

# King James Bible

## The Old Black Book

### Preface

I did not intend to write a book on the King James Bible, not because I believe another Bible is to be used, but because there are hundreds of books on the market today reflecting the validity of the KJV. I am not as qualified as others on this very important subject; therefore I will leave them to write the very detailed books, of which I will be very thankful.

I am writing this book because I want Independence Baptist Church, of which I am pastor, to understand the vital role the King James Bible takes in our religious life, and in our lives in general. I do not want to be silent on the very important subject of the KJV Bible. I know I shall not remain in this church forever, as the Lord is well able to remove me by death, or simply to lay the desire on me to pastor another group of people. I desire that these dear people of Independence Baptist Church understand for themselves the importance of having the true word of God in the King James Bible. It is to these faithful members that I dedicate this small book, trusting God will use it in their lives, and give them confidence that the KJV is the inspired, preserved English copy of the Bible for today's Christian.

I am not part of a cult for the pre-eminence of the KJV only, although I do believe the KJV is the Bible for English speaking people today. Some correct the Hebrew and Greek text with the English KJV, which is a terrible mistake. The Hebrew and Greek text are in agreement with the English in the KJV, therefore there is no need to correct either.

I do not speak, read, or write Greek or Hebrew, as God has never laid on my heart to learn those languages. God has lain on my heart to be a faithful pastor to Independence Baptist Church and to learn all I can from the English Bible he has so graciously provided. I do not disagree with or reject those who desire to learn Hebrew and Greek; that is simply not what God has given to me. I appreciate those who do understand other languages and will bow to their understanding of those languages.

I believe God has provided his word in the King James Version for those individuals who speak English and are not gifted in Greek or Hebrew, or do not have the resources to learn those languages.

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## **The Battle Is Not Inspiration, But Preservation**

Matthew 24:35 – *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

The text states the Bible is God’s words to us, and will not pass away. This statement is very important because if God does not preserve his word, we do not have his word, and have *never* had his word, therefore there is no possibility we will *ever* have his word. Jesus said heaven and earth shall pass away, but his word will not pass away. Peter stated in II Peter 3:10-12 that there is coming a day when the earth we are living on will be destroyed with fervent heat. What a vivid picture! The heavens above us, all the stars in the sky, and the entire universe will be consumed with fervent heat. The earth on which we are living will be completely destroyed with fervent heat. But the Word of God will never pass away. We can have confidence, the words of God, written for us in the Bible, will never be destroyed.

The Word of God, according to John 1:1-5, 14, is as true as Jesus Christ. **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.** It is not that Jesus Christ is the word, as some believe, but that the Bible given to us is as accurate a reflection of God as Jesus Christ is the reflection of God, as he is the only begotten son of God.

John 1:14 confirms that Jesus Christ is the fleshly, revealed, everlasting word of God by stating, **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.** Concerning how Jesus Christ is the perfect reflection of God, John 1:18 states, **No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.** Just as Jesus Christ reveals the character and nature of God, so the Bible reveals every heavenly characteristic.

The Bible is the word of God, and the Bible reveals Jesus Christ, our eternal Saviour and judge. Jesus Christ is God and is as eternal as God. God’s word reflects God, Jesus Christ, and all heavenly principles. God’s word, like God, will never pass away, be destroyed, or go out of existence.

### **How I Came To Doubt The Bible**

I was saved in the summer of 1955, at the age of 12. At that time, everybody in our church, Forest Hills Baptist Church in Benton, Arkansas, used the King James Bible. Not all Bibles were published by World Publications, as mine was. Some used King James Bibles published by Scofield, or some other publisher, but everybody in our church used the King James Bible. Therefore, I never thought there was a problem about which Bible to use.

By 1968, I had graduated from college, married, had two children, moved to O’Fallon, Missouri, and was a member of Independence Baptist Church. God put a

burden on my heart to preach his everlasting gospel, so in 1968, I surrendered to the ministry, and in 1971 started pastoring. I preached the Bible, because I believed the Bible was God's holy Word. I believed the Bible was our guide, therefore changed my lifestyle to suit what the Bible said. If the Bible rebuked my thoughts or my actions, I had to change to agree with the Bible. The Bible said that Jesus Christ is the eternal judge and he would judge me according to his Bible, so it was to my benefit and God's eternal glory for me to adjust my life to the guidelines established by the Bible.

One Sunday Morning, after I had been pastoring about nine years, I took my text from Romans 8:1-3, which states, **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:** After services, an older pastor told me some of verse one was not in the oldest manuscripts, therefore they were not really a part of the Bible. I looked at Romans 8:1 in my Bible, and the whole verse was there. I looked at him, and said, "What part is not in the oldest manuscripts?" He pointed to verse 1, "...**Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.**" I said, "Okay", and went on my way. I did not really understand what he was talking about. How could part of a verse in the Bible I held in my hand not be a part of the Bible? I know the older preacher meant well, but our conversation planted the seed of doubt that I could trust the Bible. I respected this older pastor and thought he knew more about the Bible than I did, so I believed him. But when I believed him, and took *his* word that parts of my Bible were not in the original, my faith in the Word of God was eroded. I had never heard there was anything in the Bible that could not be trusted. But now I began to have doubts about which parts could be trusted and which parts could not be trusted.

A few years later, I was talking with a person about the trinity. I read I John 5:6-8, which states, **This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.** This person told me parts of verse 7 and 8 are not found in any Greek manuscript before the 16<sup>th</sup> century. They said I must leave out the part of verse 7 and 8 which states, ...**that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:** They told me the words were written in the margin of a 16<sup>th</sup> century manuscript by a monk; therefore verse 7 and 8 should read, **For there are three and these three agree in one.** I immediately remembered the older preacher and once again began to doubt the truthfulness of the Word of God.

Later, I heard that Mark 16:9-20 were not in the two oldest manuscripts, the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. Some other manuscripts contain these verses with partial omissions and some variations. It is claimed Irenaeus and Hippolytus quoted these verses, adding them to the text, in the second or third century. Mark 16:9-20 states, **Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary**

**Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. 12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. 13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. 14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

Therefore, I began to doubt the trustworthiness of the Bible even more. Here is my dilemma: if I cannot trust the Bible, the written word of God, I have nothing to trust. Paul commands in II Timothy 4:2, **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.** If I do not have the Word of God, or if I am unsure which parts of the Bible is the Word of God, I cannot preach with confidence.

I continued to preach and pastor, but had nagging doubts concerning the authenticity of the Bible. I moved to Hornbeck, Louisiana to pastor Bible Baptist Church. One day, a man knocked on my door, and introduced himself to me, but I do not remember his name. He asked me which Bible I used and I told him I used the King James Version. He asked me if I understood the controversy about the King James Bible, and I told him I did not. He talked to me a good while about various Bible versions, about the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, about the Byzantine and Alexandrian text types, but I did not understand what he was saying. I listened with what I hoped was an intelligent expression, but I did not understand. He left literature for me to read, and I did read it, but I did not understand what I was reading. The man soon returned, and brought more literature, which I read, but did not understand.

Let me say here, if you do not understand where your Bible came from, if you do not understand what the Sinaiticus and the Vaticanus is, do not think you are alone, because you are not alone. It takes time to understand some things, and understanding the source of the Bible is one of them. I am not an expert on the subject of Biblical canonicity, or all the so-called “experts” the Bible supposedly came through, therefore I continue to study and read and learn. This study is an ongoing study for me, and I expect I will continue to learn more and more about this subject as long as I live, and God gives me the right use of my mind.

One day, the man came to my door, and something happened that I will always regret. I had a 12:00 noon appointment, for which I was already late. I told him I was late, but took his papers. He left, but never came back. I am afraid this man thought I had an appointment with a bologna sandwich; therefore he never came back. I would like to

have listened more to this man, because I could tell he knew what he was talking about. I knew I could learn a lot from him. I knew he understood what he was saying, and wanted me to understand, but I didn't have a clue.

Please understand this very important lesson about witnessing. When you witness to people, do not be surprised if they do not understand the Christian message. It may be that some people you have talked to will one day understand the message because you “plowed new ground” with them. Remember, I Corinthians 3:6, **I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.** In eternity I would like to meet this man and tell him “Thank you” because he shared a valuable truth to me. A truth I did not understand, but a truth I needed to know. A truth I would learn more about as time progressed.

### **Scriptures that Helped**

I John 2:27 states, **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.** This verse reveals that I do not need any man to teach me, that the Holy Spirit of God teaches me. There is nothing wrong with reading books written by Christian people, or talking to people who know more about the Bible than we know. But today, textual critics explain what part of the Bible is Bible, and what part of the Bible is not Bible. The truth is, the holy anointing of God is in his children and the Holy Spirit of God will tell us what the Bible means.

Experts do not always understand what they are saying. Personally, I am getting tired of “experts”. Think about it. Experts have told us eggs and milk and butter are bad for us. Now, they have changed their story: eggs, milk and butter are good for us. Anytime an “expert” causes doubt that the King James Bible is the Word of God, they should not be believed.

Paul, in II Timothy 4:1-4 explains, **I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.** Paul told Timothy to preach the Word of God, because Jesus is going to use the Word of God to encourage, convict, convince, chasten, and judge each of us. Jesus has preserved all of his word in his Bible so we will know what he expects of us. If Jesus cannot preserve his word, he will have nothing with which to bring us to salvation, or judge us. If Jesus cannot preserve his word, he is not God, because God is eternal. It would be completely unfair of Jesus to judge us according to his eternal word, yet not give us his word. Therefore we are commanded to preach the Word, which is the word of God, the Bible, because the Word of God is eternally pure. I preach the King James Version because that is the Word of God for English speaking people today.

I believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible. II Timothy 3:16,17 states, **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be**

**perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.** God breathed on holy men of old and burdened their hearts to write down what he told them. Some believe that only the *original* Bible is inspired, but that does us no good because all the originals are gone. If the original only is inspired, we do not have a Bible. I believe the Bible I hold in my hand is a *preserved* copy of the original. I believe the original is inspired, but I also believe the copy of the Bible I hold in my hand is a preserved copy of that Word. If God has not preserved his word for us in a copy, then we do not have the Word of God. We have nothing to preach, and no guide for our lives. If God has not preserved his word for us in a copy, the original will do us no good, because the original is not available. There are those who believe the Word of God is everywhere, but I believe the Word of God is preserved for us in the words of the King James Version.

### **The Divine Inspiration of the Bible**

The most fundamental of all doctrines is the doctrine that the Bible is God's divinely inspired word. If that fundamental doctrine is rejected, the teachings of the Bible are also rejected. If the Word of God is merely the work of men, there will be no more confidence in the Bible than in any other good book. It is a waste of time and energy using the Bible to prove a point to a person who doesn't believe the Bible is God's Word. In this section, I shall endeavor to prove the Bible is God's Word without appealing to the statements it makes as to its own authenticity.

First, the examination of two aspects of the Bible will show it is not man's book, but God's book. These are proven facts which show the Bible could not possibly be a product of man.

The circumstances under which the Bible came about are almost unbelievable. About 40 different men wrote the Bible over a 1600-year period from B. C.1492 to 100 A.D. These writers include Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Ezra, David, the Sons of Kohath, Asaph, Heman the Ezrahite, Haggai, Zechariah, Hezekiah, Ezra, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John the apostle, Paul, James, Peter, John of Revelation, and Jude.

The writers were from all walks of life. There were kings as David and Solomon, statesman as Daniel and Nehemiah, priests as Ezra, educated men as Moses and Paul, uneducated men as Peter, James, and John, a herdsman named Amos, a tax collector named Matthew, a medical doctor named Luke, and mighty seers as Isaiah, and Jeremiah.

These men were from different lands. Moses was from the wilderness; some were from the cliffs of Arabia, or the hills and towns of Palestine. Some wrote from Shushan in Persia, some by the River Chebar in Babylon, and some from the dungeons of Rome and Asia Minor. There was one who wrote from the lonely Isle of Patmos in the Aegean Sea.

These men wrote with no intention of producing a part of a book as the Bible and were often not aware that others were writing. Yet, in spite of these unusual circumstances, they wrote a book that is consistent with itself and has never been proven in error.

Secondly, the construction of the Bible attests to its validity. The Bible is actually composed of 66 separate and independent books in two divisions. Each of these books has its own theme and analysis. Yet, each book is essential to the complete understanding of the Bible: No book of the Bible may be thoroughly understood without all the others. The Bible is so interrelated that every book, chapter, verse, and even punctuation is essential to understanding the whole. In spite of this arrangement which seemingly would surely produce an incoherent mess, no other book is more harmonious than the Bible: like a great jigsaw puzzle, each piece fits into the whole. This one book, made up of these 66 separate books: forms one continuous story (humanity in relation to God) and has one great theme (the person and work of Christ).

The scope of subject matter covered in the Bible makes it a book in a class of its own. No other book covers with such detail such a broad subject. The Bible is a history from eternity before the creation to eternity after time and all in between. The Bible tells the human story from beginning to ending, traces the nation of Israel from beginning to ending, and outlines the church of the Lord Jesus Christ from inception, during the personal ministry of Christ, to eternity. The Bible describes the earth from stem to stern. Only the Bible describes sin, Satan, God, and gives the redemption story. All of this, plus much more, is found in the Bible, yet the Bible is a relatively small book. Many accounts of WWI alone far exceed the size of the Bible, and many larger books tell far less than the Bible.

Looking at these facts alone, it becomes obvious that the Bible is not a mere coincidence; nor could it have come to be the work that it is except that some great power (God) was directing it.

The prophecies of the Bible are undeniable proof that the Bible is the work of God; not man. Remember, every prediction is *not* a prophecy. There are at least five requirements for legitimate prophecy.

1. It must be made known prior to its fulfillment.
2. It must be beyond all human foresight.
3. It must give details; not be just general and ambiguous.
4. A sufficient time must elapse between its publication and its fulfillment to exclude the prophet or any interested party from fulfilling it.
5. There must be a clear and evident fulfillment of the prophecy.

The Bible truly is a book of prophecy. Either by type, symbol, or direct statement, about two thirds of all scriptures are prophetic. The Bible hazards the most unlikely predictions concerning the future; and when the centuries have brought about the appointed time, records their fulfillment. Consistent, accurate prophecy is beyond the ability of man. Man can hazard enough guesses and sooner or later he may get one or two right, but he certainly can never get them 100% right. Thus, if we find a book of prophecies, all 100% right, then we know that book had to be produced by someone far greater than man.

Consider a few of the Bible prophecies. Genesis 6:14-17 predicted a great flood would come and would cover the whole earth. Genesis 7:10-24 shows it did. Science today admits that at one time, every inch of this earth was covered with water. Consider the fossils of animals in caves with grass in their lungs.

Genesis 12:2-3 gives the unlikely prophecies of Abraham and his descendants, which have come true. Genesis 50:24-26 declares that Joseph's bones would leave Egypt and Exodus 12:31-40 records they did. Joshua 24:32 confirms the bones of Joseph were brought up from Egypt.

Isaiah 44:28-45:4 prophecy of Cyrus the Persian 200 years before he was born. The prophecy was fulfilled in Daniel 5:30-31 and Daniel 6:1 when Darius the Mede was placed over the kingdom of Babylon. The fulfillment of the prophecy was also recorded in II Chronicles 36:22.

Jeremiah 34:3 records the impossible prediction that Zedekiah would see the King of Babylon, yet would never see Babylon though he would go there. Only God could have known his eyes would be put out by the King of Babylon, as recorded in II Kings 25:6-7.

The Bible, in Isaiah 23:1-18 prophesied the destruction of Tyre, a fact today.

Over 3500 years before man admitted it with the telescope, God, in Genesis 15:5, said the stars are too many to number.

Over 2200 years before Columbus proved it, God, in Isaiah 40:22, declared the earth is a sphere. Who, but God, could have known? God created this earth, so he knows. Men live on the earth and must learn fundamental principles, which God already knows, because he established those principles.

The prophecies about Christ's first appearance are sufficient to show the Bible cannot be a product of man. During the 24-hour period ending with Christ's burial, at least 25 specific prophecies about him were fulfilled. These specific prophecies include his betrayal for 30 pieces of silver, as recorded in Zechariah 11:12; the desertion by his disciples, as foretold in Zechariah 13:7; that none of His bones would be broken, as revealed in Psalms 34:20; and that he would be buried in a rich man's tomb, as prophesied in Isaiah 53:9. Numerous prophets foretold these prophecies over a period ending 500 years before Christ's crucifixion.

To give you some idea of how slim the chances were that these predictions would all be fulfilled, consider, if I predict an earthquake in Houston next year, by the law of *compound* probabilities, the chances are one in two that it will occur. If I say it will be on a particular day, the chances are 1 in 4. Each time I add another detail, the chances against it double: 1 in 2, 1 in 4, 1 in 8, 1 in 16, etc. Applying this mathematical principle to the day Christ died, the chances were 33,554,432 against 1 that the 25 prophecies would be fulfilled. During his lifetime, Christ fulfilled at least 109 prophecies concerning his first coming. The chances were 1 in billions that he would do it, yet he did. Still, there are skeptics who say man wrote these prophecies. It is a wild stretch of imagination to believe that!

If the chances are 1 in billions that the prophecies concerning Christ would be all fulfilled, what would the chances be that these, plus the hundreds of prophecies on other subjects which have been fulfilled, would all come true? If we could successfully prove the Bible has even one error, it would be different. But, we cannot, not in the slightest way. When it is understood that prophecy is literally history written in advance, and written with absolute accuracy, it must be admitted that the Bible truly is a phenomenal book.

Now compare these facts and figures with man's greatest intellect. Suppose 40 men, some learned and some ignorant, from many different lands, from many walks of life, should, unbeknown to each other, and with no one to initiate or coordinate the project, write 66 books over a 1600 year period. Do you suppose there would be any sense to it at all if all these books were compiled into one book? If they were all of a medical nature, do you suppose you could doctor a sick cow (let alone a sick man) by it?

Suppose a group of our greatest intellects today should sit down to predict the events of the next 500 years. Do you suppose they correctly could name coming countries, presidents, wars, etc.? Do you suppose that if they made 100 predictions, they'd get even 10% absolutely correct?

If the Bible is such a simple book, and of no more significance than other leading books, and we are so much smarter and civilized than the Bible writers were, then why don't some of our "brains", or "intellectual giants" produce a work equal to the Bible? By way of comparison we must admit man today is no where near intelligent enough to produce a work equal to the Bible, nor is there another work on earth that can touch its literary eloquence.

What then are the only logical conclusions which can be drawn? If man is at best nowhere near capable of producing a document similar to the Bible, then why is it thought that man produced the Bible? How could man produce what he is incapable of producing? If man could not produce it, it is safe to conclude he didn't. If man didn't produce it, then who else except the God of the Bible did? By the laws of plain logic, what other conclusion could possibly be drawn? The conclusion is unequivocal: the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of almighty God.

### **Is the Bible trustworthy as a record of historical facts?**

As stated by T. P. Simmons, in *A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine*, page 17, about a century ago critics held the Bible to be untrustworthy as history. There were other things happening about 100 years ago: Darwin and his *Origin of Species* was popular, and there were new "beginnings" of psychology, to mention a few.

1. Critics said the four kings mentioned in Genesis 14:1 never existed, and that the victory of the kings of the West over the kings of the East, as described in this chapter, never occurred.
2. Critics denied that such a people as the Hittites ever lived.
3. Sargon, mentioned in Isaiah 20:1 as king of Assyria, was considered a mythical character.
4. Daniel was supposed to be in error in mentioning Belshazzar as a Babylonian king. Dan. 5:1.
5. Typical New Testament examples of supposed historical errors include Acts 13:7, where Luke represents the island of Cyprus as being ruled by a "proconsul", or Luke 3:1, where he declares that Lysanias is the tetrarch of Abilene while Herod was tetrarch of Galilee.
6. Many today deny the Genesis account of creation, which thing will never be proven by facts. It is by faith we understand the worlds were framed by the word of God, as revealed in Hebrews 11:3.

7. II Peter 3:1-7 describes a world wide flood, but because men have rejected the historical accuracy of the Word of God, they have also rejected the accuracy of the word now, and they also reject the accuracy of prophecy.

Because men have rejected the Bible fact that God created the worlds in six literal 24-hour days, they have also rejected the history of the Bible that this world was destroyed by water, and reject the prophecy of the Bible that this present world will be destroyed by fire.

Because men have rejected God as creator and Adam as bringing sin into the world, they also reject their need of a Saviour and of Jesus who came to save. Many also reject the fact of sin that has caused death. Therefore they reject the need of a Saviour. They will spend their lives futilely searching for the truth of why we are on this earth and will spend their eternity in a burning fiery Lake of Fire.

Is the Bible trustworthy as a record of historical facts? We can say today, after far-reaching investigations concerning ancient nations have been made, that not a single statement in the Bible stands refuted. The confident denials of early critics have been proved to be the assumptions of ignorance. Professor A. H. Sayce, one of the most eminent of archeologists, says “Since the discovery of the Tel el-Amarna tablets until now great things have been brought out by archeology, and every one of them has been in harmony with the Bible, while nearly every one of them has been dead against the assertions of the destructive critics.” Some years ago the United Press broadcasted the testimony of A. S. Yahuda, formerly Professor of Biblical History at the University of Berlin and later of Semitic Languages at the University of Madrid, to the effect that “every archeological discovery of Palestine and Mesopotamia of the Bible period bears out the historical accuracy of the Bible.”

I do not believe the *translators* of the KJV, or King James, were inspired. They did not have to be, because God preserved his Word. The King James translators did not preserve the Bible.

Sometimes people do not want to say the KJV is inspired; they want to say the original is what is inspired. The original *is* inspired, but because God preserved his word, the preserved copy is also inspired. The KJV is an inspired, preserved copy. I do not see anything wrong with saying and believing that.

I cannot read Hebrew or Greek, but I can read and understand English. I am very thankful God has been very merciful to me in giving me a preserved copy of his originally inspired Word in the English language.

### **Copies of the Original are Scripture**

Jesus Christ believed and taught that copies of the Bible were scripture. In John 5:39, Jesus commands, **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.** Jesus did not instruct these unbelieving Pharisees to find the original bible, then search it. He commanded them to search the copies of the original, which were preserved by God for the damnation of unbelievers, and the sanctification of believers. Jesus told them to search the scriptures for the scriptures taught about Jesus Christ. He told them to look into the copies, which is what they had. This scripture alone is sufficient to prove God has preserved his word.

The definition of scripture is also revealed in Luke 4:14-21. **And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

Jesus was in the synagogue in Nazareth when the book of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. Jesus read Isaiah 61:1-2, stopping in the middle of verse 2. Jesus then closed the book and gave it to the minister and sat down. When all eyes were fastened on him, he said, **...This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.** There is no doubt that Jesus read a *copy* of the original scripture, not the *original scripture*, referring to that copy as scripture.

II Timothy 3:14-15 states, **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** Paul used the term “holy scripture” to refer to the copy of the Bible owned by Timothy. When Paul informed Timothy he has known the Holy Scriptures from a child, he was referring to a copy of the original scriptures. Referring to a copy of the scriptures as the Bible is correct. Just as Timothy’s Bible was scripture to him, so my Bible is scripture to me.

God has not only preserved his word overall, but he has also preserved the individual words. If God only preserved “the thought” then a Bible version other than the KJV *might* be acceptable. Deuteronomy 29:29 states, **The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.** Secret things belong to God, while revealed things belong to us, so we can do the words of the law of God. God wants us to obey his words, not just his thoughts. The thought of God is expressed to us in the revealed word of God—the holy scriptures.

### **God Preserves His Word**

There are many more passages that refer to preservation rather than inspiration. The originals are gone, but the original word of God is preserved in the KJV.

Matthew 5:17,18 declares, **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.** The jot is the Greek word “iota” or the Hebrew word “yodh”, the smallest letter of the Greek and Hebrew alphabets. A tittle, from the Greek word “keraia”, is the

very least of a thing. The “keraia”, or little horn, denotes the slightly curved hooks attached to some of the Hebrew letters. It destroyed a letter or an entire copy to omit this appendage where it belonged. Jesus states that a jot or a tittle shall not cease from the law until all be fulfilled. The words of God, which contain the thoughts of God, will never pass away. God has created this entire universe by speaking it into existence, and if he does not have power to preserve all of his word exactly and correctly, he does not have power to preserve this world to its ultimate end. How can God keep us, if God cannot preserve his word; each and every word? Jesus Christ uttered the strongest possible statement when he said, **...one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.**

Our text, Matthew 24:35 declares, **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.** We will either believe what Jesus said, or we will not believe what he said. God is going to keep his word. And he *can* keep it. He is omnipotent. He is totally sovereign. He has created this world, bringing it into existence from nothing, and works all things after the counsel of his own will; therefore he can preserve his word. If he does not have power to preserve his word, if he cannot preserve what he said; how can he keep us? We are all sinners, saved by faith in Jesus Christ, and he keeps us by his power.

Colossians 1:17 states that Jesus Christ **...is before all things, and by him all things consist.** This verse relates that God is holding everything together. God is keeping us saved, and God is preserving his Word. If God cannot keep his Word, he cannot keep everything together, and he cannot keep us saved. When we understand that Jesus Christ is as true as God, and reflects the word of God, John 1:1-5, 14, and that the word of God cannot be broken, we know the entire physical universe is kept by the power of God. God controls kings, and every individual; and he preserves his word. If God he cannot preserve his word, he is no more than a rotten stick upon which we lean, II Kings 18:21.

Isaiah 40:8 declares, **The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.** My Bible *is* the Word of God. This is what God said; it is not what I *feel*, or *think*. When the worlds are gone, God’s word will still be preserved, right down to the jot and tittle. When the worlds are burned up, the word of God will still be true. His word is forever, and believers will be with Jesus Christ forever, while unbelievers will forever be in the lake of fire. The declarations of God’s word are firm, solid and sure. True believers have confidence in the salvation of God because they believe God has preserve them, just as he has preserved his word.

Notice that Isaiah 40:8 states the *word* of God shall stand forever. This verse does not say the *thought* of God will stand forever, but that the *word* of God will stand forever. When the universe is destroyed, the Word of God will still be in existence. There is coming a day when this universe, as we know it, is going to be destroyed, but God and his word will not destroyed. That is his sure promise. Unbelievers will be in the Lake of Fire, because that is what the Word of God declares. These promises are solid and firm because God said it. Believers are saved and preserved by the power of God, reflecting that God can keep his word.

In days gone by, people kept their word even if it hurt them to do it. That is what God will do, and what we should continue to do. I remember my dad making a deal with

a neighbor and they shook hands on it. In process of time, circumstances changed, and it was going to hurt my dad to fulfill his part of the agreement, but he completed his part of the bargain because, as he said, “I shook hands on it.” My dad said, “I gave my word, therefore, I must fulfill my part of the agreement.” God keeps his word, because he has given his word.

I Peter 1:23-25 emphasizes concerning salvation, **Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.** Salvation is forever because Jesus Christ liveth and endureth forever. Believers are saved as long as God keeps his word, which is forever. God is an unchangeable God; therefore his word never changes. If God ever changes, that would indicate he was not perfect, his word is not perfect, and his salvation is not perfect. But God is a perfect, unchangeable God, therefore his Word is perfect and unchangeable, and salvation is perfect, unending and unchangeable. God created this universe about 6,000 years ago, just as the Bible states, not billions of years ago as evolutionists declare. God has kept his word for 6,000 years, down to the smallest particle or circumstance that can be imagined. This fact proves he will keep his word throughout eternity. A major part of being saved is believing what God said and trusting him to keep his revealed word. If God’s word cannot be believed and trusted, there is no salvation.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, and Luke 21:33, **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away.** Christ put this statement in the Bible three times, because Christ wants us to have confidence that even though terrible times may come upon this earth, his word will never pass away. Even when this world is being burned by fire, we can continue to trust his word because his word is eternal.

In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.** Many believe the law is not in effect any more, but they are wrong. I John 3:4, states, **Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.** If the law of God ceased to exist, there would be no measurement of God’s expectations, but the law of God reveals what pleases him. There is much evidence that sin continues in this world, therefore we know the law of God is still in force.

Matthew 7:12 records the golden rule. **Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.** This verse proves the Bible (the law of God) is still in effect. Neither the law nor the prophets have passed away. God has not changed; therefore the law and the prophets are still in effect.

Matthew 16:18 states, **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** The Bible gives assurance the kind of church organized by Jesus Christ during his personal ministry will continue. If God cannot preserve his kind of church, it would not exist today. Jesus said the same thing about his church that he said about his word. Jesus organized his kind of church 2,000 years ago during his personal ministry, and has kept it

safe to himself ever since. The true church of the Lord Jesus Christ was not organized on the day of Pentecost. Jesus said he would give his church perpetuity, and the devil will not be able to stop it. This is so, because that is what the Bible states. How God preserved his kind of church may be difficult to understand, but the promise of Christ is true. Individual churches have died, just as individual people have died, but the kind of local church established by Christ will continue in this world. God said it, and that settles it. For the past 2,000 years, churches have assembled together to worship God. God said he would preserve his Holy Scriptures, salvation for all believers, and his kind of churches.

Which local church has the most authority? A true, local church on the earth today, or the church at Jerusalem? The answer is simple; the authority is the same. The church at Jerusalem had the same authority as local churches have today. One is not over the other in authority. Both are the same, because local churches on the earth are copies of the original church at Jerusalem. Present day churches are not the original church, but they are a valid copy of the original, just as the KJV Bible is not the original Bible, but is a valid copy of the original.

It is good to have confidence in God, his preserved KJV Bible, his eternal salvation, and the kind of church Jesus established during his personal ministry. God wants all believers to know they are reading the actual words of God when they read the KJV Bible because Satan's attacks are hard, fast and real.

Satan will do whatever he can do to cause believers to fall from the truth, causing doubt as to the authenticity of the KJV is only one of his tricks. That is one of the reason there are so many different versions of the Bible today. Readers Digest even came out with a condensed Bible, which left out the genealogies, because the authors of that version did not think genealogies were important. Genealogies are important because God put them into his Word. Rest assured, the KJV is a preserved copy of the original scripture.

Satan's trap causes believers to doubt Romans 8:1-3, I John 5:6-8, or Mark 16:9-20 are a part of the Word of God. Just as Satan instilled doubt in the mind of Eve concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he attempts to cause confusion and instill doubt concerning what is and what is not the word of God.

## **The Bible Is Preserved From Satan’s Attacks**

Hebrews 10:7 - **Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.**

The entire Bible is made up of both the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament is prophecy about the coming of Christ, and the New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. There are not a large number of differences in the Old Testament from version to version, but some of the differences are major. Most of the modern controversy concerns the New Testament and stems from the perverted Westcott-Hort Greek text. Satan desires confusion about who Christ is; therefore he has caused confusion about the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ. Soon, Satan will establish his Anti-Christ as king over the entire world. The current confusion about the New Testament and Christ’s fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies is a major, yet “behind the scenes”, part of Satan’s plan to establish his earthly kingdom.

I have heard many declare the KJV is hard to understand, and that other versions, especially the NIV, make the meaning of scripture more clear. The NIV and the KJV have been processed through the Fleisch-Kincaid reading index. This system determines the grade level of a particular work to determine the ease of reading. The KJV has a grade level of 5.8, or grade 5, 8 months. The NIV grade level is 8.4. That is, a person must have an eighth grade, fourth month reading level to understand the NIV. This study reveals the NIV is harder to understand than the KJV. The root problem is not that the KJV is difficult to understand, but that the KJV is not saying what people want it to say. Many want the Bible to fit their lifestyle instead of changing their lifestyle to fit the Bible.

A personal example of the ease of understanding the KJV should suffice. In the church school of Independence Baptist Church, Foristell Baptist Academy, the young people are learning to read. I have chapel services each week, and a part of the chapel services is a sword drill. If a second grader gets to the passage first, they read the passage. And they *do* read the passage, sounding out the words. I will then ask them what the passage means. They will look at the passage, scrunch up their foreheads, and then tell me what it means. In my experience, a person does not have to have a reading level of grade five to understand the Bible.

### **The Bible is Preserved from Satan’s Attack**

Satan wants to destroy confidence in God’s word, the Bible. He knows faith and the foundation of faith will soon be eroded when confidence in the Bible is eradicated. Romans 10:17 states, **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Satan knows faith is a gift of God given through understanding and dependence on the word of God. He knows faith will increase as understanding of the Word of God increases. Therefore he is doing all he can to cause confusion as to which Bible is the right Bible.

Romans 10:17 does not say “Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.” The passage states **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Faith does not come by merely hearing the word of God with our natural ears. Faith does come by

hearing, but hearing comes by the word of God. The Holy Spirit of God, working with the revealed word of God, the Bible, causes us to spiritually hear, understand and make practical application of his Word.

Hebrews 10:7 reflects, **Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.** This passage reveals that Jesus Christ came to do the will of his father. Without the parenthesis, the passage states, **Then said I, Lo, I come...to do thy will, O God.** The words **...in the volume of the book...** refer to the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This passage clearly reveals that the entire Bible is written so all can understand the reason Jesus Christ came into the world. He did not come to do his own will, but the will of his father.

The text of this chapter: Hebrews 10:7, is a direct quote of Psalms 40:7 which states, **Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me.**

Jesus Christ is not a critic of the Bible. He takes the Bible exactly as it is, because it is his eternal word. Jesus told the Pharisees in John 5:39, **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.** The conflict is not in searching the scriptures as that is a direct command of Christ. The conflict comes because Satan is attempting to confuse the issue today; by presenting many different versions of the Bible. Satan did not tell Eve *not* to listen to the commands of God; he simply confused her as to what the command of God was. Satan is following that same pattern today by causing confusion as to which Bible version is correct. Satan would not mind us following *his* bible, but he does not want us to follow *God's* Bible. He is throwing a lot of flack, and attempting to discredit God's word. He has presented the world with many Bibles, and the world can choose which Bible they want to follow. Of course, it must be remembered that all these hundreds of false Bibles on the market today have the same foundation – the perverted Westcott-Hort Greek Text. The KJV is the only version using the received Text as the foundation, therefore is the one we should be using.

Jesus, in Matthew 22:29 said the Sadducees erred because they did not know the scriptures: **Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.** We also can err if we do not know what the Bible plainly declares. The great falling away from the truth in these last days is because many cannot understand God's truths because they are reading false Bibles. Satan has prepared many different Bible versions to cause confusion; therefore, many will not understand clear Bible truths. Satan is the master in causing confusion, just as Jesus is the master of giving understanding and clearing confusion.

In John 14:6, **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** This verse plainly declares there is only one way of salvation: through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, who is the only begotten son of God. Satan, however, presents many different ways of false salvation, false assurance, and false hope. Just as Satan has presented many different Bibles to this world, confusing seekers, so he has presented many different ways of salvation, confusing those who desire to be saved. The eternal purposes of God will not be frustrated by Satan's attacks because I John 4:4 states, **Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** Just as God saves

sinner out of the very hands of Satan, so he also gives assurance to his disciples concerning the truth of the KJV Bible.

John 2:22 reveals that the disciples knew what Jesus said in the scriptures and that the scriptures would agree with what Jesus did, **When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.**

Jesus desires understanding of his eternal purposes, but Satan is attempting to cause all kinds of confusion and grief. Remember that Satan, not God, is casting doubt on the Word of God. Satan cast doubt on what God said in Genesis 3 and caused the woman to be deceived, therefore Adam willingly disobeyed the plain command of God. Satan's mode of operation in Genesis chapter 3 is exactly the same tactic he uses today. Satan is challenging what God said by inserting his own words. His purpose is to deceive and cause confusion and eternal ruin.

Genesis 3:1 states, **Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? God's command is given in Genesis 2:16,17, And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

Satan knew the command of God, and the woman knew the command of God, but Satan cast doubt on what God said. Genesis 3:4,5 reveals Satan's deception. **And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.** Satan only changed one word. God promised word level preservation, and Satan only changed one word, therefore great changes were made in the meaning. In the final chapter of this book, the KJV, NIV and NWT are compared. Often there is only one word in a verse that makes a difference between a person being lost and a person being saved.

In Genesis 3:5, Satan continues with his lies. The woman saw that the tree of knowledge of good and evil was pleasant to the eyes and it was a tree to be desired to make one wise. She was deceived; therefore believed Satan was right, took of the fruit and ate it. But, according to I Timothy 2:14, Adam was not deceived; **And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.** Adam knew exactly what he was doing, took of the fruit and spiritually died that day, and died physically at the age of 930 years. Satan's attack on the Word of God began in the Garden of Eden and that attack continues to this very day.

As the end of time grows near, Satan is working hard to cause more confusion. And he is doing a wonderful job! We must believe what the Bible says, and not be fooled by the devil's lies and tactics.

II Timothy 3:13 reveals, **But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.** The time when Satan rules this world is drawing near. The word "wax" means to increase slowly. People are deceiving and being deceived. Believers must continue in the things they have learned and been assured of. Believers

must find, and continue in the old paths, remaining true to the old landmarks, if any blessings of God are to be received. Nothing new is needed, although Satan constantly cries for new things. True worshippers do not need new programs, purposes or plans. Jesus is needed. God has not changed his requirements for disciples. Believers must meet God's requirements, and God will bless his word. Men will deceive, but God has breathed life into his holy scriptures. God breathed life into his creation and God is the one who will bless. God is needed, not new programs, or the excitement of the world. Churches need to preach the old time gospel message, and God will bless his Word. It is exciting enough to believe and obey God's clear commands; nothing of ourselves is needed. If God's word does not excite us, then we need help from God.

God has protected the word he breathed, and all the confusion that Satan has brought into the world has not confused God, and should not confuse the children of God. In Psalm 119, the word of God is mentioned in every verse in one way or another. The various words used to describe the Bible are the law, testimony, precepts, ways, statutes, judgments, or commandments.

Psalms 119:89,90 states, **For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. 90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.** The word of God will remain on the earth for every generation, even our generation, and the generation living during the Great Tribulation. Satan is trying to destroy the Word of God, but in Matthew 24:35, Jesus said, **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.** What Jesus said is true, but Satan is always a liar.

Matthew 5:17-19 declares, **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.** Jesus did not come to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill the law and the prophets. We *have* the Word of God today, but Satan is making the word of God a battlefield.

### **The Source of the KJV**

When I began to study the source of the KJV, I found there was more material available than I could possibly digest. One of the first things I discovered was the differences between various versions of the Bible. I used a Bible program on my computer, opening both the KJV and the NIV in the same screen. That made it fairly simple to make comparisons between those two versions, but it was very difficult to gaze at the computer screen for long periods. Also, I was comparing only two versions. What will I do with the hundred or so other versions? About that time, a person told me that if I do not know Hebrew or Greek, then I would *never* know what God said. Wow, I thought! I do not know all the rules of English, and now I must learn Hebrew and Greek to understand the Bible! I concluded I would have to spend many years in school to understand the Bible, then I would be too old to do anything with my knowledge. That sounded like a typical Satanic lie to me. Thinking of Satan's lies made me very discouraged, because I have enough trouble with English, much less trying to learn a

couple of other languages. What a dilemma! It seemed very unreasonable that I would have to spend all those years before I can even begin to serve God. Satan causes confusion and discouragement, and it almost worked with me. But I have discovered the battle is not in comparing all the verses of all the versions. The *foundation* of the entire battle lies in the *source* of the KJV and the *source* of all other Bibles.

The KJV comes from one source, and all the other versions come from another source. This really makes it simple. There is no need to try to compare all the Bible versions. All I have to know is where a particular bible came from – the source. God used imperfect men to write, translate and preserve his Bible, the perfect book. Textual critics are used of Satan to cause confusion with all their so-called “expert” opinions.

I Corinthians 14:33 states, **For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

Those who believe the KJV is the inspired, preserved word of God can say:

1. I believe God gives the Bible.
2. I believe in verbal inspiration.
3. I believe in preservation.
4. I believe God is powerful enough to control the smallest detail of inspiration and preservation.
5. I believe God will and did and is using imperfect men to preserve a perfect book.
6. I believe God has that much power, strength, and ability.
7. I believe that God is true and all men are liars.
8. I believe that Satan is attacking the Word of God.

The following statements describe those who do not believe the KJV is the preserved, inspired Word of God.

1. Each of the above sentences (numbers 1-8) begin with the words “I believe...” Those who do not believe the KJV is the inspired Word of God would begin each sentence with the words “I will not believe... or I cannot believe... or I cannot be sure...” How sad and depressing it is to not believe!
2. People who do not believe the KJV is the Word of God for English speaking people will be continually filled with doubt, confusion and unrest.
3. Men believe they are wise enough to criticize the Word of God to discover the truth. Think! – what did the woman do in the Garden of Eden? Did she not believe she was wise enough to discern for herself; to follow Satan and not follow God? Did not sin come into the world because of this doubt which lead to disobedience?
4. Men will not believe Satan is attacking the Bible. Why? Because *they* are the ones Satan is using in his attack. *They* are the ones who are trying to decide whether to believe the Bible or not. *They* are using their “expert” opinions to figure out whether the Bible is truth or not. There is nothing better than believing the Bible, but these folks place their “expert” opinion above everything.

I remember when I was a boy, and I rode my bike everywhere. Grandma would be sitting on the front porch reading her Bible while Grandpa listened and spit his tobacco in the flowerbed. For at least the past 300 years people depended on the KJV. The Bible

has been the foundation of the United States of America, and the homes of this great nation. As time has passed, the Biblical foundation has been slowly eroded away by doubt and confusion. Look at our society today. Many say they are getting closer to God with all these new versions, but the truth is the opposite. All these new versions have not helped one bit to discover God or his eternal truth. The Authorized Version has been the foundation, but now the foundation is being destroyed.

### **Manuscript**

What is a manuscript? It is a man-u-script: a man wrote it down. It is handwriting. In days gone by, that is how the word of God was sent from one place to another. People wrote down what God said to write down. Where are the original manuscripts? They are gone. If the original manuscripts were still available, they would be revered, worshipped, and adorned, and God would be forgotten. Hezekiah destroyed the brazen serpent God told Moses to make because the people of Judah were worshipping it, calling it “a piece of brass”. If God had left the original manuscripts intact, men would be worshipping them, and would not be worshipping God. Men would count the original manuscripts as more valuable than the words written in the manuscript.

In Deuteronomy 29, Moses and all Israel made a covenant before God. In Deuteronomy 31:9, Moses wrote the law of God and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, which bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord. The priests were commanded to read the law, which Moses wrote before all Israel when they came together every seven years. The purpose of this reading was so all Israel; men, women, children, and strangers, would learn and fear the Lord God Almighty. God will bless his people when they willingly obey his precepts. In Deuteronomy 31:26, Moses commanded the priests to put the words of God that he had written into the sides of the Ark of the Covenant, that it would be a continual witness against the people. According to Psalms 78:1-10, Israel did not keep the commandment of God to read his law; therefore they did not know how God had blessed them. This is a sad commentary on the nation of Israel, but it is also a sad commentary on our nation. There was a day when the word of God was accepted, read, remembered and practiced. God’s blessing was upon our nation in that day, but that day is long gone, and God’s judgments are upon our nation.

The book of the law was placed into the Ark of the Covenant, because that was God’s command. But think a minute, if the book of the law was kept inside the Ark of the Covenant, how could Israel have read it? They *had* to have other copies, which were as inspired as the original. Later, in the New Testament, the Bible was written down, and many copies were produced. This happened many times over. Does God have the power to preserve all his words in all those copies? There are two choices: either believe God preserved his words, or he did not. There are no other options. God preserved all his words in all the copies. God has that much power and more.

Today, a computer can copy the entire Bible and print a personal copy. That is not necessary because it is easy to purchase a copy of the Bible. But if a computer can copy/paste and get an exact duplicate of the Bible, can’t we believe that God has the power to “copy/paste” and get an exact duplicate?

Until the printing press was invented and widely used, it was almost impossible to purchase a copy of the Bible. Each copy had to be manually written. When a new king

came to the throne of Israel, God commanded that king to make his own personal handwritten copy of the Bible. Deuteronomy 17:18-20 states, **And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: 20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.** A king could order his servants to write the copy and he would not have to do all that writing, which sounds like something a politician would do. Would it make a difference if the king wrote the Bible himself, or if he ordered his servants to write it for him? Of course it would. When the king made his personal copy of the Word of God, he would remember the details of the word. The personally handwritten copy would change his thinking, and change the way he ruled. It would take a lifetime to make his personal copy, just as it takes a lifetime to do any good work, and the king would be changed as he read and produced his own personal copy of the Bible. If a servant of the king made the copy for the king, the king would have no idea what was written.

I knew a druggist who wrote a personal copy of the Word of God instead of buying a copy and reading it. As he followed the command God gave to a king, the druggist discovered many small details he would have missed by only reading. The Bible he copied for himself meant so much more to him than a Bible he could easily purchase. When the king wrote his own personal copy, he would understand much more than if he simply read a copy. The king would then be very careful to keep the word of God, and God would bless.

The copies (manuscripts) are called the Byzantine text type or the Alexandria text type. The Byzantine text type came from the school at Antioch, Syria, and were preserved by the Byzantine Empire (about 330 a. d. – 1453 a. d.) God controls all kingdoms and God controlled the Byzantine Empire, which he used to preserve his eternal word.

The Alexandria text type came from a liberal “Christian” school at Alexandria, Egypt. There is much difference between the school at Antioch and the school at Alexandria. Christians at Antioch were interested in doing what God wanted them to do, but the Alexandria school was famous for using pagan Greek philosophers to understand the Bible. Alexandria is not reputable as far as the Word of God is concerned. If you want to understand paganism, go to Alexandria. If you want to understand God’s plan, go to Antioch. Paul, Acts 13:1-3, was ordained to be a missionary to the Gentiles from the church at Antioch, not the church at Alexandria.

The Byzantine text type is called the Received Text because it was received or accepted. The Alexandria text type was not received or accepted.

Acts 6:8-9 states, **And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. 9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.** Notice the various people who

disputed with Stephen concerning the Word of God. The same types of unbelievers continue today to dispute the Word of God. The people of the schools at Alexandria did not like what Stephen preached, so they tried to change it. They criticized the preaching of Stephen, and they are still criticizing Bible preaching, because they do not like what the Bible says. The Bible record is very clear that believers in Christ were first called Christians at Antioch, where they willingly studied, learned, obeyed and followed the teachings of Christ. Acts 11:26, states, **...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.**

### **Criteria Of Textual Critics**

Some of the criteria of textual critics are:

1. Textual critics believe the difficult reading is better than the easy reading. A difficult reading is when the meaning is hard to understand, or there appears to be a contraction. The reasoning behind this thought is human reasoning. The textual critics do not believe in inspiration, or in preservation. They believe imperfect man made many mistakes when the Word of God was copied, therefore the incorrect copy must be right or inspired because men make mistakes continually. Higher critics of the Bible forget that God is able to use imperfect men to make a perfect copy. God is able to convert imperfect men to perfection through salvation; therefore he is able to use imperfect men to preserve his perfect word.

2. Textual critics believe the shorter reading is better than the longer reading, therefore textual critics believe Mark 16:9-22 is not considered part of the original manuscript. In comparing various manuscripts, if there is a place where words are missing, textual critics consider the shorter reading the correct reading.

3. Textual critics believe the earlier *dated* manuscripts are the right ones. On the surface, this argument appears logical, but consider the source of the manuscripts. Admittedly, the Byzantine text is not the oldest *dated* manuscripts. The Alexandrian text, which is the incorrect text, is older. Consider: the Byzantine text type Bible was used and worn out, then another copy was made, using the Byzantine text type, and the older copy discarded. The Alexandria text type copies; however, were not used, but were recognized as inferior, and put up on a shelf, therefore they lasted longer.

The Byzantine text type and the Alexandrian text type were copied on a different kind of paper than we have today. A type of leather was used, which disintegrated in the climate of Antioch, but did not disintegrate in the arid climate of Alexandria. The oil from the fingers of people would get on the copies of the Byzantine text type, because they were being used, but oil from fingers would not get on the copies of the Alexandria, because they were not being used. This fact is proven by considering the Dead Sea Scrolls, which were discovered in the desert caves of Khirbet Qumran near the Dead Sea. A young boy, in 1947, looking for his goats, wandered into the cave and found jars filled with manuscripts. More discoveries continued until 1956. The Dead Sea scrolls were not being used when they were found, and they had not been used for hundreds of years. The word of God is preserved for us in the Byzantine text type, even though the manuscripts are not the oldest. They are, however, the most used. It is for this reason the Byzantine text type is called the *Textus Receptus*, or the received text. The Alexandria text type was not received, or accepted.



## **The History of New Translations**

Hebrews 10:7 - **Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.**

The last chapter gave a brief history of the KJV and the other versions of the Bible, which are strategically placed by Satan to cause as much confusion as possible. In Hebrews 10:7, Jesus is quoting Psalms 40:7, which reveals that the theme of the Bible is Jesus Christ. The new versions of the Bible, however, have a different theme, speak of another gospel, and another salvation. Higher critics are getting bolder in proclaiming another gospel and another savior, which is not Jesus Christ.

Christ said the theme of the Bible is about him, and the disciples believed what Jesus said. When Jesus told them he had risen from the dead, they not only believed him, but also believed the Scriptures that taught his resurrection. True disciples of Christ believe Jesus and they believe his Word, the Bible. Satan is just the opposite. He is doing all he can do to destroy confidence in the Word of God by twisting the words of Christ, or turning his words upside down, or lying, or whatever else he can do to cause confusion and uproar. His attack is an intellectual human attack.

II Timothy 3:13 states, **But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;** The devil is the prince and the power of the air, and he is presently working in the children of disobedience. According to I Peter 5:8, Satan is as a roaring lion, is seeking whom he may devour.

Satan knows his time to rule this world is near, that his end is coming, therefore he is doing everything he can to convince wicked men to follow him. He is perverting the word of God, giving men ten correct verses, and one incorrect verse. When the one incorrect verse is accepted, Satan gives nine correct verses two incorrect verses. When those two incorrect verses are accepted, Satan gives eight correct verses and three incorrect verses. Satan will continue to gradually change truth into error until the whole Bible is perverted, and his temporary earthly kingdom is established. Daniel 7:25 speaks of these events, **And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**

God has protected the words he breathed by preserving his words in the KJV Bible. Many souls have been saved because of belief in Jesus as revealed in the KJV, but now in the last of the last days, Satan has introduced many new versions and caused much confusion, therefore many profess they cannot understand the Bible. It is amazing that this highly educated society cannot understand the Bible! It is amazing, is it not, that people have understood the KJV for hundreds of years, but now in these last days, people cannot understand the KJV! It is amazing that men are supposedly more intelligent than ever before, yet the Bible cannot be understood.

Or is *understanding* the KJV the problem? Could it be that the KJV *can* be understood, but its clear meaning is rejected? The KJV is very clear when it speaks about

sin, eternal salvation, holy Godly living, and every other doctrine. Many today do not want to hear very much about Bible doctrines. God is holy, and he wants us to be holy.

When consideration is given to which Bible version to follow, it is not necessary to read and compare all the various versions of Bible. It is only necessary to know there are two sources, or two foundations, for all the Bibles in the entire world. I am very thankful God has made it easy to tell which Bible to use. I do not need complicated things, as I have trouble understanding complicated things. God is not the author of confusion, but desires all his children understand which Bible is the right one to use.

The KJV Bible is based on a Byzantine text type from Antioch in Syria, preserved in the Byzantine Empire, which existed from about 330 to 1453 AD. The Alexandrian text type was preserved in Alexandria, Egypt, but the Alexandria school was not reliable, as they used pagan philosophers, developed their own kind of text, and their own kind of doctrines, based on human philosophies.

We understand, therefore, there are only two sources for all Bible versions. The source, or roots, of the KJV are from the Received Text of the Byzantine text type from Antioch, Syria. The source, or root, of all other modern versions, and the Dead Sea Scrolls, come from the Alexandrian text type of Alexandria, Egypt. God's children should not want to return to Egypt.

### **Why Do We Need New Bibles?**

It seems odd that we have gone all these years with the KJV, but suddenly in the end of the world, we need new Bibles.

Thomas Nelson published The Revised Standard Version of the Bible was published in 1952. The 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the preface of that version states,

Yet the King James Version has grave defects. By the middle of the nineteenth century, the development of Biblical studies and the discovery of many manuscripts more ancient than those upon which the King James Version was based, make it manifest that these defects are so many and so serious as to call for revision of the English translation. The task was undertaken, by authority of the Church of England, in 1870. The English Revised Version of the Bible was published in 1881-1885; and the American Standard Version, its variant embodying the preferences of the American scholars associated in the work, was published in 1901.

These scholarly critics openly declare that all the copying of the KJV down through the ages has caused multiple errors to creep into the text. They are boldly stating that God is not able to preserve his Bible through all this copying; therefore it is left up to the "experts" of the day to preserve the Bible for him. Many of those who say God does not preserve his Word also foolishly declare God is not an all-powerful God. But God *is* an all-powerful God, not an impotent God. God can do anything, absolutely anything; God knows everything there is to know; and sees everything, even to the thought of the imagination of the heart of every person in the entire world.

Disregarding the plain truth of the power of God, the English Revised Version appeared in England in 1881. When that version was not widely accepted, the American

Standard Version of 1901, a minor American version of the English Revised Version, was produced. The American Standard Version is a revision of the KJV made on the basis of the Westcott and Hort Greek Text of 1881 and the Tregelles of 1857. The American Standard Version became the foundation of several 20<sup>th</sup> century American versions, including the Revised Standard Version of 1946 and the New American Standard Bible of 1963. None of these versions was widely accepted, because God's people would not buy them. Christians still had a background of Biblical knowledge, and when preachers preached from the new versions, their messages were not accepted. Christians knew what they believed, because they had studied the KJV for themselves, therefore understood Biblical doctrines. They knew the Bible they grew up with was the Bible they needed. They had a foundation in the Word of God. The Bible declares in Psalms 11:3, **If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?** This is where we are today; Satan is attempting to destroy the foundations of the Word of God. Churches and believers all over this world are being destroyed because the foundation of the Bible version they are using is wrong. Churches do not need a new plan or program. Churches need more Bible, and more individual church member participation in active Bible reading and praying.

As an example of how much we need God's guidance from his holy Bible, I give this example. After the morning message in a church I pastored, a lady church member said to me, "That was a good message." I said, "Pray for me." She said, "What do you mean? You are supposed to be praying for me." That was in a Baptist church. It is not wrong for pastors to pray for their members, that is for sure, but God instructs church members to pray and read their Bibles. Many believe their pastor should read his Bible for them, but they are missing out on all the good blessings of God because they are not reading their Bibles for themselves. They would really get happy in the Lord if they would only discover for themselves the eternal truths of the Word of God.

Biblical Revisionists believe the foundation of the KJV was based on a marred Greek text, the Byzantine text. Revisionists believe the KJV is polluted by 14 centuries of manuscript copying, but they do not understand that if God cannot preserve his Bible, modern revisionists cannot preserve it either.

### **Circumstances That Brought On The New Versions**

II Timothy 3:1-7 states, **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.** Paul gives Timothy a long list of terrible things that will be happening in the last days. The last days are upon us, as we are living in the very last of the last days.

All of the terrible things listed in verse 3 and 4 are happening before our eyes. But notice verse 5 **...having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.** This is

happening today. People, even Christians, say they love God, but they do not prove it by their actions. When people really love God in their hearts, that love will be revealed in their lives. It is impossible to keep true Godly love hidden inside us, although it might be kept down for a while. Christians are extremely miserable when Christ is not readily confessed on a daily basis. It is impossible to hide the love of God in the heart, because, as stated in James, it will come out in your speech, in your conversation, and in your way of life.

Verse 6 is also true today, as silly women are led away with divers lusts. Of course, men are no better as they follow these silly women into wickedness.

Verse 7 states that men will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. This is what is happening today with all these new versions of the Bible, because the foundation of those versions is wrong. The more people learn the more they do not know, because they are not learning from the proper foundation, the Bible.

Verse 8 records the battle today, as it was in the days of Moses, is between good and evil. It is a clear issue, not one clouded in uncertainty. The battle is between God and Satan, just as the battle was between Moses and Jannes and Jambres. The only way to overcome is with the Word of God, which word Satan is trying to destroy. Our hope is in Christ, who keeps his word to us forever. Our victory is in Christ, who always fulfills his promises to us. Satan will be defeated, but the battle goes on today.

Shortly before the turn of the century, there was a lot of unrest in the culture of the United States of America, and the entire world. There were many things that had been accepted since the time of Christ as true, but those truths came to be questioned, then disregarded by the intelligentsia of the day.

In religion, Charles Darwin authored his book of heresy, The Origin of the Species. The year was 1859. Some believe this book was published so long ago that it has no relevance today, but it does. There are many pastors who believe this world exists because of some process of evolution. A lack of Bible reading, prayer and meditation causes the theory of evolution to gain a foothold in the minds of believers. Many pastors have also lead their people to distrust the Bible because much of their preaching is not Bible based, but based on tickling the ears of their hearers. Genesis 1:1,2 makes it abundantly clear that God created this world by speaking it into existence. God used six literal 24-hour days. Some people are so confused; they don't know how long a day is, but notice Genesis 1:5, **...the evening and the morning were the first day.** It is apparent the Bible defines a day as the period of time embracing the evening and the morning, or 24 hours. If believers will not accept what the Bible states about the length of a day, they will not accept anything else the Bible says. How many *days* did God use to create this entire world? Genesis 1 teaches us God used six days then rested on the seventh day. How many *years* did it take God to create the worlds? Let me repeat; God used six days, or 1/52 of a year, each year being 365.25 days long. Many do not want to believe this truth, but that is what the Bible says.

The emerging theory of evolution was but one change that was taking place. The Scopes trial, which took place in Dayton, Tennessee in the summer of 1925 is another example of the radical social changes that was taking place. There was much unrest as traditionalists, the older Victorians, viewed the younger generation, who did not care

whether their elders approved of them. The younger traditionalists only concern was whether their peers and the intelligentsia of the day accepted them. The scope of the trial was not whether John Scopes was guilty of teaching evolution, or that Tennessee's anti-evolution statute was illegal. The meaning of the trial emerged through its interpretation as a conflict between the Bible and "science". There was an effort made to conform the Bible to science, instead of conforming science to the Bible. In the minds of many, "science" won the day, the Bible was proven insufficient and inadequate for that "modern" time. The Bible had to be changed, or left behind.

In politics, Carl Marx and Frederick Engels published The Communists Manifesto in 1848. All of Europe desired peace and a better way of living. Communism seemed to be the answer. The plan was something new, having never been tried, but its adherents spoke in glowing terms of the prosperity communism would bring to the nations endorsing its principles. The people of Europe were ready for communism because they had already rejected Christ and his government. They were not looking forward to, nor expecting any relief from their present situation from God, therefore were ready to accept this new communism, trusting that form of government would bring the promised Utopia.

In 1891, Sigmund Freud was an Austrian neurologist, and founder of psychoanalysis. Freud may justly be called the most influential intellectual legislator of his age. His creation of psychoanalysis was at once a theory of the human psyche, a therapy for the relief of its ills, and an optic for the interpretation of culture and society. Despite repeated criticisms, attempted refutations, and qualifications of Freud's work, its spell remained powerful well after his death and in fields far removed from psychology as it is narrowly defined. If, as the American sociologist Philip Rieff once contended, "psychological man" replaced such earlier notions as political, religious, or economic man as the 20th century's dominant self-image, it is in no small measure due to the power of Freud's vision and the seeming inexhaustibility of the intellectual legacy he left behind. Freud's psychoanalysis began to creep into religion. People viewed the "new" theory of the origin of man, new politics in communism, and new thoughts about the mind of man in psychoanalysis, and began to believe all these new things would bring in a new world of peace, tranquility, and harmony.

There is nothing new here. Just as Eve believed Satan in the Garden of Eden when he told her she would not surely die, so people grasped Satan's lies concerning the theory of evolution, communism and psychoanalysis as something God had kept from them. Just as Adam decided to follow his wife instead of following God, people began to follow these false ideas of Utopia instead of the clear teachings of the Word of God. The results of their betrayal of truth would take years to develop, just as sin continues to take its awful toll on this universe.

Following the ideas of intelligence instead of obeying the commands of the Bible, people believed they now had new and better ways to raise children. Those new principles were put into force, but the results brought nothing but more and more confusion. It is clearly evidenced in our society that things have not improved, but gotten slowly worse. Through psychoanalysis, many began to believe their biggest problem was everybody else, not themselves. Psychoanalysis taught that if everybody else would get straightened out, there would be no difficulty. But they had forgotten the Bible admonition to recognize, repent and turn to God for forgiveness. Adherents of evolution,

communism and psychoanalysis do not believe the biggest trouble maker in the world is ourselves.

Each of us should remember that the biggest trouble maker in our family, and in our church is ourselves; not somebody else. This should not lead us to despair or despondence. We should be encouraged in the truth, knowing that God will grant repentance and faith. We cannot trust ourselves, but should wholly trust our creator, his form of government and his methods of taking care of sin. That is the only way we can ever find peace and harmony in this wicked and sinful world.

As the intelligentsia of that day began to compare the Bible with the new theory of evolution, the new politics, and the new psychologies, they began to believe their Bible is outdated because it does not reflect these new ideas of creation, government, and the human condition. So something had to be done to fix the Bible.

Constantine Tischendorf, in 1844, was visiting a sixth century monastery on the Sinai peninsula, Egypt, named Monastery of the Transfiguration, commonly referred to as St. Catherine's Monastery. In a rubbish basket, he discovered 43 leaves of the Septuagint. He was very excited over this discovery, and over the next 15 years, made three subsequent visits to the monastery, collecting and copying the desired manuscripts. He published an account of his findings in 1860 and in 1862 published a facsimile of the manuscript. The manuscript is called Sinaiticus because it was found at Mt. Sinai.

One of the difficulties with this manuscript is that it was found in a rubbish bin. It was not being used, and was laid aside as rubbish. Another difficulty is that the manuscript contains the book of Barnabas, which is not included in the KJV. Barnabas was not inspired of God to write a book of the Bible. II Peter 3:1, 2 states, **This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:** Verse 2 explains the Old Testament was written by the prophets and the New Testament was written by the apostles. Barnabas was not an apostle, although some use Acts 14:14 to prove he was. Acts 14:14 states, **Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out.** Barnabas is here called an apostle, not because he was chosen by God in Luke 6, or in Acts 1, but because he was sent forth by the church on a particular mission, as reflected in Acts 13:3, which states, **And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

The apostles had many duties. I refer to the apostles chosen by Christ as “the transition team” because they were Jews who were members of the church organized by Jesus Christ during his personal ministry. These apostles are the “bridge” between the Jewish nation and the Gentile church. One of their duties was to write the New Testament because they were eyewitnesses of the ministry, and the death, burial and resurrection, of Jesus Christ. Barnabas was not part of this group of apostles.

The oldest copy of the Bible is said to be the Vaticanus Manuscript, of the Alexandrian text type, because it belongs to the Vatican Library, in Rome, Italy. The origin of this manuscript is very uncertain, some believing it came from Rome, others believe it came from Asia Minor, still others believe it was written in Egypt. Others

believe the Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus were originally together in some ancient library. There is much confusion as to the content of the Vaticanus compared to the Received Text.

Why were both of these manuscripts hidden, one behind a wall in the Vatican Library, and the other in a trash bin? They were not being used because were rejected as valid copies of the Bible. Where were the Dead Sea Scrolls found? In a cave, hid in a clay pot. They were not being used. If the Dead Sea Scrolls were valid copies, why were they not being used? Is it possible our great God has kept these three invalid manuscripts on this earth because in these last days men shall willingly turn their ears from the truth and desire a lie. II Thessalonians 2:11 states, **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.** II Timothy 4:3 adds evidence that God has prepared beforehand the means of delusional reasoning for those who reject his clear word by stating, **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.**

If the Vaticanus was a valuable manuscript why was it kept behind a wall for years while countless souls found their way into eternity without its information? If the Sinaiticus manuscripts were valuable, why was it stored in a rubbish bin, awaiting destruction? Why did Constantine Tischendorf consider that bit of rubbish valuable?

Do you have anything in your house that ought to be thrown away, that you are not using? All of us have stuff like that, and this is what happened with these manuscripts. If either of these manuscripts were of value, they would have been used, and not placed in a trash bin, or hid behind a wall. We all save a lot of junk in our houses because we think one of these days we will do something with it, but it continues to pile up. So we build an outbuilding to put all our junk in, then when that building is filled up, we build another outbuilding to put more junk in. Clearly, a lot of things should be thrown away, not kept to clutter and cause confusion. Remember, Satan causes confusion; Christ gives clarity.

The so-called “scholars” of that day considered these “new” manuscripts, and decided they would produce a new Bible. Brooke Foss Westcott (Bishop of Durham) and Fenton John Hort, two late 19<sup>th</sup> century English theologians were responsible for the greatest feat in textual criticism by replacing the received text of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible with a new Greek text. Westcott-Hort were not wise, but they were very intelligent. Satan knows how to use evil men for his own purposes, and he used Westcott-Hort for his evil purposes.

Westcott-Hort did not take the Sinaiticus and the Vaticanus and make an English Bible from them. They used these perverted texts to produce a perverted Greek text, from which they produced their English Bibles. They said the “Received Text”, the Textus Receptus, was polluted by 14 centuries of copying, therefore they are unreliable.

Both Westcott and Hort understood the Sinaiticus and the Vaticanus do not agree. Westcott-Hort used eclectic, defined as selecting or employing individual elements from a variety of sources, systems or styles.

How does this work, in a practical way? First, determine what you want to produce, then get all sorts of incompatible objects together to produce the desired end. This is what Westcott-Hort did. Neither of them liked the KJV, or the Received Text, therefore

set out to produce a new Greek text, even though they knew the Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus did not agree with each other. From that perverted Westcott-Hort Greek Text came many English Bibles.

Another mostly Alexandrian text type manuscript is the Codex Alexandrinus, so named because the earliest known location was the Egyptian city of Alexandria. The gospels in the Codex Alexandrinus is written in the Byzantine text type while the remainder is written in the Alexandrian text type. This manuscript is believed to be from the early 5<sup>th</sup> century. The Codex Alexandrinus differs from the Codex Vaticanus and the Codex Sinaiticus in many respects, and was not used as a background for Bible publishing until the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The National Council of churches published the Revised Standard Version in 1946, and the complete Bible in 1951, 1952. Forty Protestant denominations gathered together to make their new versions. Proverbs 11:21 states, **Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.**

The National Council of Churches represents at least forty denominations, whose member churches have joined hand in hand to produce these new versions. They have agreed new versions are needed, not because the received text or the KJV is invalid or cannot be understood, but because the KJV continually speaks of sins that are condemned by God Almighty. The producers of these new versions are well educated, but it is not always through education that God reveals himself. I Corinthians 1:18-29 reveals that Christ has not often used the educated, wise of this world, but he often uses those that are not mighty, those that are not noble, even those that are not highly educated to confound the wise. He does all this so no flesh will be able to glory in his presence.

Proverbs 11:21 gives believers a precious promise that God will deliver the righteous, even though the wicked are joined together against them. The blessings of God will not come through education, although there is nothing wrong with being highly educated. God's blessings will come in such a way that believers will know those blessings came from him, and not from any other source.

The Revised Version was published in 1881, as a revision of the KJV, but also based on the Westcott-Hort perverted Greek text. The American Standard Version was produced in 1901 as a revision of the Revised Version. Modern critics of the Received Text and the KJV have produced many different English versions of the Bible since 1901, all of them based on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Codex Alexandrinus, Codex Vaticanus, and the Codex Sinaiticus using Westcott-Hort perverted Greek Text. Some of these include:

The Revised Standard Version of 1952

The Berkley Version of 1959

The Amplified Bible of 1965

The Jerusalem Bible of 1966

The New English Bible of 1970

The New American Standard Bible of 1971

The Living Bible of 1971

Today's English Version (Good News Bible) of 1976

The New International Version of 1978

The New King James Version of 1982  
The New Revised Standard Version of 1990

### Conclusion

If we look at history, at all the ancient Greek texts that were used in churches, we find there are about 5,300 Greek texts still available, and 95% of them belong to the Byzantine text type. Therefore of the 5,300 Greek texts remaining, approximately 5035 are of the Byzantine text type, and 265 are of the Alexandrian text type. This fact reveals that most people used the Byzantine text type; not the Alexandrian text type.

The Byzantine Greek text type date only as far as 400 AD, because the original text were used, worn out and discarded. The Alexandrian text type were not used, therefore they remained in relative good condition. The weather in Antioch contributed to the rapid decay of the leather parchment, while the weather in Alexandria was dry and hot, which preserved the leather parchment.

The 5,000 copies of the traditional text were used all over Asia, Europe, and North Africa. The Alexandrian text was used only in Alexandria, Egypt. The traditional text (Byzantine) was translated into all the languages of Asia, Syria, Italy, France, England, and Africa. The Alexandrian text type was never translated into any language because it was not accepted as a valid text.

In the days before the printing press, churches would copy, or otherwise make available the portion of scripture they were going to use that day, because there were very few copies of the Bible available. There are some 87,000 of these “handouts” still available. The vast majority of those “handouts” are from the traditional texts, therefore we know which text types were used. It is only recently that people have begun to think they must have something new and different.

The Sinaiticus manuscript leaves out about 4,000 words, but it adds about 1,000 additional words. Revelation 22:18,19 states, **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 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.** It is critical that we do not add, nor take away any words from the Bible. Those that do will face the consequences of their actions. The Sinaiticus manuscript changes the reading in about 1,500 places. There are so many variations in it that the National Council of Churches had three different editors working on it full time. The Sinaiticus manuscript added six new books to the Bible.

The Vaticanus manuscript left out 1,000 sentences. If you would take out a sentence from the Bible, which sentence would it be? The Vaticanus manuscript added about 500 words, changed words around some 2000 times, and disagreed with the Sinaiticus about 600 times, but the Vaticanus manuscript leaves out five books. The Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus disagree in some 17,000 places.

Which manuscript would you want to rely on: the received text, from which the KJV came from, or one that is eclectic like the Sinaiticus or the Vaticanus, which has over 17,000 variations between them? If you are going to base your eternity on one or the

other, which would you chose? You are going to stand before God in eternal judgment, therefore which Bible would you chose? The only way to be right with God is to obey what he says in his Bible, not in the perverted Bibles of today. God said in Jeremiah 6:16, **Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.** This world is full of unrest because they have accepted perverted Bibles. Most of this present world is too wise in their own eyes to humble themselves before a most holy and Almighty God, confess their wicked sins and trust in him alone. But that is what it takes to find rest for the wicked soul.

## Comparing Versions

This chapter is devoted to comparing the King James Version, the New International Version and the New World Translation. There are several different aspects of comparing these various versions with each other, which is explained in that section of the chapter. In most cases, the portion of scripture in doubt is underlined in the KJV so the reader will be able to quickly see the difference between the versions.

I have included the New World Translation (NWT), a Jehovah's Witnesses Bible translation, along with the NIV so the reader will be able to see the NIV and the NWT are practically identical. Jehovah's Witnesses formerly taught that Jesus Christ was nothing more than a good teacher, but they have changed their message to declare that Jesus Christ is *a* son of God, not *the* Son of God. It is good to remember that the foundation Greek text of the NIV and the NWT is the same – the perverted Westcott-Hort Greek Text.

Most of those that follow the NIV today, would not consider following the NWT, but the day will soon come when they will not see any difference between the doctrine of the Jehovah's Witness and themselves, because the source for the NIV and the NWT is the same. These two translations teach the same doctrines.

The underlined portions of the KJV will reflect the differences between the KJV, the NIV and the NWT. I will not make any comments about these comparisons, but will let the readers make their own conclusions.

There are many lost people parading about as saved people. They know nothing of personal guilt because of personal sin, personal repentance, the personal Saviour, or personal salvation. No wonder the NIV is accepted.

First, Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. No doubt every person would agree with this statement, yet in many places, the NIV and the NWT removes the fact of a personal Saviour, and replaces that fact with the idea that there can be great joy without having a personal Saviour. The KJV, on the other hand, constantly reminds the reader that true joy and lasting peace comes only when there is a personal knowledge of a personal Saviour.

### Isaiah 9:1-3

**NIV: Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--  
2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.**

**NWT: However, the obscureness will not be as when the land had stress, as at the former time when one treated with contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali and when at the later time one caused [it] to be honored—the way by the sea, in the region of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that were walking in the darkness have seen a great light. As for those dwelling in the land of**

**deep shadow, light itself has shone upon them. 3 You have made the nation populous; for it you have made the rejoicing great. They have rejoiced before you as with the rejoicing in the harvest-time, as those who are joyful when they divide up the spoil.**

**KJV: Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.**

The difference in these versions appears in verse 3, where the KJV includes the word “not” but the NIV and the NWT does not include that word. The entire meaning of the passage is changed.

Isaiah 9 is speaking about the birth of Jesus Christ. Both versions reveal that the people who walk in darkness have seen a great light, which is Jesus Christ. But verse three in the NIV and the NWT reveals that the people were increased in joy, while the KJV declares the people were not increased in joy. That is a major difference. The KJV rightly declares that Israel saw Jesus Christ, but they had no joy in him. But according to the NIV and the NWT, when they saw Jesus Christ, they had great joy. Which is true? Obviously, the KJV is correct, because the nation of Israel did not have great joy concerning Christ. They rejected him as their Saviour, and as their Messiah, because they did not believe he was the only begotten Son of God.

Where was the joy of Israel? In Christ, their long-awaited Messiah? No. The KJV declares that Israel had joy as the joy of the harvest. Israel had no spiritual joy in Christ, only earthly joy. Israel had earthly joy in the Lord when he fed the 5,000, or when he healed the sick, or cast demons out of people, but they rejected the spiritual truth that Jesus Christ is their Saviour, and the Saviour of the world. Jesus was indeed the light that shined in a dark place, and men rejoiced as when they divide the spoil. Men rejoice because the battle is over and they have won, and now they divide among themselves what they have captured.

In Genesis 3:3,4, Satan only changed one word. **But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:** Satan only changed one word of God’s command, and changing that word changed the entire meaning of the clear command of God. Some might believe that because Satan added a word in Genesis 3:4, and took away that same word in Isaiah 9:3, there is equality, but that is not so. Everything is now changed for the worse. Two wrongs never make a right. Adam and his wife both died as a result of disobeying God, even if the devil did change the wording of the command.

There are several passages of scripture that are not included in the NIV or in the NWT.

**Matthew 17:21**

NIV – not included.

NWT – Not included.

**KJV – Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

When the disciples of Christ were asked to cast the demon out of this young boy, they tried, but failed. Jesus came and cast out the demon. In private, the disciples asked Jesus why they could not cast out the demon. Jesus declares in verse 21, **Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.** Why would the NIV and the NWT leave out this verse? Jesus declared that God sometimes requires special dedication if we are going to receive special things. Our service to God is not casual, but purposely dedicated. We must forget this entire world, and completely dedicate ourselves to the will of God. If we are going to be a “success” for God, we are going to have to give up this world, and live the way God wants us to live. There is no other way. Christians must live by the power of God, not their power. There are many things that can only be accomplished by special “out of the ordinary” spiritual power from God. There are times when we must have our heart and mind completely dedicated to him, if we are going to accomplish his desire. Why would the NIV not include this fact of Christian living? It is not obvious? The publishers of the NIV and the NWT are teaching that mediocre service is all God demands. The publishers of the NIV and the NWT wants to hide the fact that God requires complete faithfulness, not half-heartedness.

#### **Matthew 23:14**

NIV – Not included.

NWT – Not included.

**KJV – Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.**

Why would this verse be left out of the NIV and the NWT? It is not obvious? Making pretence with long prayer and devouring widow's houses brings woe upon religious people. There is much money made on the copyright of these new Bible versions, but the KJV is not copyrighted. I know some have said the copyright is only to protect the Word of God, but God, whose protection is superior to any man's copyright, protects the KJV. The KJV is not copyrighted; therefore nobody makes money on it.

#### **Mark 7:16**

NIV – Not included.

NWT – Not included.

**KJV - If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.**

The Jews have asked Christ why he, and his disciples, ate with unwashed hands, and Christ answered them by explaining the real issue was in honoring God, which they had forsaken by substituting their own traditions in place of the laws and commandments of God. Jesus revealed their rejection of the commandments of God made his commandments invalid. At the end of this conversation, Christ exclaimed to all: If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. Why would the NIV and the NWT not include this

scripture? Perhaps the publishers of the NIV and the NWT do not understand that some people are substituting their own traditions for the clear commandments of God. Perhaps the publishers of the NIV and NWT do not understand they are guilty of the same error as the Pharisees. Christ calls for all those that have spiritual ears to hear.

### **Mark 15:28**

NIV – Not included.

NWT – Not included.

**KJV – And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. 26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. 28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.**

Mark 15:25-28 concerns the crucifixion of Jesus Christ between two thieves. Why would verse 28, which states that prophecy was fulfilled, be left out of the NIV and the NWT? Is it because the producers of the NIV and NWT do not believe Christ is the fulfillment of prophecy?

### **John 5:4**

NIV – Not included.

NWT – Not included.

**KJV – After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.**

Modern “believers” take the word of the “higher critics” and do not believe verse 4 ought to be in the Bible because they cannot explain “the troubling of the waters”. That is too bad, for there are many things in the Bible that are hard to understand. Just because a scripture cannot be understood does not mean that God does not understand. There are many things we must accept by faith, trusting God to make it work. Salvation doesn’t make any sense to the natural man, but it is true. It doesn’t make any sense that Christ saves the wicked, but he does. Christ saves the unworthy soul, and he will preserve that unworthy soul, keeping all their days, and even after they die.

A whale swallowed Jonah, and he lived to tell about it, and preach the gospel at Nineveh. The Bible says God prepared a great fish, so if there was only one fish with a throat big enough for a man to go through that is good enough. The walls of Jericho fell down when the trumpet was sounded on that seventh time around the city on that seventh day. God created this world in six literal 24-hour days, regardless of who says it took millions and billions of years. It might not seem very “scientific” to some, but it is Biblical. A literal angel came down to the great multitude of impotent folk, who were waiting for a literal moving of the water. That is what the Bible says, and that is true.

Whether verse 4 is believed or not doesn't change the truth. It is much better for us if we will believe.

### **Romans 16:24**

NIV – Not included.

NWT – Not included.

**KJV – The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**

I am thankful the apostle Paul prayed that the grace of God be with the local Baptist church at Rome, Italy. God's grace is freely given to his people, a fact of rejoicing. It is sad the producers of the NIV and the NWT indicate they believe God's grace cannot be prayed for or received.

### **I John 5:7-8**

**NIV – For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.**

**NWT – For there are three witness bearers, 8 the spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are in agreement.**

**KJV - For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.**

When the NIV and the NWT leaves out the major part of verse 7 and 8, it is an effort to remove Christ from the trinity and to remove him from the throne of God. Satan wants people to doubt that Jesus is God, but this same crowd will freely rejoice if Allah is called God. The publishers of the NIV and the NWT do not believe Jesus Christ is a part of the trinity of God, and they do not believe Jesus Christ is God. Many want to believe Jesus is a good teacher, and he was, but he is more than a good teacher. He is the eternal Saviour, who died that we might have eternal life. Nobody can be saved without Jesus Christ, because he is the way, the truth and the life. No man can come to the Father, except through Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God, and there is no other way for forgiveness of sin, except through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God, became man and took our sins upon himself that we might have everlasting life. He was crucified, buried and rose again to prove once and for all that he is the Son of God: that he has eternal life, the kind of life that will never be taken from him. Without Jesus Christ there is no eternal life, because salvation is through Jesus Christ.

### **Luke 11:2-4**

**NIV – He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."**

**NWT – Then he said to them: "Whenever you pray, say, 'Father, let your name be sanctified, Let your kingdom come. 3 Give us our bread for the day according to the day's requirement. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone that is n debt to us; and do not bring us into temptation.'"**

**KJV – And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

1. “Our” father is left out, which speaks of individual salvation. God is our father, he is the one who has spiritually created us, and given to us everlasting life.

2. Also left out is “which art in heaven”. Christ was in heaven while he was on the earth. Jesus, while he was on this earth, spoke John 3:13 to Nicodemus, **And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.** God is in heaven, to make intercession for us, according to Revelation 12, as Satan accuses us.

3. Also left out is “thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.” This is left out because it seems the publishers of the NIV and the NWT are more interested in getting their will done than doing the will of God.

4. The word “but deliver us from evil” is omitted, maybe because the publishers of the NIV and the NWT apparently do not believe they have any evil to be delivered from, which evil is present in all of us. I wonder what they would do with David in Psalms 19:12, **Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.**

#### **Matthew 27:35**

**NIV – When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.**

**NWT – When they had impaled him they distributed his outer garments by casting lots,**

**KJV – And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

Again, as in Mark 15:25-28, the fulfillment of prophecy is left out of the NIV and the NWT. It appears obvious the publishers of the NIV and the NWT do not believe Jesus Christ fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning his crucifixion.

#### **Who killed Goliath?**

The NIV declares in II Samuel 21:19, **In another battle with the Philistines at Gob, Elhanan son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.**

The NWT repeats this error by stating in II Samuel 21:19, **And war arose once again with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim the Bethlehemite got to strike down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like the beam of loom workers.**

The NIV and the NWT clearly states that Elhanan killed Goliath. Wow! That is plainly wrong, as everybody knows David killed Goliath, as the KJV correctly declares. II Samuel 21:19, **And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the**

**Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.** The KJV puts the words *...the brother of...* in italics so we understand the KJV translators added the words to clarify the verse.

There is a clear contradiction between II Samuel 21:19 and I Chronicles 20:5 if only the NIV or the NWT is used. I Chronicles 20:5 in the NIV states, **In another battle with the Philistines, Elhanan son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.** The NWT states, **And there came to be war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair got to strike down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like the beam of loom workers.** The NIV and the NWT in II Samuel 21:19 states that Elhanan killed Goliath, but in I Chronicles 20:5, the NIV and the NWT states that Elhanan killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath. Reading only the NIV or the NWT, the conclusion is that Elhanan killed both Goliath and Lahmi.

There is no contradiction in the KJV as it is clear from II Samuel 21:19 that David killed Goliath and Elhanan killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath. I Chronicles 20:5 states, **And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.**

The NIV and the NWT are confused about who killed Goliath, and also confused about the death of Christ, as will be pointed out in the remainder of this chapter.

### **Who is Jesus Christ?**

#### **Isaiah 14:**

If the NIV and the NWT have such a terrible time trying to explain who killed Goliath, the versions have a worse time trying to clarify the person of Jesus Christ.

**NIV: Isaiah 14:12 – How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!** The NIV, at the very least, confuses the identity of Jesus Christ. The NIV declares that Satan is the morning star, son of the dawn, who once laid low the nations. The KJV declares that *Jesus Christ* is the morning star.

**NWT: Isaiah 14:12 – “O how you have fallen from heaven, you shining one, son of the dawn! How you have been cut down to the earth, you who were disabling the nations!**

**KJV: Isaiah 14:12 – How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**

*Jesus Christ* is the bright and morning star.

**NIV: Revelation 22:16 – “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”**

**NWT: Revelation 22:16 – “ ‘I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star.’ ”**

**KJV: Revelation 22:16 - I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

The KJV makes it abundantly clear that Jesus Christ is the bright and morning star, while the NIV and the NWT, at best, mixed the two. Many heathen religions make Jesus and Satan brothers. The last days are upon us, and Satan's kingdom is getting closer and closer. Satan is going to rule the world and people are going to worship Satan. The Bible said that Satan is going to sit in the throne of God in Jerusalem, II Thessalonians 2:4. Isaiah 14:13 reveals that Satan desired to sit in the sides of the north on the throne of God, declaring that he is God. Followers of the NIV and the NWT will be confused about who Jesus Christ is. Many of the cults declare that Jesus and Satan are brothers, and one is overtaking the other. We are living in the last days, and there is a great battle coming at the end. If people follow the NIV or the NWT, they will follow it to their own destruction. Evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, II Timothy 3:13. Retain the truth of the KJV Bible. It is good to have an "extra" copy of the KJV.

Many preachers today began their ministry using the KJV, but now read from the NIV. Many of these preachers are older men, who understand what the KJV says and they are teaching the truth from the KJV. But many younger preachers are following the example of older preachers and using the NIV, or some other translation, but they do not have the knowledge or the experience of preaching from the KJV, so they do not understand the truths taught in the KJV. It will not be long before the truths of the KJV are lost to these younger preachers. When these young preachers began to study their NIV, they will come to doubt that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. If this error progresses, in just two generations, all the truth of the KJV will be lost. This is a sad condition indeed. Where will we be, as far as sound doctrine is concerned, in just a very few years?

#### **Luke 4:4**

NIV – Jesus answered, **"It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"**

NWT – **But Jesus replied to him: "It is written, 'Man must not live by bread alone.'"**

KJV – **And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**

Why would anybody leave out **...but by every word of God?** Our strength is in the Word of God. We do not have personal strength or ability, but we have all power in the word of God. The NIV and the NWT are dangerous books, because our strength is removed.

#### **Redemption**

#### **Luke 9:56**

NIV – And they went to another village

NWT - So they went to a different village.

**KJV - For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.**

**Matthew 18:11**

NIV – Omitted

NWT – Omitted

**KJV – For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.**

**Matthew 9:13**

**NIV – But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**

**NWT - Go, then, and learn what this means, ‘I want mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came to call, not righteous people, but sinners.**

**KJV – But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

**Acts 8:37**

NIV – Omitted

NWT – Omitted

**KJV – 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.**

**Colossians 1:14**

**NIV – in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**NWT - by means of whom we have our release by ransom, the forgiveness of our sins.**

**KJV – In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

**Jesus Christ is left out of Salvation**

**Galatians 3:17**

**NIV – What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.**

**NWT – Further, I say this: As to the covenant previously validated by God, the Law that has come into being four hundred and thirty years later does not invalidate it, so as to abolish the promise.**

**KJV – And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul,**

**that it should make the promise of none effect.**

**Galatians 4:7**

NIV – So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

NWT – So, then, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, also an heir through God.

KJV – Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**Galatians 6:15**

NIV – Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.

NWT – For neither is circumcision anything nor is uncircumcision, but a new creation [is something].

KJV – For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

**Romans 1:16**

NIV – I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

NWT – For I am not ashamed of the good news; it is, in fact, God’s power for salvation to everyone having faith, to the Jew first and also the Greeks.

KJV – For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**I Corinthians 9:18**

NIV – What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it.

NWT – What, then, is my reward? That while declaring the good news I may furnish the good news without cost, to the end that I may not abuse my authority in the good news.

KJV – What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

**John 6:47**

NIV – I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

NWT – Most truly I say to you, He that believes has everlasting life.

KJV – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

**Individual Persons Are Left Out Of Redemption**

**I Peter 4:1**

**NIV – Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.**

**NWT – Therefore since Christ suffered in the flesh, you too arm yourselves with the same mental disposition; because the person that has suffered in the flesh has desisted from sins.**

**KJV – Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;**

**I Corinthians 5:7**

**NIV – Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

**NWT – Clear away the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, according as you are free from ferment. For, indeed, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.**

**KJV – Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:**

**Ephesians 4:6**

**NIV - one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

**NWT – One God and Father of all [persons], who is over all and through all and in all.**

**KJV – One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

**Revelation 21:24**

**NIV – The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.**

**NWT – And the nations will walk by means of its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.**

**KJV – And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.**

# **The Old Black Book**

