** "Luke 10:25–28 "See Luke 7:30 "ver. 37 "Luke 10:27; Cited from Deut. 6:5 **39** "1 John 4:21; Cited from Lev. 19:38; See ch. 19:19 **40** "Rom. 13:8, 10 "ch. 7:12; [Gal. 5:34] **41** "For ver. 41–45, see Mark 12:35–37; Luke 20:41–44 "ver. 34 **42** "See ch. 11:17 **43** "Rev. 1:10; 4:2; [2 Sam. 22:2] **44** "Acts 2:34, 35; Heb. 1:13; Cited from Ps. 110:1; [1 Cor. 15:25; Heb. 10:13] **45** "Rom. 13:4; **46** "Luke 14:6; "Mark 12:34; Luke 20:40 **CHAPTER 23** **1** "For ver. 1, 2, 5–6; see Mark 12:38, 39; Luke 20:45, 46; [Luke 14:5] **2** "Cited 7:6, 10, 25; Neh. 8:4; "Deut. 17:10, 11; John 9:28, 29 **3** "ch. 5:20; 15:13; "Rom. 2:17–23 **4** "Luke 11:46; ch. 11:28–30; Acts 15:10 **5** "See ver. 1 above; "ch. 6:1, 16; [John 5:44]; Tit. 1:59; Deut. 6:8, 11:18 "See ch. 9:20 **6** "Luke 14:2, 8 "Luke 14:45 **7** "See ver. 6 above; "ch. 11:16; 20:3

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

MATTHEW 22:34–40

Jewish leaders often tried to trap Jesus, and although that must have grieved him, their trick questions provided occasions for vital teaching. The leaders couldn't agree on what the greatest commandment was, but Jesus knew that God himself had summarized the law in Deuteronomy 6, shortly after he delivered it.

The greatest commandment is also the most daunting: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37). Mark 12:30 adds, "and with all your strength." That is, we love God with every power, faculty, and talent—even our sense of humor.

We love God with heart and soul when we give him our affections and when he comes first in our convictions and commitments. We love God with the mind when we learn his truth, see the world as he sees it, and dedicate our past, present, and future to him. We love God with our strength when we devote the body, with all its skill and energy, to him. We love God when we train our will to follow him, whatever the price.

In all of this, we simply answer the love that God has freely bestowed on us. "Be imitators of God" (Eph. 5:1) is a great theme of Scripture. We forgive because Jesus forgave (Eph. 4:32). We serve because Jesus served (Matt. 20:26–28). Above all, we "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us" (Eph. 5:2).

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). When God pours his love into us, that leads us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our love for God precedes and empowers our love for neighbors.

We don't always love ourselves properly, but we should love our neighbor as we ought to love ourselves. Love organizes, unites, and protects every virtue, every command. We love parents when we honor them. We love our spouses with our faithfulness. We love neighbors by telling the truth to them and about them, and by promoting their good instead of coveting their goods. So the life of the redeemed flows from God's prior, covenantal, and gracious love.

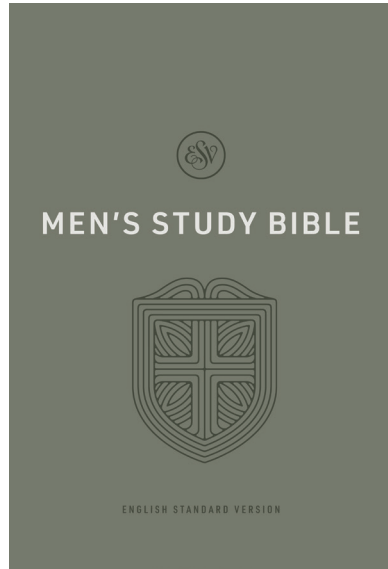
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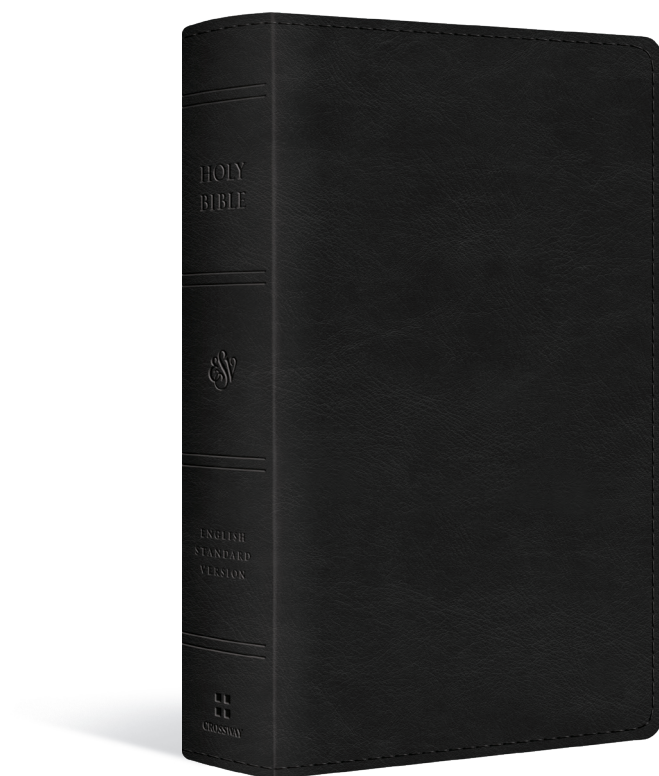


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GENESIS 1:17

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lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds¹ fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man² in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹ Or flying things; see Leviticus 11:19–20 ² The Hebrew word for man (*adam*) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam

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GENESIS 2:19

The Seventh Day, God Rests

² Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

⁴ These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created,
in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the
heavens.

⁵ When no bush of the field¹ was yet in the land² and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist³ was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden," ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat⁴ of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for⁵ him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground

¹ Or open country ² Or earth; also verse 6 ³ Or spring ⁴ Or when you eat ⁵ Or corresponding to; also verse 20

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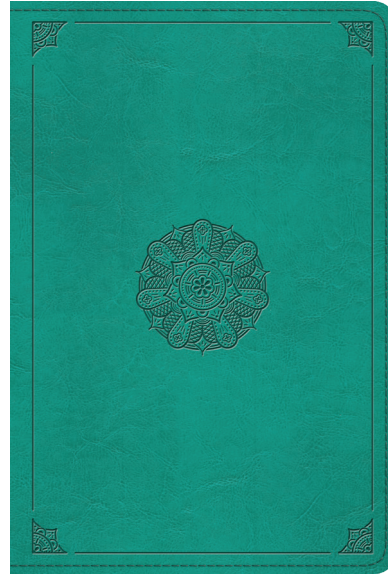


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JOHN 1:35

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Jesus Calls the First Disciples

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you

will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

The Wedding at Cana

²On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ³Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ⁴When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁵And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁶His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁷Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁸Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁹And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ¹⁰When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹¹and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹²This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

¹³After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers³ and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹⁴The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁵In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁶And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁷And he told those who sold

¹That is, about 4 p.m. ²Cephas in Aramaic and Peter in Greek both mean rock ³Or brothers and sisters (see Preface)

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the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Knows What Is in Man

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

You Must Be Born Again

³Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where

it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God So Loved the World

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

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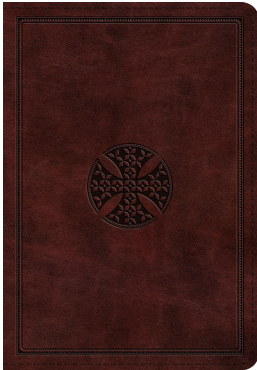
²²After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴(for John had not yet been put in prison).

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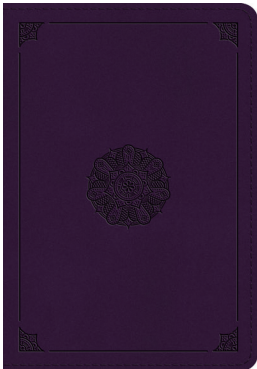
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²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds¹ fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man² in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

¹ Or flying things; see Leviticus 11:19-20 ² The Hebrew word for man (adam) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam

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²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food." ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and

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made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ When no bush of the field¹ was yet in the land² and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,⁶ and a mist³ was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat⁴ of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for⁵ him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed⁶ every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam⁷ there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,

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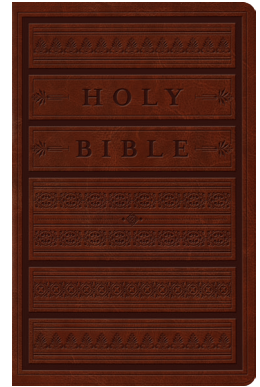
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"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they

²⁸ch. 3:1, 7 ²⁹ch. 3:3, 9 ³⁰Ps. 104:14, 15, 145:15, 16 ³¹Ps. 147:9 ³¹Eccl. 7:29, 1 Tim. 4:4 ^{Chapter 2} ¹Thou. 4:19, 5:6, 7:16, 7:17, 7:18, 7:19, 7:20, 7:21, 7:22, 7:23, 7:24, 7:25, 7:26, 7:27, 7:28, 7:29, 7:30, 7:31, 7:32, 7:33, 7:34, 7:35, 7:36, 7:37, 7:38, 7:39, 7:40, 7:41, 7:42, 7:43, 7:44, 7:45, 7:46, 7:47, 7:48, 7:49, 7:50, 7:51, 7:52, 7:53, 7:54, 7:55, 7:56, 7:57, 7:58, 7:59, 7:60, 7:61, 7:62, 7:63, 7:64, 7:65, 7:66, 7:67, 7:68, 7:69, 7:70, 7:71, 7:72, 7:73, 7:74, 7:75, 7:76, 7:77, 7:78, 7:79, 7:80, 7:81, 7:82, 7:83, 7:84, 7:85, 7:86, 7:87, 7:88, 7:89, 7:90, 7:91, 7:92, 7:93, 7:94, 7:95, 7:96, 7:97, 7:98, 7:99, 7:100, 7:101, 7:102, 7:103, 7:104, 7:105, 7:106, 7:107, 7:108, 7:109, 7:110, 7:111, 7:112, 7:113, 7:114, 7:115, 7:116, 7:117, 7:118, 7:119, 7:120, 7:121, 7:122, 7:123, 7:124, 7:125, 7:126, 7:127, 7:128, 7:129, 7:130, 7:131, 7:132, 7:133, 7:134, 7:135, 7:136, 7:137, 7:138, 7:139, 7:140, 7:141, 7:142, 7:143, 7:144, 7:145, 7:146, 7:147, 7:148, 7:149, 7:150, 7:151, 7:152, 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<p>GENESIS 1:26</p> <p>according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.</p> <p>²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."</p> <p>²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.</p> <p>²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."</p> <p>²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.</p> <p>³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.</p> <p><i>The Seventh Day, God Rests</i></p> <p>2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had</p>	<p>2</p> <p>done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.</p> <p><i>The Creation of Man and Woman</i></p> <p>⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.</p> <p>⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.</p> <p>¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."</p> <p>¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,</p> <p>"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."</p> <p>²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.</p> <p><i>The Fall</i></p> <p>3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.</p>	<p>GENESIS 3:14</p> <p>He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.</p> <p>⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."</p> <p>¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,</p>
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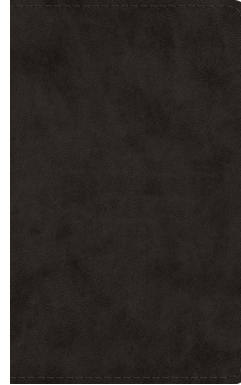
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enter the kingdom of God.⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God So Loved the World

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John the Baptist Exalts Christ

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³ Whoever receives

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his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

⁴ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar

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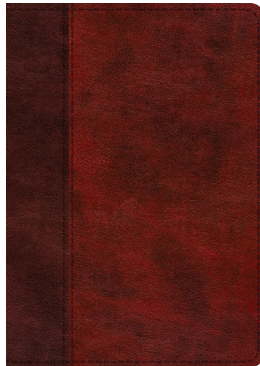
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Noah and the Flood

^aThese are the generations of Noah. ^bNoah was a righteous man, ^cblameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ^dAnd Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

^eNow the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ^fAnd God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ^gAnd God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh,^h for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ⁱ"Make yourself an ark of gopher wood.^j Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ^kThis is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits,^l its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ^mMake a roofⁿ for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ^oFor behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ^pBut I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ^qAnd of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ^rOf the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ^sAlso take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." ^tAnd Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

^uThen the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ^vTake with you seven pairs of all 'clean animals,' the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not

^aHebrew The end of all flesh has come before me ^bhas unknown kind of tree; translated from Hebrew ^cA cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters ^dOr slightly ^eOr seven of each kind ^fOr seven of each kind of clean animal

6:9–9:29 Noah's Descendants: Centered on Noah and his descendants, this section of Genesis is dominated by the account of the flood that brings about a renewal of the earth, which has similarities to 1:1–2:3. While the land is cleansed of the defilement caused by human wrongdoing and a new start is made possible by God, the people's hearts have not been transformed, as the final short episode in 9:20–28 reveals. The inclination of the human heart is still toward evil.

6:9–9:19 Noah and the Flood: This long section recounts how Noah and his immediate family are rescued from the flood. By echoing ch. 1, the whole process is presented as the undoing of creation and then the "re-creation" of the earth as it emerges from the flood. But after the flood not everything returns to a pristine condition. Human nature is not renewed.

6:9 These are the generations of Noah. A new heading introduces this section of Genesis (see note on 2:4). Noah's personal righteousness explains why he is warned about the forthcoming deluge. The Hebrew for **blameless** conveys the sense of being perfect, without evident flaw (although not necessarily sinless). **walked with God.** See note on 5:22–24. Like Noah, Abraham is later required by God to walk before him and be blameless (see 17:1). The positive attributes listed here are rarely ascribed to human beings in the OT.

6:11–12 In contrast to Noah, the earth was corrupt in God's sight. These verses confirm what has already been indicated in vv. 1–7. Here, however, particular emphasis is given to the **violence** that fills the earth. The mention of "corruption" here may lie behind Paul's "bondage to corruption" (Rom. 8:21): the creation suffers as mankind corrupts its way, and as God punishes that corruption. Originally delegated to govern the earth on God's behalf, humans have aggressively and viciously asserted their rule over others, including both people and other living creatures. The ancient Near Eastern epics of Gilgamesh and Atrahasis also tell of a flood sent to punish human beings. In those stories, however, it is merely the disruptive noise of humanity that leads to their destruction. Genesis emphasizes that God destroys the people he has created because of their immoral behavior.

6:13–17 In a long speech, God gives Noah directions for the construction of an ark (v. 14) that will be sufficiently large to house his family and a wide variety of other living creatures.

6:15 In modern measurements, the ark would have been around 450 feet

(140 m) long, 75 feet (23 m) wide, and 45 feet (14 m) high, yielding a displacement of about 43,000 tons (about 39 million kg). The inside capacity would have been 1.4 million cubic feet (39,644 cubic m), with an approximate total deck area of 95,700 square feet (8,891 square m).

6:17 Everything that is on the earth shall die. Although God intends the flood to destroy every person and his remarks have a strong universal emphasis, this in itself does not necessarily mean that the flood had to cover the whole earth. Since the geographical perspective of ancient people was more limited than that of contemporary readers, it is possible that the flood, while universal from their viewpoint, did not cover the entire globe. Indeed, Genesis implies that prior to the Tower of Babel incident (see 11:1–9), people had not yet spread throughout the earth. Many interpreters, therefore, argue that a huge regional flood may have been all that was necessary for God to destroy all human beings. The expression "all the earth" (7:3; cf. 8:9, "the whole earth") does not exclude such a possibility; later, "all the earth" came to Joseph to buy grain (41:57), with "all the earth" clearly referring to the eastern Mediterranean seaboard. In support of the view that the flood covered all the earth, other interpreters point out that the text says that "all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered" (7:19) and that the water was "fifteen cubits" above the tops of the mountains. If "the mountains of Ararat" (8:4) refers to the range that includes present-day Mount Ararat in Turkey (elevation 16,854 feet or 5,137 m), the amount of water necessary to cover it would be at least 16,854 feet above sea level.

6:18–22 God indicates that he will establish a **covenant** with Noah (see notes on 9:9–11; 9:12–17). By taking into the ark two of **every living thing**, including birds, animals, and creeping things, Noah displays the caring oversight that people were expected to have for other living creatures.

7:1–5 Having made the ark according to God's direction, Noah is now told to embark. He is instructed to take on board **seven pairs of all clean animals** and a **pair of the animals that are not clean**. On the distinction between clean and unclean creatures, see Lev. 11:1–47 and Deut. 14:4–20. Since after the flood some clean animals will be offered as sacrifices (see Gen. 8:20) and some will be eaten as food (see 9:3), to ensure their survival it was necessary to have more than one pair of each kind in the ark.

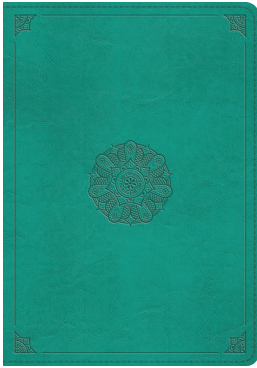
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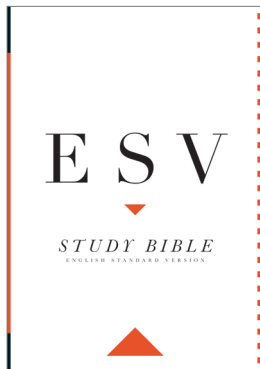
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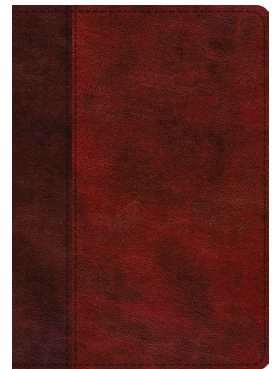
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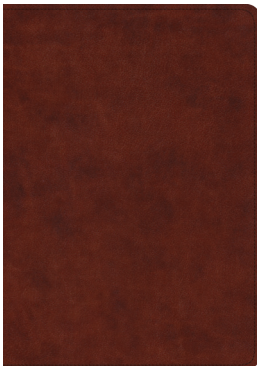
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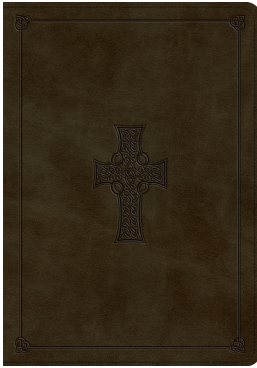


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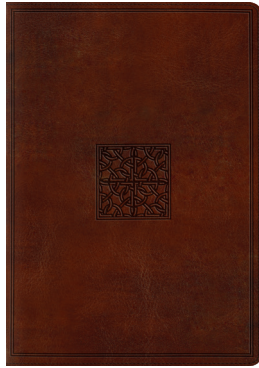


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ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man¹ in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

¹ The Hebrew word for man (adam) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam.² Or open country.³ Or earth; also verse 6.⁴ Or spring

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The Creation of Man and Woman

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field² was yet in the land³ and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,⁶ and a mist⁴ was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you

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GENESIS 3:15

shall not eat, for in the day that you eat¹ of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for² him."¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed³ every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam⁴ there was not found a helper fit for him.²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made⁵ into a woman and brought her to the man.²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."⁶

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Fall

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You⁷ shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall

you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,⁸ she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool⁹ of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰ ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring¹¹ and her offspring;

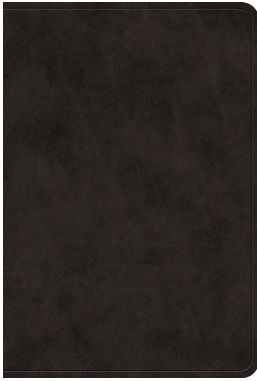
¹ Or when you eat.² Or corresponding to; also verse 20.³ Or And out of the ground the LORD God formed.⁴ Or the man.⁵ Hebrew built.⁶ The Hebrew words for woman (ishshah) and man (ish) sound alike.⁷ In Hebrew you is plural in verses 1-5.⁸ Or to give insight.⁹ Hebrew wind.¹⁰ In Hebrew you is singular in verses 9 and 11.¹¹ Hebrew seed; so throughout Genesis

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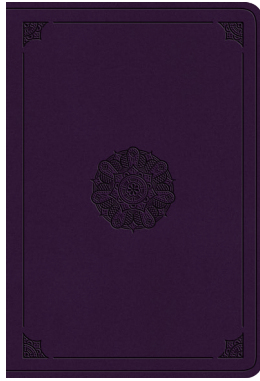


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among us, "and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son" from the Father, full of "grace and truth." ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" ¹⁶For from "his fullness we have all received, 'grace upon grace.' ¹⁷For 'the law was given through Moses; 'grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; "the only God, ¹⁹who is at the Father's side, ²⁰he has made him known.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹And this is the "testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem

to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? 'Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you 'the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²²So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight' the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)

²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "'I baptize with

¹Or only One, or unique One ²Or grace in place of grace ³Or the only One, who is God; some manuscripts the only Son ⁴Greek in the bosom of the Father ⁵Or crying out, 'In the wilderness make straight

PROFILE: JOHN THE BAPTIST

Zechariah and Elizabeth were childless and advanced in age when Gabriel announced that Elizabeth would bear a son. The baby would be named John, and he would "be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15). John lived and preached in the wilderness of Judea, where he wore clothes made of camel's hair and ate locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:4-6). John prepared the way for Jesus the Messiah by calling people to repentance, as the OT prophets had predicted (Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1). Those who accepted his message were baptized as an outward sign of their inward cleansing from sin. Although Jesus needed no repentance or cleansing, he was baptized by John in order to identify with the sinful people he came to save. After angering the royal Herod family, John was imprisoned and eventually beheaded (Matt. 14:6-12).

KEY REFERENCE: JOHN 1:29-34

God the Father. The Greek for "only" means "one of a kind, unique" (compare Gen. 22:2).

1:15 bore witness. Jesus speaks of several witnesses who bear testimony concerning him (see chart, p. 1405).

1:16-17 In the law, God graciously revealed his character and the

The First Week of Jesus' Ministry

Day 1	John the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus	1:19-28
Day 2	John the Baptist's encounter with Jesus	1:29-34
Day 3	John the Baptist's referral of disciples to Jesus	1:35-39
Day 4	Andrew's introduction of his brother Peter to Jesus	1:40-42
Day 5	The recruitment of Philip and Nathanael	1:43-51
Day 6		
Day 7	The wedding at Cana	2:1-11

things he required of his people. Jesus, however, is the final, definitive revelation of God's grace and truth.

1:18 No one has ever seen God, that is, in a full and complete way (see 6:46), the only God. Some ancient manuscripts say "the only Son" here (see esp. footnote); the earliest manuscripts say "the only God." John refers here to two different persons as "God," as he did in 1:1. Thus John concludes the prologue by emphasizing what he taught in v. 1: Jesus is God, and he has revealed and explained God to humanity.

1:19-12:50 Signs of the Messiah, with Teaching about Life in Him. The first half of John's Gospel features Jesus' demonstration of his messianic identity through several selected "signs" (see Introduction: Theme and Purpose), turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana (2:1-11).

1:19-2:11 These verses tell of the first week of Jesus' ministry. He is hailed by John the Baptist as "God's lamb" (1:29, 36), is followed by his first disciples (1:37-51), and performs his first miraculous "sign" (see Introduction: Theme and Purpose), turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana (2:1-11).

1:19 The Jews is an expression John often uses to refer to hostile Jewish opponents of Jesus. The phrase does not mean all Jews, for Jesus, John the Baptist, and the apostles were also Jews. See esp. footnote on 5:10, etc. Jerusalem. See Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus, pp. 1286-1287.

1:20-21 John the Baptist denies being the Christ or Elijah. Elijah, who never died (2 Kings 2:11), was expected to return in the end times (Mal. 4:5) to "restore all things" (Matt. 17:11). John the Baptist did resemble Elijah in his rugged lifestyle (Matt. 3:4; compare 2 Kings 1:8). And Jesus, with his deeper understanding of OT prophecy, saw John as fulfilling the prophecy about Elijah (see Matt. 11:14). John also denied being the Prophet, whose coming was predicted by Moses in Deut. 18:15, 18 (see Acts 3:22) and was expected in Jesus' day (see Gen. 6:14; 7:40-41; and notes).

1:23 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness. See Isa. 40:3; compare Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4. This messenger was to prepare the way for the Lord to come to his people.

1:24 Pharisees. A small but influential group of Jews who emphasized observance of the law and their own traditions as the path to

¹⁴ch. 2:1; Luke 9:32; 2 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 1:1; 4:14. ¹⁵See ver. 7. ¹⁶See 2:20. ¹⁷See Matt. 3:1. ¹⁸See 1:12; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19; 29 (Matt. 25:29). ¹⁹ch. 7:19; Ex. 20:1; ver. 14; (Rom. 5:21). ²⁰ch. 5:37; 6:46; Ex. 33:20; Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:12; 20 (ch. 12:45). ²¹See ch. 3:16. ²²Matt. 11:27. ²³See ch. 3:13. ²⁴ch. 3:26; 7:19; 8:22. ²⁵See 8: ch. 3:28; Acts 13:25; (Luke 3:1). ²⁶Matt. 10:34; 16:14. ²⁷See Deut. 18:15; 18. ²⁸Cited from Isa. 40:3; See Matt. 3:3. ²⁹Matt. 3:6; Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3, 7. ³⁰Matt. 3:1; Mark 1:7, 8; Luke 3:16; Acts 15:13, 25

water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even "he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Behold, the Lamb of God

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, 'the Lamb of God, who 'takes away the sin 'of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but 'for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John 'bore witness: "'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and 'it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but 'he who sent me to baptize 'with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, 'this is he who baptizes 'with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son 'of God."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, 'the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "'What are you

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seeking?" And they said to him, "'Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus' was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found 'the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of 'John. You shall be called 'Cephas" (which means "Peter").

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³The next day Jesus decided 'to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now 'Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found 'Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom 'Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus 'of Nazareth, 'the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, 'an Israelite indeed, 'in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How 'do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw

¹Some manuscripts the Chosen One ²That is, about 4 P.M. ³Greek him ⁴Cephas and Peter are from the word for rock in Aramaic and Greek, respectively

DID YOU KNOW?

Finding their true master. John reports that two of Jesus' disciples had previously followed John the Baptist (1:35-40). One of them was Andrew; the other was probably John himself. They believed John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus, and became his disciples instead.

1:44 Bethsaida was just northeast of where the Jordan flows into the Sea of Galilee from the north.

1:45 Nathanael (see Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14). The Law and ... the prophets commonly referred to the entire OT (e.g., Matt. 5:17). **1:46** Nazareth. Nazareth was a town of no more than 2,000 people. See note on Luke 1:26.

1:48 I saw you. Jesus displays supernatural knowledge, thus confirming his identity as the Messiah. The fig tree often is a symbol for Israel. See note on Mark 11:13-14. Jesus sees Nathanael as an honest Jew.

²⁷ver. 15; 30. ²⁹ver. 36; Ex. 12:3; Isa. 53:7; Acts 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:19; [Gen. 22:8; Rev. 5:6]. ³¹John 3:5; (Heb. 10:4, 11). ³²See ver. 7. ³³See ver. 7. ³⁴Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; [Isa. 11:2; Acts 10:38]. ³⁵See 6: Luke 9:37; 35. ³⁶Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:18; Luke 3:16; Acts 15:36. ³⁷See ver. 29. ³⁸ch. 18:4; 20:5; ver. 49; ch. 32, 26; 6:25; [ch. 20:16; Mark 10:51]. ⁴⁰For ver. 40-42, [Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:21]. ⁴¹ch. 4:25. ⁴²ch. 20:15-17. ⁴³1 Cor. 12:22; [Matt. 18:18]. ⁴⁴See ver. 35; ch. 2:11. ⁴⁵ver. 28]. ⁴⁶ch. 12:2. ⁴⁷ch. 2:12. ⁴⁸See Luke 16:36; 24:27. ⁴⁹See Matt. 22:3; ch. 6:42; Luke 3:33. ⁴⁹ch. 2:24, 25; 7:41; 52]. ⁴⁷Ps. 73:1; Rom. 9:4, 6. ⁵⁰Ps. 32:2; [Zeph. 3:13; Rev. 14:5]. ⁴⁸ch. 2:24, 25

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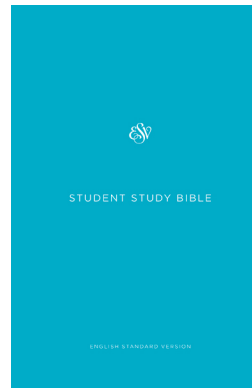
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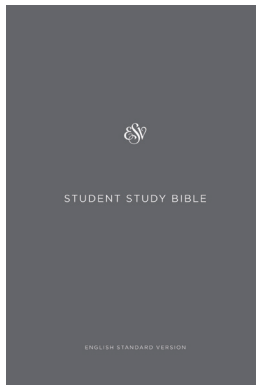
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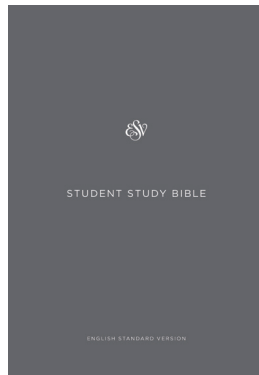
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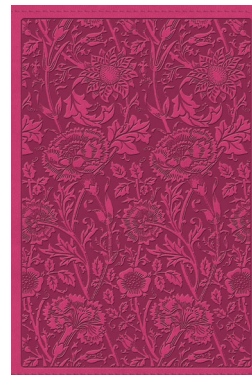
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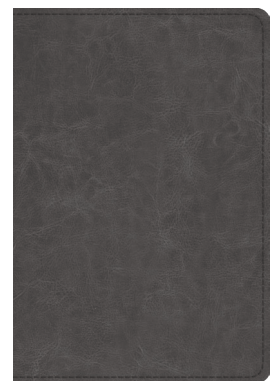
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The Testimony

¹⁹ And this when the Jew from Jerusale you?" ²⁰ He co but confessed ²¹ And they as you Elijah?" H the Prophet? ²² So they said We need to gi sent us. What c