


# **Why The King James 1611?**

A **Biblical**, Historical & Practical **Perspective**

# Spiritual/Biblical Perspective

- ✚ What is Inspiration?
- ✚ What is Scripture?
- ✚ What is Preservation?
- ✚ What about “the originals autographs”?
- ✚ Translation produces a better product
- ✚ Conclusions

# What Is Inspiration?


 II Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."


✝ God Breathed

 2 Peter 1:21 "...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

✝ God Himself, through the Holy Spirit, directed the authors of the Bible the exact words to say/write

# Examples of Inspiration

 Jeremiah 1:9 “Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.”

 Ezekiel 2:2 “And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.”

# Evidence of Inspiration

✚ 100% accurate in all things scientific

✚ The earth is round

📖 Isa 40:22 “It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:”

✚ Everyone has a unique set of fingerprints

📖 Job 37:7 “He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.”


✚ The moon reflects light

📖 Job 25:5 “Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.”

# Evidence of Inspiration

✝ No Contradictions (covered Wk 2)

✝ Prophecies (48 details on 1st coming – statistical probability of that happening by chance is  $1 \times 10^{157}$ )

 Isaiah 11:11 “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.” (fulfilled May 1948)

✝ What about “Double Inspiration”?

Criticism of those who believe the KJV

Translators never claimed to be inspired

God, however, had His hand on the final product

Best example: NT Greek quote of the OT Hebrew

# What Is Scripture?

📖 Luke 4:16-21 “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, *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.* \* And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

\* The last part of the Isa 61:2 is not quoted – Why?  
It is yet to be fulfilled!

# What Is Scripture?

Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1,2 and called it scripture 700 years after the fact. He did not have the original book of Isaiah.




Mark 12:10 “And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:”


Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22 and called it scripture, He did not have the original book of Psalms.

**Jesus Called Copies Scripture**



# Preservation

 Psalm 12:6-7 "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."

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

 Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand forever."

# Examples of Preservation

Turn to Jeremiah 36 (Baruch & King Jehoiakim)

v.1: Inspiration

v.2: Preservation


v.21-23: The roll was destroyed


v.27-28: The LORD commanded Jeremiah to speak the words again

v.32: Preserved in another roll


# What About “The Originals”?


In Exodus, Chapters 20 - 31, God give Moses the law.

 Exodus 31:18 – And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone written with the finger of God.

 Exodus 32:19b ...and Moses’ anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

# What About “The Originals”?

 Exodus 34:1 “And Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.”

 Exodus 34:27 “And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.”

**There are NO ORIGINALS today  
What we have are copies of copies of copies of ...**

# Translation

In Scripture, a translation produces a better product, it is left in a better state than it was found.


**... so it is with the King James Bible ...**

# Translation


## 1. The Kingdom of Israel:

 II Sam 3:10 "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. Enoch:

 Hebrews 11:5 "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."

## 3. Christians:

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

# Translation

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, The New Testament in Greek, both languages of the day.

📖 Revelation 13:2 “And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as **the mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” (Prophecy from Daniel 7)

📖 Mark 12:27 “He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.”

(original languages are dead – English universal language)


**God's word will also be available in the last days  
in the language of the day, which is English.**

# Translation

How is the English Translation a better product?

1. Legibility- Hebrew and Greek manuscripts were run on and lower case without punctuation.

**butputyeonthelordjesuschristandmakenot  
provisionforthefleshtofulfiltheluststhereof**

 Romans 13:14 "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*."

2. Chapter & Verse Division. Hebrew and Greek did not have this, it was added much later.



# Translation

The authors of the chapter and verse system are said to be 5 or 6 men, living more than 500 years apart.

They are:

- ✚ La Franc: 1089AD
- ✚ Stephen Langton: Introduced chapter divisions in 1205AD
- ✚ Hugo DeSancto Caro: Also worked on chapter divisions 1244-1248AD.
- ✚ Mordecai Nathan and Joseph Athias: Added verses to Hebrew Bible in 1445-48AD
- ✚ Robert Estienne (Stephanus): Greek New Testament into verses in 1551AD. Then Latin New Testament into verses in 1555AD
- ✚ The work of Stephen Langton was first used in the 1382AD English Wycliffe Bible, and nearly all Bible translations since then have followed Langtons chapter divisions.
- ✚ The work of Robert Estienne (Stephanus) has been used for the versification of the Bible down to the present day.

# Translation

- † The Original Autographs did not contain chapters or verses. (not in existence)
- † The earliest copies did not contain chapters or verses.
- † Question: Is there something supernatural about the chapter and verse divisions?

# 13's in the Scripture

Information not given in the original languages.

13 - the number of rebellion and negativity.

📖 Genesis 13:13 "But the men of Sodom *were* wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly."

📖 Ezra 2:13 "The children of Adonikam ("lord of rebellion"), six hundred sixty and six."

📖 2 Chronicles 9:13 "Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;"

📖 John 13:18 "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me."

📖 Revelation 13:18 "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

Real life ex: Rochester General Hospital, no floor 13; Banbury Drive, no house #13.

# Conclusion

**Inspiration:** when God takes a blank piece of paper and uses men to speak and/or write His words

**Preservation:** when God takes those words already written and uses men to preserve them

**Translation:** When God improves His product

The Bible is the inspired, perfect Word of God

📖 Neh 9:5b "... Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise." ... HOWEVER ...

📖 Psalm 138:2 "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word **above** all thy name."

Q & A