



## THE BIBLE BASELINE: The AKJV

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### Which Version/Translation is the "right" one?

**CovenantTruth.org** adamantly stands, without apology, in defense of the **Authorized King James Version of 1611(AKJV)**, as the first and the final arbiter of Truth, the Preserved Word of God in the earth for English-speaking people, the LifeBlood of four centuries of theological and doctrinal integrity among the Covenant People of God.

### THE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY

Without a Controlling Authority, the final result of any study, deliberation or discussion will be *confusion*. We need look no further than the present poly-textual potpourri of publishers' offerings, all of them *purporting* to be "the Word of God". By simple logic, not *all* of them can *possibly* be true, and only ONE can be THE AUTHORITY! Many books are now available which detail and analyze the remarkable -- and even seriously disturbing -- differences between the AKJV and the more modern versions / translations. In stark contrast with the free-to-republish "public domain" AKJV, each of these other works is "protected" by a "copyright"; so that some *man's* express permission -- *and quite probably a monetary fee* -- is necessary to secure the "right" to republish: *think about it* - does this fact alone seem to be at all consistent with God's character and purpose?

Among the disturbing differences found in modern *perversions / mistranslations*, the most alarming ones diminish or even deny the Deity of Jesus Christ; the majority of these differences are much more subtle. Metaphorically speaking, a "lake of truth" can be fatally poisoned by a "pint of lies".

### DIVINE PRESERVATION

There are skeptics who might ask how we can KNOW for certain that the AKJV is THE Preserved Word of God? We would respond with another question: Is the Almighty Creator and God of the universe, Who is yet ". . . *upholding all things by the word of his power*," (Hebrews 1:3) able to secure and preserve His Word from generation to generation? If not, how can we rely on any of His promises?

*"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."*  
(Psalm 12:6-7)

*"He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:"* (Psalm 105:8-10)

*"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."* (St. Matthew 24:35,

spoken by Jesus Christ)

The very Creator of language meticulously engineered the transcribing of His "pure words" in Masoretic Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek in the original manuscripts by carefully chosen holy men who were inspired by the Spirit of God. He then, beginning in 1604, caused to be gathered a remarkable group of brilliant and gifted scholars, expert linguists who lived at the time when Anglo-Saxon scholarship and culture was at its absolute apex.

## ELEMENTARY READABILITY

One of the oft-repeated but patently false criticisms of the King James text is of its "antique" English style and usage -- often referred to as "Elizabethan" or "Shakespearean". These critics most often contend that the original style of the KJV English text makes it more difficult to read and to understand.

On the contrary, it is well-proven that the King James text is actually superior in readability, most recently verified by the *readability index* titled "**Right Writer**" a computer program which was used to compare six Bible versions -- the AKJV, NKJV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, and NIV -- to determine relative readability.

For Genesis 1	Readability = 8.13	8th Grade
For Exodus 1	Readability = 7.94	8th Grade
For Romans 1	Readability = 9.74	10th Grade
For Romans 3:1-23	Readability = 5.63	6th Grade
For Romans 8	Readability = 7.73	8th Grade
For Jude 1	Readability = 10.11	10th Grade

The chart above gives the readability index for each of these six chapters in the AKJV. The AKJV is NOT "too hard to read or understand", provided the reader can read at a sixth to tenth grade level! In this sampling, the AKJV registers 5.6 to 10.1, while by comparison the NIV registered 6.1 to 11.0, making it *more difficult* to read and to understand, besides being remarkably *less accurate*!

The AKJV has also proven to be much *easier to memorize*, precisely due to its unique and particular style, usage and presentation.

## SUPERIOR VALUE

The proof of the superior value of the AKJV, among a still-growing number of diverse versions / translations, is established upon four principal pillars:

1. SUPERIOR TEXTS: Masoretic Hebrew / Aramaic and Greek)
2. SUPERIOR TRANSLATORS: Historically the best qualified scholars & linguists
3. SUPERIOR TECHNIQUE: Verbal/Formal Equivalence vs. Dynamic Equivalence
4. SUPERIOR THEOLOGY: Preserving the doctrinal integrity of the original texts

The AKJV continues to resolutely stand the test of time, patiently bearing the abusive and withering criticism of fools, the prejudice of popular false notions and historical revision, as well

as the ignorance of most of the modern "Christian" world which is sorely lacking in critical thinking and scholarly discipline.

**"THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD"**

*by John Clifford*

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door  
And heard the anvil sing the vesper chime;  
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with blasting years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he; and then, with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so I thought, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages, skeptic blows have beat upon.  
Yet tho' the noise of falling blows was heard  
The anvil is unharmed--the hammer's gone.

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**"FOUR REASONS for DEFENDING DEFENDINGTHE KING JAMES BIBLE"**

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**Who were the King James Version Translators?**

**INCLUDING EXCERPTS FROM,**

**The Translators Revived**

*by Alexander McClure, 1858*

<http://www.jesus-is-lord.com/transtoc.htm>