

False Statements about Modern Bible Versions

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Much is said to sell new “bible” versions and their changed doctrines. However, much of what is said to convince a reader to adopt their version of God’s Word is not true. Here is a brief examination of untrue statements said about the modern “bibles”:



- “They make the Bible easier to understand.” Much of the King James Bible is at a 5.8 grade reading level (Flesh-Kincaid Grade level indicator). The New International Version is at 8.4 grade level; New King James is at 6.9, and the New American Standard Bible is at 8.12. Besides that, it is the Holy Spirit that allows anyone to have knowledge of God’s Word, not man’s editing (I Cor. 2:14)!
- Another motive is also behind “making the ‘bible’ easier to understand.” That motive is to make money. If there are numerous changes, it can be copyrighted, and its owner can earn money from its sales, as it is a new and different book. The King James Bible is not copyrighted, so no one makes any royalties by its sale!
- “They come from the originals,” or “originate from more reliable manuscripts.” The originals were

never assembled in one place together. What some call more “reliable” manuscripts were the ones that were historically rejected by earlier believers because of their corruption and errors, and they were seldom used. That is why some of the older manuscripts were in good condition.

- “They change ‘archaic’ words.” They do, but in many places the words replacing them change the meaning of the verse. There are less than 20 words, not including verbs that have “eth” added to them, in the KJV that are not commonly used today. It would make more sense to understand their meaning by the use of a dictionary, rather than to change the whole Bible.
- “Scholars now know more than they knew then.” Many of the authors and translators of the new versions did not even know Hebrew or Greek; nor were they expert in over 10+ ancient languages, as were many on the 1611 King James translating committee. The translators of the King James were some of the most outstanding scholars and Christians of all time.
- “They come from older manuscripts.” The Masoretic Hebrew Text and the Greek

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The Attack to Change God’s Word

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“For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.”

II Cor. 2:17

The most important thing any person can ever have is God’s Word — the Bible. It is God’s Word that will save a person’s soul from Hell, help one live a successful and fruitful life, and will help one get eternal rewards. Because of its great importance, great efforts have been made to keep man from its truths and to change it. None of the interferences have been from God!

✠ In the Garden of Eden, the first woman God created was first tempted to question and doubt God’s Word. It was Satan, using the serpent, that attempted to confuse Eve on what God had really said. She fell for his trickery and allowed sin to enter the

human race by her disobedience to God’s commandments. “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?” Gen. 3:1

✠ Satan’s tool of tempting others to question and therefore disobey God’s commandments continued all through the Bible. The enemy of God and His people was most likely behind much of Israel and its leaders’ sins of disobedience. Satan certainly was behind King David’s act of defiance of God’s commandments to him.

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Can’t Silence Conviction

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A child was in the habit of going to a lower room where there was a store of apples. She went from time to time to steal

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“And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.” I Chron. 21:1

✿ Early churches faced deceitful corruptions of God’s truths and Jesus’ teachings. There were false preachers who claimed to have seen Christ, and other “ministers” of God’s work who furthered deceptions.

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.” II Cor. 11:13

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, ...” II Pet. 2:1-2 Also: Acts 15:24.

✿ There were many that tempted God’s people with their own words, rather than God’s. *“... but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” Gal. 1:7* This perversion of the Gospel is still continuing in many of today’s churches. Read also Col. 2:4.

✿ Most that taught false doctrines, and not what God’s Word says, did it for their own benefit and motives. Many false teachings continue today for the same reasons.

“For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.” Rom. 16:18 Also: Titus 1:10-11, Philip. 1:15.

The main reason for all new “bible” perversions is to make money! The KJV can be duplicated without paying royalties, whereas most modern “bible” owners are paid royalties when their revision is reprinted or even quoted, in some instances.

✿ In man’s last days, there will be an increase in the corrupting of God’s commandments. This is what is happening in **ALL** of the modern “bible” translations and versions.

“... that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; ...”

I Tim 4:1-2

There is a spiritual battle raging (Eph. 6:12) to turn man away from obeying God’s Word. His Word is still being changed and hidden in all the new “bibles”.

With all the deception that is continuing today, how can one protect himself from those false teachings? The only protection from being a casualty in today’s spiritual war is to follow God’s Word, still preserved in the King

James Bible for English speaking people (the same Hebrew and Greek of the KJV is also preserved in Bibles in other major languages). “Try” (I John 4:1), or test, what is said about God, Jesus, or His Word to see if it lines up with God’s ruler — the Bible. If it does not line up, it is not the truth. It is a lie, and it is not of God!

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these apples, but she encountered something that greatly troubled her. There happened to be in that storeroom an old oil painting. It had a large face with eyes that appeared to be following her and a voice that seemed to say to her as she stole apples, “I see you. It is very naughty. I’ll tell upon you. You are sure to be found out.”

This annoyed the little girl, and she was determined to put a stop to the convicting portrait. She got a small knife, and struck the eyes out. What remained were two large holes in place of the eyes, and she never could look at them without thinking of what she had done, and what they used to “say” to her. She had put out the eyes, but she had not, nor could she, get rid of her conscience’s reminding her.

The same conviction of one’s sins is experienced after reading the real Word of God. One may find a modern “bible” translation that changes wording so one’s sin is no longer mentioned, but it

is still remembered what the real Word of God said about their iniquity.

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Textus Receptus used in the KJV are the older and more reliable manuscripts, not what is used in most modern versions. Some of what are called the “older texts” are actually over 100 years newer than those used in the KJV.

- “They are correcting errors.” There are no known errors in the King James Bible! Most of what people call errors are intellectual or spiritual problems people have with what God had said and had recorded. Changing His words may ease their consciences, but it does not make it God’s Word, will, and way. If the new “bible” versions are correcting “errors,” why are all 300+ versions different from each other? Don’t they have it right yet?
- “The new versions are more reliable.” Most versions are written to teach the beliefs of the author(s), religion, or organization that produced the work. Scripture that was contrary to their beliefs was removed or changed.

Stick with the King James Bible! It is the reliable, preserved Word of God!

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God’s Word is meant to change the sinner, not for the sinner to change His Word to ease their conscience.”