

Revelation 5

Table Revelation 5:1-14

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- 2 *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*
- 3 *And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*
- 4 *And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*
- 5 *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*
- 6 *And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*
- 7 *And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.*
- 8 *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*
- 9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*
- 10 *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*
- 11 *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*
- 12 *Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*
- 13 *And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*
- 14 *And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 126-133 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 96. 1650.

1. Revelation 5:1. The statement **“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals”** refers to:
 - **“Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?”** Ecclesiastes 8:4
 - **“And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed”** Isaiah 29:11
 - **“the right hand of power”** Matthew 26:64, Mark 14:62
 - **“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do”** Hebrews 4:12-13.

The above references reinforce **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 of Revelation 5:1 which is an **“out of this world unto the Father”** John 13:1 sense in that *the Book* holds *the power* and therefore *He Who holds the Book* holds *the power* according to **“the word of a king”** Ecclesiastes 8:4 and in turn as depicted in Numbers 23:21-22 **“...the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.”**

See the attached study **Timothy the Faithful – “O man of God” 1 Timothy 6:11** for a depiction of **“a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.”** See remarks below with respect to the opening up of **“the words of a book that is sealed”** Isaiah 29:11 sealed not just with one seal but **“sealed with seven seals.”**

Today’s believer in the light of Revelation 5:1 has this *practical* exhortation from Deuteronomy 29:29 **“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.”**
2. Revelation 5:2. Revelation 5:2 **“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?”** puts forth two key questions from **“a strong angel”** one of those **“angels, which are greater in power and might”** 2 Peter 2:11 than men which in that *strength* is not **“worthy to open the book”** point today’s believer directly to the admonition of Jeremiah 9:23-24 **“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.”**

Today’s believer who **“understandeth and knoweth...the LORD”** Jeremiah 9:24 will therefore in the light of evil that is happening today e.g. support for abomination at the highest level in government www.christian.org.uk/news/pm-praises-tory-lgbt-record-pledges/?e210717 pray Psalm 119:126 **“It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.”**
3. Revelation 5:3. Today’s believer needs to understand that **“...no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon”** because not man but **“...the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly”** Proverbs 2:6-7.
4. Revelation 5:4. John **“...wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon”** because as Isaiah states **“...we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like**

the wind, have taken us away” Isaiah 64:6. Today’s believer can then take comfort in the Lord’s promise of John 15:3 *“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”*

5. Revelation 5:5. John is urged by *“one of the elders”* to *“Weep not”* because *“...the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof”* as *“the heavenly vision”* Acts 26:19 of the banishment of weeping via Jeremiah 15:16 *“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.”*

Note that the elder’s encouragement of John is in accordance with 1 Timothy 3:1 *“This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work”* in that an elder or elders should exemplify as *“a good work”* Ephesians 4:29 *“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”*

“...the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof” is *“the heavenly vision”* Acts 26:19 with respect to *“the Lord Jesus Christ”* of or preparatory to the fulfilment of:

Genesis 49:9 *“Judah is a lion’s whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?”*

Proverbs 19:12 *“The king’s wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass”*

Proverbs 20:2 *“The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul”*

Isaiah 14:27, 30:8 *“For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?...Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever”*

Jeremiah 25:30 *“Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth”*

Daniel 7:21-22 *“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom”*

Hosea 11:10 *“They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west”*

Joel 3:16 *“The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel”*

Amos 1:2 *“And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither”*

Micah 5:2 *“But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting”*

Luke 24:44-45 *“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures”*

Colossians 2:13-15 “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it”

Hebrews 7:14 “For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda...”

2 John 3 “Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love”

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.”

Today’s believer can therefore be encouraged by *2 Corinthians 2:14* “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”

6. *Revelation 5:6*. “I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain” because “...It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” *Romans 8:34*.

“...a Lamb...having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth” corresponds to and is the heavenly personification of:

2 Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him...”

Isaiah 11:1-4 “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD...and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.” See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Revelation 4* pp 4-5 and pp 6-7 with respect to horns that signify power as that significance would therefore relate to “...a Lamb...having seven horns”

Zechariah 4:2, 10 “...I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof...those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.” See:

heritagebbc.com/bible-question-and-answer-archive-5/viia-17-who-are-the-two-olive-trees-of-zechariah-four/

“...a Lamb...having seven horns” reveals that though it will come to pass that:

“...there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads” *Revelation 12:3* nevertheless:

“Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces...” *Psalms 74:14* and:



“In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea” Isaiah 27:1

“...and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” Revelation 11:15.

Today’s believer can therefore be reassured by:

Proverbs 15:3 “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”

1 Corinthians 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

7. **Revelation 5:7. “And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne”** shows that the Lord has a *Book* that can be *taken in the hand*. For today’s believer it is and always will be the 1611 Holy Bible **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16 **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21 **“the royal law”** James 2:8 and **“All scripture”** that **“is given by inspiration of God”** 2 Timothy 3:16 in the certain belief that no other book is. See the attached study **Bible Believers Basics** for information items to help the individual to trust that Book totally.
8. **Revelation 5:8. “And when he had taken the book”** is preparatory to the Lord opening it and setting forth for all saints including today’s believer **“...good words and comfortable words”** Zechariah 1:13 *which He can refine as necessary*.

See this extract from [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 3 Part 2 p 12](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation%203%20Part%20p%2012).

In addition for Revelation 3:13 note the following passages in the spirit of Zechariah 1:13 **“And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.”** The different colorations show how the Lord updated the Hebrew original into no doubt Aramaic **“words easy to be understood...to the edifying of the church”** 1 Corinthians 14:9, 12.

“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, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord” Luke 4:18-19.

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...” Isaiah 61:1-2.

“...the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints” because in both the heavenly and earthly realms the taking up of **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16 by the Lord preparatory to opening it prompts pure praise and underwrites pure prayer in that **“the prayer of the upright is his delight”** Proverbs 15:8:

Psalms 43:3-4 “O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God”

Psalms 119:130 “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple”

John 15:7 “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

9. Revelation 5:9. **“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof”** because together with remarks on Revelation 5:5 here is **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 including a call to preach of Psalm 40:3, 7-8 **“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD...Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.”**
- “...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation”** is the heavenly testimony of **“...the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven...”** Hebrews 12:23 that today’s believer can rejoice in *because he will be part of it in a Second Advent application of Isaiah 35:10* **“And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”**
10. Revelation 5:10. **“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth”** is **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 of a post-Second Advent fulfilment of earthly rulership that includes today’s believer and his future testimony noting a pre-condition that **“If we suffer, we shall also reign with him...”** 2 Timothy 2:12 of 1 Peter 2:9 **“...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”**
11. Revelation 5:11-12. Revelation 5:11-12 are **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 of **“...a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”** Luke 2:13-14 insofar as **“the lamb that was slain”** Revelation 5:12 Who **“...once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself”** Hebrews 9:26 is **“Worthy...to receive”**:
- “power”** because **“...Jesus Christ...is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him”** 1 Peter 3:21-22
- “riches”** because **“The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts”** Psalm 72:10
- “wisdom”** because **“With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding”** Job 12:12. See Daniel 7:22 and Micah 5:2 with respect to **“the Ancient of days”** and **“he...that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting”** and note that a wise man worships the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1, 11 **“...behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem...And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him...”**
- “strength”** because – and this is as strong as it gets - **“...in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed...but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever...and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven...And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed”** Daniel 2:44, 7:13-14
- “honour, and glory, and blessing”** because – and this is as honourable and glorious and blessed as it gets – **“They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations...Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him”** Psalm 72:5, 11.

Today's believer should therefore consistently seek to apply *with a view to the attendant blessing of obedience* John 14:21 **"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him"** which blessing is to be like King David and Him of Whom he speaks in Acts 2:25-26 **"For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope."**

12. **Revelation 5:13-14.** See attached study **Reply to DiVietro's Attack on Gail Riplinger – Flotsam Flush** pp 87-88 with respect to the *languages* spoken in Revelation 5:13.

The *heavenly* testimony and worship of **"...the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven..."** Hebrews 12:23 – see remarks under Revelation 5:9 - shall become the testimony and worship of **"the whole creation"** Romans 8:22 because **"...God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"** Philippians 2:9-11.

"And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever" Revelation 5:14 reiterates the force of 1 Kings 1:36 **"...Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too"** and for today's believer reinforces 2 Corinthians 13:4 **"For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you."**

Conclusion



Revelation 5 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. What does Revelation 5 reveal about the Lord in “**the third heaven**” 2 Corinthians 12:2?
2. What does Revelation 5 reveal about “**the book of the LORD**” Isaiah 34:16?
3. What does Revelation 5, in particular Revelation 5:13, reveal about ‘the original Greek’?
4. What does Revelation 5 reveal about me with respect to “**the Lord of glory**” James 2:1?

Sample Answers

1. “**Thou shalt have no other gods before me**” Exodus 20:2.
2. “**For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven**” Psalm 119:89.
3. “**...Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away**” Hebrews 8:13.
4. “**Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool**” Isaiah 1:18.

**Timothy the Faithful – “O man of God” 1 Timothy 6:11
 “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”
 2 Timothy 2:3.**




“Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God” 1 Samuel 17:36¹

Picturing 2 Timothy 2:3, 1 Samuel 17:36 is a “Timothy” called at age 20 to:

- ***“endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”***
- face ***“the lion and the bear”*** and the ***“Philistine”***
- be faithful ***“that thou...mightest war a good warfare”*** 1 Timothy 1:18:

“A flood of thoughts came across my mind regarding the different fields I had fought on, and the many hair-breadth escapes I had had. I thought of the Alma and my Christian comrade who lay buried beside the river. I thought of the wild charge of our handful of cavalry at Balaclava, of our desperate fight at Inkerman, of our terrible work in the trenches. And after all I had gone through - death staring me in the face in a thousand shapes, both in the field and in camp, for upwards of twelve long months...yet a merciful God had thought fit to throw His protecting arm of love around me - truly I had much for meditation; verily I had much to be thankful for...” – Sergeant Major Timothy Gowing, Royal Fusiliers².

Like David and S/mjr. Gowing, Timothy did ***“endure hardness,”*** face ***“the lion and the bear”*** and the ***“Philistine”*** and ***“war a good warfare.”*** *If you will, Timothy’s your man ☺!* 

Timothy the Follower

Timothy means *Honouring God*³, from his full name “*Timotheus*,” found 17 times in scripture. The embedded word “*theus*” is God. With God in his name, Timothy followed God in his life. He alone is called “*O man of God*” 1 Timothy 6:11 in the New Testament.

Timothy was from Lystra in Asia Minor and Paul first meets him in Acts 16:1. “*Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:*”

Thank God for “*a certain woman...which believed.*” Paul identifies her in 2 Timothy 1:5. “*...I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*” Timothy became a follower of the Lord via believing generations. “*You may be the first link in a person’s conversion, you may be the last link. Make sure you’re not the missing link!*”⁴

Timothy the Fellowlabourer

Timothy became a “*fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ*” 1 Thessalonians 3:2 but some things threatened his labour. Timothy’s *past life* threatened his labour⁵. Galatians 3:28 says “*There is neither Jew nor Greek...in Christ Jesus*” but Acts 16:3 states “*Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.*” Self-explanatory. Timothy therefore overcame his *past life* to be a “*fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ.*”

Timothy’s *ill-health* threatened his labour. Paul even advises him in 1 Timothy 5:23 “*Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.*” Yet Paul says of Timothy in Philippians 2:22 “*he hath served with me in the gospel.*” Timothy therefore overcame his *ill-health* to be a “*fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ.*”

Timothy’s *fear of shame* threatened his labour. Paul urges him in 2 Timothy 1:8 “*Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*” Foxe⁶ states that Timothy was Bishop of Ephesus in A.D. 97. There he rebuked a procession of pagans, like a Notting Hill Carnival, for their idolatry. They beat him to death. Timothy therefore overcame his *fear of shame* to be a “*fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ*” no matter what.

So despite *your* past, ill-health, fear, whatever, *you can be* a “*fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ*” because the Lord said “*Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world*” John 16:33.

Timothy the Faithful

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:10-11 “*But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.*”

The 9 aspects listed may be 9 roots for the 9 fruits of Galatians 5:22, 23. Fruitfulness comes from faithfulness. Timothy was faithful because he *lived through* experiences like 2 Timothy 3:10-11 with Paul and he did “*endure hardness,*” face “*the lion and the bear*” and the “*Philistine*” and “*war a good warfare.*” He could say with Paul in 1 Timothy 1:12 “*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;*” So, how are you “*counted...faithful*”?

Being “*counted...faithful*” includes *cross-generation witness* like Lois to Eunice to Timothy, as Paul says in 2 Timothy 2:2 “*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*”

Being “*counted...faithful*” also includes *learning* “*the holy scriptures*” 2 Timothy 3:14-15:

“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 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” 2 Timothy 3:14-15.

The hymn *My Mother’s Bible* is Timothy’s Testimony:

My Mother’s Bible⁷

*Blessèd Book, precious Book,
On thy dear old tear stained leaves I love to look;
Thou art sweeter day by day, as I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above*

What Book is that? See below:



“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals” Revelation 5:1.

COUNT THEM! Then:

“Fear God, and give glory to him”
Revelation 14:7 – *not the publisher!*

“A Bible that’s falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t”
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon⁸.

Paul therefore exhorts Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15. It should be memorized:

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

*You must rightly divide the Book*⁹ because you must learn it - THE BOOK is:

The Timothy’s Charter: *How to Follow, Work, Wage War, Be Faithful.*

May it be yours.

Bible Believers Basics

Introduction

These basics have been written for the Bible believer who aims to get a good overview of final authority that is and always will be the 1611 Holy Bible ***“the book of the LORD”*** Isaiah 34:16 ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21 ***“the royal law”*** James 2:8 and ***“All scripture”*** that ***“is given by inspiration of God”*** 2 Timothy 3:16 in the certain belief that no other book is.

These basics show the Bible believer that the 1611 Holy Bible is in fact the final authority as stated and that all other bibles are Catholic satanic counterfeits. The site www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ has links to the following basic sources that will enable the Bible believer to understand that the 1611 Holy Bible is the final authority according to ***“the Spirit of truth”*** John 16:33 and that its critics are of ***“...a spirit of an unclean devil”*** Luke 4:33. The list over-page gives additional material for further study. The basic sources are these, with accompanying summary explanations:

What is the Bible – AV1611 Overview/O Biblios Summary Overview, site name/file name

The Deadly Dossier, selections

The NKJV Counterfeit, www.av1611.org/nkjv.html *The New King James Bible Counterfeit*

The Great Bible Robbery

What is the Bible – AV1611 Overview

This study gives the big picture, emphasising that modern versions are of Rome with Watchtower.

The Deadly Dossier, selections

The Royal Law, Seven Aspects of ‘in the Greek,’ The 1611 Holy Bible versus Vatican Versions, Correcting the Greek with the King James English, The 1611 Holy Bible versus the Non-Extant Original

The NKJV Counterfeit

Bro. Watkins’ detailed study shows that the NKJV is satanic like all the other modern corruptions.

The Great Bible Robbery

Two lines of bibles exist, the true and the false, the modern versions are Jesuitical. Note further:

One Book, One Banknote

www.britishnotes.co.uk/news_and_info/valuemy_banknotes/index.php. No ‘other versions’ exist, no ‘other banknotes’ exist. Note the definition:

“the word of God” and “the words of God”

“the word of God” 1 Samuel 9:27, 1 Kings 12:22, 1 Chronicles 17:3, Mark 7:13, Luke 3:2, 5:1, 8:11, 21, 11:28, John 10:35, Acts 4:31, 6:2, 7, 8:14, 11:1, 12:24, 13:5, 7, 44, 46, 17:13, 18:11, 19:20, Romans 9:6, 10:17, 1 Corinthians 14:26, 2 Corinthians 2:17, 4:2, Ephesians 6:17, Colossians 1:25, 1 Thessalonians 2:13 twice, 1 Timothy 4:5, 2 Timothy 2:9, Titus 2:5, Hebrews 4:12, 11:3, 13:7, 1 Peter 1:23, 2 Peter 3:5, 1 John 2:14, Revelation 1:2, 9, 6:9, 19:13, 20:4, 46 references

“the words of God” Numbers 24:4, 16, 1 Chronicles 25:5, Psalm 107:11, John 3:34, Revelation 17:17. Note ***“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts”*** Jeremiah 15:16.

Conclusion

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” Isaiah 8:20.



Suggested Further Study Resources, Online and Hard Copies

www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm *Translators' Preface to the 1611 KJV*

www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/36722?msg=welcome_stranger#toc9 *The Revision Revised* by John William Burgon

kjb.benabraham.com/html/our_authorized_bible_vindicated.html *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated* by Benjamin G. Wilkinson, Ph.D.

wilderness-cry.net/bible_study/books/kjv-defended/ *The King James Version Defended* by Edward F. Hills

brandplucked.webs.com/kjbarticles.htm *KJB Articles - Another King James Bible Believer*

www.av1611.org/tracts.html#BibleVersions *Bible Versions*. See in particular:

www.av1611.org/niv.html *New International Perversion*

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *'O Biblios' – The Book, King James Bible Supremacy*

www.av1611.org/tracts.html#BibleVersions

The Attack on the Bible

Bible Version Comparison

How to Spot a Counterfeit Bible

New International Perversion

New King James Version Counterfeit

www.avpublications.com/avnew/home.html

New Age Bible Versions Tract

New King James Omissions Tract

The Dictionary Inside The King James Bible 245 pp

The Hidden History Of The English Scriptures 69 pp

New Age Bible Versions 700 pp

Which Bible is God's Word? 173 pp

www.chick.com/default.asp

The Attack Tract

No Liars In Heaven Tract

Sabotage? Booklet 32 pp

The Answer Book 165 pp

Can You Trust Just One Bible? 160 pp

Did The Catholic Church Give Us The Bible? 203 pp

Final Authority 392 pp

Let's Weigh The Evidence 96 pp

store.kjv1611.org/

1 John 5:7 Booklet 8 pp

Differences in the King James Version Editions 25 pp

The Monarch Of The Books 30 pp

Survey Of The Authorized Version 29 pp

Translators to The Readers 29 pp

Why I Believe the King James Bible Is the Word of God 28 pp

www.tbsbibles.org/articles/why-use-the-authorised-king-james-version

Plain Reasons for Keeping to the Authorised Version Tract

Reply to DiVietro's Attack on Gail Riplinger – Flotsam Flush pp 87-88
www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php

The New Testament reveals even more startling information on 'inspired translations. See Revelation 5:13 *and note that the events described are still future.*

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

Because Revelation 5:13 is yet future, “every creature” will not have spoken Koine Greek, even if that was the language in which John originally wrote down the statement “*Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*” Whatever languages the creatures did speak must, like the Lycaonian language of Acts 14:11, have been *spoken* 'inspired originals' that were spontaneously translated in the third heaven 2 Corinthians 12:2 into Koine Greek, say, so that John could understand and record what the voices had said in unison.

If so, then Revelation 5:13 is more evidence that gives the lie to Dr DiVietro's notion that inspiration of translations is found nowhere in the New Testament. The implications of Revelation 5:13 with respect to inspiration of translations are even more striking and will be explained below but for now, consider another example.

See Revelation 14:6-7.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

Like Revelation 5:13, the literal fulfilment of these verses is yet future. When they are fulfilled, the angel's words in Revelation 14:7 cannot be spoken in Koine Greek, which is now a dead language¹⁰, as even Dr DiVietro admits, *Cleaning-Up*, pp 7, 16. No-one would understand it.

That observation leads to a striking conclusion.

Even if the angel will have the power to speak more than one language simultaneously, he will have to include King James English, as the *Biblical* language of the End Times or the *scriptural lingua franca*. See comments in this author's earlier work¹¹ on questions for Dr Waite to answer. See also Dr Mrs Riplinger's work¹² on *The Missionary Bible KJV*.

What now follows is most compelling for anyone who believes what God said in Isaiah 46:9-10.

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:”

If John wrote down what he saw and heard in the prophetic vision of Revelation 14:6-7 in Koine Greek as inspired scripture (and the DBS Executive Committee would unanimously declare that he did), *then John's Koine Greek 'original' must have been an inspired translation of an inspired spoken original at least in part in King James English because, as indicated above, the angel's words in Revelation 14:7 are yet future. Similar remarks apply to Revelation 5:13. Most, if not all, of the creatures, including peoples in Revelation 14:6, will not be able to speak Koine Greek but many of them will be able to speak King James English, as the Biblical lingua franca of the End Times! In God's timing, wisdom and power, the spoken inspired King James English 'original' that John received prophetically almost 2,000 years ago became the written inspired 1611 Authorized King James English Holy Bible historically and to the present day. (With “his mouth as the mouth of a lion” Revelation 13:2, even “the beast” has to speak English¹³.)*

This is also an additional proof that a translation can be inspired given that John's Koine Greek 'original' was in fact a translation of the language (or various languages) he heard spoken by the angel.

That conclusion merits prayerful reflection, James 1:5.

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