

King James Bible Study Part IV

Before continuing with a verse by verse comparison of the different versions, let's make a quick examination of just how far this issue has progressed. If there is no one perfect book that contains the Words of God, then how does one decide which version is the most accurate? Doesn't it then become personal opinion? An advocate of the NIV will state that the NIV is the most accurate version on the market today. A proponent of the NASV will proclaim that the NASV is the most accurate version available today. What if someone surveyed the opinion of the African American Family Press? What would they state is the most "modern" version for our culture today?

Could it possibly be that they would refer you to The Black Chronicles Bible that is promoted as "a survival manual for the streets..."? Let's look at a few verses from this "Bible":

Genesis Chapter 3

"Now the serpent was one bad dude, one of the baddest of all the animals that the Almighty had made. And the serpent spoke to the sister and asked, "You mean the Almighty told you not to eat of all these trees in the garden?""

"And the sister told him, "Yeah, snake, I can eat of these trees, just not the tree of knowledge or the Almighty said I'd be knocked off.""

"And that bad ol' serpent told the sister, "Nah, sister, he's feeding you a line of bull. You won't die. The Almighty just knows that if you eat from the tree you'll be hipped to what's going down.""

"So the sister looked back at the tree and saw that things looked righteous and she also wanted to be hipped to what was going down, so she dug in and gave some to her old man to eat."

"And quick as a flash they got hipped to the fact that they didn't have on no clothes so they put together some fig leaves for some appropriate threads."

"And the Almighty asked, "What's up, brother? Who hipped you to the fact you don't have on any clothes? You been eating from the tree I specifically told you not to touch?""

"And the brother answered, "Well, yeah, that's true. You see, my ol' lady gave me some and I ate it.""

"The Almighty then turned to the sister, "Girl, what have you done?""

Cain Wastes Abel

"What's up with you?" asked the Almighty. "Why the long face?" And He admonished Cain. "Look, man. Things could be real cool if you'd straighten up, but if you don't watch it, bad things will happen. You can handle this if you want to." "One day Cain asked his brother to join him in the fields for a walk and as they were walking along the way, Cain hit his brother in the head and wasted him." "Afterwards the Almighty asked Cain, "Where's your brother, man? You know—Abel?" "And Cain snarled, "Look, man. What am I, his keeper or something? You think I keep him n my back pocket?" "But the Almighty already knew the score and He was hip to the fact that Able was dead. "You've been busted, boy.""

The Tower Of Babel

“Everybody started talking about building the baddest building ‘round; “one that would reach all the way to heaven,” they agreed.”

“It would be a monument to the bad boys who built it. “If we build it for the homeboys, “ they said, “we won’t be so eager to stray away from the homebase.”” “So they got lots of bricks and tar and started building this great tower. But the Almighty came down sort of unexpected and looked ‘round and saw what was coming down. He said, “Look! If the brothers are able to pull this off and they’re just starting out, just think what else they might try and do. Let’s give a group of them a different kind of talk. It’ll confuse these brother who wanna be so bad.””

“And that’s exactly what went down. The folks that thought they would be party to building the baddest tower ever went every which way ‘cuz they was confused from the different kinds of talk goin’ on. They eventually left and went to other parts of the earth.”

God Talks To Abraham About Sacrificing Isaac

“The Almighty tested Abraham’s faith and obedience. “Abraham,” called the Almighty.
“What’s happenin’, Lord,” replied Abraham.”

Is this the words of God? Does this accurately convey the truths in God’s Word for this generation? Bible versions have become a marketing Mecca used to gain more and more financial wealth for the publishers and distributors. They are “making merchandise” of Christians and Christianity at the expense of God’s Holy Words.

Now let’s continue our verse by verse study of the versions.

King James Version

Hebrews 1:3

“ Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had **by himself purged our sins**, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high”

New American Standard

Hebrews 1:3

“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

New International Version

Hebrews 1:3

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

Revised Standard Version

Hebrews 1:3

“He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”

Jesus didn't just have the “nature” of God. He was God in the flesh. He also purged our sins “by Himself”. This is left out of the modern versions. Jesus purged our sins “by Himself” without the help of anyone else.

King James Bible

1 John 4:3

“And every spirit that confesseth not that **Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is not of God:”

New American Standard

1 John 4:3

“and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God;”

New International Version

1 John 4:3

“but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God;”

Revised Standard Version

1 John 4:3

“and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.”

The Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses confess Jesus. They just don't confess that He is God Almighty in the flesh. They believe Jesus Christ to be a created being and not eternal and one with God the Father and God the Holy Ghost in the Trinity. “Jesus” is His earthly name given by God but “Christ” states that He is deity and equal to God. This means that it is more than just “acknowledging Jesus” but that He is “Jesus Christ come in the flesh”.

King James Bible

Matt. 1:25

“And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.”

New American Standard

Matt. 1:25

“but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”

New International Version

Matt. 1:25

“But he had not union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Revised Standard Version

Matt. 1:25

“but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.”

Notice two items of interest here. First, notice that the NIV and RSV do not state that Jesus was her “firstborn” son. He was only “a” Son. He could have been the 3rd or 4th son according to this verse. Also, notice in the King James that Joseph “called his name JESUS”. In the NIV we are told that Joseph “gave” him the name Jesus. Joseph did not “give” Jesus His name. God “gave” Him this name. Joseph simply “called” him by His name of Jesus.

King James Bible

Revelation 5:14

“And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that **liveth for ever and ever.**”

New American Standard

Revelation 5:14

“And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshipped.”

New International Version

Revelation 5:14

“The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped.”

Revised Standard Version

Revelation 5:14

“And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

What happened to worshipping him that “liveth for ever and ever”? This is another blatant example of the corrupt nature of the manuscripts from which these versions owe their origins. This verse is speaking of Jesus Christ (the Lamb) and His eternal nature is stripped from Him in this verse.

King James Bible

Ephesians 5:30

“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”

New American Standard

Ephesians 5:30

“because we are members of His body.”

New International Version

Ephesians 5:30

“for we are members of his body.”

Revised Standard Version

Ephesians 5:30

“because we are members of his body.”

All of the versions remove a very key doctrinal truth from this verse. Jesus Christ has a celestial body that consists of flesh and bones. We too will have a body of flesh and bones because we will “be like Him”.

King James Bible

1 Cor. 15:47

“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

New American Standard

1 Cor. 15:47

“The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.”

New International Version

1 Cor. 15:47

“The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.”

Revised Standard Version

1 Cor. 15:47

“The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.”

Why is the deity of Christ attacked again in this verse? It was not just a man that was from heaven but “the Lord” Himself. Again, God came down in the form of Jesus Christ to pay for our sins on the cross with His precious blood. This again gives credibility to the Mormon’s and the Jehovah’s Witnesses that Jesus was a created being.

King James Bible

Rev. 1:13

“And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man,”

New American Standard

Rev. 1:13

“and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man,”

New International Version

Rev. 1:13

“and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,”

Revised Standard Version

Rev. 1:13

“and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man,

Is Jesus “the” Son of man” or simply “a” son of man. That implies that there are many that could stand in His place. This coincides with Mormon doctrine that we were all in Heaven together one time and that Jesus’ plan for salvation was accepted over that of His brother Lucifer’s. This is heresy! This is not the only verses that change Jesus’ title of The Son of man to “a” son of man.

Also compare with Revelation 14:14. The same tactic is used.

King James Bible

2 Timothy 2:12-13

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”

New American Standard

2 Timothy 2:12-13

“If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself”

New International Version

2 Timothy 2:12-13

“If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

Revised Standard Version

2 Timothy 2:12-13

“if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

First let’s look at what the KJB states. “If we suffer, we shall also reign”. That is pretty self explanatory. “If we deny him he also will deny us”. Deny us salvation? No, look at the context. He will deny us reigning with Him. What happens if we turn our back on Him? “If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful”. Even if we turn our backs completely on God He will remain true to the promise He made to you of eternal life. However, you will not have rewards to present Him at the Judgment Seat of Christ. There are consequences. Notice that the NIV adds an additional statement not found in the KJV. “If we disown him, he will also disown us”. No wonder so many are teaching loss of salvation in the churches

today. The newer versions have incorporated a works based salvation that can be lost if we fall into sin. (If you want more information on eternal security you may visit our website at www.fwbt.us, go to the Bible Study portion of our site and download our study on Calvinism. This covers eternal security in detail.

King James Bible

Luke 4:4

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

New American Standard

Luke 4:4

“And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “Man shall not live on bread alone.”

New International Version

Luke 4:4

“Jesus answered, “It is written: “Man does not live on bread alone.””

Revised Standard Version

Luke 4:4

“And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone.””

Then what should man live by? Why take out the part that states we should live “by every word of God”. The reason is because the modern versions are stealing from your dinner plate. Jesus emphatically stated that it is **every** word of God. That means if some are changed are missing that you are being short changed your daily bread.

Who killed Goliath? You better have the right Bible or you won't know.

King James Bible

1 Samuel 17:51

“Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.”

(The other 3 versions agree with the King James in this verse that David slew Goliath, however, when we compare with 2 Samuel 21:19 we get a different story in the new versions.)

King James Bible

2 Samuel 21:19

“And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, **slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite**, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

New American Standard

2 Samuel 21:19

“There was a war with the Phiistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite **killed Goliath the Gittite**, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

New International Version

2 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.”

Revised Standard Version

2 Samuel 21:19

“And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, the Bethlehemite, **slew Goliath the Gittite**, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

Elhanan didn’t slay Goliath. He slew his brother. In fact, Goliath had 4 brothers and that is why David took a total of 5 stones to battle Goliath. He thought he would have to fight the other four after he killed Goliath. The King James Bible brings this fact to light in the following verse:

King James Bible

2 Sam 21:22

“These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.”

We have many more verses to compare in this study. It is becoming evident in this study that two things that are different cannot be the same. Regardless of your position on the issue of the King James Bible, you must admit that the newer versions are drastically different. With that said, do we have a copy of the perfect words of God available to us today? I firmly believe that the King James Bible is that perfect copy and that it is a living book that changes lives. If you want to fight the devil with a butter knife, that is your preference. But as for me, I am going to use the old fashioned two edged sword that was forged by God Himself and has stood the test of time.