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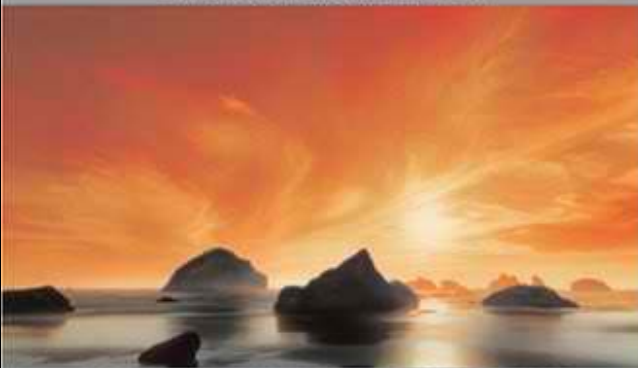
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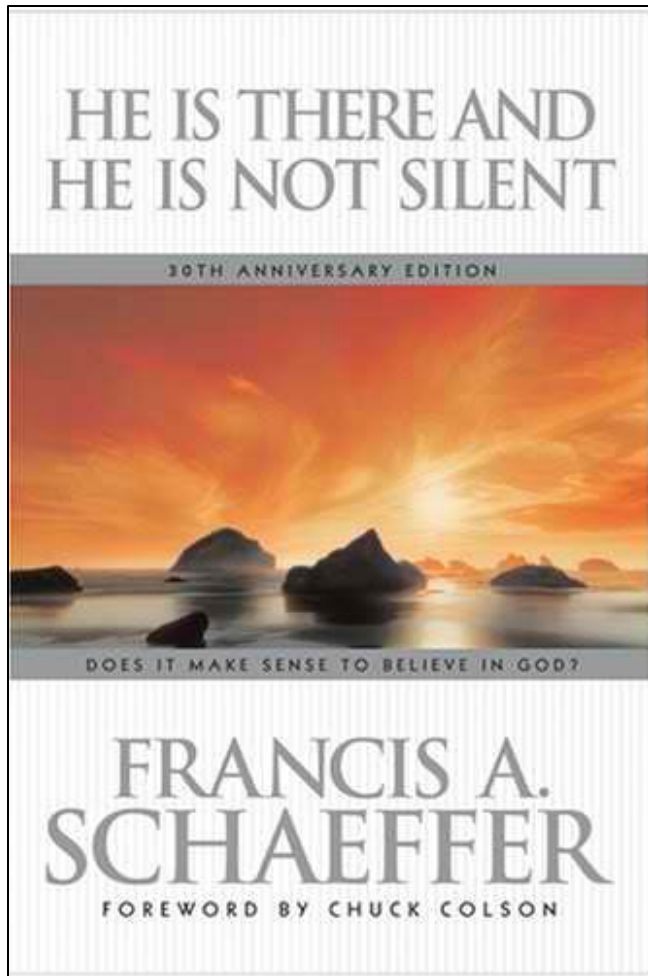
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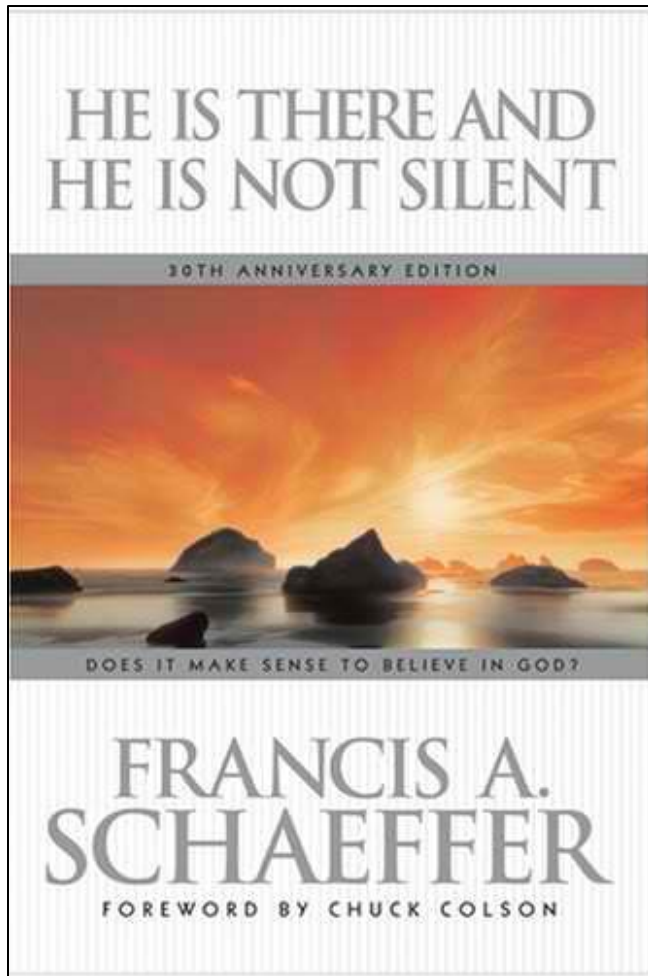
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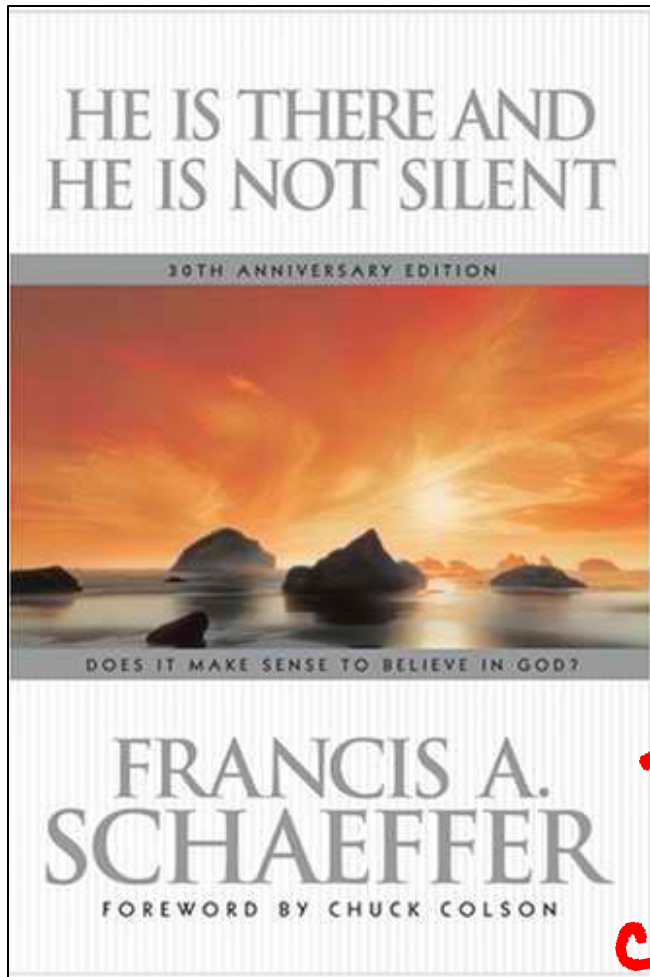
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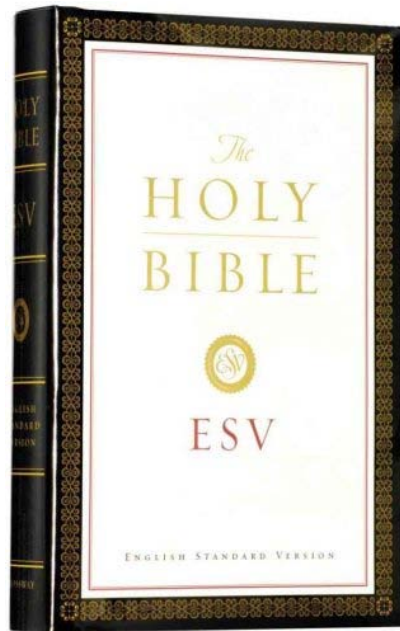
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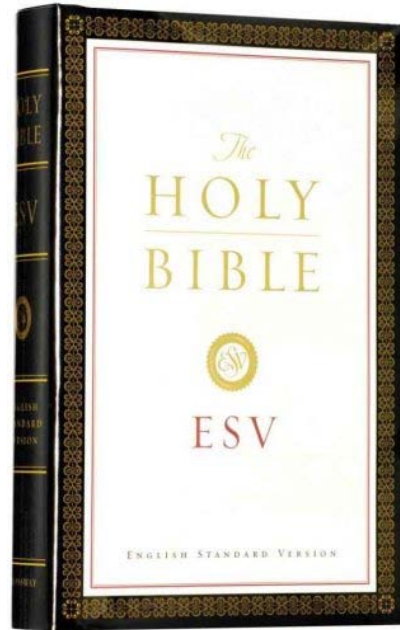
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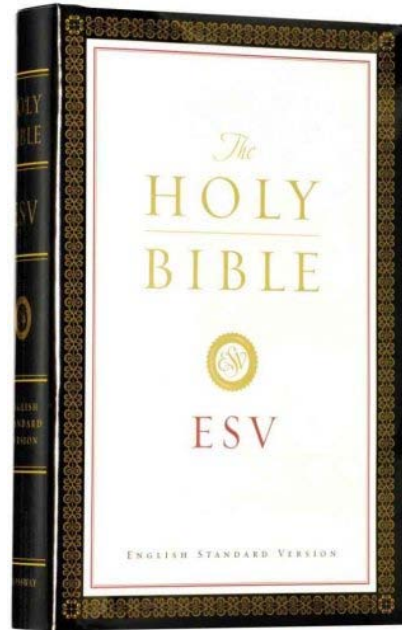


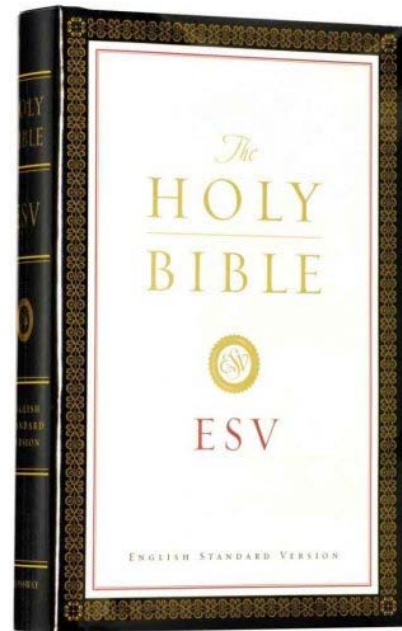
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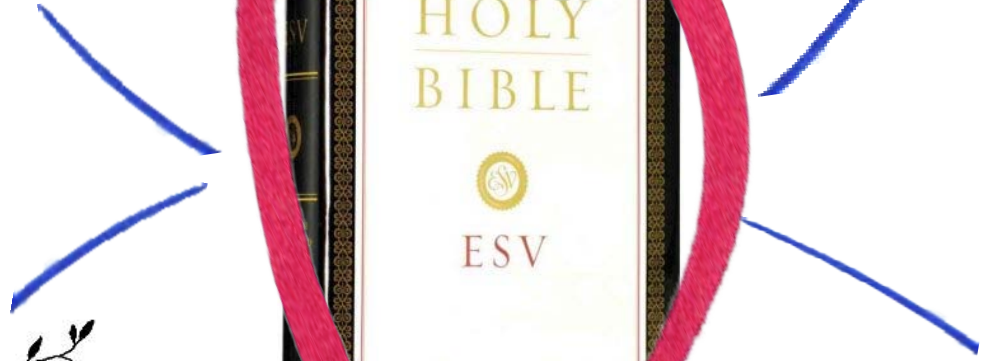
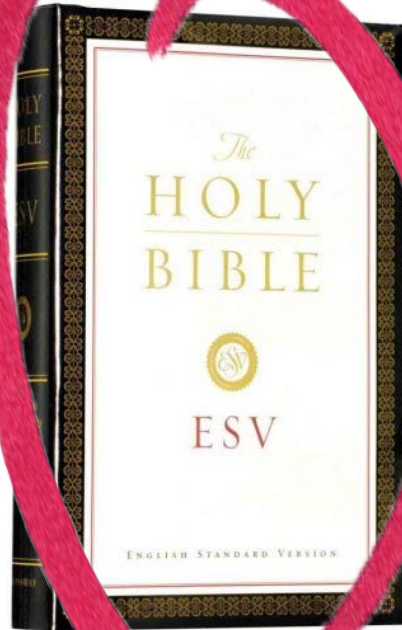


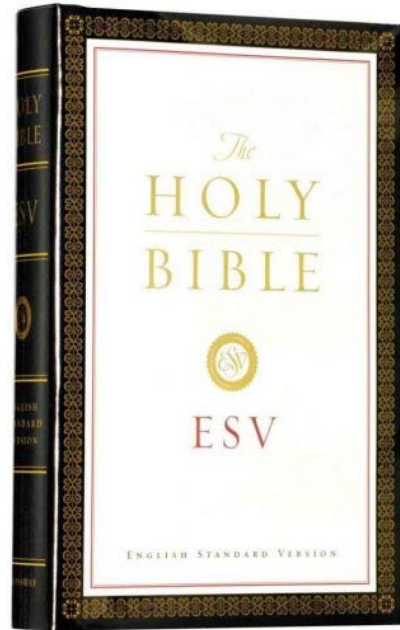


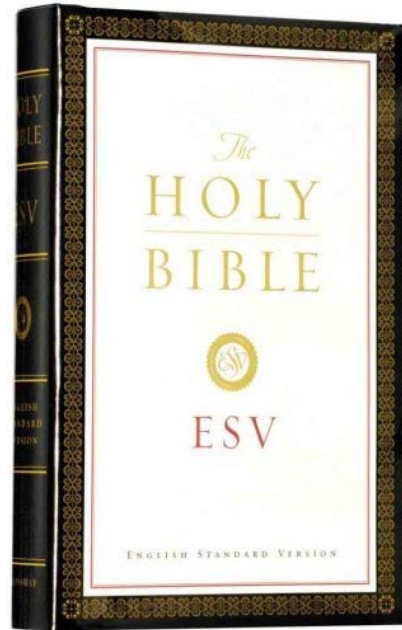


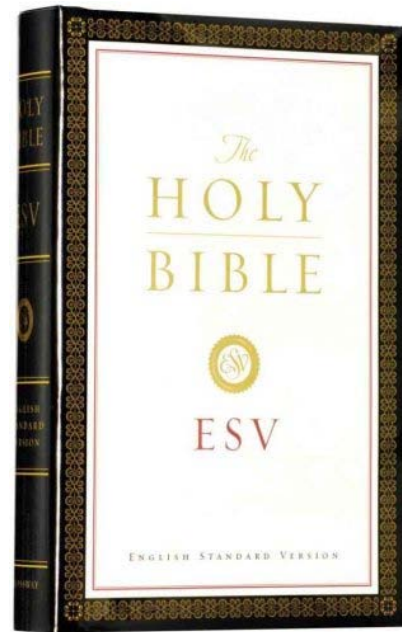


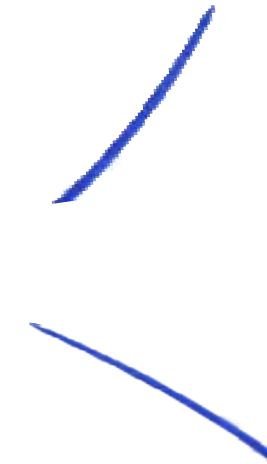
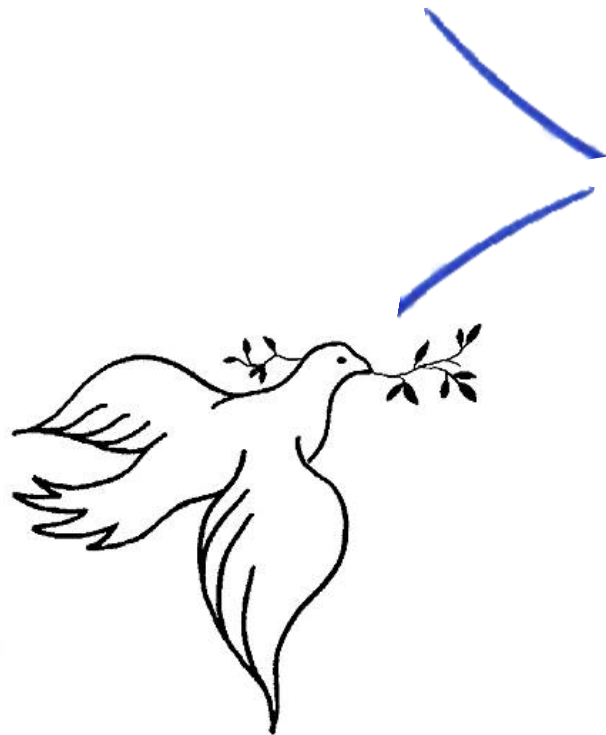
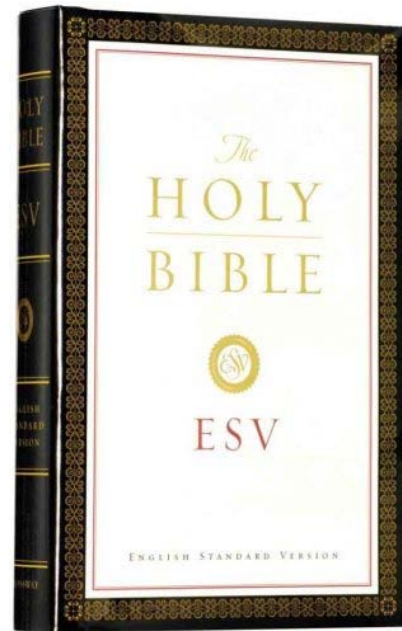




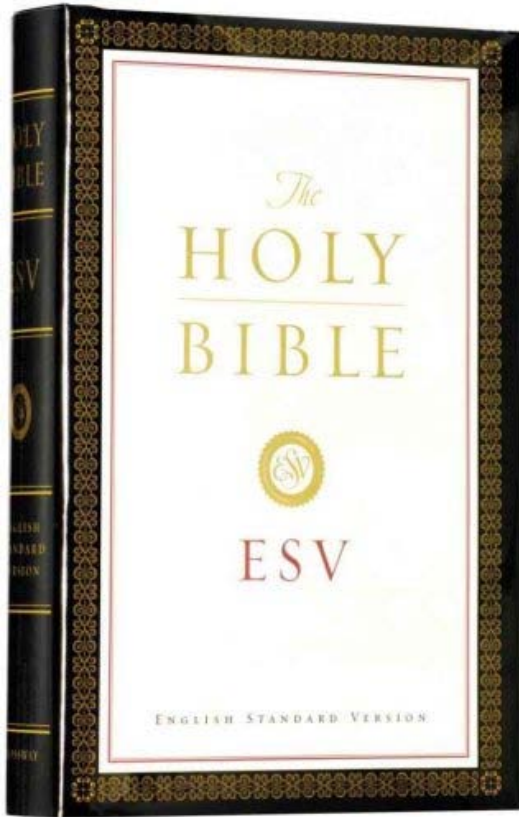


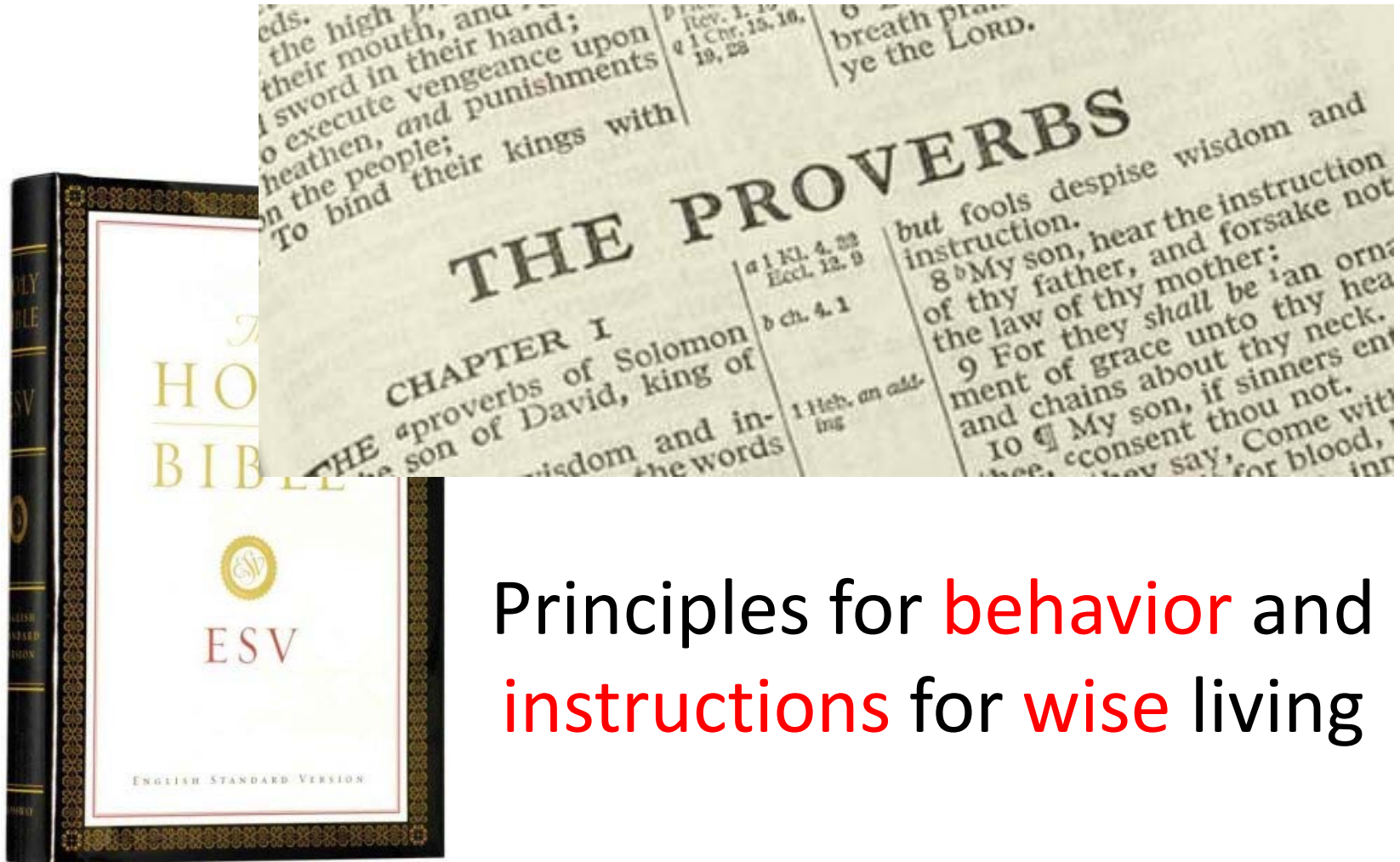












Principles for **behavior** and **instructions** for **wise** living

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Rev. 1. 18  
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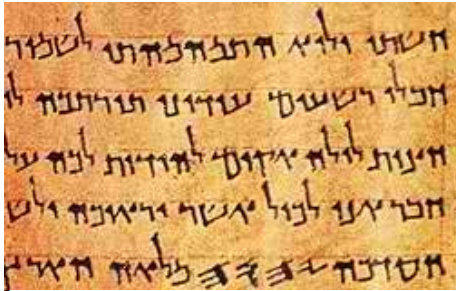
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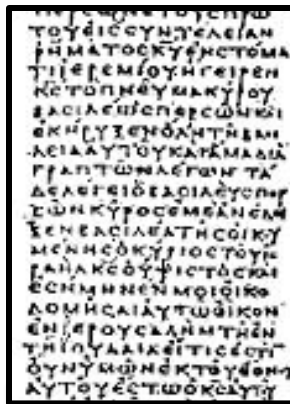
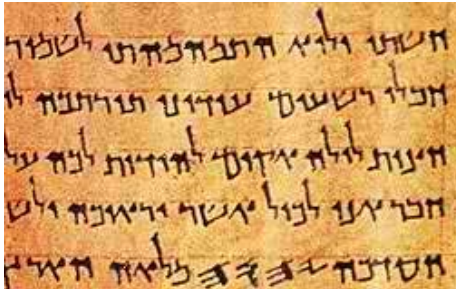
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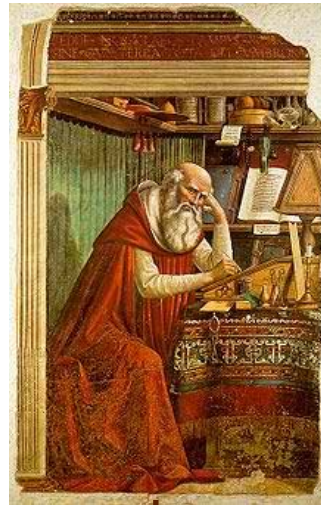
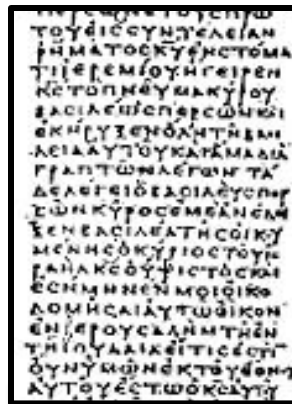
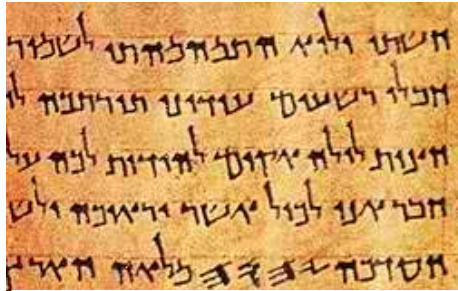


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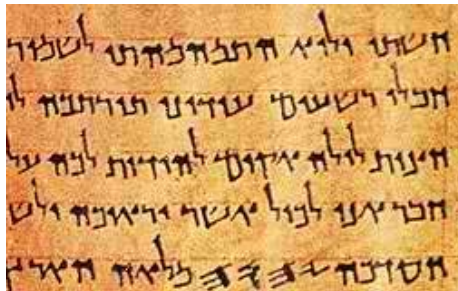
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# Who wrote Proverbs?





Amen-em-opet





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Give thy ears, hear what  
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understand them. To  
put them in thy heart is  
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Amen-em-opet

Give thy ears, hear what is said. Give thy heart to understand them. To put them in thy heart is worthwhile



Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you.



Amen-em-opet



Do not carry off the landmark at the boundaries of the arable land.



Amen-em-opet



Do not carry off the  
landmark at the  
boundaries of the  
arable land.

Do not move the  
ancient landmarks  
that your fathers  
have set.



Amen-em-opet



Guard thyself against  
robbing the oppressed  
and against overbearing  
the disabled.





Amen-em-opet

Unlike Amen-em-opet, the Proverbs are recast to reflect the role of Yahweh



Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate.



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# WARNING:

Proverbs teach us how to **live wisely**, not absolute **magic rules**

**Exm:** Prov. 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

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“Heart” includes all your mind!

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“**Understanding**” includes the moral element

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This pits the choice between  
**humble submission** to God  
against **arrogant self-sufficiency**.

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Here is the assurance of the **future** from the God over time



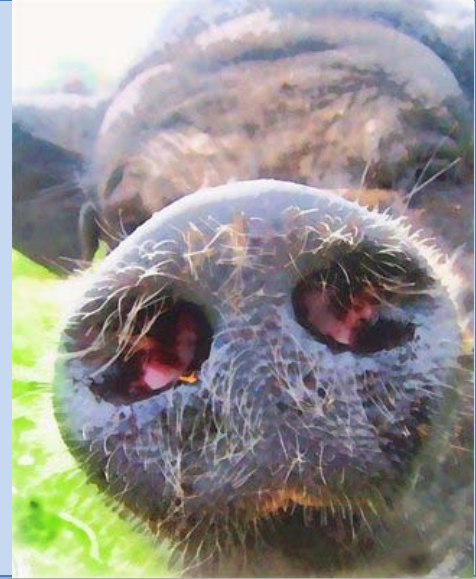
**‘Nuff said!**

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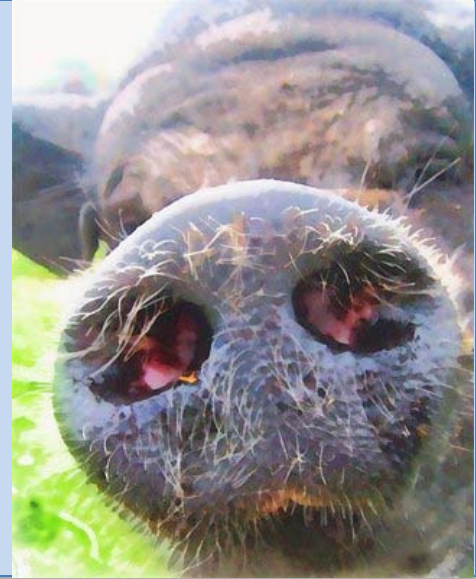
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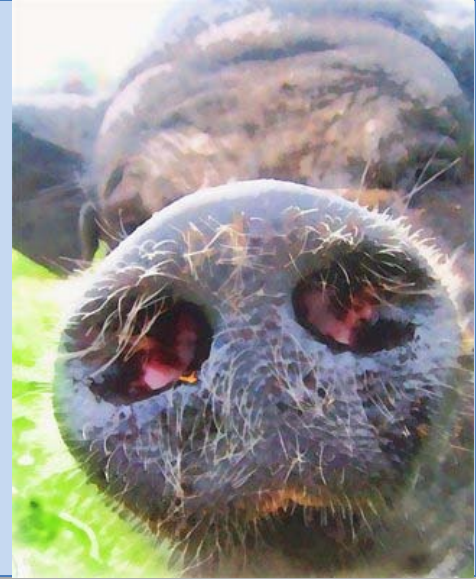
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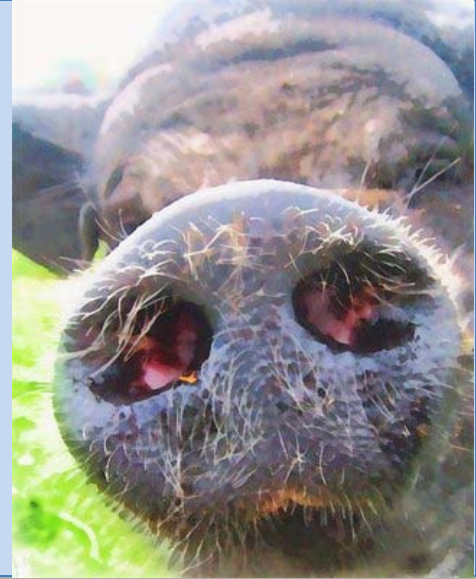
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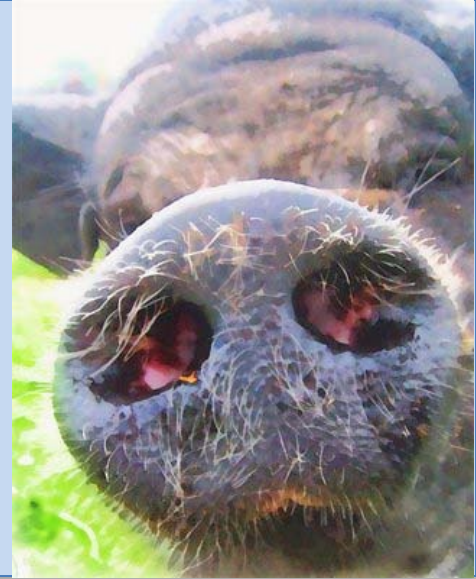


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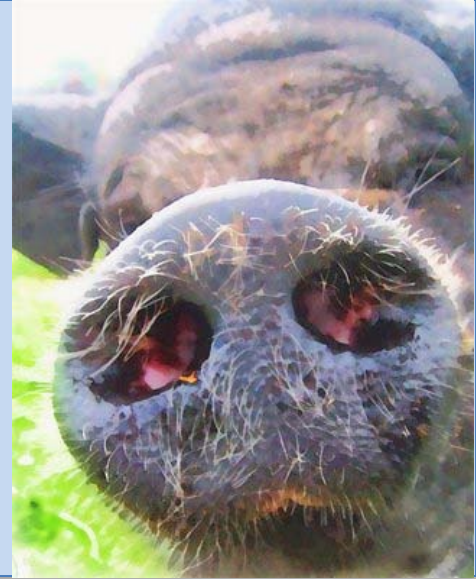


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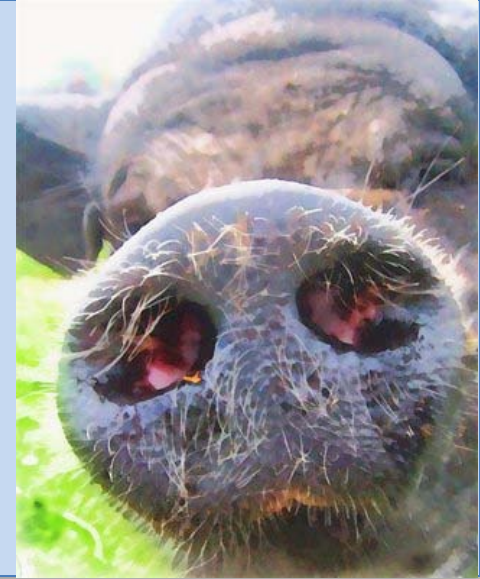
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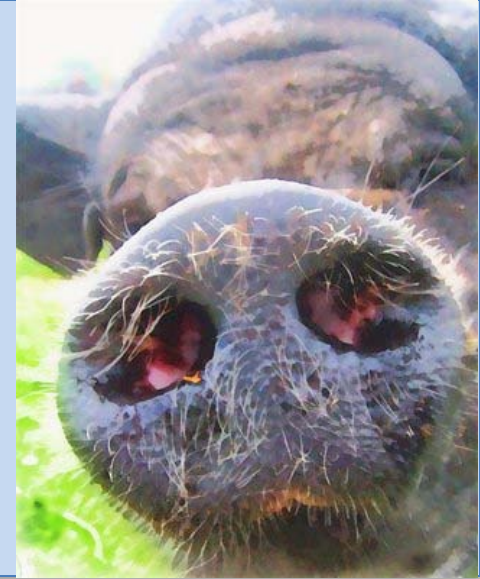
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15:1

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“**Soft**” means **gentle** or **mild**.

I.e., When faced with anger, a **soft**  
or **gentle** response helps defuse  
the situation

22:1

*A **good name** is more desirable than **great riches**; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold*



Is this really true?

**YES!**



22:17-19

*Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge... That your trust may be in the LORD, I have made them known to you today, even to you.*

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**Incline your ear** means  
**Pay attention!**

22:17-19

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**This is about more than  
living wisely!**



# The Words of Agur



30:1ff

*I am weary, O God, and worn out. Surely I am too stupid to be a man. I have not the understanding of a man. I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.*

30:1ff

*Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth?*

30:1ff

*Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God*

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