

to stick to the King James Version. It is not, however, the King James Version that is inspired but the original Greek and Hebrew manuscripts from which it was translated.

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THE SCOFIELD BIBLE

I am glad to hear that you are a steady reader of the Scofield Bible. God has greatly blessed this edition and used it to make His Truth clear to many people.

In 1909 Dr Scofield issued the first edition of his Reference Bible. In 1917 he put out what he called the "new and improved edition". This second edition agreed on all vital points with the first edition but made a number of improvements and included additional notes. If Dr Scofield had not died in 1921 I am sure that he would have continued getting out a new edition every ten years or so. As it is, his second edition has continued to be used for nearly fifty years and has been a blessing to multitudes of people.

Naturally during the years individual points have come to light at which helpful improvements could be made. Nearly ten years ago a group of nine men met in Chicago to consider the preparation of a new edition. Several of these were men who had used the Scofield Bible continuously for thirty or more years and knew its contents very thoroughly. Each of them had noticed points at which improvements could be made. All were earnest Bible believers. No change was contemplated in any vital teaching but only such improvements as Dr Scofield himself would have made if he had lived longer.