

words *textus receptus*. Even if all the people at that time had received that particular text, which probably was not the case, this was a misleading claim for the accuracy of that particular edition.

There were two printings of the KJV in 1611, which differed slightly in dozens of places. No one can prove which of the two printings was the earlier. A number of other changes were made in succeeding years....

English-speaking people in the 17th century were fortunate to have had a very excellent translation in the language that they spoke. No one today can fully understand Elizabethan English. Even if a translation were not quite as good as that one, but is understandable by the average person today, it would be a far better means for studying and propagating the Word of God....

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IS THE KING JAMES VERSION THE ACTUAL WORD OF GOD?

Satan is always trying to get Christians to take their eyes off Christ and center their attention on secondary matters. One of his cleverest devices is to make people think that the KJV of 1611 is the actual Word of God. In fact the Bible was written partly in Hebrew and partly in Greek and all of it was completed before A.D. 100, more than 1500 years before the KJV was written. The language used in the KJV of 1611 did not even exist at that time. During the ages many attempts have been made to render the Bible into the languages that people spoke at various times, and translations have been made into hundreds of languages. There are many good English translations.