

The Bible



Introduction

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II Peter 1:20-21

- *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*
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Books of the Bible

- 39 books in the Old testament
 - 27 books in the New testament
 - 66 books in the Bible
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- Can be read aloud in 70 hours!
 - 12 min a day to read the bible in one year.
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Written Over 1500 Years

- ❑ Written by 50 different writers over a 1500 year time span.
 - ❑ Books interwoven in an amazing way, e.g. prophecies, historical and archeological accuracy, etc.
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Original Written Language

- ❑ Old Testament – Hebrew
 - ❑ New Testament – Greek
(Alexander the Great, Greek Ruler, took over the land of the Hebrews)
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Original Translation

- About 300 BC
 - 70 scholars met to translate the Old Testament from Hebrew into Greek.
 - Called the Septuagint (book of 70)
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Septuagint

- Jews today refer to the Septuagint as the 'Christian' Old Testament.
 - When OT scripture is quoted by Jesus, it is from the Septuagint.
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Septuagint

- Today we have original copies of the Septuagint dating back to 250 BC.
 - The Septuagint includes prophecies about Christ, before he was born.
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The New Testament

- ❑ Written in Greek and Aramaic
 - ❑ Completed about 90 AD
 - ❑ Over 5700 ancient copies of the New Testament survive today, the oldest being within 50 years of the original.
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New Testament



Ancient Bible Quotes

- We have 32,000 NT quotes from before 325 AD, from Irenaeus, Justin Martyr (before 150 AD), Polycarp (107 AD), Ignatius (100), Clement (96 AD) and many others.
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The Bible Before The Catholic Bible

- All but eleven verses of the New Testament are contained in historical documents written before the founding of the Roman Catholic Church.
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Same NT After 1900 Years

- The Muratorian Canon
Fragment dating from 170 AD
lists the same New Testament
writings that we have today.

*Reference: The Ante-Nicean Fathers, a 32
volume Encyclopedia of the
writings of the Early Church*

400 Years After The Greek

- Jerome (5th century) translated the Bible into Latin, called the Vulgate, which has become the official Roman Catholic Bible.
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Problem With Translations

- ❑ The Council of Trent in 1546 ruled that church tradition is equal to the Bible.
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Apocrypha

- Seven historical books.
 - Were not considered inspired by the Jews, by Jesus or by the early Christian Church.
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Apocrypha

- ❑ 1500s adopted by Catholic Church
 - ❑ Martin Luther's Bible contained the Apocrypha.
 - ❑ Dropped from non-Catholic Bibles as not being the inspired word of God.
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Original Translations

- Majority text, *Textus Receptus* or “received text” is a continuation of the original Greek text.
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Translations

- School of Alexandria – Modernistic, humanistic, politically correct approach to interpreting the original scriptures.
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Translations

- School of Antioch – Literal interpretation of “majority text”.
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Modern Bible Versions

- ❑ **The New King James Version (1882)**
 - ❑ **American Standard Version (1901)**
 - ❑ **Revised Standard Version (1952)**
 - ❑ **Amplified Bible: New Testament (1958,)**
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Modern Bible Versions

- ❑ New Testament in Modern English
 - ❑ New American Standard Bible (1960)
 - ❑ Amplified Bible: Old Testament (1965)
 - ❑ The New American Bible (1970)
 - ❑ The Living Bible (1971)
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Bible Versions

- The New International Version (1978)
 - New Century Version (1987)
 - New Revised Standard Version (1990)
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Bible Versions

- Today's English Version (Good News Bible) (1992)
 - The Black Bible Chronicles (1993)
 - P. K. McCary's paraphrase to communicate the Bible to modern African-American young people in their own language.
 - New Living Translation (1996)
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A Big Business

- ❑ Bible Revisions are a big business.
 - ❑ In the last 40 years alone the 8 new Bible versions published in English have sold well in excess of 100 million copies.
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World's Best Seller

- ❑ Commercial publishing statistics show 200 million Bibles sold per year.
 - ❑ Bibles distributed throughout the world by the Gideons (over 70 million copies) and the Bible Society (hundreds of millions),
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World's Best Seller

- The numbers of Bibles produced far exceeds anything ever printed and published in the history of mankind.
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Aug 2006 Sales

- 1 New International Version
- 2 New King James Version
- 3 King James Version

sales, not number printed

KJV not copyrighted

NIV the KJV Rival

- ❑ Source of the NIV is stranger than fiction.
 - ❑ Westcott and Hort translated and wrote the NIV.
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NIV the KJV Rival

- Westcott and Hort believed it possible to communicate with the dead and made many attempts to do just that through a society which they organized and entitled "The Ghostly Guild."
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NIV the KJV Rival

- ❑ Westcott accepted and promoted prayers for the dead.
 - ❑ Hort was an admirer and proponent of Darwin and his theory of evolution.
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NIV Authors Westcott & Hort

- ❑ Did not believe in the literal interpretation of Genesis
 - ❑ Did not believe in a literal heaven and hell
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NIV Authors Westcott & Hort

- ❑ Did not believe in Biblical miracles
 - ❑ Both had a love for Philosophy
 - ❑ Believed that Baptism is essential to salvation. Prefer the Catholic baptism.
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Madame Blavatsky

- ❑ Close friend of Wescott and Hort
- ❑ Occult leader
- ❑ Open Satanist
- ❑ Editor of newsletter called Lucifer

References: Historicist.com and Garretts book on the NIV

Madame Blavatsky

- ❑ She led seances with Westcott and Hort, attempting to contact spirits.
 - ❑ Neither Westcott nor Hort believed that Christ died for their sins
 - ❑ They produced the NIV "Bible"
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Our Holy Bible

- “The words of the LORD are pure words: and God promised to preserve them forever to all generations of believers of every nation under heaven.”
Psalm 12:6-7; 33:11
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Our Holy Bible

- Jesus Christ said, "*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*" (John 17:17):
 - Psalm 100:5 "*...his truth endureth to all generations*".
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Psalm 119:89-90

- *"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations"*
 - God's Holy Bible is settled: it is faithful to all generations. It doesn't need man's revisions.
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Settled In Heaven Forever

- Mark 13:31
 - John 1:1
 - Hebrews 13:8
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Did God Preserve His Word?

- *"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."* (Psalm 12:6).
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Importance of The Word

- *"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." (Psalm 68:11)*
 - *"But the word of God grew and multiplied." (Acts 12:24)*
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Importance of The Word

- *"And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region."* (Acts 13:49).
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Importance of The Word

- *"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."
(Acts 16:5)*
 - *"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."
(Acts 19:20)*
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King James Version

- ❑ 54 scholars
 - ❑ Using the Greek Textus Receptus (received text)
 - ❑ Translated the word of God from Greek to English
 - ❑ Produced the English language Holy Bible
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The Holy Bible

- ❑ Most people unaware of the fact that the term "*King James Version*" is a relatively new term. In 1611, the Authorized King James Bible was actually entitled "The Holy Bible" and remained so for 300 years.
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HOLY
BIBLE,

Contayning the Old Testament,
AND THE NEW:

*Newly Translated out of the Originall
tongues: Et with the former Translations
diligently compared and revised by our
Majesties speciall Commandement*

Appointed aboue in Churches.

*Imprinted at London by Robert
Barker, Printer to the Kings
most Excellent Majesty.*

ANNO DOMINI 1611.

The Holy Bible

- In the 20th century new version printers renamed The Holy Bible the King James Version, making it sound outdated to sell their own new versions.
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Original Needs No Help

- ❑ Many sincere Christians today are unaware of the true origins and history of their Bible text.
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Original Needs No Help

- ❑ Any version of the Bible that does not agree with the Greek Textus Receptus, from which the King James Bible was translated in 1611, is founded upon corrupted manuscripts.
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Original Needs No Help

- ❑ Modern revisions, have changed the Greek Textus Receptus in about 6,000 places. Modern Bibles have many important omissions.
 - ❑ The blood, virgin birth, deity of Christ , and hell.
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Confusion is of Satan

- ❑ God is not the author of confusion.
 - ❑ Try to teach or preach to a group using several different versions - it is chaos.
 - ❑ If God is not the author, who is? Ask Wescott and Hort.
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KJV More Accurate

- Update in language needed?
 - The Greek and Hebrew languages contain a different word for the second person singular and the second person plural pronouns.
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KJV More Accurate

- Today we use the one-word “you” for both the singular and plural. But because the translators of the 1611 King James Bible desired an accurate, word-for-word translation of the Hebrew and Greek text – they could not use the one-word “you” throughout.
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KJV More Accurate

- If it begins with "t" (thou, thy, thine) it's *singular*, but if it begins with "y" (ye) it's *plural*.
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KJV More Accurate

- ❑ Modern bible versions claim to be "*more accurate*", and yet the 1611 KJV, by using "thee", "thou" and "ye", is far more accurate!
 - ❑ The KJV owes its merit, not to 17th century English, but to its faithful translation of the original.
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Psalm 138:2

- “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”
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