

# Victory Faith Centre

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# Major problems with modern versions

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# God's Word from the beginning

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# God's Word attacked from the beginning

“Yea, hath God said ... ?” (Genesis 3:1b)

“And the serpent said ... Ye shall not surely die” (Genesis 3:4)

Thus, lies come from God's enemy.





Jesus pointed to the Word of God as truth

“**Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

(John 5:39)

“And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore **err**, because **ye know not the scriptures**, neither the power of God?” (Mark 12:24)



Thus, the scriptures are **separate** from error.

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promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2)

“... **no lie** is of the truth” (1 John 2:21b)



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“thy dwelling shall be  
the fatness of the earth”  
(Genesis 27:39, KJB)



“Your dwelling will be  
away from the earth’s  
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“king of Egypt went up  
against the king of  
Assyria” (2 Kings 23:29, KJB)



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the aid of the king of  
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“The north wind driveth  
away rain” (Proverbs 25:23,  
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“As a north wind brings  
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“things which he hath  
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“what he has seen”  
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“howbeit not all that  
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God promised to keep and preserve His words

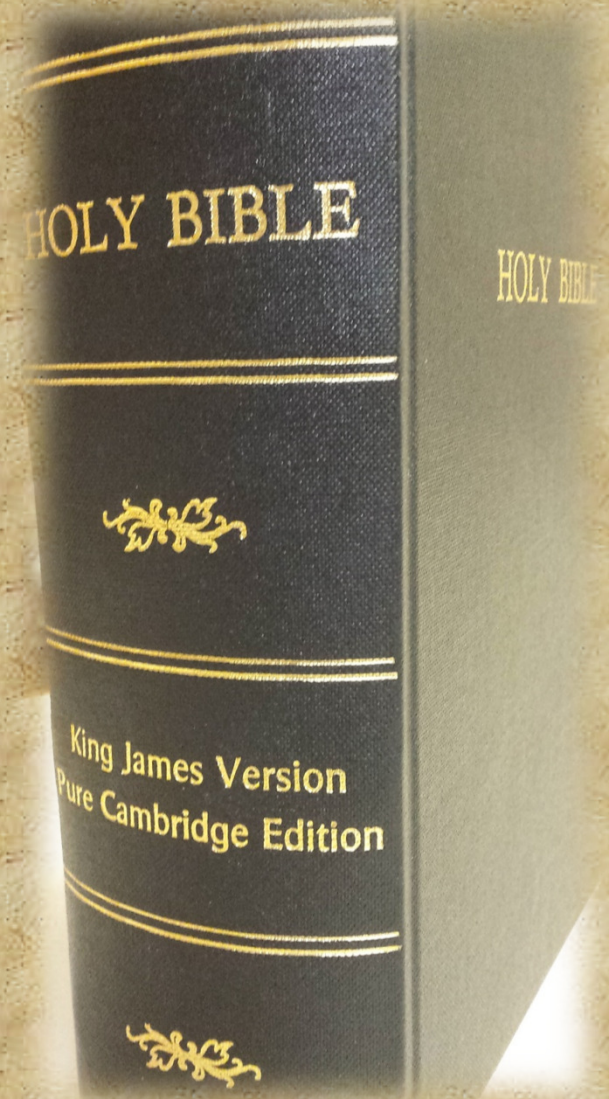
“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt **keep** them, O LORD, thou shalt **preserve** them from this generation for ever.” (Psalm 12:6,7)

This is a secure **promise** from “God, that cannot lie”  
(see Titus 1:2).

The book of the Lord available

“Seek ye out of **the book of the LORD**, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered **them.**” (Isaiah 34:16)

Prediction: Like the resurrection of Christ, there should be many reliable witnesses over various areas at different times.



# Facts about the King James Bible

There are over 5,000 existing Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, all from different sources, regions and time periods.

The New Testament of the King James Bible agrees with 99% of all extant (existing) Greek manuscripts.



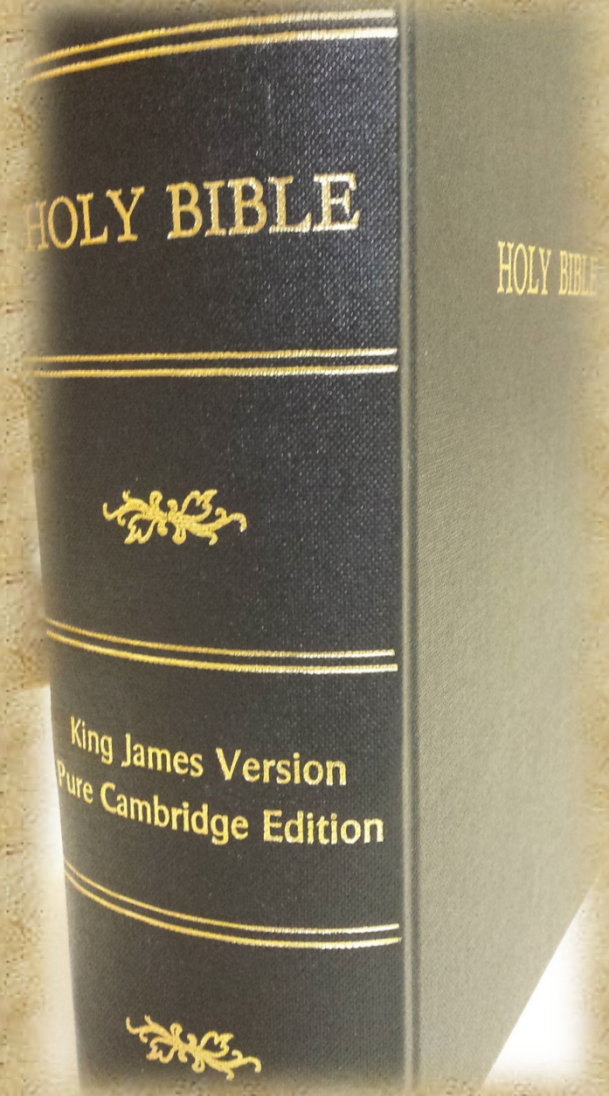


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Modern versions give preference to the readings of the other 1% of Greek manuscripts, based on the corrupt Alexandrian stream.

The Old Testament of the King James Bible used the Masoretic Hebrew text.

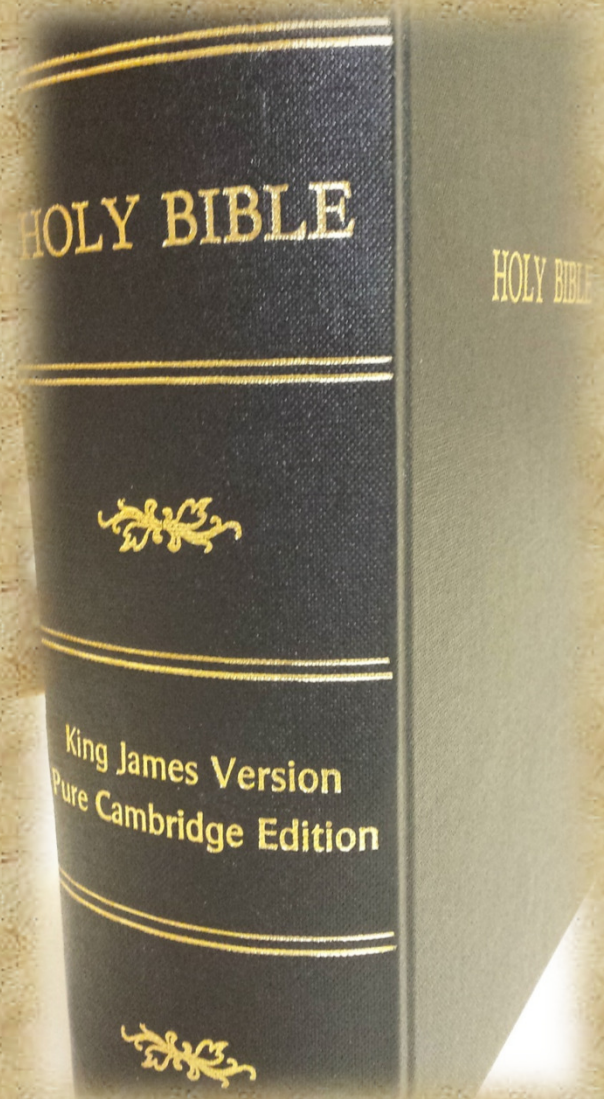
This Hebrew text was confirmed as the accepted text of the Jews when the Dead Sea Scrolls (over 800 manuscripts dated BC) were discovered in 1947.





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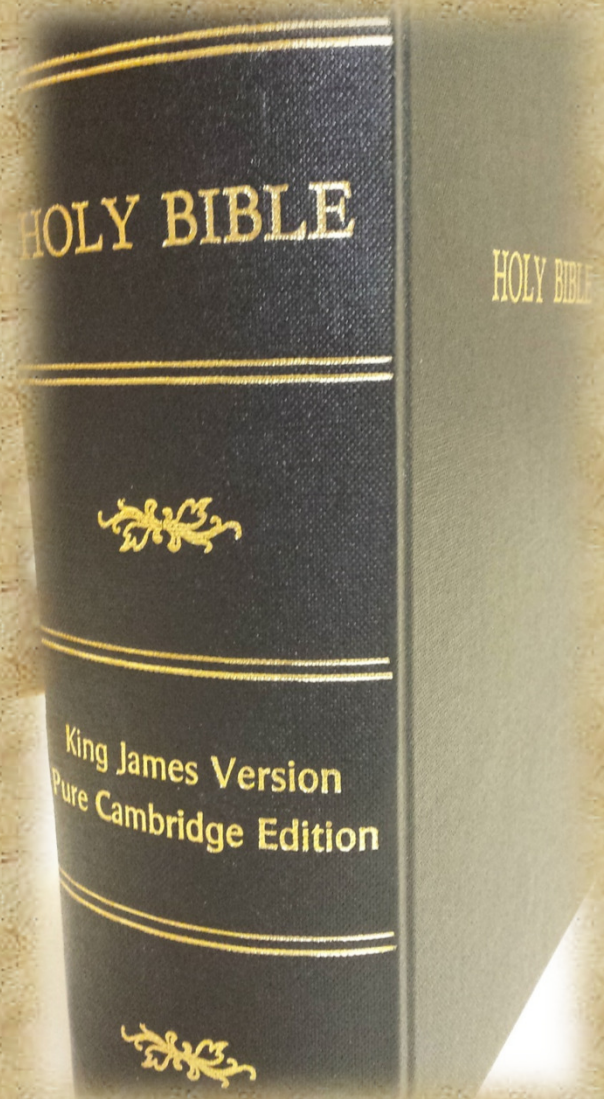
## The influence of modern versions

In 2000, there was the US Ellison Research study:  
“a representative sample of over 500 Protestant church pastors asked ministers which one version or translation of the Bible they personally rely on most for their work”.

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This study was very revealing as follows:

- Across all the pastors, 34% used the NIV, 24% used the KJB and the rest used other versions
- “Pastors of Pentecostal and charismatic churches tend to rely heavily on the King James (45%), while significant proportions favor the NIV (21%) or the New King James Version (19%).”





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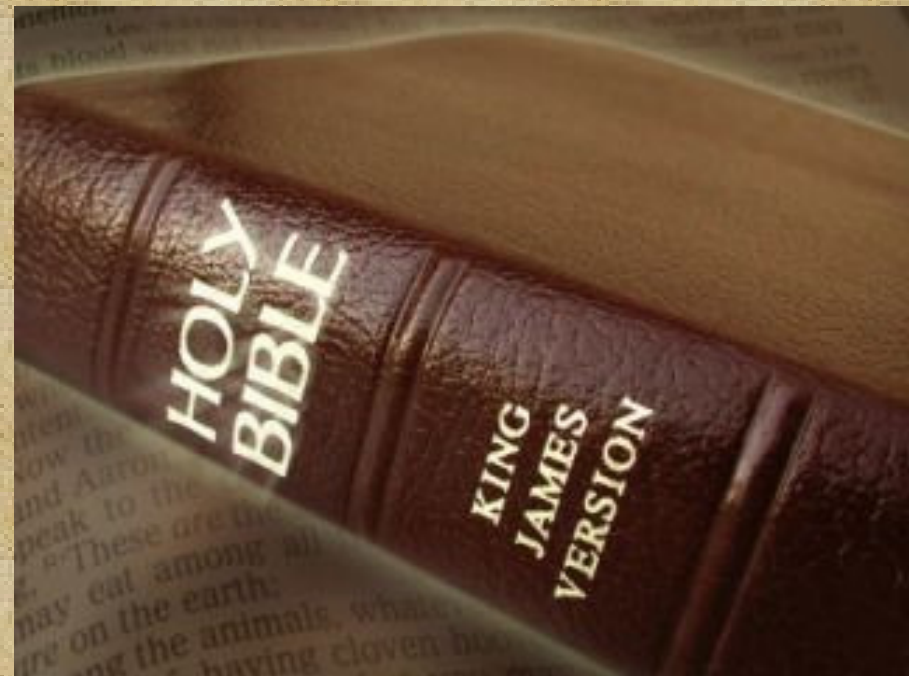
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“The Bible has ceased to be the ‘last word’ for most Christians. They want to know what another version says. Or, if they do not like what they read, they assume that it is a bad translation. So, instead of the word of God correcting us, we correct the word of God.” (Dr Douglas D. Stauffer, 2001, *One Book Stands Alone*, McCowen Mills Publishers, p. xi.)





## The warning not to change God's words

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And **if any man shall take away from the words** of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” (Revelation 22:18-19, KJB)

“**Add thou not unto his words**, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:6, KJB)

## Bible prophecy warning

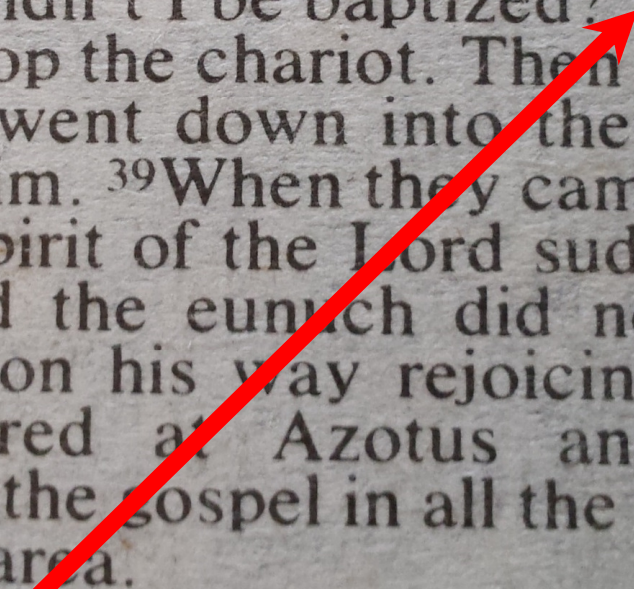
“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a **famine** in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but **of hearing the words of the LORD**: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.” (Amos 8:11,12)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall **turn away their ears from the truth**\*, and shall be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3,4)

\* “**thy word is truth**” (John 17:17b)

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Where is verse 37?

The true Bible says ...

In answer to “**what doth hinder me to be baptized?**” (Acts 8:36b, KJB):

“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” (Acts 8:37, KJB)



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Where is verse 4?



The true Bible says ...

“For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.”

(John 5:4, KJB)

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<sup>53</sup>Then each went to his own home.  
**8** But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup>At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup>The teachers of the law



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# Witnesses of truth

About the so-called 'most reliable early manuscripts' [Codex B and Codex Aleph], Dean Burgon stated of them:

'careless transcription in every page', 'mistakes ... of perpetual recurrence', 'leaves out words or whole clauses', 'very rough' (Dean Burgon, *The Last 12 Verses of Mark*, Chapter VI)

<u>DATES</u>	<u>29 WITNESSES FOR MARK 16:9-20</u>
1. 2nd CENTURY (100-199 A.D.)	(1) Papias (100 A. D.) (2) Justin Martyr (151 A. D.) (3) Irenaeus (180 A. D.) (4) Peshito Syriac Version (100-199 A. D.) (5) Vetus Itala (Old Latin) Version (100-199 A. D.)
2. 3rd CENTURY (200-299 A.D.)	(6) Hippolytus (200 A. D.) (7) Vincentius (256 A. D.) (8) Acta Pilati (250 A. D.) (9) Curetonian Syriac Version (200-299 A. D.) (10) Thebaic (Sahidic) Egyptian Version (200-299 A. D.)
3. 4th CENTURY (200's-300's)	(11) Apostolical Constitutions (300-399 A. D.) (12) Eusebius (325 A. D.) (13) Marinus (325 A. D.) (14) Aphraates The Persian (337 A. D.) (15) Gothic of Ulphilas Version (350 A. D.) (16) Ambrose (374-397 A. D.) (17) Jerome (331-420 A. D.) (18) Latin Vulgate Version (382 A. D.) (19) Memphitic (Coptic) Egyptian Version (300-399 A. D.) (20) Augustine (395-430 A. D.)
4. 5th CENTURY (400-499 A. D.)	(21) Chrysostom (400 A. D.) (22) Victor of Antioch (425 A. D.) (23) Nestorius (430 A. D.) (24) Cyril of Alexandria (430 A. D.) (25) Philoxenian Syriac (400-499 A. D.)
5. 6th CENTURY (500-599 A. D.)	(26) Hesychius (500 A. D.) (27) Synopsis Scripturae Sacrae (500's) (28) Ethiopic Version (300-699 A. D. [?]) (29) Georgian Version (500-599 A. D. [?])



## Doctrines attacked in Mark 16

Crucial doctrines are attacked:

- » the resurrection of Christ
- » the preaching of the Gospel
- » Pentecostal signs following
- » The ascension of Christ
- » God confirming His Word



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Why is verse 7 only half a verse?

## Upholding the doctrine of the Trinity

“For there are three that bear record in heaven,  
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and  
these three are one.” (1 John 5:7, KJB)

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The lies in the text [Matthew 2:1, NIV]

### *The Visit of the Magi*

**2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, **Magi**<sup>e</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east<sup>f</sup> and have come to worship him.”

Magi = a magician, sorcerer, or astrologer



The lies in the text [Romans 6:22, NIV]

free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in <sup>a</sup> Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christians are NOT slaves but “**free indeed**” in Christ (John 8:36)

What the true Bible says ...

“But now being made free from sin, and become **servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.” (Romans 6:22, KJB)



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“Very early on the first day of the week, **just after sunrise**, they were on their way to the tomb” (Mark 16:2, NIV)

Which was it? At dawn or after sunrise? What does the true Bible say?

What does the true Bible say here?

“In the end of the sabbath, **as it began to dawn** toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.” (Matthew 28:1, KJB)

“And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre **at the rising of the sun.**” (Mark 16:2, KJB)

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“That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy **seed** as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy **seed** shall possess the gate of his enemies” (Genesis 22:17, KJB)

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## Acknowledging Jesus as Lord

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9, KJB)

“And he said unto Jesus, **Lord**, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” (Luke 23:42, KJB)

“Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42, NIV)

## Acknowledging Christ's ministry

“For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever **after the order of Melchisedec**”

(Hebrews 7:21, KJB)

“but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: ‘The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, You are a priest forever.’” (Hebrews

7:21, NIV)

## The importance of believing on Christ

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth **on me\*** hath everlasting life.” (John 6:47, KJB)

“Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ” (John 6:47, NIV)

\* Powerful Scriptures proving the deity of Christ, such as Acts 20:28 and 1 Timothy 3:16, are also destroyed in the NIV.

## On entering the Kingdom of God

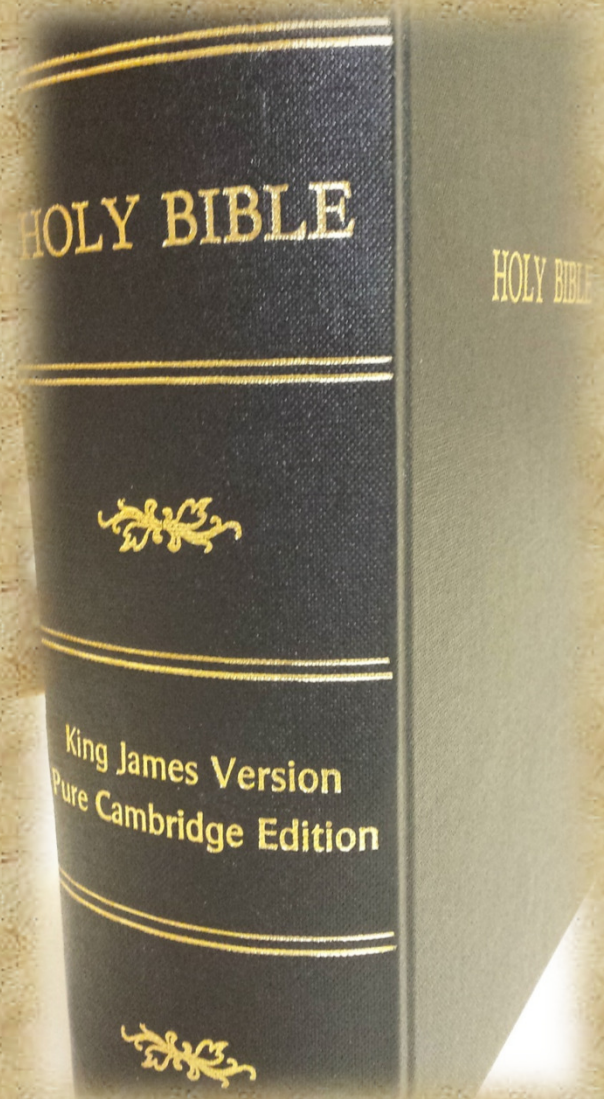
“Children, how hard is it for **them that trust in riches** to enter into the kingdom of God!” (Mark 10:24b, KJB)

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:24b, NIV)



## The preservation of God's Word

“He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded **to a thousand generations.**” (Psalm 105:8)

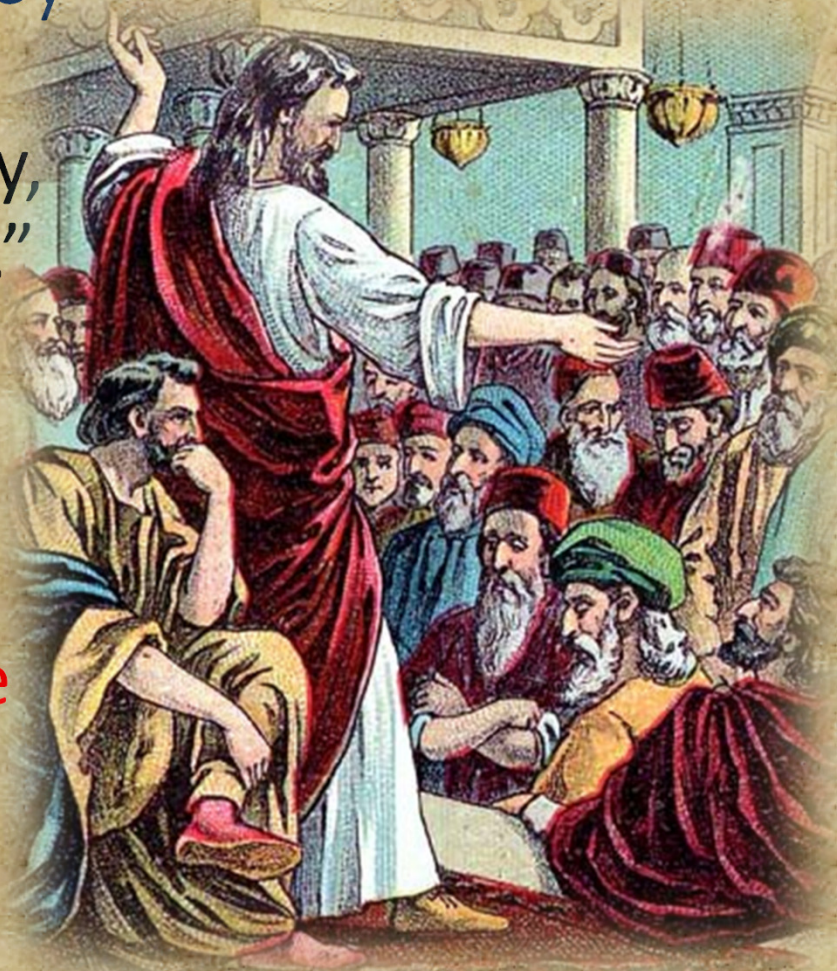


## The promise of Bible prophecy

“Heaven and earth shall pass away,  
but my words shall not pass away.”

(Matthew 24:35)

“He that rejecteth me, and  
receiveth not my words, hath one  
that judgeth him: **the word** that I  
have spoken, **the same shall judge**  
**him in the last day.**” (John 12:48)

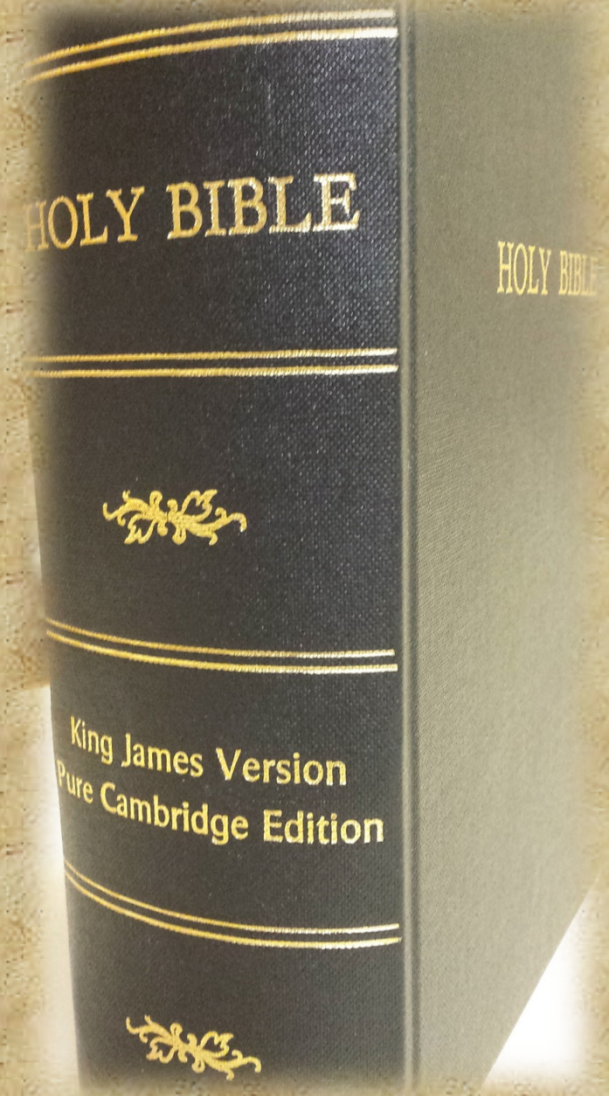




Do you love God and His Word?

“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.” (Psalm 119:140)

“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103)



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