

Paul, His Life and Teachings



Paul's Theology Scripture – Part 2

Lesson 54

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Last week was a foundation class



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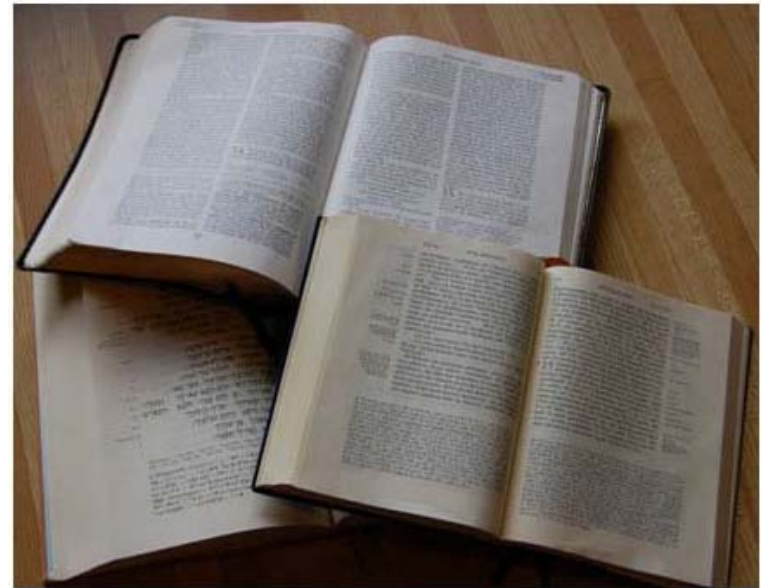
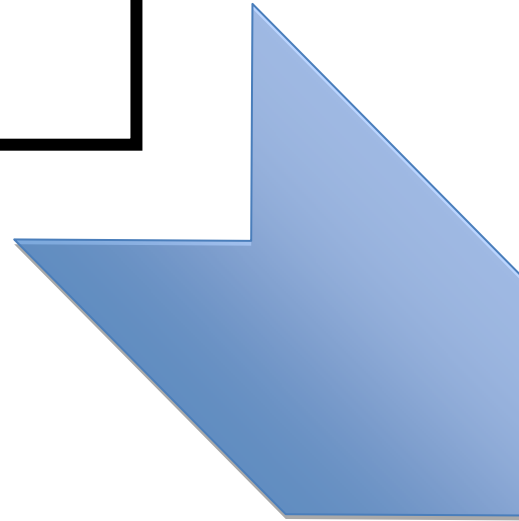
Valentin de Boulogne - 1600

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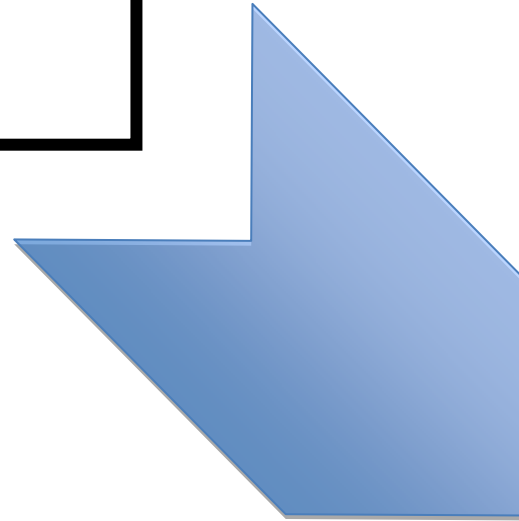


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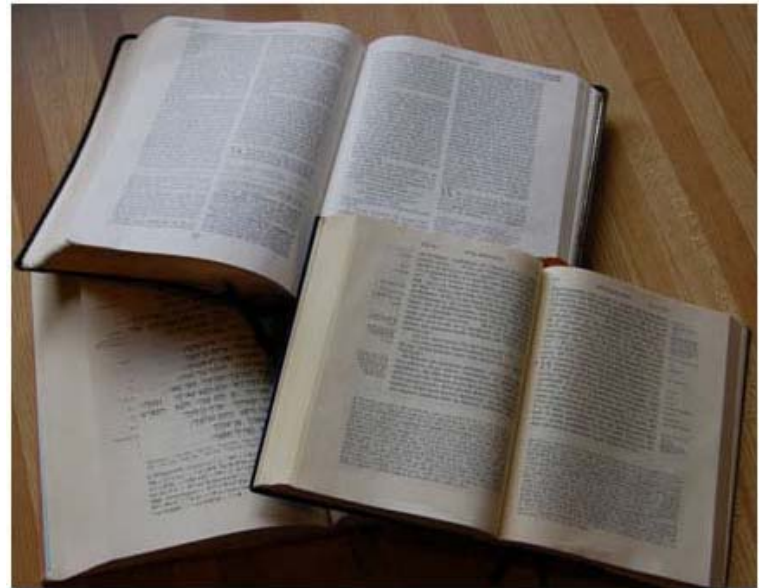
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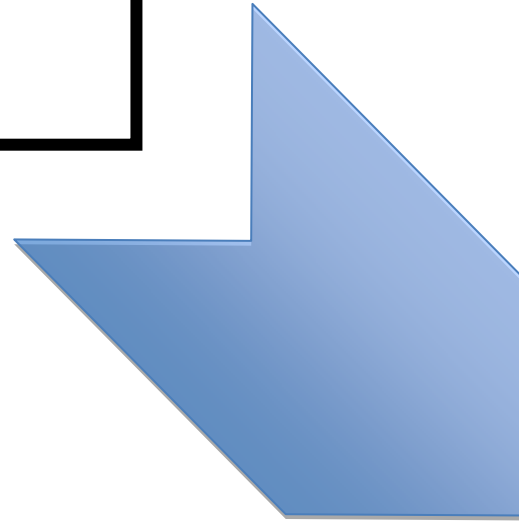
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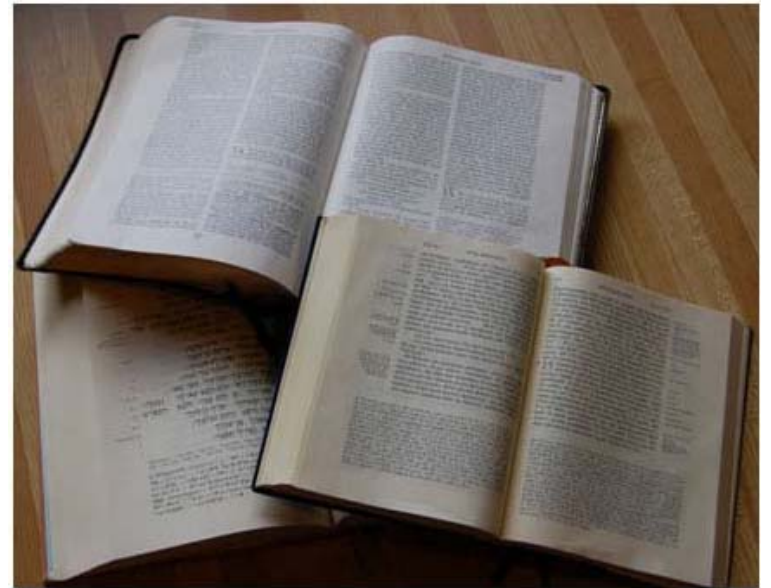


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they are filled
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life!



God chose



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“I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me”

(Phil. 4:10)

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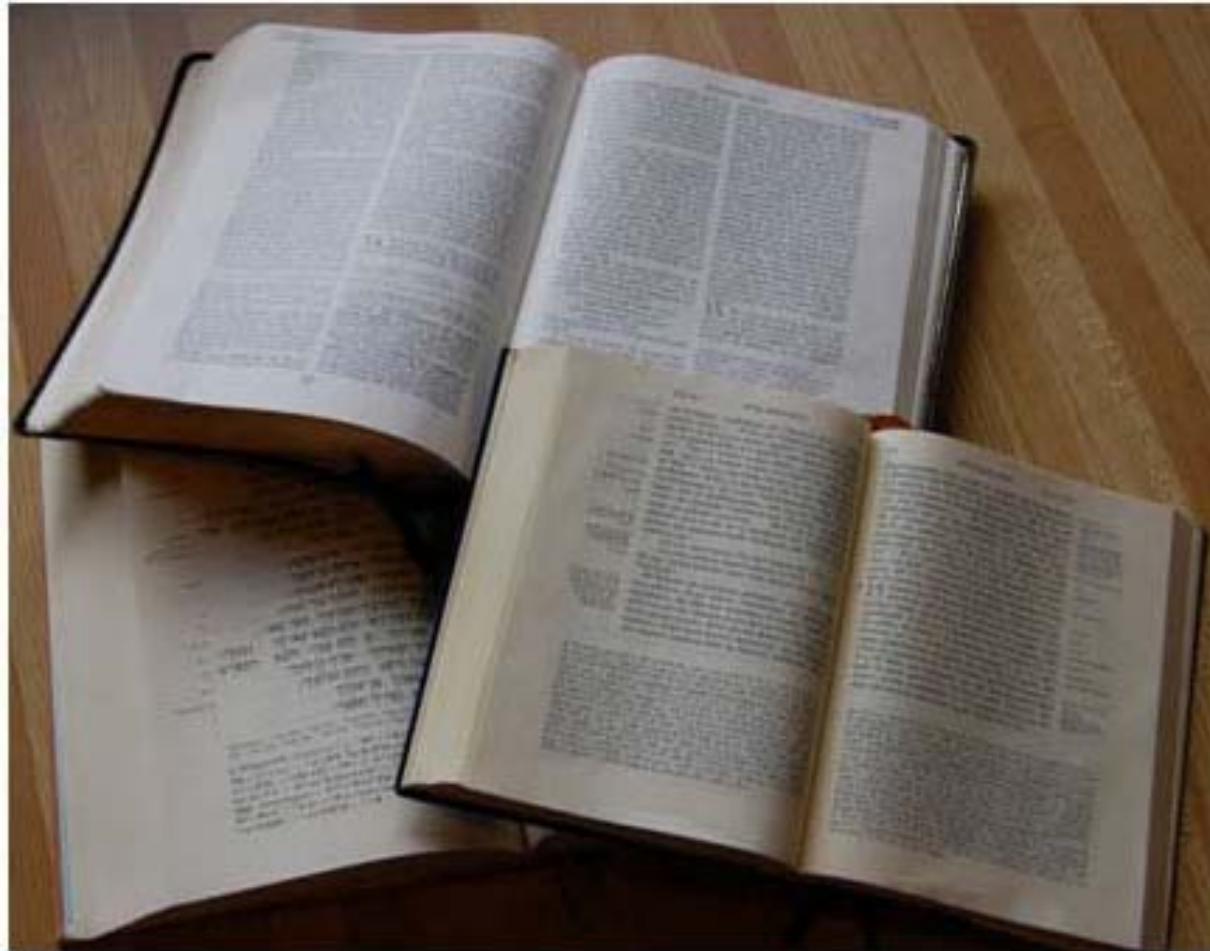
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“Prepare a guest room for me” (Phile. 1:22)

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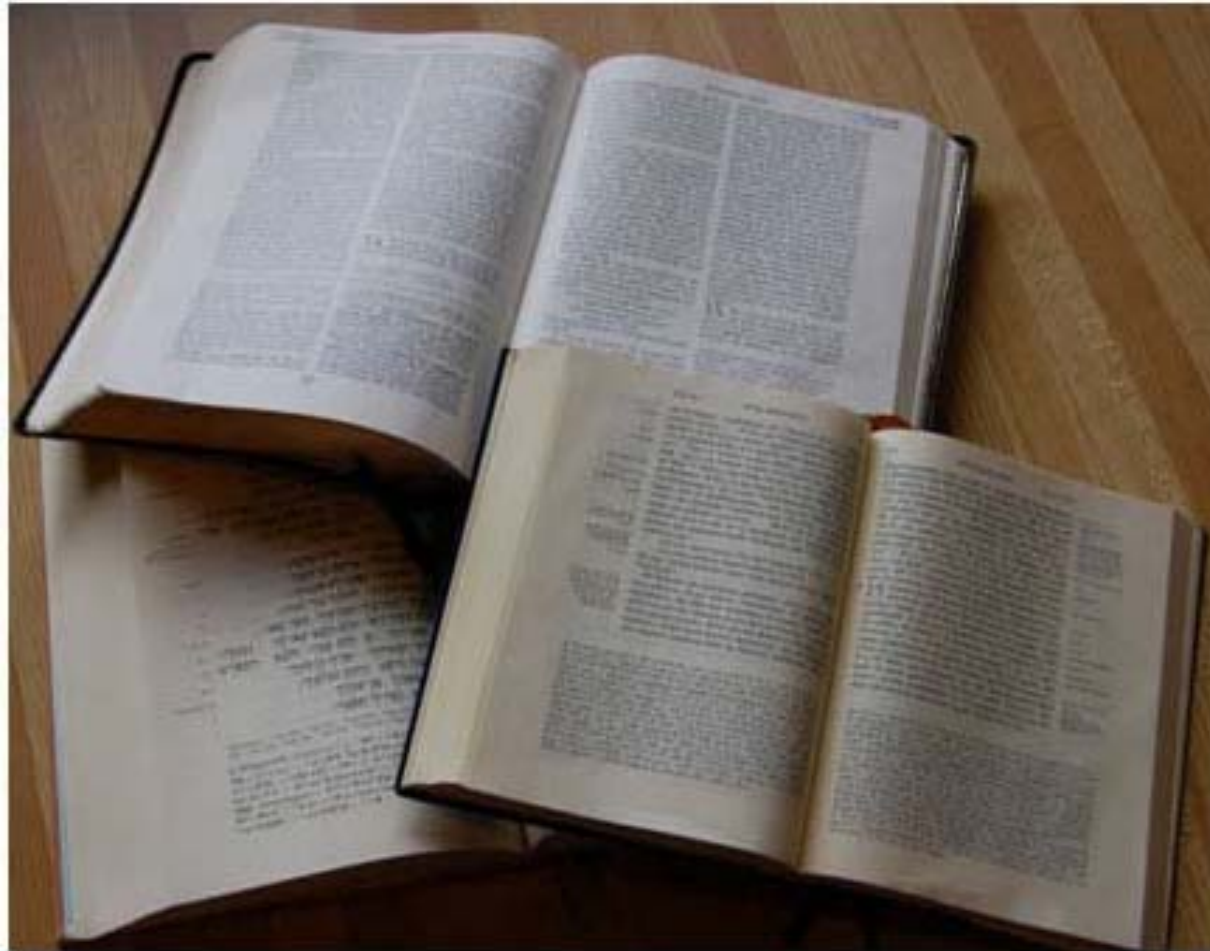
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The Jews “were entrusted with the oracles of God.” (Rom. 3:1-2)



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“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

(Rom. 15:4)



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One
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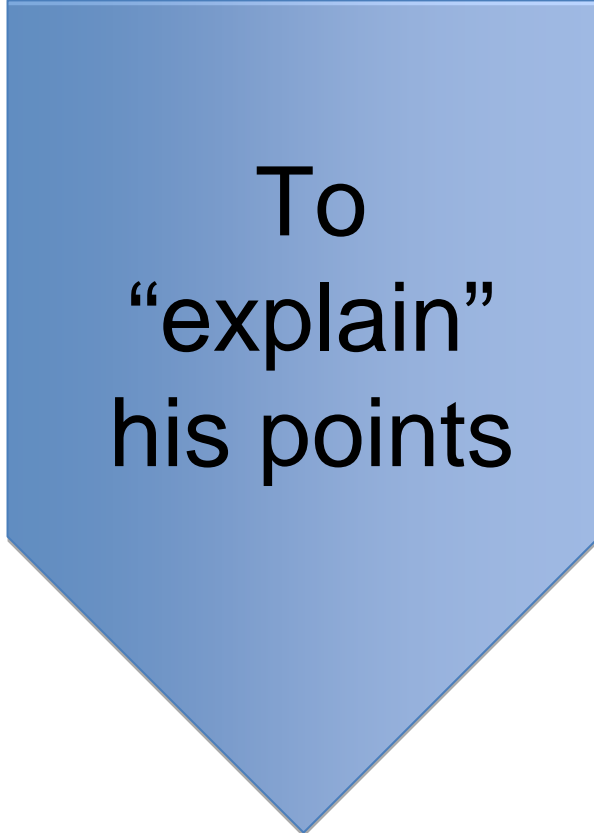


To
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To
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Paul made use of multiple versions!



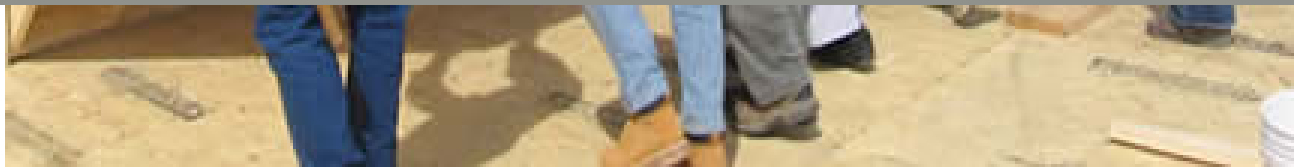
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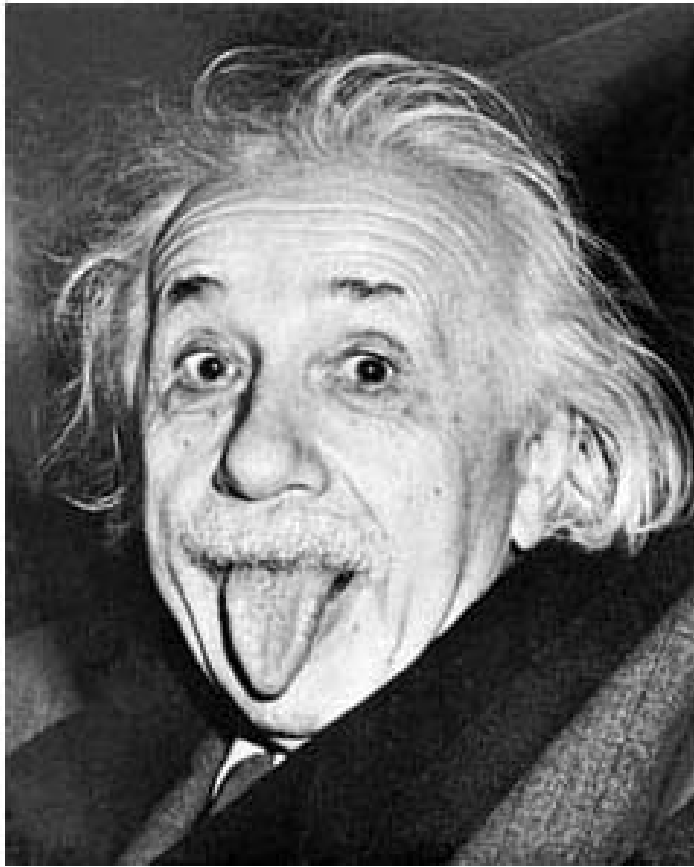
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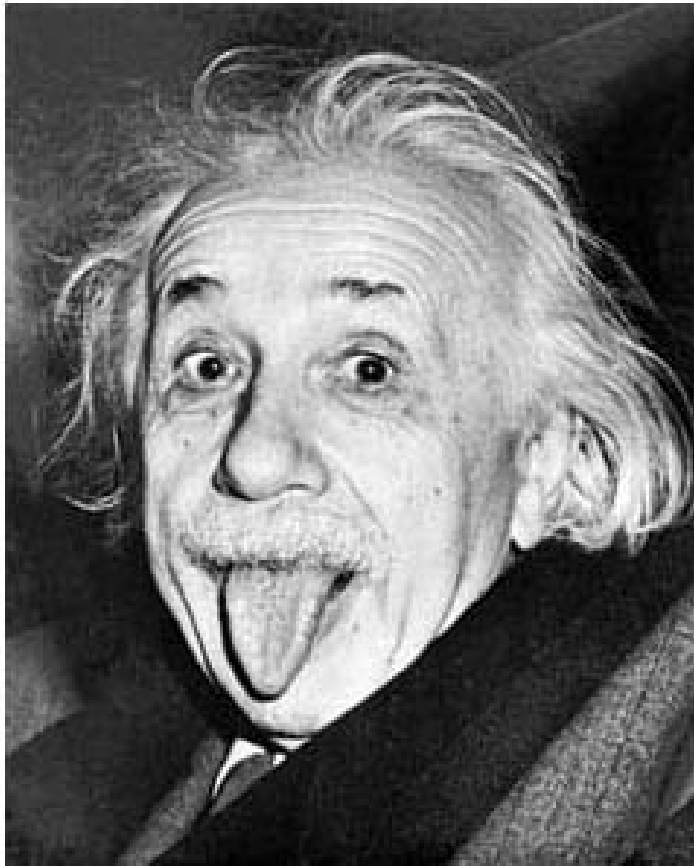
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The real question:

WHY did Paul make
the changes he did?

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'I *have been found* by those who did not seek me; I *have shown myself* to those who did not ask for me.'

While Isaiah wrote,

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Isaiah spoke of the coming Gentile conversion;
Paul wrote of the occurring Gentile conversion!

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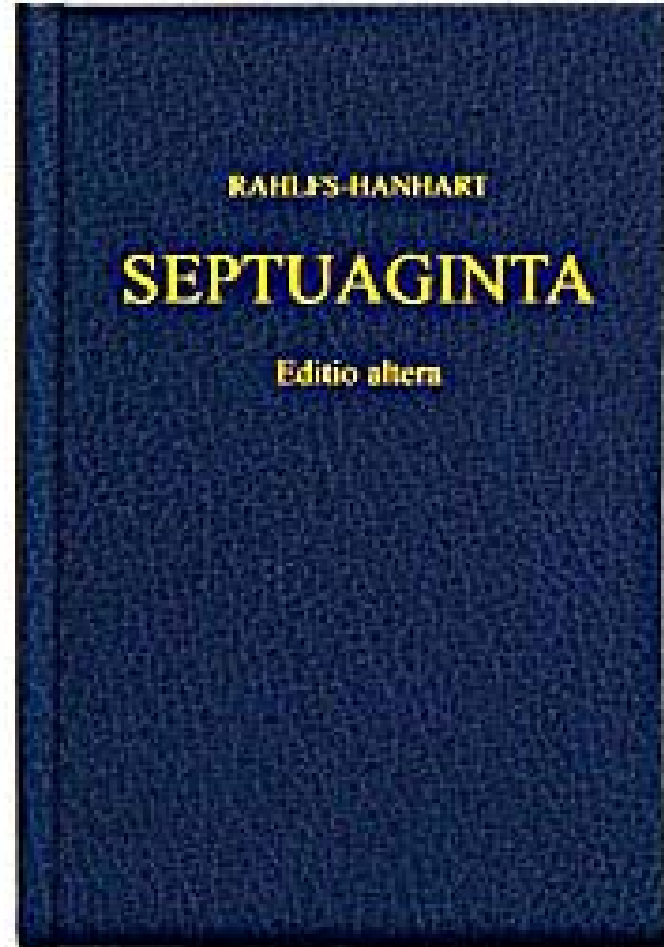
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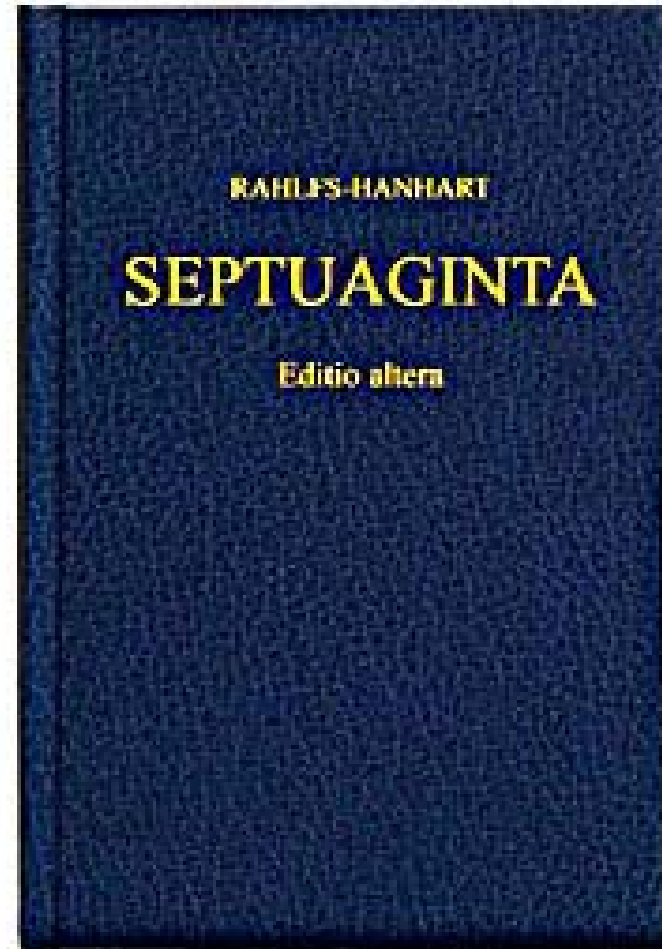
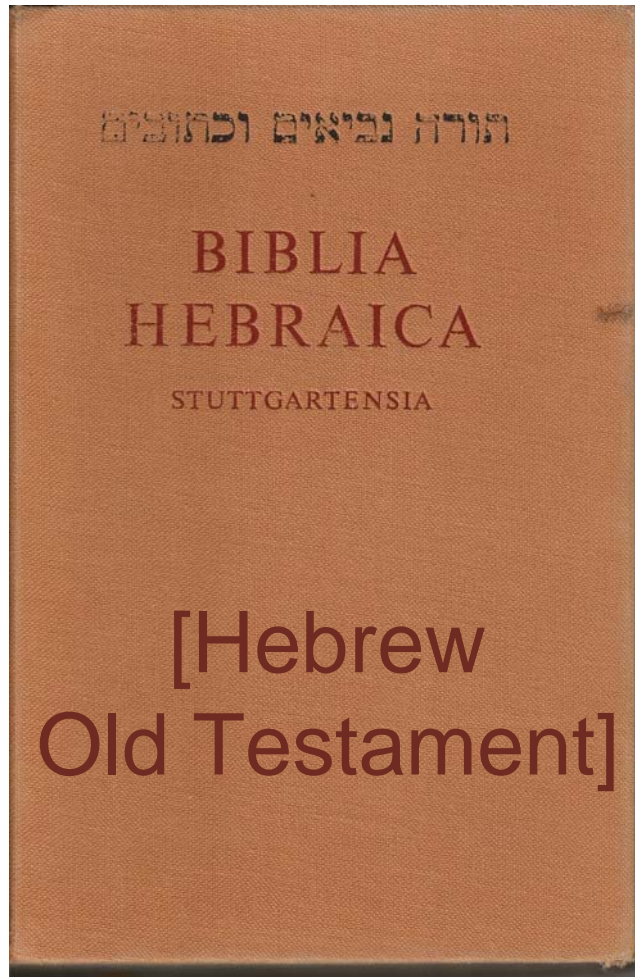


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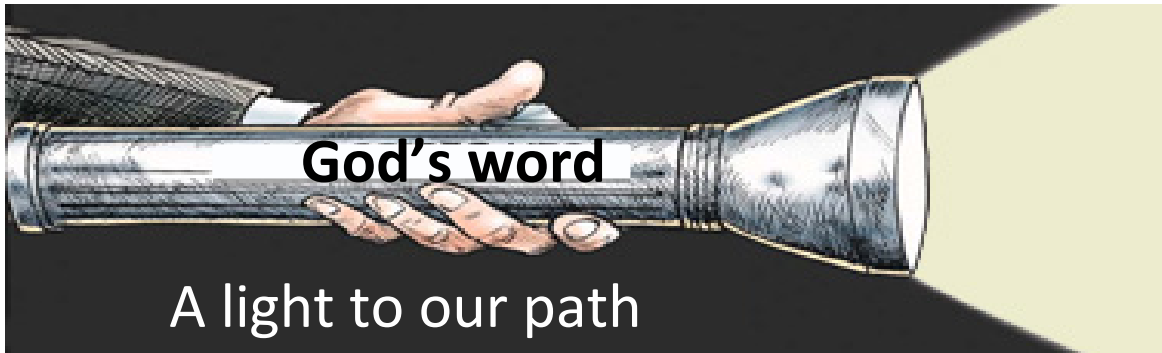


Points for Home



"It is written..."
(26 times!)

*"He is there and he is
not silent."*
(F. Schaeffer)

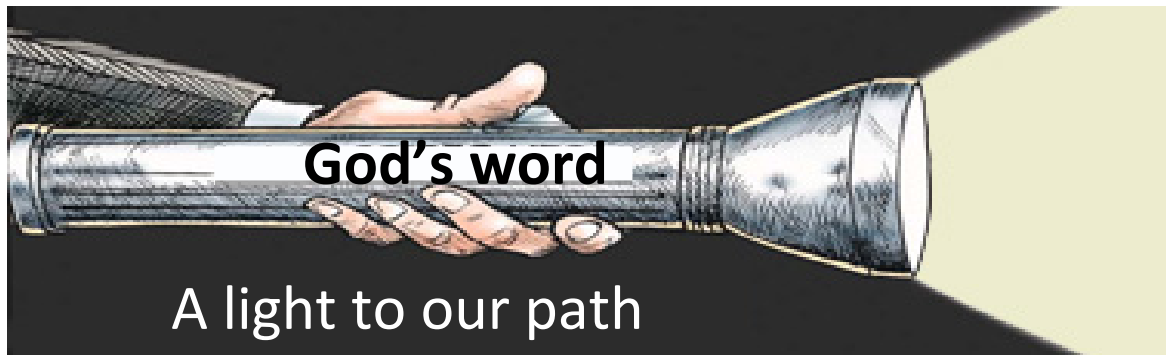


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*“As our beloved brother
Paul also wrote to you”
(2 Pet. 3:15)*

What will you let God do with your life?



Points for Home

“As they do the other Scriptures”
(2 Pet. 3:16)



Paul's writings are not the
simple musings of a churchman