



BIBLE WORD STUDY

B 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 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

I have always employed a bit of humor and sarcasm when writing about Bible perversions and Bible correctors because I don't respect them. Let's face it, the subject can also be as boring as a Jimmy Carter speech on global warming; it really needs a jolt or spark of electric humor to keep everybody awake.

Tongue-in-cheek jabs and happy ridicule just seem appropriate for those who say "I believe the Bible" and really don't believe it. Of course those who mutter and peep about "original Greek" have never seen even one original Greek verse but they definitely do not enjoy a little comedy at their expense. (Proverbs 26:5-6).

Bible correctors simply don't want to get the truth and therefore, they can't get it. When the Bible corrector says "I believe the Bible" and then says "This word should translated ..." or "This is an archaic word and should be replaced..." a country boy knows there is a rotten egg in the skillet. Any preacher who holds up a Bible that says "Holy Bible" and tells his hearers to believe it, then turns around and corrects it, deserves not only ridicule but as my Dad used to say, "needs a mudhole kicked in his butt." In the mountains a hundred years ago, the Rev would have been tarred and feathered and run out of town on a rail. But folks don't listen like they used to, and they also nowadays put up with a lot more .

In all of this mess, somebody probably wonders, "Where is God?" Well, He is right where He has always been and has not changed. "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. (Malachi 3:6). God will, in His own time, take care of rewarding the saved and the lost.

The study on the NIV will be long but I hope not boring.

WHICH NIV, is it: the 1973? 1976? 1984? 1997? 2002? 2005? 2011? "AK-47 In The Hands Of A Drug-Crazed Terrorist or A Child At The Wheel In The Indianapolis 500 ?"

I believe the NIV is either (1) the most deceptive perversion of Bible translations ever published, or it is the most inept, clumsiest attempt at translation of a Bible ever attempted. Very possibly it is a combination of both. The NIV copyright holders and publishers also (2) employ marketing techniques that are unethical and it appears that these are strictly for the purpose of making money. Whether my judgment is right, wrong, or overstated, the facts will bear out the truth. The reader may judge for himself.

I lay out first some general information on people, events, dates, etc., of which there should be no disagreement because all are well documented and available. Second, the various people and events are brought together. All are interwoven although some occur years apart. The reader must follow all of these in order to agree or disagree with my conclusions.

There are several broad areas that I will mention. These may be covered in depth later on---in fact, many other critics of the NIV have already dealt with some of these areas so that I need only mention a few examples in this study, they are not critical to my analysis.

1. The NIV follows the critical text of Westcott and Hort. Their flawed assumption that the "oldest manuscripts are the best" took root during the evolution frenzy in the mid 1800's and became the authority for throwing out hundreds of verses and thousands of words from the King James Bible. This fact has been examined and demonstrated by many Bible believers. We will only give a few by way of illustration. **(a) The following verses are removed from the text** and relegated to a footnote in one or more editions of the NIV: Matthew 5:44; Matthew 17:21; Matthew 18:11; Matthew 23:14; Mark 7:16; Mark 9:44; Mark 9:46; Mark 11:26; Mark 15:28; Mark 16:9-20; Luke 17:36; Luke 22:43; Luke 22:44; Luke 23:17; John 5:4; John 7:53-8:11; Acts 8:37; Acts 15:34; Acts 24:7; Acts 28:29; Romans 16:24; 1 John 5:7. The Bible student can repeat scores of verses in the modern versions by memorizing one short sentence, "See footnote."

One or two pro-NIV websites gloat over their Johnny-Come-Lately argument that the NIV simply removes inflated text from the KJB. Where have these shade tree scholars been for the past 50-125 years? This old argument was answered in the 1880s and has been a part of the critical Westcott/Hort text versus the Majority Text battle for over a century. From these Internet whizzes you would think they invented this idea.

Bottom line is, take your pick of two: the Bible (all translations, including the KJB and the NIV) is an out and out lie or the words of God were present in the first century, continued without loss or inflation, and are present today in the inerrant, infallible King James Bible. (Matthew 24:35). If we are in an ever-searching game for truth, as the NIV propaganda tells us, we are of all men most miserable. (see any NIV edition foreword). **(b) Words are omitted, added, and changed** from some versions of the NIV following the most flimsey evidence, whereas the KJB is backed by unequalled scholarship? The Textus Receptus (Received Text/Majority Text) is a body of over 5000 manuscripts used by William Tyndale in the 1530s and by all English translations down to and including the KJB in 1611 and for 259 years following that epitomy of Bible translations and literature.

In the mid 1800s two manuscripts found in a monastery waste can (scheduled to be burned in the fireplace for heat) plus in the Vatican library were touted by the Right Reverend Brooke Foss Westcott, D. D. and his friend, The Rev. Fenton John Anthony Hort, D. D., as more accurate (due to age) than any extant manuscript held now or known before. Modernists and liberals who always disbelieve anything miraculous or supernatural and believe everything natural, immediately jumped on the bandwagon.

All of this hoopla ignores a simple truth. The reason these manuscripts were oldest but in good condition is because they were erroneous and not used! Example: I have all the attempts to produce a better Bible than the KJB on my bookshelf, RV of 1881, RV of 1884, ASV of 1901, RSV of 1950, NASV of 1965, LB, GNFMM, NWT (the Jehovah Witnesses Bible), etc.,etc. ALL of them attack the KJB and their purpose is to discredit, destroy, and remove it from it's superior position. ALL of them agree together on 90% of the changes they make in the KJV. (they all use the W/H Manuscripts to correct the KJB).

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My position on the KJB is not merely from scholarship. We have not only scholarly reasons for believing the KJB is the eternal, inspired, infallible, inerrant word of God in the English language, the personal fruitfulness of the Book in my own life and ministry far outweighs the scholarly reasons for believing it. In other words, our Bible is not one we TALK about; our KJB is living, inspiring, building, changing, tearing down strongholds, producing spiritual fruit---

THE SUBTLE NIV

The NIV is the most elusive (deliberate or accidental?) version to find whether words and verses are omitted, added, or included in the 1973, 1976, 1984, 1997, 2002, 2005 or 2011!! You are not checking one version, you are checking seven, plus who knows how many more will be issued. Search any one of several web sites that has these listed. The student will be surprised to know that the NIV 2011 has at least 50,000 less words than the King James Bible. The weird printing format makes the NIV to appear larger than it is. *(to be continued...)*

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