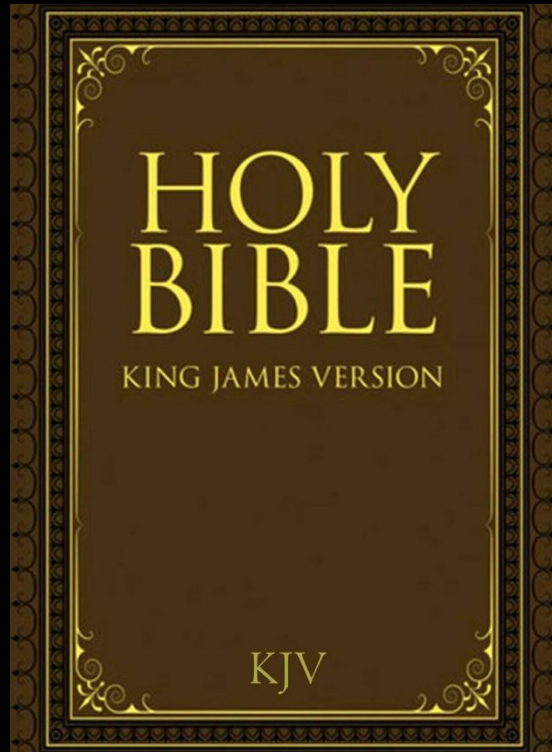


Why Do You Believe The KJV Is Great?



Introduction

A. Sources Used For The Translation

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C. Accuracy And Authority

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E. Other considerations

I. Sources Used For The Translation

A. God is the source of all scripture

1 Peter 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

I. Sources Used For The Translation

B. Old Testament

1. Masoretic Text (Hebrew)

2. No original manuscripts exist but...

3. Dead Sea Scrolls authenticate accuracy

I. Sources Used For The Translation

C. New Testament

- 1. Copies of Greek manuscripts handed down through history (Miniscules)**
 - a. First published by Desiderius Erasmus in 1516**
 - b. Becomes the Textus Receptus (received text)**
- 2. No original manuscripts exist**
- 3. Byzantine Text type (Majority Text)**

II. Timing Of The Translation

A. God's sovereignty involved

Isaiah 44:28

That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

II. Timing Of The Translation

B. Expansion of the British Empire



II. Timing Of The Translation

C. Excellency of the English language

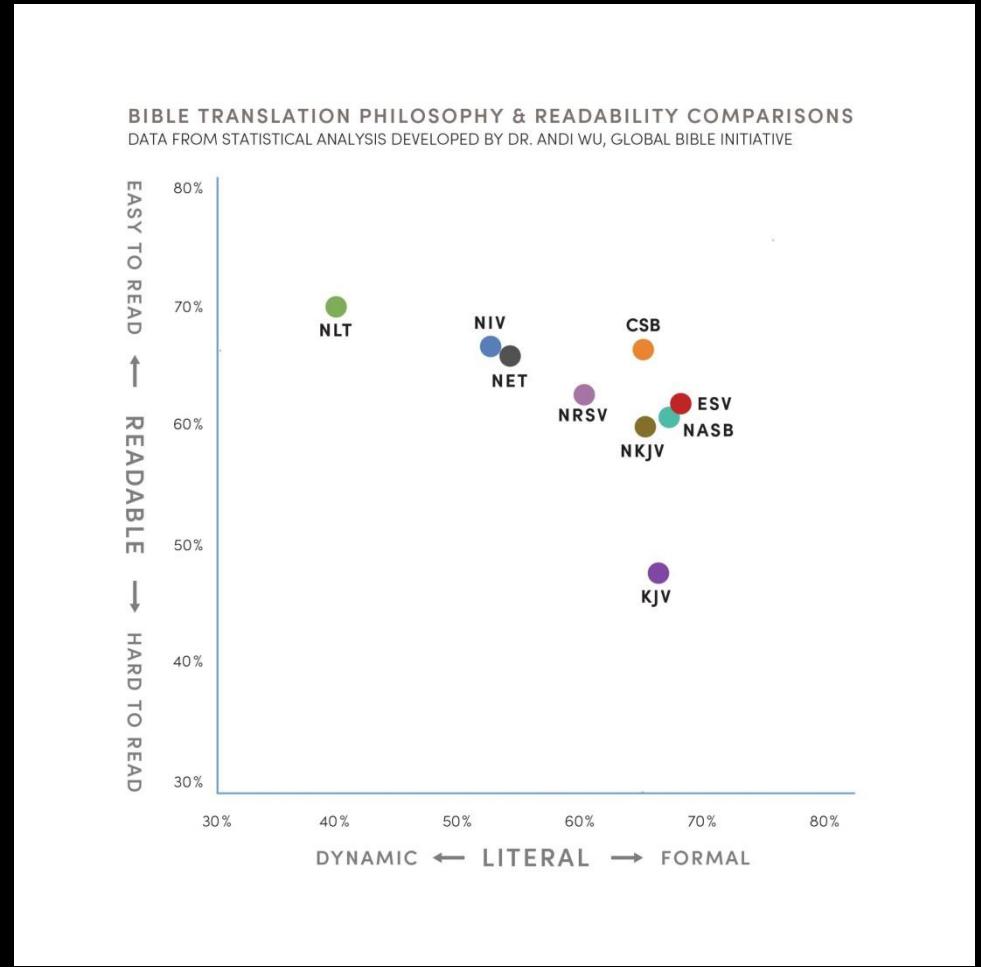


II. Timing Of The Translation

D. Leads to readability argument

2 Peter 1:5

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;



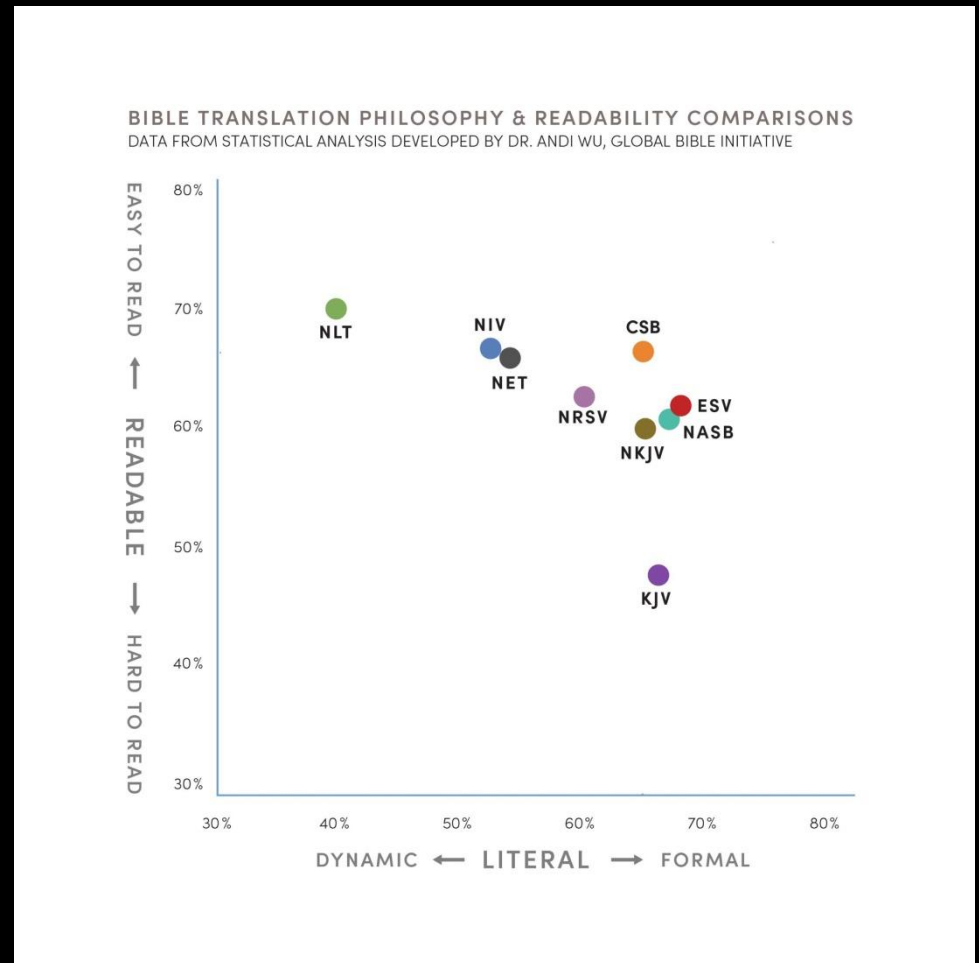
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D. Leads to readability argument

Acts 17:11

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.



Source: Lifeway

III. Accuracy And Authority

A. A second text – The New Greek New Testament

- 1. Westcott and Hort translation – 1881**
- 2. Believed KJV translation was inferior**
- 3. Based on Alexandrian Text type (“Older”)
Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus**
- 4. Basis for English Revised Version and American Standard Version**
- 5. 28th Revision – NA28 (Nestle-Aland)**
- 6. Known as Critical Text – Basis for all new English Translations (except NKJV and KJV21)**
- 7. 2800 Greek words omitted
Equivalent to 1 and 2 Peter**

III. Accuracy And Authority

3 Different Text Groupings



Alexandrian Text - All other Translations

III. Accuracy And Authority

B. Translation methodology (could be misleading) (Source: God's Word Mission Society)

WORD-FOR-WORD

Formal Equivalence

MEANING-FOR-MEANING

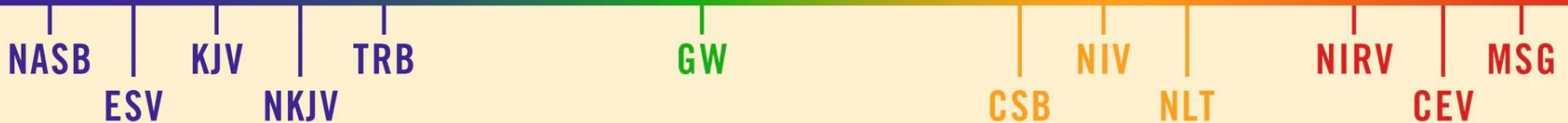
Closest Natural Equivalence

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

Functional Equivalence

PARAPHRASE

Retelling



CSB Christian Standard Bible

CEV Contemporary English Version

ESV English Standard Version

GW GOD'S WORD Translation

KJV King James Version

MSG The Message

NASB New American Standard Bible

NIRV New International Reader's Version

NIV New International Version

NKJV New King James Version

NLT New Living Translation

TRB The Readable Bible

III. Accuracy And Authority

C. New translations remove God's authority

1 John 5:7

For there are three that bear record *in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

Matthew 6:13

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: *God* was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

III. Accuracy And Authority

D. Consider....

Deuteronomy 4:2

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

III. Accuracy And Authority

D. Consider....

Revelation 22:18-19

18 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:

19 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.

IV. Preservation Of God's Word

Psalm 119:160

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Matthew 24:35

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

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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- B. Used to translate God's Word in other languages**
- C. Public domain – no copyright**
- D. Forms a legal foundation in light of society**
- E. Gideon's ESV version**

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