

Paul, His Life and Teaching



Why Should We Study Paul ?

Lesson 1

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“Paul” or “Saul”?

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Gaius

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First name
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Personal given name

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Gaius

Julius

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Second name
(*Nomen*)

▪
▪ Clan affiliation

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Being Jewish, Paul also had a Hebrew name: or
“*Sha’ul*” or “*Saoul*” (“Asked for”)

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“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have **called** them.” (Acts 13:2)

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“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an
apostle and set apart for the gospel of God.”
(Rom. 1:1)



Why study Paul?



West

Black Sea

Asia Minor

Mediterranean Sea

South

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Why study Paul's
teachings?

Peter on Paul

“And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters.

There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.” (2 Peter 3:15-16)

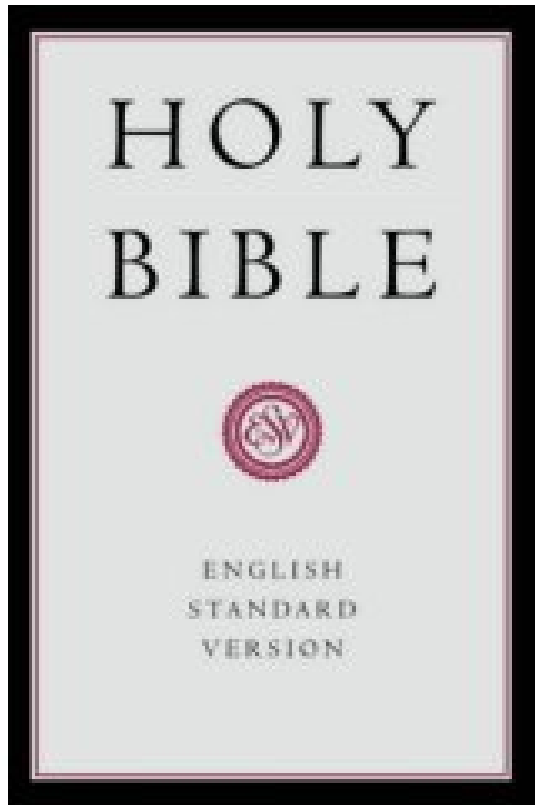


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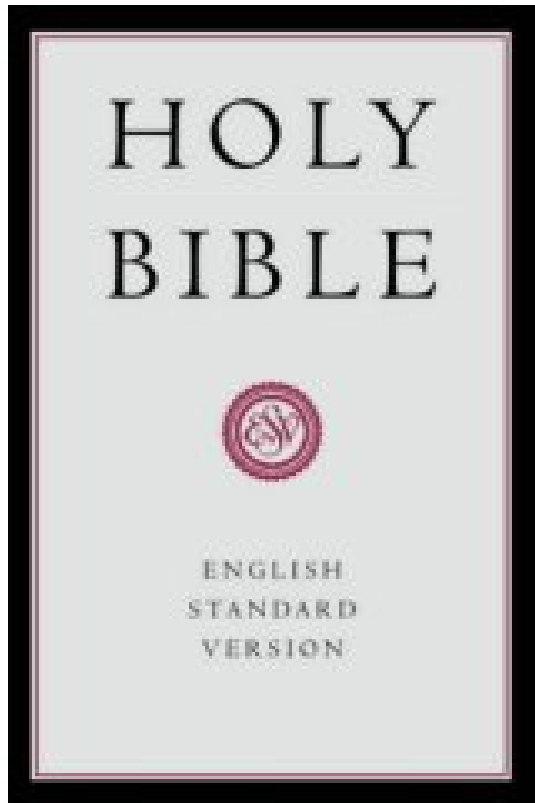


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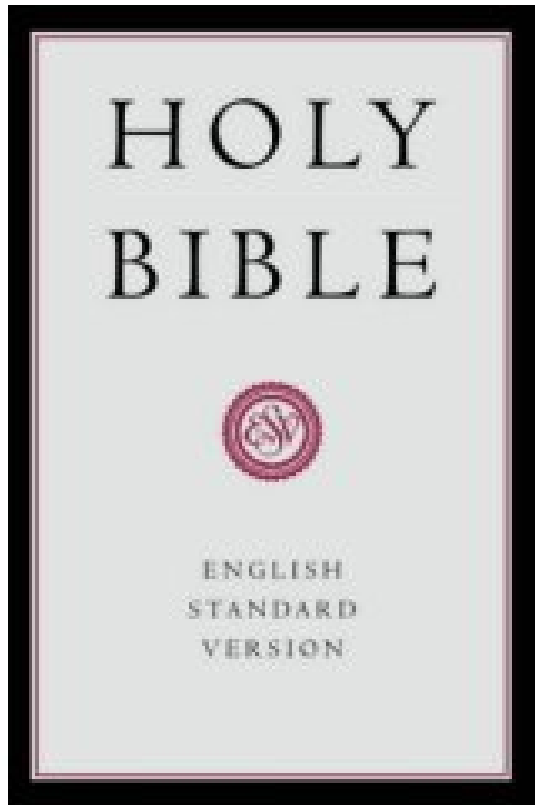


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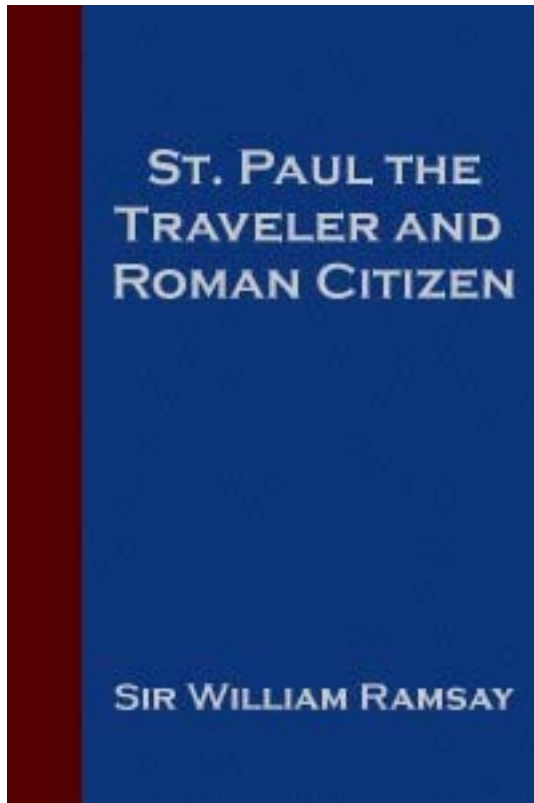
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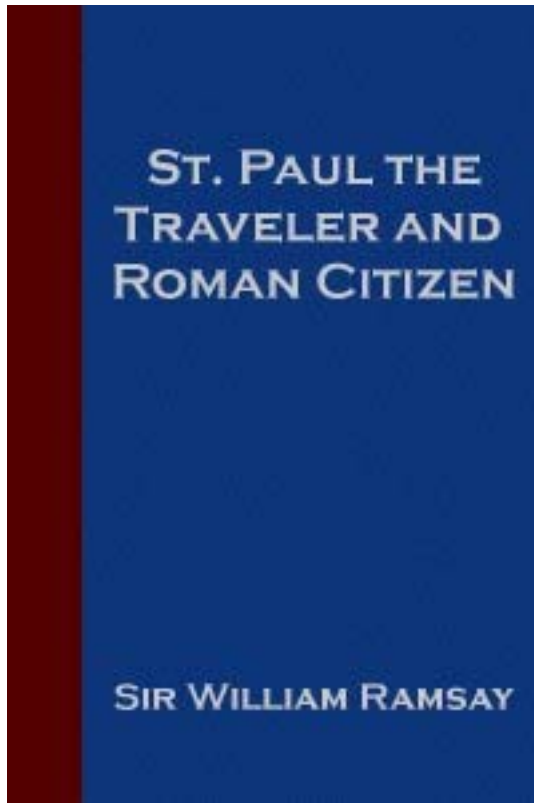


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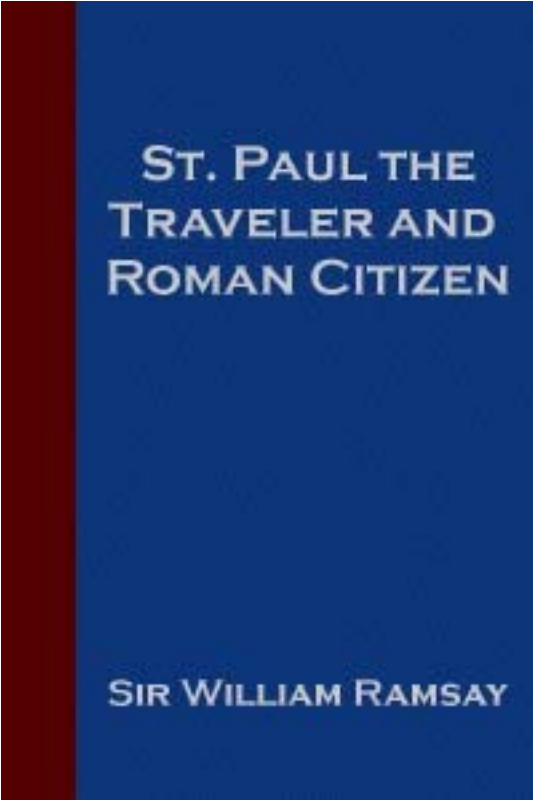
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The characterisation of Paul in Acts is so detailed and individualised as to prove the author's personal acquaintance. Moreover, the Paul of Acts is the Paul that appears to us in his own letters, in his ways and his thoughts, in his educated tone of polished courtesy, in his quick and vehement temper, in the extraordinary versatility and

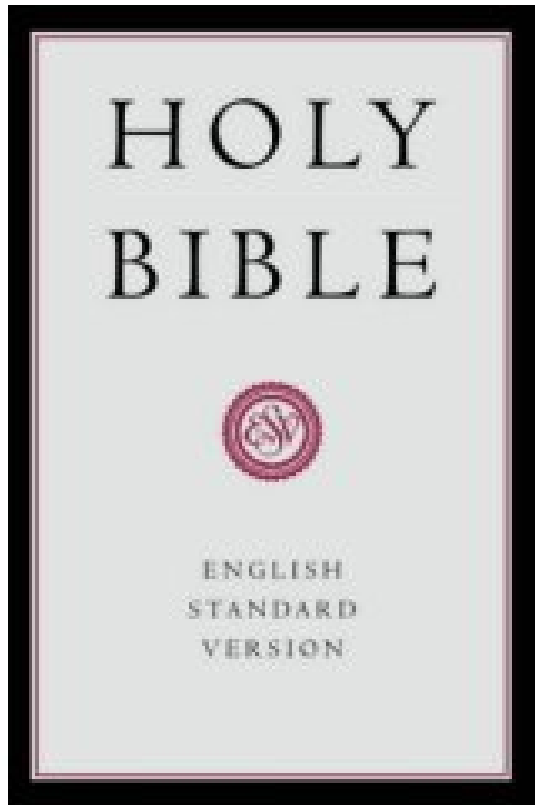


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TRAVELER AND
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SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY

adaptability which made him at home in every society, moving at ease in all surroundings, and everywhere the centre of interest, whether he is the Socratic dialectician in the Agora of Athens, or the rhetorician in its University, or conversing with kings and proconsuls, or advising in the council on shipboard, or cheering a broken-spirited crew to make one more effort for life.

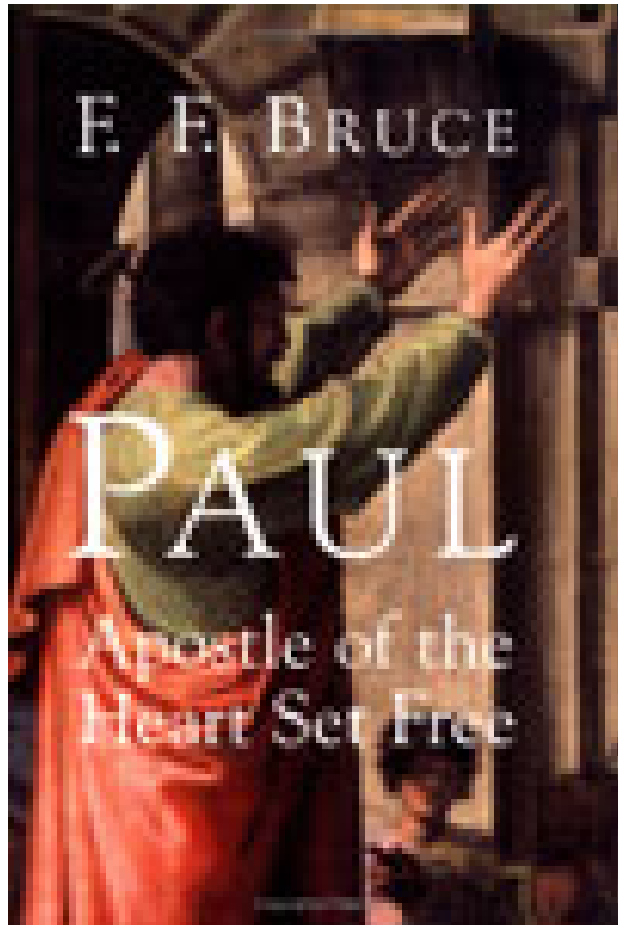
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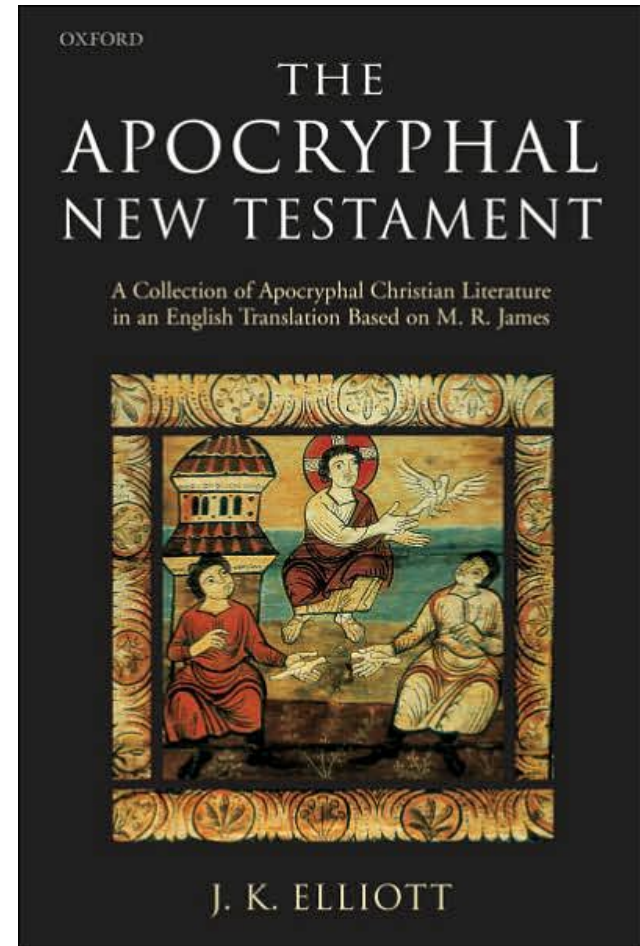
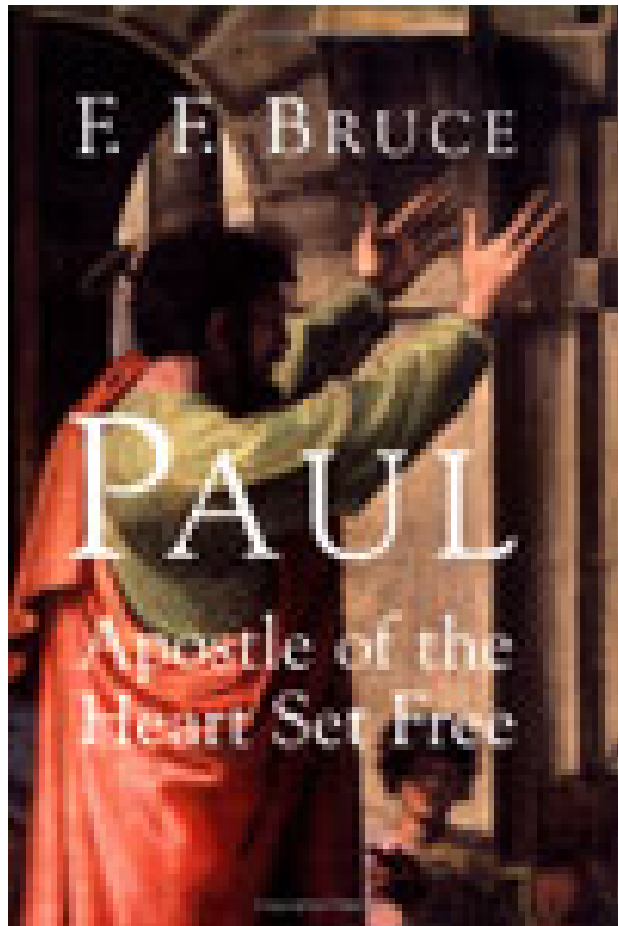
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“he saw Paul coming, a man of middling size, and his hair was scanty, and his legs were a little crooked, and his knees were projecting, and he had large eyes and his eyebrows met, and his nose was somewhat long, and he was full of grace and mercy; at one time he seemed like a man, and at another time he seemed like an angel.”

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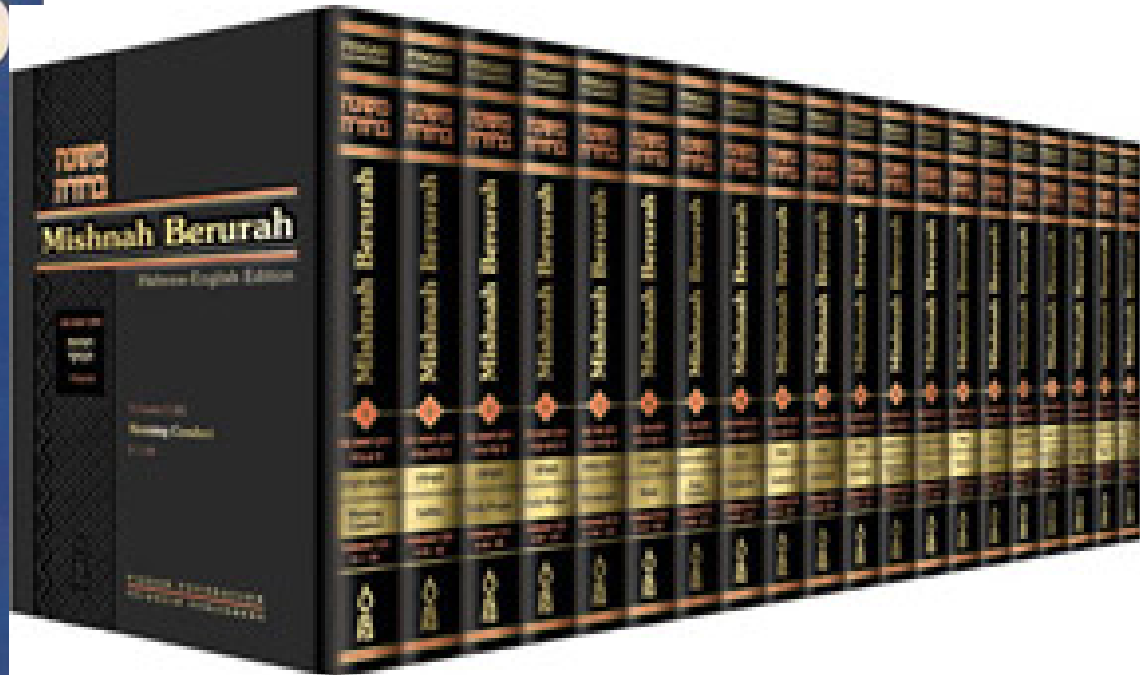
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 - Missionary travels
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 - Paul on Jesus ("Christology")
 - Paul on Scripture
 - Paul on the Law
 - Paul on salvation ("Soteriology")
 - The gospel
 - Use of legal language
 - The elect
 - Paul on sanctification
 - Paul on guidance
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 - Paul on spiritual anatomy (spirit, soul, body, mind, etc.; "anthropology")
 - Paul on spiritual warfare
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“No single event, apart from the Christ-event itself, has proved so determinant for the course of Christian history as the conversion and commissioning of Paul.”

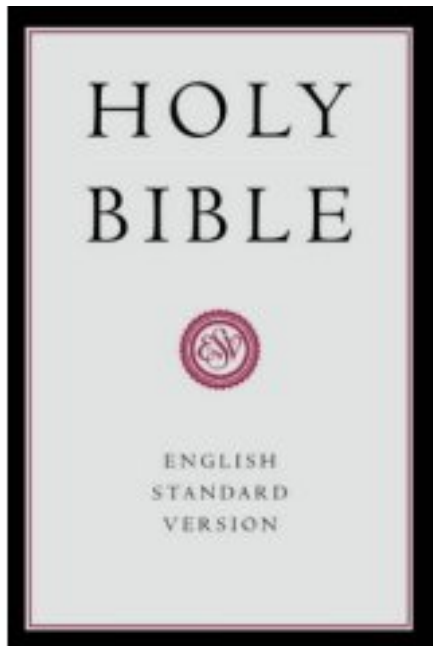
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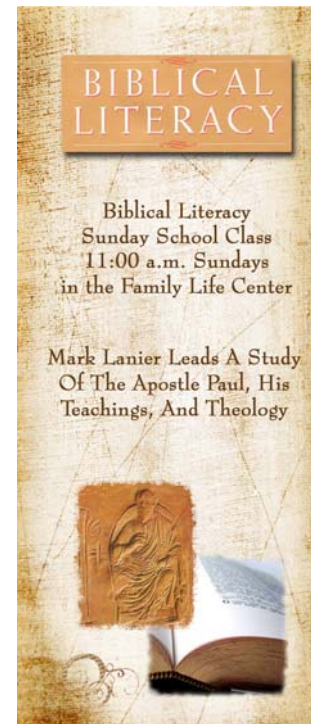
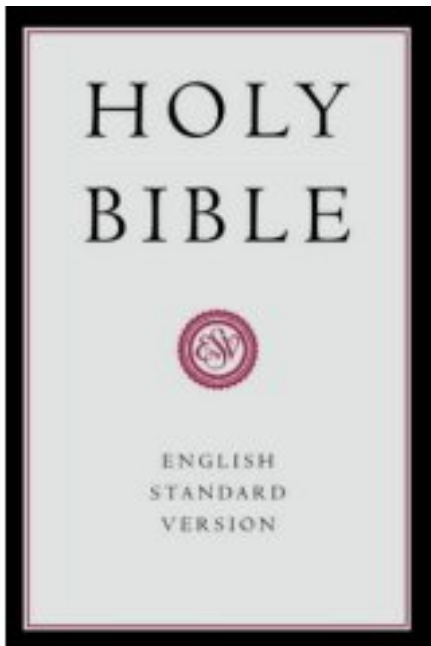
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As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it' (Is. 55:10-11)