

Why Use the King James Bible?

Documented proof of the
Superiority and Reliability of the KJB,
along with answers to misleading statements from critics.

(Includes Table of Bibles and Their Origins)

The King James Bible is the only Bible that uses the "Majority Text," consisting of over 5300 ancient existing manuscripts with 99% agreement, while not using the **corrupt** "Minority Text." This is not a light matter. The known corrupt nature of the "Minority Text" is what Paul referred to in 2 Corinthians 2:17 "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word..." **Corruption** is what is taking place today in Bible editing and production.

Corrupt: "To pervert; to falsify; to infect with errors; as to corrupt the sacred text." - Webster's Dictionary (Adding to, subtracting from or changing in any way).

Corruption is nothing new. It began in the Garden of Eden with the serpent. In Genesis 3:1, 4 "Yea, hath God said...?" and "Ye shall **not** surely die." First God's word is questioned and then it is changed (added to). This is no different today. Do you think Satan has let up on the attack on God's word? Don't kid yourself. He has intensified and has become even more subtle. If Paul said corruption was taking place back then, what about today?

We must beware, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11). The battle for God's word is raging fellow Christian!

Reasons for Superiority and Reliability:

1. The King James is the **only** Bible freely operating within the "public domain," without a financial copyright. The only restrictions are within the area of its origin – Great Britain, where there is a Crown "Cum Privilegio" Patent.

*"To be copyrightable, a derivative work must be different enough from the original to be regarded as a 'new work' or must contain a **substantial amount** of new material. Making minor changes or additions of little substance to a pre-existing work will **not qualify** the work as a new version for copyright purposes." --The Derivative Copyright Law (partial).* This fact causes 'new' copy written Bibles to violate the prohibition not to add or take away from God's word (Revelation 22:18-19).

2. All new Bible producers use the King James Bible as **the standard** to pattern their Bibles after, including and following the same chapter and verse numbers.

3. The KJB is the **only** Bible faithful to the original language Majority Text without using Minority Text passages (even in footnotes that can cast doubt on the word).

4. The corrupt Roman *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* manuscripts were used to change the KJB's "Majority Text" in thousands of places, causing tens of thousands of changes of additions, deletions and other changes to all too many words, sentences and whole paragraphs.

5. The King James uses "Bible English," which is the highest form of our language. God's word is majestic and elegant both in the Hebrew, Greek and English. Every word is perfect and necessary. Matthew 4:4 "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every** word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The last portion is removed in some new versions ("but by every word...")

6. Two notable Bible editors have had their speech affected negatively after changing God's word. Mysteriously half way through his paraphrase, *The Living Bible*, Kenneth Taylor lost his voice and still speaks in a hoarse whisper. A psychiatrist who examined him suggested that the voice failure was Taylor's psychological self-punishment for tampering with what he believed to be the word of God.|- Time, July 24, 1972. Religion: *A Plowman's Bible?* JB Phillips, author of what is commonly known as the *Phillips Translation*, lost his ability to speak publicly in 1961-*The Price of Success An Autobiography*, pg 193. Another interesting note is one of the steps in Phillips's method to create his NT translation was "*First, to rid his mind of the language of the AV*" - A Dictionary of the English Bible and its Origins, pg 135.

7. The text underlying the King James Bible was the one used for all major "life changing" revivals, worldwide, from the apostles' era up through the present day.

8. The King James Bible is superior for four technical reasons. A. The best translators; B. The best texts; C. The best translation technique; D. The best theology.

Statements of the critics, with answers:

1. "The KJB does not use the 'most recent findings,' or 'most ancient manuscripts.'"

Answer: This charge is incorrect. The KJB translators had access to all the manuscripts available today, via the Roman Catholic Church's Latin Vulgate Bible. The "most recent manuscripts" back the KJB 95% of the time and new versions only 5%. This ratio is not reported.

2. "The King James Bible is too difficult to read because the language is archaic and outdated."

Answer: Incorrect. The Flesch Kincade Research Organization Grade Level Indicator rated the KJB at the lowest reading level of 5.8th grade. The language is elegant and majestic, just like the original Hebrew and Greek. We don't change medical, legal, technical or scientific language and everybody adapts to them, so why try to change God's word?

3. "Other versions are easier to understand and are written like our newspaper."

Answer: 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us to "study," which takes work. It is "self" "work." Read the verse. It will take prayer, patience and work to get understanding. This is God's intent.

4. "There are too many difficult words."

Answer: A good dictionary will help, along with the "built in dictionary" that only the King James Bible has. God defines every word there.

5. "There are errors in the King James Bible."

Answer: Every 'perceived' error can be proven false with prayer, fasting, study and patience for revelation.

Sources/Resources:

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Table of Bibles (up) And their Origins (down)

Authorized King James Bible

Originally called Holy Bible.
Supported by over 5,300 manuscripts that agree with one another 99%

All Major New Versions Since the Revised Version of 1881

Supported by less than 50 manuscripts that disagree with one another.

Pure text!
Sacred text received by the early churches

Corrupt text!
Pervverting and altering the Sacred text. (2 Corinthians 2:17)

Bishop's Bible

Geneva Bible

Great Bible

Matthew's Bible

Coverdale's Bible

Tyndale's Bible

Textus Receptus (TR)

(AKA - Received Text or RT) 99% of all ancient manuscripts

'Old Latin' Vulgate (AD 157)

Syriac Peshitta (AD 150)

Greek Vulgate

Exact Copies of New Testament Autographs

The Original Greek New Testament Autographs

Ben Chayyim Masoritic Text

Pure Copies

Exact Copies of the Old Testament Autographs

The Original Hebrew Old Testament Autographs

Roman Catholic Bible Sources

New Jerusalem Bible

New American Bible

Douay-Rheims Bible

'Post Jerome's' Latin Vulgate

Vaticanus and Sinaiticus (AD 350)

(Behind ALL new versions)

Constantine's Bibles (50) (AD 312)

Alexandrian Manuscripts (AD185-254)

Corrupt Manuscripts (2Corinthians 2:17)

New International Version

New American Standard

American Standard

Revised Version

Westcott and Hort

(New Greek Text - AKA Critical Text)