

To Ponder: From the facsimile of the GENEVA Bible on the PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

“The King James Bible was, and to a large extent still is, the Bible of the Law Breakers. “Christian Anarchists” love it . . . Unfortunately, for millions of Protestants, there was simply no way to explain how this treasonous and felonious doctrine originated. The Old Testament is replete with imprecations against violating THE LAW. Curses for disobeying THE LAW are found not only in the Books of the Law themselves [Genesis through Deuteronomy] but are addressed to the end-times as well, such as the reference to those eating swine’s flesh, forbidden in Lev. 11 and Deut. 14 and found in Isaiah 66:17. Revelation teaches that salvation will be to those that kept the commandments.

For years I wondered about how and why this doctrine originated. It plainly contradicts numerous BIBLE passages and has resulted, as foretold in Lev. 26 and Deut. 28, in a plethora of evils now plaguing our society. . . .

Then . . . while reading an obscure little book with the unwieldy title of JOHNSON’S WONDER WORKING PROVIDENCE OF SION’S SAVIOUR IN NEW ENGLAND 1628-1655, originally published in 1653, with a title even more unwieldy than the 1967 reprinting that I bought, I found the answer.

Up until 1634 Massachusetts Bay Colony inhabitants were taught that God’s LAW was still in effect. The doctrine then arose that saving grace went only to such as were “justified by faith”; that this grace once received, the recipient was above the law. . . The doctrine was promulgated by a Mrs. Anne Marbury Hutchinson, assisted by a Rev. John Wheelwright. The schism she started in the community later became known as the Anti-nomian controversy, from a Latin word meaning a real or apparent contradiction in the laws. . .

Reverend John Cotton . . . the same Cotton who believed that man’s response to the LAW was immaterial . . .

was slippery as an eel. He may have been another double agent as he believed that church and state should be close partners. He didn’t believe that people should rule themselves . . .

In 1633, this was the philosophy of the Church of England, not the COVENANTERS or REFORMERS. In 1635 the charter of the Plymouth Council was surrendered to England. . . .

On of the curses of disobedience is that those who hate us will reign over us. Most Americans are under the mistaken impression that they “elect” those that reign over them. Nothing could be further from the truth. . .

For the most part we are reigned over by judges, especially federal judges, who are, for the most part, appointed for life and answerable to no one. The BIBLE addresses those judges who reign over us, mostly in a very uncomplimentary fashion. . . . Psal 58:2, Psalm 141:6, Zeph 3:3, Eccl 5:7-8

. . . In the time of the Puritans such behaviour and the people responsible for it would have recognized things for what they actually were. The Puritans applied Biblical precepts to EVERYTHING . . .

Today’s federal judges would have been recognized for what they actually are: priests of BAAL.

The hallmark of Baal-worship was the sacrificing of children . . . practiced infanticide . . .

For the last three centuries Protestants have fancied themselves the heirs of the Reformation, the Puritans, the Calvinists, and the Pilgrims . . . This assumption is one of history’s greatest ironies. Today’s Protestants laboring under the assumption use the King James Bible. . . .

The irony is that NONE of the groups named . . . used the King James Bible nor WOULD they have used it if it had been given to them FREE. The Bible in use by those groups until it went out of print in 1644, was the GENEVA Bible . . . first published in 1560. William Shakespeare, John Bunyan, John Milton, the PILGRIMS . . . USED THE GENEVA BIBLE EXCLUSIVELY.

Until he had his own version named after him, so did King James I of England. James I later tried to disclaim any knowledge of the Geneva Bible, though he quotes it in his own writings.

... he did not encourage the translation ... in order to enlighten the common people: his sole intent was to deny them the marginal notes of the Geneva Bible ... the notes were what made it so popular with the common people.

The KJV was for all practical purposes a government publication ... there were several reasons ... to Mary (his mother) and James the “divine right of kings” meant that since a king’s power came from God, the king then had to answer to no one but God. This lack of responsibility extended to evil kings. The reasoning was that if a king was evil, that was a punishment sent from God. The citizens should then suffer in silence. If a king was good, that was a blessing sent from God.

This is why the Geneva Bible annoyed King James I. It has marginal notes that simply didn’t conform to that point of view. The marginal notes had been ... placed in the Geneva Bible ... by the leaders ... including John Knox and John Calvin. Knox and Calvin ... cannot be dismissed lightly or passed off lightly ... to the public as mere ditherings of dissidents.

First, notes such as, “When tyrants cannot prevail by craft, they burst forth into open rage, “ (note i, Exodus 1:22) REALLY bothered King James.

Second, religion in James’ time ... was controlled by government. If someone lived in Spain at the time, he had three religious choices: 1) Roman Catholicism, 2) Silence and 3) The Inquisition.

The 3rd option was for for “heretics” or people who didn’t think the way the government wanted them to. To governments of that era heresy and treason were synonymous.

England wasn’t much different ... choices: 1) The Anglican Church, 2) Silence and 3) The rack, burning at the stake, being drawn and quartered or some other form of persuasion.

The depravity of King James I didn’t end with sodomy ... killing animals and rolling in their blood ... bestiality while the animal lay dying ... and was a coward.

In short, he was not the kind of despicable creature honourable men loathed. Christians would not associate with (the KJV), and the Bible itself orders to be put to death.

James ascended the throne in 1603 .. wasted no time in ordering a new edition of the Bible in order to deny the common people the marginal notes they so valued in the Geneva Bible. He wasn’t going to have any marginal notes to annoy hi and lead ... citizens away from what he wanted them to think ...

In an account corrected with his own hand ... he ordained:

That a translation be made of the whole Bible, as consonant as can be to the original Hebrew and Greek: and this to be set out and printed without any marginal notes and only to be used in all churches of England in time of divine service.

James then set up rules that made it impossible for anyone ... to make an honest translation ...

The old Ecclestial words to be kept, viz. the word “church” NOT be translated, “congregation.”, etc.

... that is ... deliberately mistranslate it to make the people think God still belongs to the Anglican Church — exclusively. ...

No marginal notes at all to be affixed ...

The KJV ws ... printed in 1611 .. it was not technically a translation ... simply plagiarized about 20% of the Geneva Bible.

BOTTOM LINE: Our forefthers – the Pilgrims understood their Hebrew roots and the LAW — The KJV was not accepted by true believers at the time of its publication and they were martyred for such.

So let’s not worship the KJV but the ELOHIM — the TORAH — The LIVING WORD — YAHUSHUAH and endeavour to restore the truth.

The KJV is a great tool used with a Strong’s but it is not perfect.