Nicodemus and The New Birth
Double Puzzle

Watson, observe: a clandestine message, divided neatly into two parts, has arrived from the underground church in Ngaof Landrates. Our customary cryptographers are, quite inconveniently, absent on a spring excursion of charitable intent. Thus the responsibility falls to our Bible study friends. The cipher hinges upon certain key words—each concealed by scrambling—and all of them traceable to the text of John 3:1–21. Once restored to their proper form, the numbers affixed to the message must be matched to the corresponding letters. These believers, labouring under secrecy, have risked no small measure to send encouragement. We must honour their effort with our utmost skill.

Scrambled word	Box numbers
BRON	_, 28, _, 6
GNSSI	30, 3, 37, 26, 29
HTUTR	21, 32, 13, 27, 2
ESKAP	14, 23, 17, 15, 25
PRSIIT	33, 36, 7, _, 31, 34
SVILE	4, 18, 16, 5, 20
OSCME	8, 9, 12, 11, 22
ORWDL	1, 24, 19, 35, 10

Message:

[1 2 3 4 5] [6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14] [12 15 Y] [2 15 16 17] [F 18 19 20 21]

[22 23 24 25 17 26] [27 28] [J 17 29 13 30] [31 6] [10 15 32 25 6 17 33 14 ,]

[34 2 3 33] [35 5 10] [21 9] [2 3 12] [29 27 5 36 23 3 6 37]

[7 6 27 9] [27 2 17] [35 3 37 2 34 .]

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