



# BIBLE WORD STUDY

But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. (Isaiah 28:13).

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## THE GREEK ORIGINAL

Since some cults quote Greek and critics of the King James Bible refer to the Greek “original” and Greek grammar, we use some Greek, but only as much as is necessary. There is nothing wrong with learning or using Greek as long as it is done properly. But to listen to some teachers, one would think that God only used Greek and that He stopped doing anything after the first century, and for twenty centuries, He had no contact or influence upon the over 6,000 other languages of mankind. Most of this is sincere; for the most part, the motive behind claiming the “Greek original” as the authority is a sincere attempt to protect the Bible. The reasoning goes: If only the “Greek original” is the word of God, then no further revelation such as the Book of Mormon or writings of those like Mary Baker Glover Eddy Smith (whomever) can be inspired. This is a sincere attempt to protect scripture but it has a faulty base.

This has led to the belief or assumption by many that an original Bible, written in Hebrew and Greek by the Bible writers of the Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT), is located somewhere in a University or Seminary. All we have to do is learn Hebrew and Greek and then we can interpret exactly what is in this original Bible, know what God said, and what God meant to say. When the Reverend Doctor stands in the pulpit at the high hour of 11-12 AM on the most Holy Day of the week, Sunday, gathers his velvet robes, and says in a most serious and sanctimonious tone, “*My dear brethren, the original Greek does not have Mark 9:44 and Mark 9:46 in it,*” does he not imply he has seen and read this original?

The problem is that referring to the Greek “original” as though it is in existence and that it can be looked upon and used as the standard, is sort of like telling our children that Santa Claus really lives at the North Pole and leaves the presents under Christmas trees all over the world within less than 24 hours. We believed it at first and were shocked to find that Mom and Dad *lied* to us for many years; they taught us to always tell the truth. Then, we find out that when we become adults *it is OK to lie if you have a good enough reason!*

It seems it is proper with some to lie—as long as you are protecting God (as though He needs our help) but a false premise can never establish truth. There is no such thing as a “Greek original” despite all of the attempts to find one. I am persuaded that should one

be found, the majority of Protestant “scholars” would become as Roman Catholic as those who kiss the “bones” of John the Baptist or swoon over a “nail” of the Cross. Witness the recent Roman Catholic production of the movie titled, *The Passion*. Despite the fact that Jesuit priests presided over its production, Protestants extol its doctrinal purity or the value of getting “spiritual attention.” No one seems to be bothered by the fact that the *physical* weakness and suffering of Christ is the main theme. No one noticed the bloody imprint of the face of Christ on the Catholic relic or the shroud of Turin or Mary’s dominance and strength in the movie. No mention was made of the replication of the pervert artist’s (Michelangelo) *Pieta*, when strong Mary held the dead Christ in her arms. This foolishness has been going on for centuries and still goes on in Catholic dominated countries. “To Christ through Mary” was the theme of the movie. That very statement is plastered on walls where the RCC is the main religion. In the Philippines we see such perversion almost daily in the cathedrals, various feasts, and celebrations. None of it converts anybody. In case you have not discovered it yet, God is not in the business of preserving religious relics, or “Holy” Lands, or *original manuscripts*. God promises His *words* (not holy relics or manuscripts) shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35). The pure word of God converts the sinner. Adulteration of the truth makes the gospel of none effect. (*Continued*).

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