

Priests, Princes, Preservationists

Explanatory Note

This work provides a threefold refutation of the widespread notion that selection of a Bible version is a matter of individual choice.

It is not.

It is a matter of *God's* choice, to which today's believer should submit according to Luke 22:42 "...**not my will, but thine, be done.**"

The essentials of that threefold refutation together with today's believer's mandatory submission to *God's* provision of "...**the holy scriptures**..." Romans 1:2, 2 Timothy 3:15 are set out via the attached studies which may be summarised under the headings *Priests, Princes, Preservationists*. The studies are as follows:

The Superiority of the 1611 Holy Bible over the Greek and the Original

"The Royal Law" James 2:8

Inspiration and the Spirit

English Reformation to Last Days Apostasy – To and From the AV1611

Priests

Today's believer is as described by Peter one of "...**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**" 1 Peter 2:9.

The first study shows that as such today's believer should submit to the Book that alone reveals itself as the "...**wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ...**" 1 Timothy 6:3 "...**the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus**" Hebrews 3:1.

Princes

The second study shows that today's believer should submit to the Book that testifies of itself with respect to "...**He that ruleth over men...ruling in the fear of God**" 2 Samuel 23:3 that "**Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth**" Proverbs 8:14-16.

Preservationists

The third and fourth studies show that today's believer should submit to the Book that "**By long forbearing...**" Proverbs 25:15 manifests itself as "...**my word like as a fire...saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces...**" Jeremiah 23:29.

"Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them:

I am the LORD"

Leviticus 22:31

The Superiority of the 1611 Holy Bible over the Greek and the Original

A common refrain from the enemies of the 1611 Holy Bible is this:

The AV1611 may be tolerated but it is still inferior to “the Greek” or to “the Original.”

There are at least 8 reasons why the AV1611 is in fact superior to ‘the Greek’ - and to ‘the Original’ [[Biblical Scholarship by Dr Peter S. Ruckman Appendix 7](#)]:

1. The AV1611 uses **“synagogues”** in Psalm 74:8, instead of the Hebrew *“meeting places,”* showing that the reference is yet future, to the great tribulation.
2. The Pre-millennial order of the books from 2 Chronicles to Psalms in the AV1611 preserves the order of events in the history of Israel from the destruction of Jerusalem 70 A.D. to the Second Advent. This order is superior to that of the Hebrew Bible.
3. In an age ruled by the television, **“pictures”** in Numbers 33:52 is far superior to the original Hebrew of *“carved stones.”*
4. The AV1611 alone uses **“forces”** in Daniel 11:38 instead of the literal Hebrew *“fortresses.”* The AV1611 reading is superior because it is a reference to the use of electricity, Luke 10:18, the highest form of energy, especially in the tribulation. See Revelation 13:13. It virtually rules our lives now.
5. The AV1611 has **“churches”** in Acts 19:37, showing where heathen devoted to the **“queen of heaven”** Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17, 18, 19, 25 actually WORSHIP. This is far superior to the ‘original Greek,’ which gives *“temples.”*
6. The AV1611 has **“Easter”** in Acts 12:4 instead of the literal Greek equivalent *“Passover.”* Note that **“(Then were the days of unleavened bread.)”** Acts 12:3. The reading *“Passover”* is obviously wrong in the context. In addition, J. A. Moorman in *Conies Brass and Easter* p 13 states that it was Tyndale who *invented* the word *Passover* but Tyndale used the word **“Easter”** in Acts 12:4 in his New Testament. Tyndale, like the King James translators, understood the scriptures better than modern version editors and their supporters.
7. The tense of the Greek in Galatians 2:20 is *“I have been crucified”* but Luke 9:23 shows that a man is to take up the cross DAILY. The AV1611 reading, **“I am crucified”** is therefore both correct and superior to ‘the Greek.’
8. The AV1611 alone has **“corrupt”** in 2 Corinthians 2:17, where the ‘original Greek’ is *“peddle”* according to the modern revisers. The AV1611 is superior because it is warning you against modern Bible corrupters.

Insistence on ‘the Greek’ or ‘the original’ is really a violation of the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9 but fundamentalists do it all the time. They are what Spurgeon called *“little popelings”*!

See *The Greatest Fight in the World* archive.spurgeon.org/misc/gfw.php.

The Bible calls it being **“wise in your own conceits”** Romans 11:25.

Additional Note: Regenerative Translations Superior to Degenerative Originals

It should be understood that anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called and invariably undefined, over the King James English is saying that the word of God has lost information in transmission i.e. translation. Fundamentalists repeatedly say words to that effect. However, if the word of God has lost information in translation, it has degenerated. If the word of God is subject to degeneration, then anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English is saying that the Lord Jesus Christ lied when He said as recorded 3 times in scripture ***“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”*** Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33.

In addition, your salvation is predicated on the integrity and incorruptibility of ***“the word of God”*** as Peter states ***“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”*** 1 Peter 1:23. Anyone therefore who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English is saying that the apostle Peter lied because the word of God is subject to degeneration and is therefore corruptible.

Therefore your salvation is subject to degeneration and it too is corruptible.

Further, anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English is also saying that the apostle James lied when he said ***“...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls”*** James 1:21.

There’s no point because it isn’t and it won’t, according to anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English.

That is, you don’t have salvation and you can never have it, according to anyone who appeals to the original, so-called, or the Greek and the Hebrew, so-called, over the King James English.

That’s about as blasphemous as it gets but fundamentalists do it all the time.

You should of course be encouraged that translation is not degenerative but is always *regenerative*, an improvement over the original in scripture:

“So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba” 2 Samuel 3:9-10.

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” Colossians 1:13.

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” Hebrews 11:5.

“The Royal Law” James 2:8



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The Queen Enthroned with “The Royal Law”

British Governance

British governance is embodied in the Coronation Oath¹. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II undertook the Oath when she was crowned. David Gardner² explains the significance of the Oath.

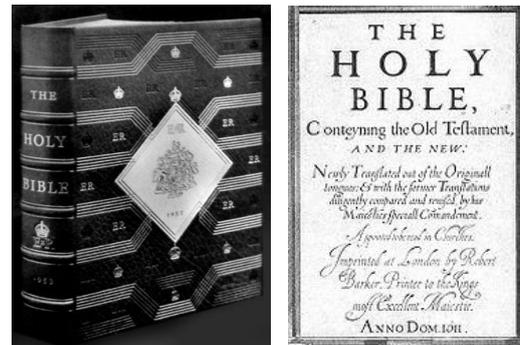
“When the Sovereign is crowned, he or she is required to place one hand on the open Bible, and is then required to take a solemn oath before Almighty God ‘to uphold to the utmost of my power, the Laws of God within the Realm, and the true profession of the Christian Gospel.’ Parliament, through its peers, pledges itself to support the sovereign in this. This is the British position constitutionally.”

It still is, as shown below, regardless of how much it has been violated in practice or by whom.

The Coronation Oath

The monarch-to-be is seated upon the Chair of Estate in Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of Canterbury gives the Coronation Oath for the monarch’s enthronement. The Oath states in part:

Archbishop: *Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof as by law established in England? And will you reserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them of any of them?*



The Coronation Bible and Title Page

Queen: *“All this I promise to do.”*

The Oath is sealed with the King James Bible³, presented to the monarch. The presenter at Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation was the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, with these words. *“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom [Revelation 13:18]; This is the royal Law [James 2:8]; These are the lively Oracles of God [Acts 7:38, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 4:11].”*

The King James Bible used for the Coronation contains the Apocrypha but the Apocrypha is *not* part of “the royal law.” See figure **The Coronation Bible and Title Page**.

“The Royal Law”

James 2:8 states ***“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:”*** ***“The royal law”*** and ***“the scripture”*** are each ***“the whole law”*** James 2:10 and the Coronation Oath is unequivocal that the King James Bible is ***“the royal law”*** for ***“the Rule for the whole life and government of”*** Her Majesty and her subjects. In turn, nothing is above the King James Bible ***“for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”*** Psalm 138:2.

“The royal law” states in Numbers 15:16* with respect to Great Britain and the Old Dominions that:

“One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.”

*To Israel first but not rescinded for other nations by Paul, the author of specific Christian doctrine

Numbers 15:16 means that for governance of Britain’s inhabitants by ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611:

- Criticism of the ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Hostility towards Israel and/or the Jewish people is treason against God and the Crown.
- Catholicism by its hatred of ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Britain’s membership of the papal European Union is treason against God and the Crown.
- Entry of foreigners alien to ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Mohammedanism and all non-Biblical religions are treason against God and the Crown.
- Secular belief systems e.g. Darwinism, Marxism etc. are treason against God and the Crown.
- ***“Whoremongers...them that defile themselves with mankind...menstealers...liars...perjured persons”*** 1 Timothy 1:10 ***“and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God”*** Deuteronomy 25:16 and traitors to ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611, God and the Crown.

The Coronation Oath has been repeatedly violated since the Coronation and it still is. However, as Rev Gardner states, the Oath is ***“a solemn oath before Almighty God”*** so God the Offended Party must punish the violators.

God the Offended Party

Men in scripture are likened to trees. ***“And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking”*** Mark 8:24.

God promises a judgement by fire in the End Times. ***“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD”*** Ezekiel 39:6.



The Fire of Jeremiah

“The isles” and ***“trees, walking”*** are easily identified.

Jeremiah 21:14 is therefore a grim warning for Britain.

“...I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about...”

Proverbs 13:13 is a further warning, though with ***“mercy...against judgment”*** James 2:13: ***“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.”***

Britain *must* therefore regain her only firebreak ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 to receive mercy when God’s End Times judgement by fire finally descends ***“that the whole nation perish not”*** John 11:50.

Inspiration and the Spirit

The Two Parallel Streams of Bibles

“The Spirit of God” 1 Corinthians 3:16 versus *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33

Apostles (Original)	Apostates (Corrupt Originals)
Received Text (Greek)	Sinaiticus and Vaticanus Bible (Greek)
Waldensian Bible (Italic)	Vulgate (Latin) Church of Rome's Bible
Erasmus (Received Text Restored)	Vaticanus (Greek)
Luther's Bible, Dutch, French, Italian, etc., (Received Text)	French, Spanish, Italian, etc., (from Vulgate)
Tyndale (English) 1535 (from Received Text)	Rheims (English) from Vulgate (Jesuit Bible of 1582)
King James, 1611	Oxford Movement Wetscott and Hort (B and Aleph), English Revised 1881 Dr. Philip Schaff (B and Aleph), American Revised 1901

Introduction

Dr Benjamin Wilkinson states:

The King James from the Received Text has been the Bible of the English speaking world for 300 years. This has given the Received Text, and the Bibles translated from it into other tongues, standing and authority. At the same time, it neutralized the dangers of the Catholic manuscripts and the Bibles in other tongues translated from them⁴.

Benjamin Wilkinson has shown how the 1611 Holy Bible and its faithful precursors from apostolic times are from *“the Spirit of God”* 1 Corinthians 3:16 and the raft of Catholic counterfeits are from *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33. Benjamin Wilkinson’s chart *The Two Parallel Streams of Bibles* shown above admirably summarises the history of Bible transmission with respect to the sharp distinction between the line of pure Bibles from *“the Spirit of God”* 1 Corinthians 3:16 and the line of Catholic counterfeits from *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33 that extends to all modern versions without exception, over 250 having been published for the first time since 1881⁵. The Lord will obliterate the Catholic counterfeits of Rome at the Second Advent *“and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her”* Revelation 18:8 *“and also I will cause...the unclean spirit to pass out of the land”* Zechariah 13:2.

However, each line of the chart specifies languages that were vehicles for the transmission of scripture in the early church e.g. 1st century Greek, Latin, Italic, Syriac etc. but are now dead languages⁶. Yet the scriptures are *“the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”* 1 Peter 1:23. How therefore is this apparent contradiction resolved?

This work addresses that question. See first *The purification of the Lord’s word* and this extract⁷.

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Historic Bibles

Dr Vance [*Bible Believers Bulletin*, February 2003, June 2006] shows [how] Psalm 12:6, 7 was fulfilled in history...

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
- A received Syrian text from AD 120 to AD 200
- A received Latin text from AD 150 to AD 1500
- A received German text from AD 1500 to AD 2006
- A received English text from AD 1611 to AD 2006 (2012+)

Of those language groups, only the last two are current and English is the premier language, as missionary director Jonathan Richmond⁸ states “*English is the standard for time, place, distance, size, quantity, volume, language, etc. When the English standard showed up, both the German and Spanish Bibles [i.e. any non-English Bible] should have been corrected and/or updated with the English.*” The question arises how is the 1611 Holy Bible “*the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever*” 1 Peter 1:23 when its language predecessors are dead languages? The scripture gives answer.

Dead Languages, Returned Spirit

Solomon states “*the spirit of man...goeth upward*” when man dies and “*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it*” Ecclesiastes 3:21, 12:12.

In like manner, when the ancient Biblical languages died, God simply transferred inspiration to the next generation of Biblical languages “*according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will*” Ephesians 1:11. As Gail Riplinger⁹ notes, her italics, God inspired (breathed) the scriptures. The Bible does not tell us *exactly how* this inspiration (breath) is preserved and passed on generation after generation, but the Bible is still breathing and alive (quick) today. The rhythmic character of breathing is evident in our King James Bible.

Inspiration goes on because “*God is a Spirit*” John 4:34 so that this inspiration (breath) is *spiritual*. [T]he Bible is still breathing and alive (quick) today because “*the Spirit of God*” 1 Corinthians 3:16 is “*the Spirit of life from God*” Revelation 11:11 “*to preserve life*” Genesis 45:5. “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33 therefore because “*the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*” John 6:63.

Everlasting AV1611

The question then arises how can the King James Bible be everlasting? 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.*”

This is an *authoritative spoken* original from a future source and an *angelic* utterance that is received *worldwide* and is *everlasting*. It is a *spiritual* utterance because angels “*Are...ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation*” Hebrews 1:14 and therefore the words of this angelic utterance “*according to the will of God and our Father*” Galatians 1:4 “*they are spirit, and they are life*” John 6:63 and therefore “*given by inspiration of God*” 2 Timothy 3:16. Only the AV1611 can fulfil the above criteria as *everlastingly* “*the book of the LORD*” Isaiah 34:16.

English Reformation to Last Days Apostasy – To and From the AV1611

See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *What is the Bible? – AV1611 Overview Table 1*

Verse	WY	TY/C	BIS	GEN	AV	DR/ CR	RV	JB/N	NWT	NAS	NIV	NKJ
Gen. 50:20									2013			
1 Sa. 10:24												
2 Sa. 8:18												
1 Ki. 10:28												
1 Chr. 5:26								NJB				
Is. 65:11												
Am. 4:4												
Mat. 19:18												
Mat. 27:44												
Mark 6:20												
Mark 9:18												
Luke 18:12												
Acts 5:30												
Acts 7:45												
Acts 12:4												
Acts 19:2						DR						
Acts 22:9a												f.n.
Acts 22:9b												
Ro. 3:4, 6												
Ro. 3:31												
Ro. 6:2, 15												
Ro. 7:7, 13												
Ro. 8:16												
Ro. 8:26												
Ro. 9:14												
Ro. 11:1												
Ro. 11:11												
Ro. 13:9a												
Ro. 13:9b												f.n.
1 Cor. 4:4												
Heb. 4:8												
Heb. 9:7												
Heb. 10:23												
James 3:2						CR						
Departures	16	12	6	6	0	14/14	21	33/34	32/33	36	35	32/34
% Depart.	43	32	16	16	0	38/38	57	89/92	86/89	97	95	86/92

Notes:

1. The table lists 37 passages of scripture that James White designates as “*problems in the KJV*,” *The King James Only Controversy* pp 223ff.
2. James White insists that the modern versions, NIV, NASV, NKJV, largely correct these “*problems*” and that these 37 passages are typical of modern ‘improvements’ over the AV1611. This writer’s review of White’s book shows that they are not. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *KJO Review Full Text*.
3. These 37 passages have therefore been used for comparison with the AV1611 for pre-1611 and post-1611 bibles to show that White’s ‘improvements’ are apostasy.
4. The table lists the results for comparison of these 37 passages with the AV1611 for 17 bibles in total. Readings are omitted but may be checked via the sources listed.
5. A clear cell denotes agreement between the specified bible and the AV1611 with respect to the sense of the reading, although the wording may differ.
6. A shaded cell denotes departure of a bible from the AV1611. Marked cells denote:
2013 – the 2013 NWT departs from the AV1611, the 1984 NWT does not.
CR - the Challoner’s Revision departs from the AV1611, the 1610 DR does not.
DR - the 1610 DR departs from the AV1611, the Challoner’s Revision does not.
f.n. – the NKJV f.n. footnote departs from the AV1611, the NKJV text does not.
NJB - the NJB departs from the AV1611, the JB does not.
7. 5 pre-1611 bibles have been used with the 1611 and current i.e. 2011+ AV1611s; WY, Wycliffe, TY/C, Tyndale/Coverdale in the Old Testament, BIS, Bishops’, GEN, Geneva. No changes exist for the 37 passages for the 1611, 2011+ AV1611 Texts.
Sources for WY, TY/C, BIS, GEN, 1611, 2011+ AV1611s are www.e-sword.net/index.html, www.studylight.org/, www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/file.htm. [2015 update. See for the texts of pre-1611 Bibles thebiblecorner.com/englishbibles/index.html. The Bibles of the Past site is currently not functional]
8. 12 post-1611 bibles have been used; DR/CR, Douay-Rheims 1610 and Challoner’s Revision 1749-1752, RV, Revised Version, JB/N, Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles, NWT, 1984, 2013 New World Translations, NASV, 1977, 1995 New American Standard Versions, NIV, 1984, 2011 New International Versions, NKJ, New King James Version. No changes exist for the 37 passages for the 1977, 1995 NASVs, 1984, 2011 NIVs. Sources for the DR/CR, RV, NIVs, NASVs, NKJV, NWTs, JB, NJB are:
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9. The table shows that divergence of the pre-1611 bibles from the AV1611 Text for the 37 passages decreases markedly as successive translations appear. The corresponding increasing convergence of the pre-1611 bibles with the AV1611 parallels the advance of the English Reformation from its inception in the 14th century to its maturity in the 16th century, followed by its crowning achievement early in the 17th century - the AV1611 Holy Bible.
10. The table shows further that the post-1611 bibles not only diverge increasingly from the AV1611 Text, with Rome and Watchtower but the ‘fundamentalist’ versions, NIV, NASV, diverge from the AV1611 even more than today’s Papist and JW versions, changing well over 90% of the test passages. Even the ‘conservative’ NKJV is the same, with over 85% departures, typical for AV1611 versus NKJV comparisons if NKJV f.n.s. are included – 30%+ is typical for NKJV text-only departures from the AV1611, considerably less but still appreciable. In sum, the accelerating departure of the post-1611 bibles from the AV1611 corresponds to the deepening apostasy of the church in these last days. *All* modern bibles are germane to this apostasy.

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