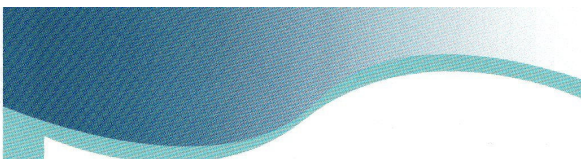


## **Defending the King James Version**

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words: as silver tried in a furnace of  
earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt  
keep them, O LORD, thou shalt  
preserve them from this generation for  
ever. Psalms 12: 6-7



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Ask yourself this question... "Does it really matter what version of Bible I read?" It is our prayer that through the pages of this booklet you will find the answer to that question. We believe that when you compare any and ALL of the modern day versions to the Original King James Version it is clear and plain to see that ONLY the King James stands the test of time and can be proven to be THE Word of God.

## **History of the KJV**

In 1604, King James announced that fifty-four Hebrew and Greek scholars had been appointed to translate a new Bible for English speaking people.

The number was reduced to forty-seven by the time the work formally began.

Rather than working together all at one location, these men were divided into six separate groups, which worked at three separate locations. There were two at Westminster, two at Oxford, and two at Cambridge. Each group was given a selected portion of Scripture to translate. Each scholar made his own translation of a book, and then passed it on to be reviewed by each member of his group. The whole group then went over the book together. Once a group had completed a book of the Bible, they sent it to be reviewed by the other five groups. All objectionable and questionable translating was marked and noted, and then it was returned to the original group for consideration. A special committee was formed by selecting one leader from each group. This committee worked out all of the remaining differences and presented a finished copy for the printers in 1611. This means that the King James Bible had to pass at least FOURTEEN examinations before going to press. The work was finished in 1611, seven years after it was commissioned by the King.

## History Of Modern Versions

Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901) and Fenton John Anthony Hort (1828-1892) were the two English "scholars" who produced the corrupt Greek text of the modern versions. Their dominating influence on the revision committee of 1871-1881 accounts for most of the corruption that we have today in modern translations. Here are some important facts that we should look at concerning these two men.

1. Westcott was a firm believer in Mary worship, and he claimed that Mary worship had a lot in common with Jesus worship.
2. Hort believed in keeping Roman Catholic sacraments.
3. Hort believed in baptismal regeneration as taught in the Catholic church.
4. Hort rejected the infallibility of Scripture.
5. Hort took great interest in the works of Charles Darwin while both he and Westcott rejected the literal account of Creation.
6. Westcott did not believe in the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, or a literal Heaven.
7. Both men rejected the doctrine of a literal Hell, and they supported prayers for the dead in purgatory.
8. Westcott confessed that he was a communist by nature.
9. Westcott also did his share of beer drinking. In fact, only twelve years after the Revised Version was published, Westcott was a spokesman for a brewery.
10. While working on their Greek text (1851-1871), and while working on the Revision Committee for the Revised Version (1871-1881), Westcott and Hort were also keeping company with "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" (I Tim. 4:1). Both men took great interest in occult practices and clubs. They started the Hermes Club in 1845, the Ghostly Guild in 1851, and Hort joined a secret club called The Apostles in the same year. They also started the Eranus Club in 1872. These were spiritualist groups which believed in such unscriptural practices as communicating with the dead.
11. The Westcott and Hort Greek text was SECRETLY given to the Revision Committee.
12. The members of the Revision Committee of 1881 were sworn to a pledge of secrecy in regard to the new Greek text being used, and they met in silence for ten years.
13. The corrupt Greek text of Westcott and Hort was not released to the public until just five days before the debut of the Revised Version. This prevented Bible-believing scholars from reviewing it.

## Did You Know?

The NIV has 60,000 less words than the King James Version.

The word sodomite has been removed from the NIV and that there was a homosexual on the translation committee.

The ASV differs from the King James Version in 36,00 places.

The New King James Version...  
Removes the word Heaven 50 times  
Removes the word God 51 times  
Removes the word LORD 66 times  
Removes the word hell 20 times

The King James Version was considered THE authoritative translation of the Word of God for over 200 years before two men who probably didn't even know God began to claim it wasn't good enough.

God often stamps His work with the number SEVEN as being COMPLETE.

From the commission of the King James translation in 1604 until the completion of the translation in 1611 was SEVEN years.

The King James Bible was the SEVENTH modern English translation in a line mentioned in the rules of instruction for the King James translators.

The Bible Says...  
The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified SEVEN times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever Psalms 12:6-7

God promised to preserve His words. There has to be a preserved copy of God's pure words somewhere. If it isn't the KJV, then what is it?



## **KJV -vs- The Others**

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you  
a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and  
shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 KJV

NRSV, REB, and the NWT Change the word virgin to  
young woman or maiden

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the  
forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:14 KJV

The NIV, NASB, NRSV, REB, NWT, and the NAB Take  
out the words..."through his blood"

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking  
in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the  
form of the fourth is like the Son of God.  
Daniel 3:25 KJV

The NIV, NASB, and NWT all say...a son of the gods  
The NRSV, REB, and LB all say...a son of a god

"For the Son of man is come to save that which was  
lost." Matthew 18:11 KJV

The NIV leaves out the entire verse.

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou  
mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus  
Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:37 KJV

The NIV, NRSV, REB, NWT,  
and the NAB leave out the entire verse

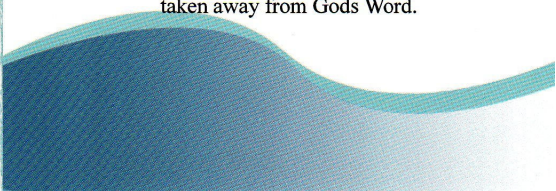
" But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which  
is in heaven forgive your trespasses ." Mark 11:26 KJV

The NIV leaves out the entire verse

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word of God ." Luke 4:4 KJV

The NIV leaves out the words...  
"but by every word of God ."

These are only a FEW of the examples of where they have  
taken away from Gods Word.



The Bible says..."All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17. If we truly believe this scripture we must also believe that if one takes away from scripture than you also take away part of the inspiration as well...you take away part of the instruction that helps us to "be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Think about this for a moment. The Bible also says..."And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Revelation 22:19. Many say that this scripture was referring only to the book of Revelation but I submit to you that the same standard applies to all of Gods Word and to all who would try and change what is found in it's sacred pages. Jesus said "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35. The Word of God is our guide, our foundation and forever settled in Heaven.

In closing...David said in Psalms 119:105  
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."...my friend if that lamp is dimmed or darkened how then shall we find our way?

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.  
Psalms 119:89

The word of the Lord endureth for ever.  
1 Peter 1:25

It is our prayer that something that you have read within these pages has helped you to see the truth concerning Gods preserved Word. If You would like more information on this subject including a Sermon on CD please contact us today.

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