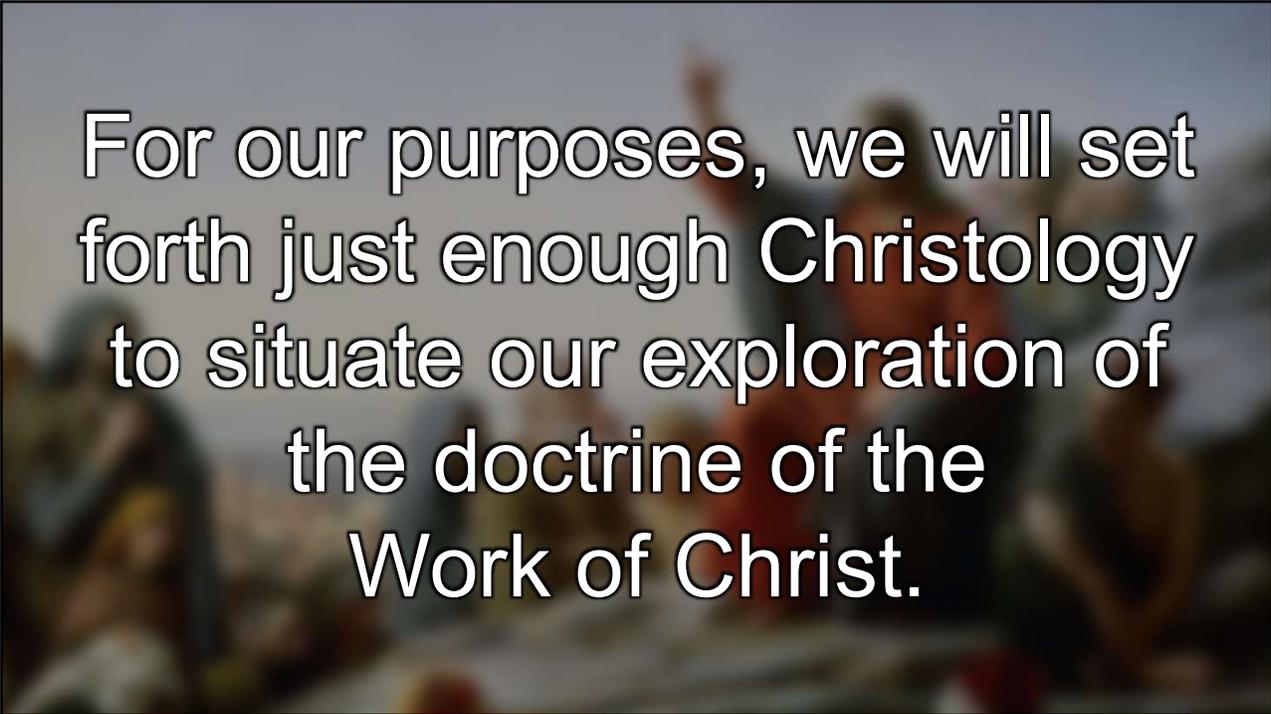
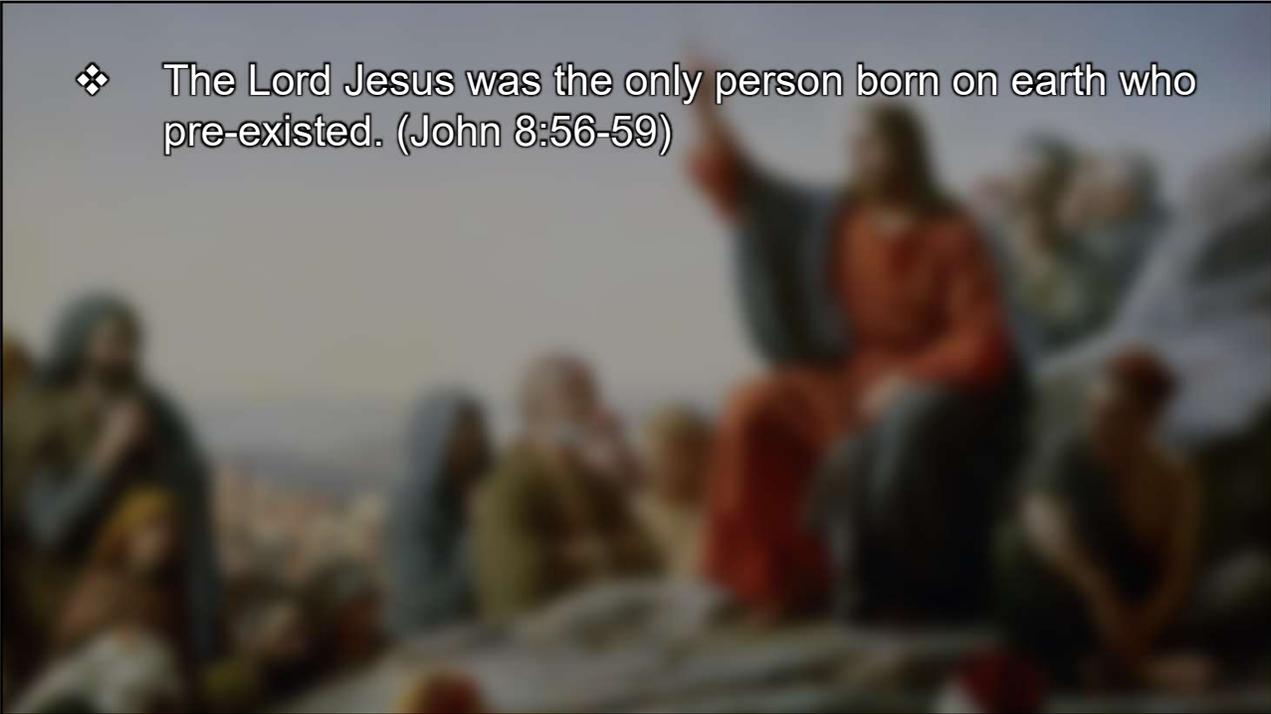


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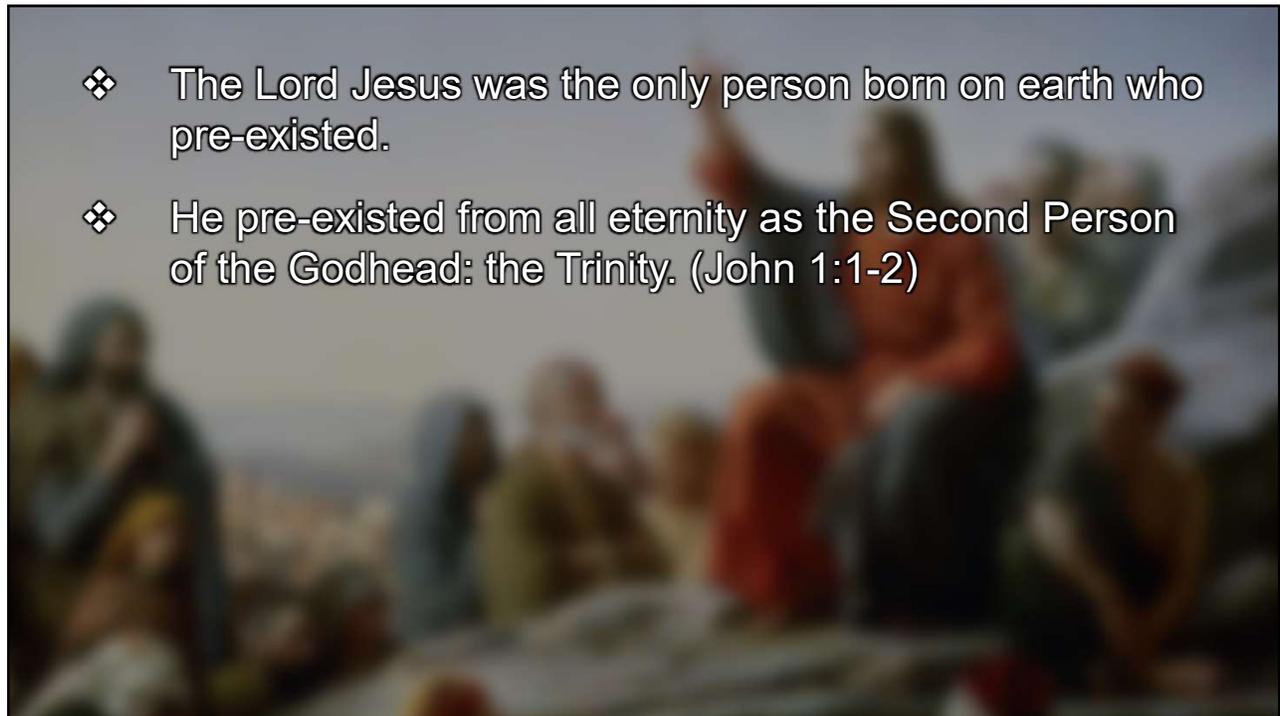
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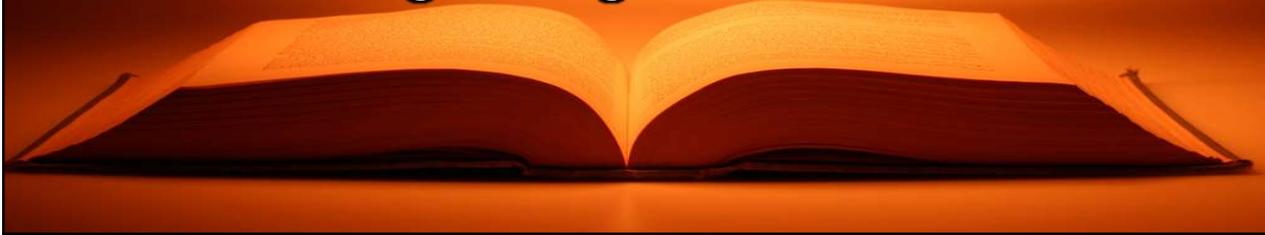


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☞ Isaiah 9:6 ☞

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



✧ Micah 5:2 ✧

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☞ John 3:16 ☞

For God so loved the world that He gave His **only begotten** Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



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(monogenē)

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## ✎ Matthew 1:18-23 ✎

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. {19} Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. {20} But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. {21} And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." {22} So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: {23} "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which is translated, "God with us."



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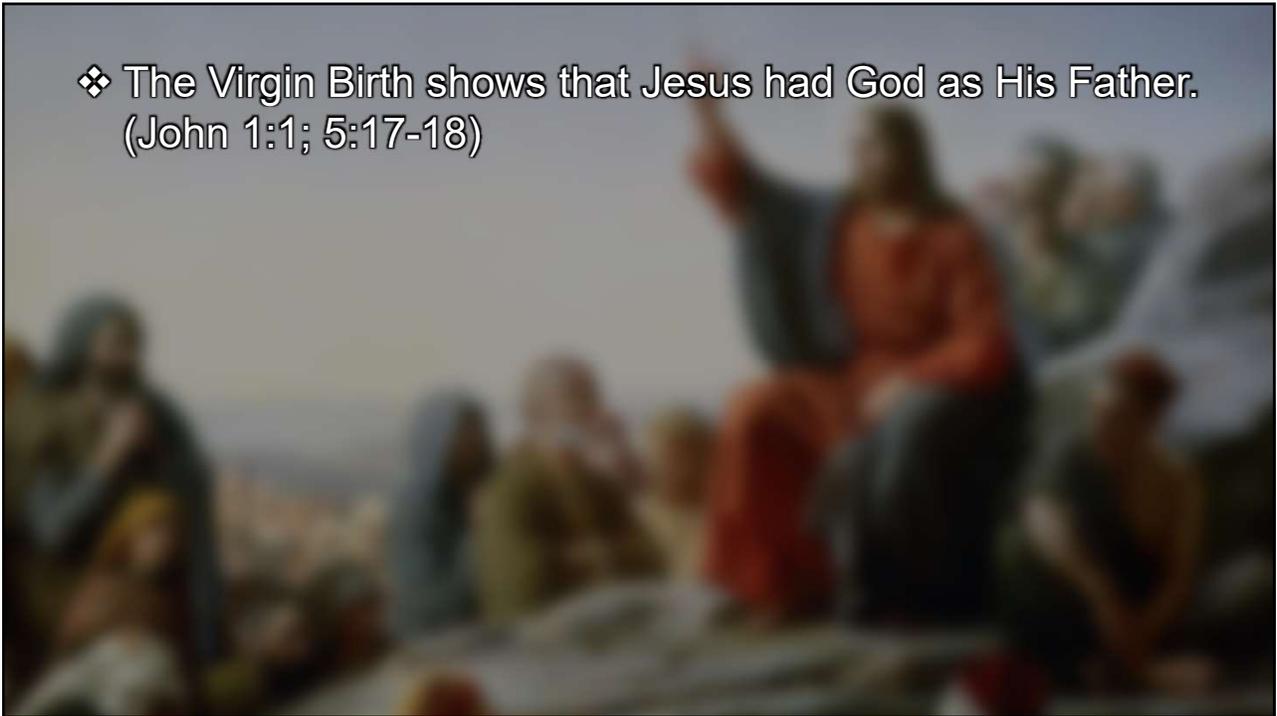


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Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. {12} And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. ... {16} And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.



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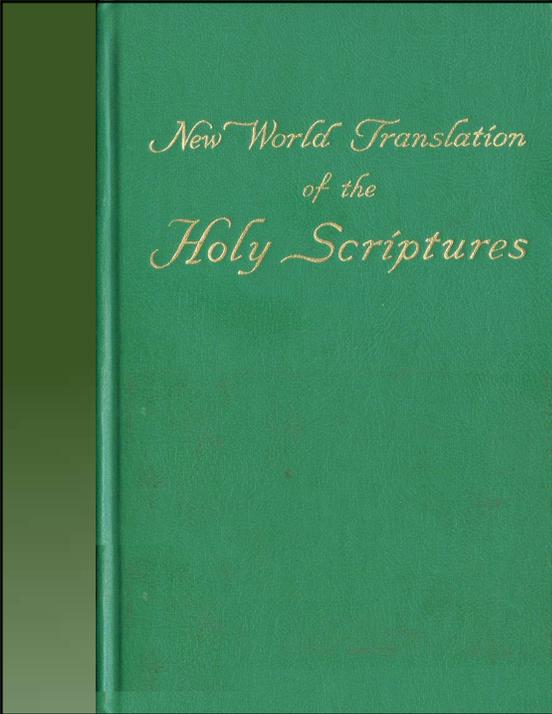
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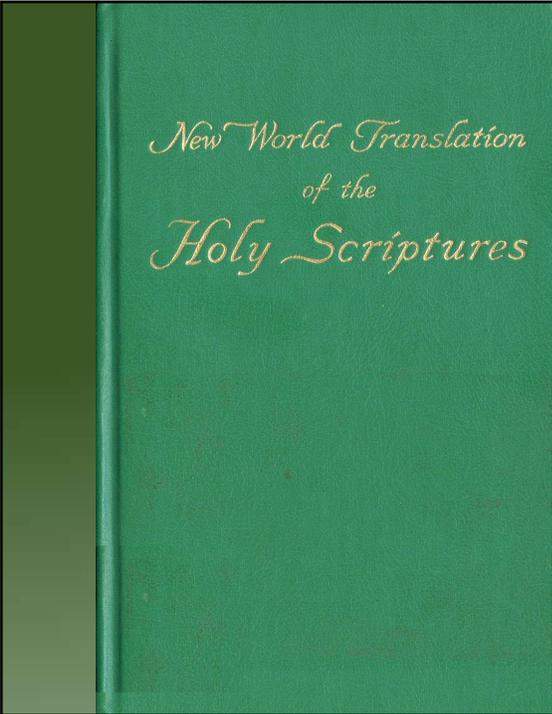
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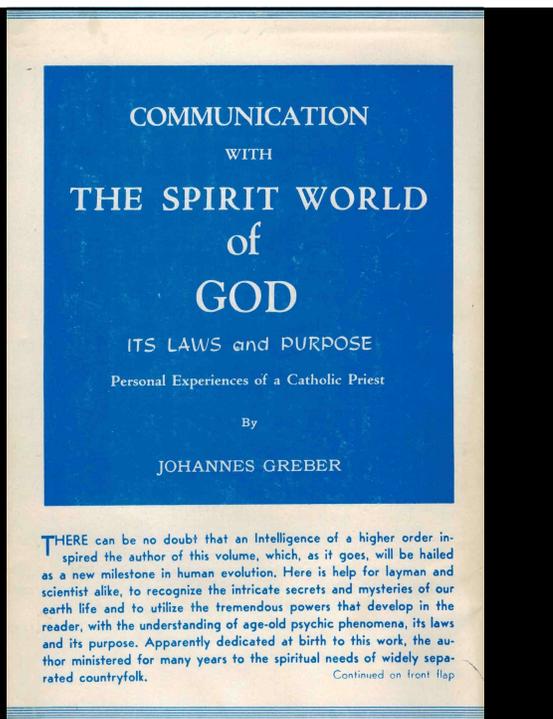
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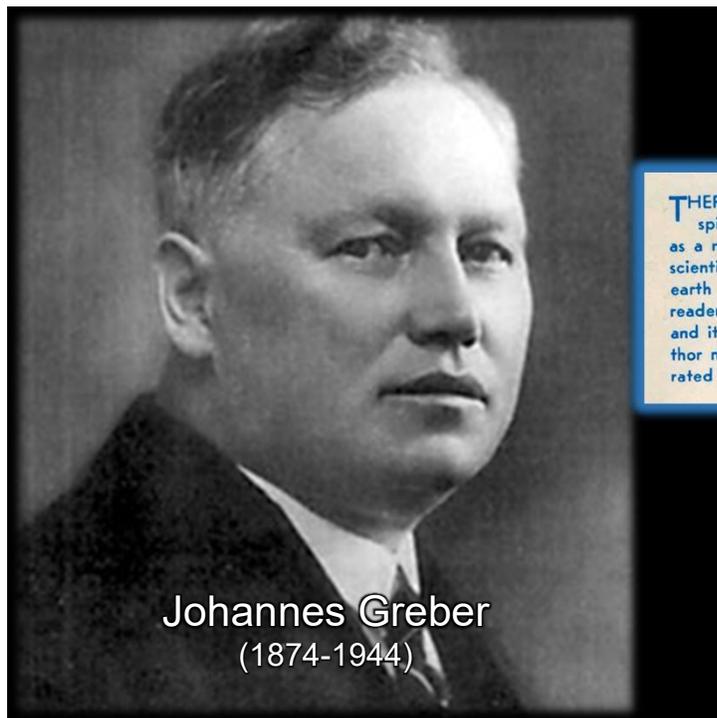


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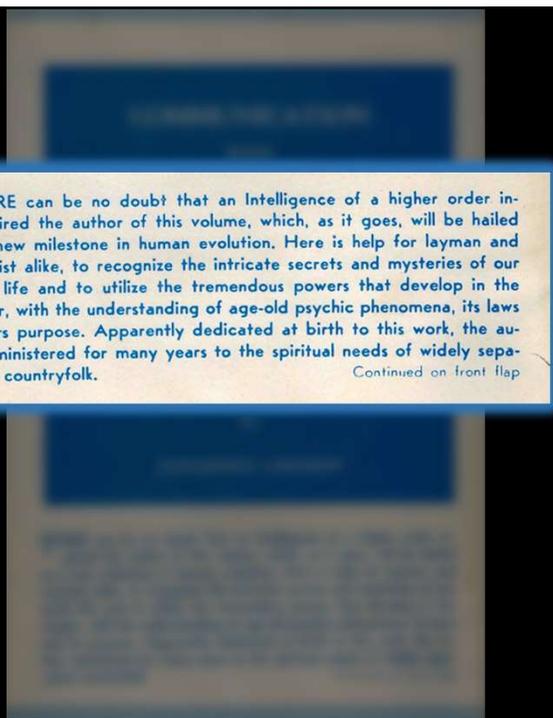


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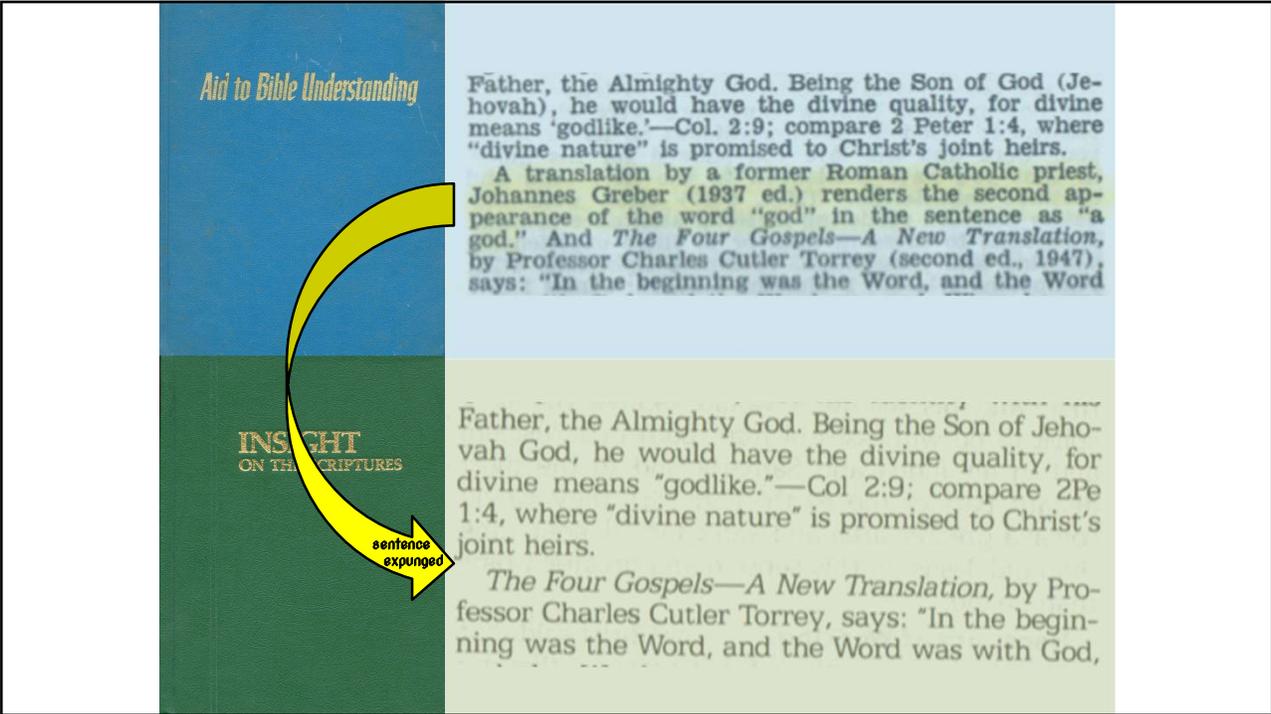
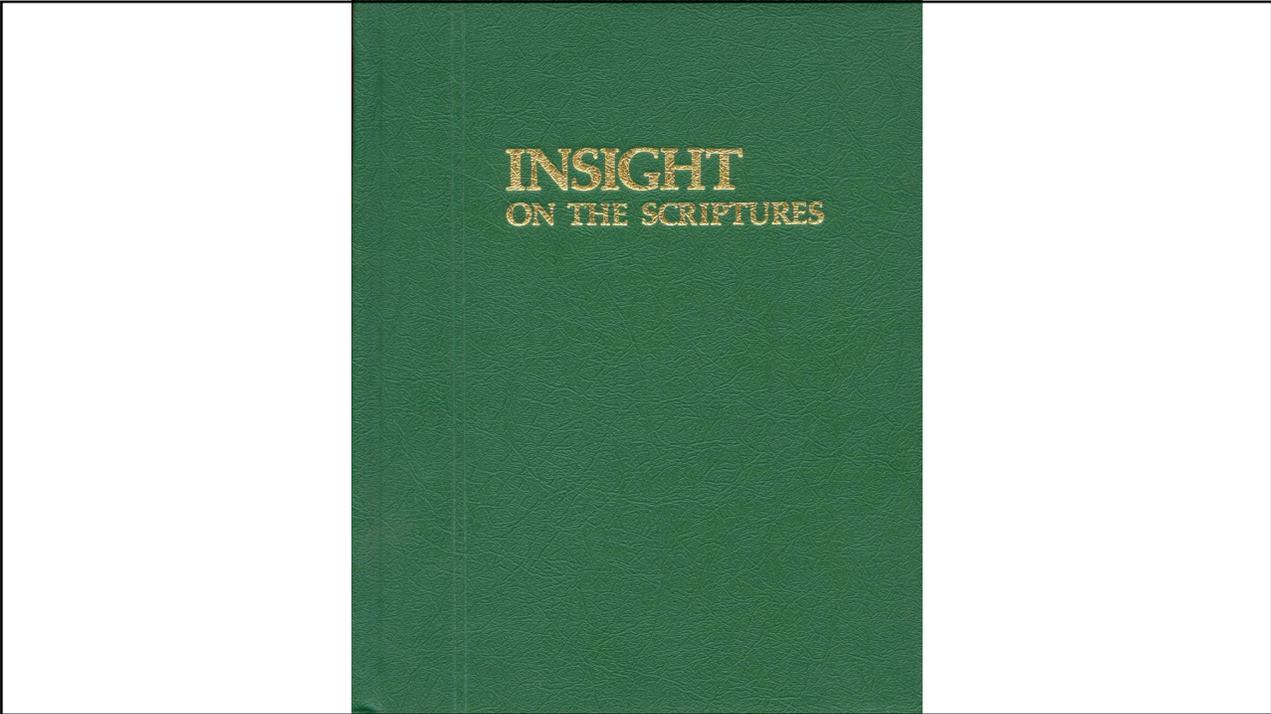


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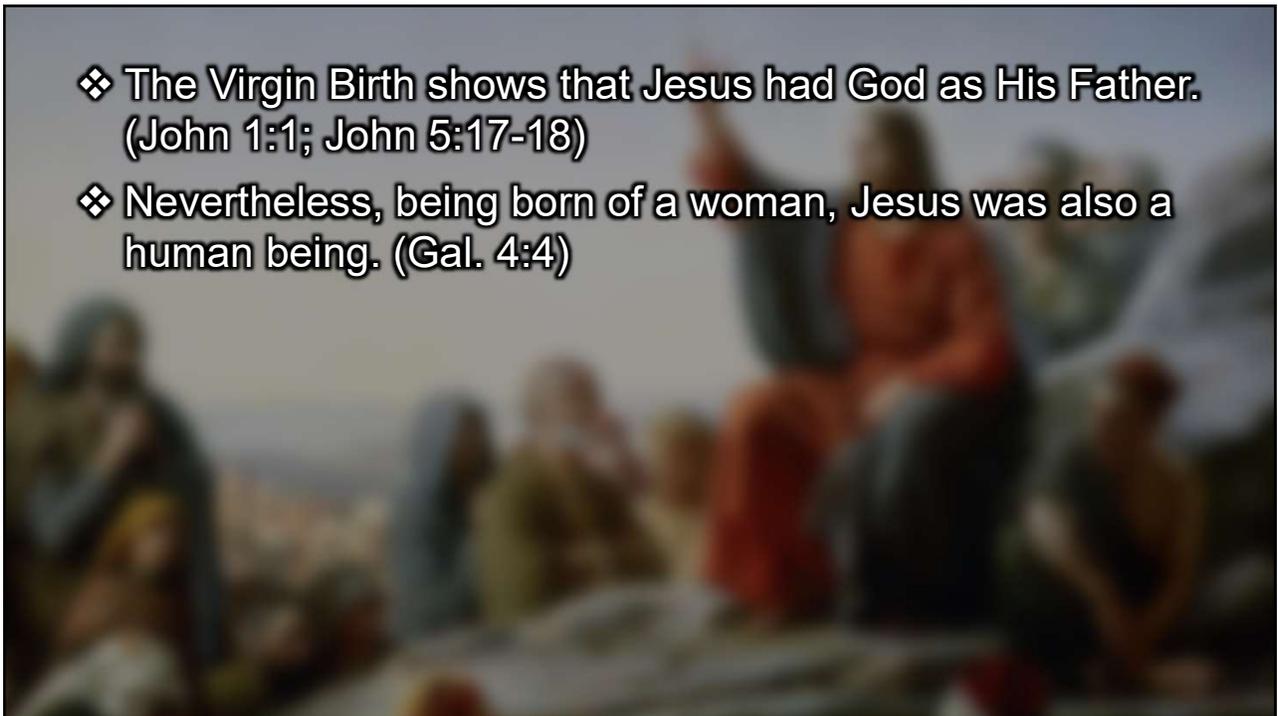
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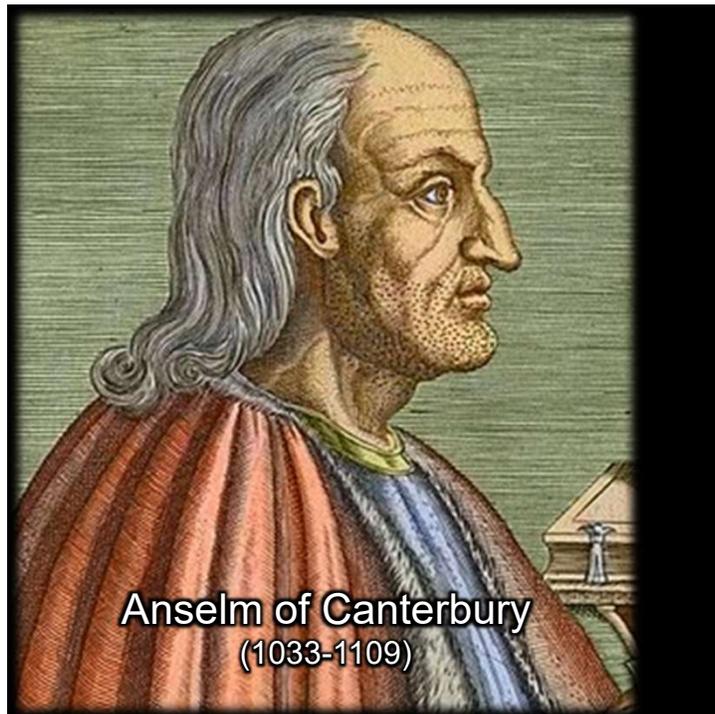


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☞ Galatians 4:4 ☞

But when the fullness of the time had come,  
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman,  
born under the law,



Anselm of Canterbury  
(1033-1109)

## St. Anselm

Basic Writings

Proslogium, Monologium,  
Cur Deus homo &  
Gaunilo's In Behalf of the Fool  
Introduction by Charles Hartshorne  
Translated by S. N. Deane

**O**ur labors and attempts are in vain without God. Man cannot seek God, unless God himself teaches him; nor find him, unless he reveals himself. God created man in his image, that he might be mindful of him, think of him, and love him. The believer does not seek to understand, that he may believe, but he believes that he may understand: for unless he believed he would not understand.

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- ❖ This issue is known as the Peccability vs. Impeccability of Christ.
- ❖ The terms come from the Latin 'peccare' meaning to make a mistake, to go wrong.

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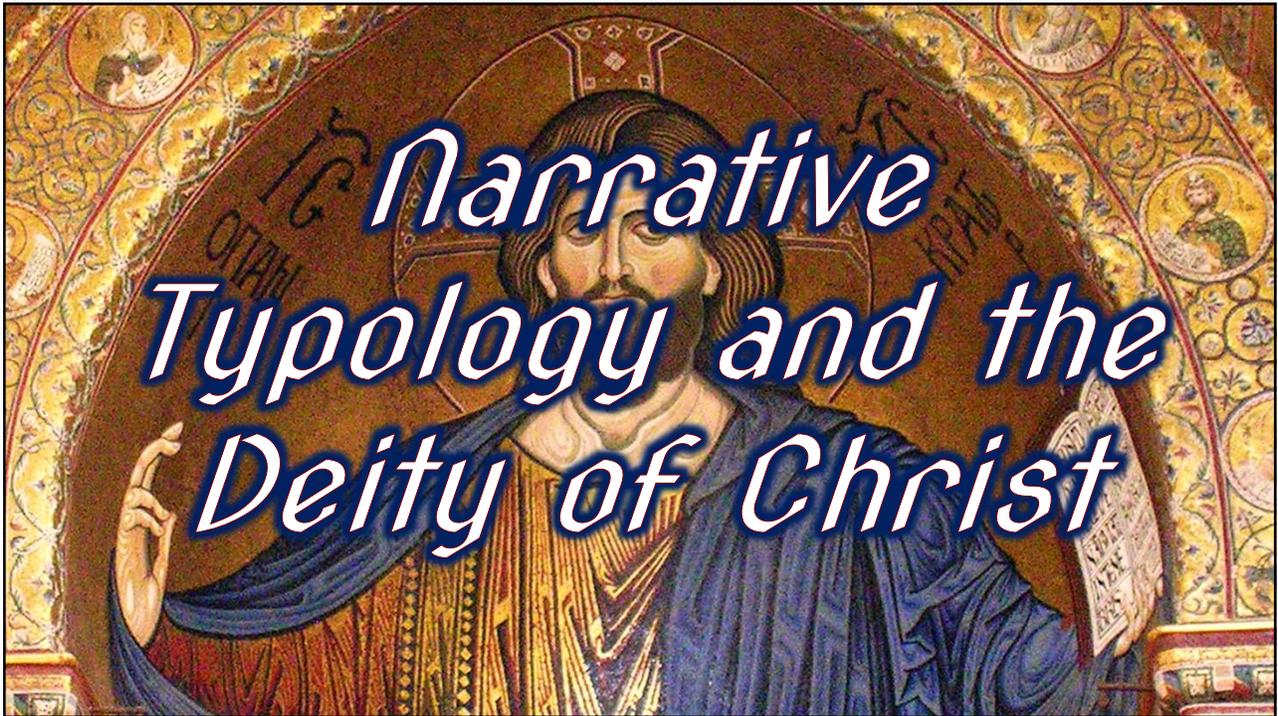
## Could Jesus Have Sinned?

*Only by being not able to sin, could Jesus experience the full force of the temptation to sin.*

✧ Hebrews 4:15 ✧

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.





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# *The History of Israel and the Life of Jesus*

## BIRTH

### Israel

☞ Deut. 32:17-18 ☞

*They sacrificed to demons, not to  
God, To gods they did not know,  
To new gods, new arrivals That  
your fathers did not fear. Of the  
Rock who begot you, you are  
unmindful, And have forgotten the  
God who fathered you.*

### Jesus

☞ Matt. 1:18, 21, 24-25 ☞

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:  
After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
before they came together, she was found with  
child of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a  
Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for  
He will save His people from their sins." Then  
Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the  
angel of the Lord commanded him and took to  
him his wife, and did not know her till she had  
brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called  
His name JESUS.*

## DOWN INTO EGYPT

### Israel

☞ Gen. 46:6 ☞

*So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him.*

### Jesus

☞ Matt. 2:13-14 ☞

*Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt.*

## OUT OF EGYPT

### Israel

☞ Ex. 3:10 ☞

*Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."*

### Jesus

☞ Matt. 2:19-21 ☞

*Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.*

## WATERS OF BAPTISM

### Israel

☞ 1 Cor. 10:1-2 ☞

*Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea," (Ex. 14)*

### Jesus

☞ Matt. 3:16 ☞

*When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*

## SON OF GOD

### Israel

☞ Ex. 4:22; Hosea 11:1 ☞

*Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn.*

*"When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son."*

### Jesus

☞ Matt. 3:17 ☞

*And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

## INTO THE WILDERNESS

### Israel

☞ Deut. 8:2 ☜

*And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.*

### Jesus

☞ Matt. 4:1 ☜

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

## FIRST TEMPTATION

### Israel in the Wilderness

☞ Deut. 8:2-3 ☜

*"You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry."*

### Jesus in the Wilderness

☞ Matt. 4:3 ☜

*"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."*

Temptation

☞ Ex. 16:2-3 ☜

*"The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The sons of Israel said to them, 'Would that we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'"*

☞ Matt. 4:4 ☜

*"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."*

Response

## SECOND TEMPTATION

	Israel in the Wilderness	Jesus in the Wilderness
Temptation	↻ Ex. 17:1-7 ↻ <i>"There was no water for the people to drink. . . . Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"</i>	↻ Matt. 4:6 ↻ <i>"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You;' and 'On [their] hands they will bear You up, So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"</i>
Response	↻ Ex. 17:7 ↻ <i>"He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us, or not?'"</i>	↻ Matt. 4:7 ↻ <i>"On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"</i>

## THIRD TEMPTATION

	Israel in the Wilderness	Jesus in the Wilderness
Temptation	↻ Deut. 6:13-14 ↻ <i>"You shall fear [only] the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you."</i>	↻ Matt. 4:9 ↻ <i>"All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."</i>
Response	↻ Ex. 32:4 ↻ <i>"He took [this] from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.'"</i>	↻ Matt. 4:10 ↻ <i>"Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"</i>

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Israel camped before the mountain. (v. 2)	The multitudes followed Jesus to the mountain. (Mt. 4:25-5:1a)
God was on the mountain. (v. 3)	Jesus to the mountain. (v. 1)
Moses went up the mountain to God. (v. 3)	There was no intermediary between Jesus and His audience. (vv. 1-2)
Moses had to convey to the people the words of God. (vv. 3-7)	Jesus' disciples followed Jesus onto the mountain. (v. 1)
Moses had to convey to God the words of the people. (v. 8)	
The people were not allowed to go up the mountain nor even touch its base or they would be put to death. (v. 12)	

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They could only meet with God at the foot of the mountain. (v. 17)	There was no "separation" between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus "brought" them up to the mountain where God is as at Mt. Sinai. (vv. 1-2)
The mountain was filled with smoke. (v. 18)	Jesus gives the Beatitudes. (vv. 3-11)
All of this, and more, depicted the separation that existed between God and man.	Jesus commands, "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (v. 48)
God gives Moses the Ten Commandments.	
God repeated says "Be holy for I am holy." (Lev. 11:45; 19:2; 20:7; 20:26; 21:8)	

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#### ☞ 1 Pet. 3:18 ☞

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, **that He might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,"

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