#### In the Beginning

From the beginning God gave ALL people ONE language to dwell on the face of the earth. "And the whole earth was of <u>one language</u>, and of <u>one speech</u>." **Gen 11:1** God's purpose? So they could ALL hear his voice and commandments, and with ONE heart they could OBEY Him. The unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God has always been God's plan for man. With so much division today in Christianity, many no longer even believe that unity is even possible in the Lord's body today. Yet this is the apostolic cry, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak <u>the same thing</u>, and *that* there be <u>no divisions</u> among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in <u>the same mind</u> and in the <u>same judgment</u>." **1**Co **1:10** This is why God gives us the five-fold ministry: to perfect his people

"till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" **Eph 4:13-14** 

We are to strive for this unity, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." **Eph 4:3** But at the same time we are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. We must be aware that men in their craftiness would abuse this unity to their own selfish ends. Such there are many 'works of God' today that are in fact merely the building of men's edifices, men's kingdoms, men's cathedrals, men's towers of Babel, and we must not be children who are tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine so that we follow after the building of one of these doomed structures.

So this is exactly what happened in the days of Nimrod, a mighty one before the LORD. "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." **Gen 11:4** They wanted way to heaven and a unity based, not on God's commandment (i.e. on His Word), but based on fame and glory according to their own works. They were indeed of one heart and mind in this, their purpose. "And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." **Gen 11:6** 

This was the evidence of man's desire to save himself through his own works and self-effort, and ultimately to reject God's way, which God cannot allow. All those involved worked with one heart and one mind – they had a unity, but it led to their destruction. Thus, God had to frustrate their purpose, which he did so by changing their ONE language into many. "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." Gen 11:7,9 Thus the term 'babbling' today when we don't understand what a person is saying!

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#### A New Kingdom, A New Language

In Daniel, a Prophetic word was given that there would come a nation which would RULE the whole world, east and west. "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." **Dan 2:39** God never spoke about Rome doing this, and the Roman Empire was the empire of Iron, not of Brass. The Roman Empire never ruled both east and west – their empire never extended to India. But ONE did and that was Greece through the conquerings of Alexander the Great. His was the empire of Brass. He was the first to unite east and west and to bring all people again under ONE language and ONE culture. From the Tower of Babel in 2242 BC to Alexander's marching into Jerusalem in 332 BC over 1900 years had passed, nearly two millennia!

Thus, God brought the WHOLE earth back into ONE language again for the purpose of bringing in HIS Son, Jesus Christ, so ALL people could once again hear the voice of God and HIS commandments. Thus, the New Testament and New Covenant of God were written in Greek so all could understand.

Now to usher in the Son of God again to this earth at HIS second coming, once again our Father in Heaven is preparing the earth to HEAR his voice and with English being that one language spoken worldwide, it is because England and her daughter America has touched the world in all ways. No nation in all of recorded history had an empire that was as world-wide as England has had. Truly, the sun never sets on the British Empire.

But this did not happen by chance or even by man's design. This again was the predeterminate will and counsel of God, which he both foresaw and prophesied to us. Zephaniah brings forth a really nice prophesy of this.

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent." **Zep 3:8-9** 

God said he would ONCE again bring forth ALL the nations and give them a PURE Language. The word 'pure' in Hebrew means 'to clarify, to bring to light, or to select'. Thus, it is translated 'to make bright, chosen, to be clean, polished, purged, and pure'. And when would God do this? He would do this prior to the day of his gathering all nations for judgment. By God's fore-ordaining as we approach the end of the last days and draw near to the coming of the Lord, He has chosen to give unto the people a bright, clear, purged, and polished language which he has.

Thus, a language will be given again that will touch ALL nations. That has manifestly been set forth as English. The British Empire conquered the nations and brought English to them – many of which still use English today. Many nations which have multitude tongues within their own country have no other one language that they can speak but English to unify them. Kenya, Uganda, and even India all fall into this category. Through the spread of the computer and the

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seducing of the American way of life and entertainment, America has brought English as an international language to the developing and developed nations as well.

The international business language of today is English. The international computer language of today is English. The international research and engineering language of today is English. God has given great discoveries and knowledge to Britain and America and together they hold the vast majority of patents and modern intellectual discoveries. But the influence of English goes beyond just knowledge, it is one of spreading its culture also. The youth of nations world-wide want to be like America. Japan itself has an entire business class that emulates the American lifestyle. Businessmen around the world speak English. English is spoken in more nations than any other language.

Remember that many of God's prophesies have both a natural fulfillment and a spiritual fulfillment. Sometimes these occur at the same time, but often they occur at two different times, each confirming the other. Thus, we often observe a dual fulfillment of God's prophecies. Now God promised to speak to his people with ANOTHER tongue.

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people." Isaiah 28:9-11

Now it is clear that God fulfilled this spiritually, in particularly with his people the Jews at Pentecost, when "they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." Acts 2:4,6 So this 'other tongue' brought understanding to all who heard. Now in these last days as the day of the Lord draws nigh, it is evident that God has again fulfilled this same prophecy, but now naturally. A language which didn't even exist in Jesus' day is now spoken on every continent and I would venture to say confidently in every nation under heaven. He is again speaking to his people, but now to the Gentile world through ANOTHER tongue, that of English.

#### **A Perfect Word**

There have been many Bibles made in many languages since Christ commissioned his disciples to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, ... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Mt 28:19-20 There were Greek Bibles, Latin Bibles, Coptic Bibles, Aramaic Bibles, French, Italian, German, and countless others. But none of these Bibles was made in the 'other tongue' which God ordained for these last days in which he would "speak to this people." This is why there is a purity, a clarity, a bringing to light, a polishedness that does not exist in any other language Bible than in the King James Bible.

Now God promised his words would be pure and that he would give them in a pure language. We've established that that pure language is English, and it can be no doubt that this is why there are so, so many translations of the Bible done in English. Indeed more than any other language, I

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would dare to say, COMBINED. By 1980 alone there were well over 150 translations of the Bible done in English ALONE! So how can we know which of these translations is the best? How can we know which has the pure words of God?

God has promised to preserve his word from the wickedness and deceitful schemings of man who always tries to subvert and pervert the words of God and turn them to his own ends. "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** It is of importance that in the English language there were exactly 7 new translations of the Bible into English, each one building upon the previous. the King James Bible being the seventh. God has indeed purified his word in a furnace of earth seven times.

- 1. 1380: John Wycliffe, 1st complete English Bible (from the Vulgate) [1388: John Purvey (Wycliffe's secretary) revises Wycliffe's Bible]
- 2. 1535: Miles Coverdale (Tyndale's friend), 1st complete printed English Bible
- [1526: William Tyndale NT (from the Greek), the Pentateuch in 1530 & notes on OT]
- 3. 1537: Thomas Matthew (aka John Rogers), 1st Authorized Version
  - [1539: Taverner's Bible, an expurgated edition of Matthew's Bible]
- 4. 1539: the Great Bible by Cranmer & his corp of scholars [inaccessible to the people due to its size & cost]
- 5. 1560: the Geneva Bible by refugees in Geneva w/ chapter & verse divisions [more than 200 editions were made]
- 6. 1563: Bishop's Bible, revised in 1568
  - [1582: Douay NT by the RCC, the whole Bible in 1609]
- 7. 1604-1611: King James Bible

We know the Devil's plan from the beginning has been to alter and change God's word. Thus, his first words to mankind (via Eve) are "Yea, hath God said, ...?" Gen 3:1 Thus, all the modern Bibles are filled with footnotes that claim "not in the original manuscripts" or "not in the oldest and best manuscripts" or "there is doubt whether this phrase/verse was in the original". Thus, they repeat Satan's lie. They have forsaken the age-old boundary lines of what are the original manuscripts.

So how has God done what he promised? How has he preserved his words from this generation of deceitful men? By purifying them seven times. It CANNOT be coincidental that there are EXACTLY seven major complete translations of the Bible into English – the seventh of them being the King James Bible. It CANNOT be coincidental that only ONE Bible was named after a King and after a book of the Bible which focuses on godly character! It CANNOT be coincidental that this approved Bible is alone called the Authorized Version. It CANNOT be coincidental that their God-given purpose by the king was to make "one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the English Tongue".

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#### Reasons for Accepting the KJV as God's Preserved Word

[Section is from: James L. Melton]

- 1. God promised to preserve His words (Psa. 12:6-7; Mat. 24:35). There has to be a preserved copy of God's pure words somewhere. If it isn't the KJV, then what is it?
- 2. It has no copyright. The text of the KJV may be reproduced by anyone for there is no copyright forbidding its duplication. This is not true with the modern versions.
- 3. The KJV produces good fruit (Mat. 7:17-20). No modern translation can compare to the KJV when it comes to producing good fruit. For nearly four hundred years, God has used the preaching and teaching of the KJV to bring hundreds of millions to Christ. Laodicean Christians might favor the new versions, but the Holy Spirit doesn't.
- 4. The KJV was translated during the Philadelphia church period (Rev. 3:7-13). The modern versions begin to appear rather late on the scene as the lukewarm Laodicean period gets underway (Rev. 3: 14-22), but the KJV was produced way back in 16ll, just in time for the many great revivals (1700-1900). The Philadelphia church was the only church that did not receive a rebuke from the Lord Jesus Christ, and it was the only church that "kept" God's word (Rev. 3:8).
- 5. The KJV translators were honest in their work. When the translators had to add certain words, largely due to idiom changes, they placed the added words in italics so we'd know the difference. This is not the case with many new translations.
- 6. All new translations compare themselves to the KJV. Isn't it strange that the new versions never compare themselves to one another? For some strange reason they all line up against one Book--the Authorized Version. I wonder why? Try Matthew 12:26.
- 7. The KJV translators believed they were handling the very words of God (1Th 2:13). Just read the King James Dedicatory and compare it to the prefaces in the modern versions. Immediately, you will see a world of difference in the approach and attitude of the translators. Which group would YOU pick for translating the Word of God?
- 8. The KJV is supported by far more evidence. Of over 5,300 pieces of manuscript evidence, ninety-five percent supports the King James Bible! The changes in the new versions are based on the remaining five percent of manuscripts, most of which are from Alexandria, Egypt.
- 9. No one has ever proven that the KJV has any error in it and is therefore not God's word. The A.V. should be considered innocent until proven guilty with a significant amount of genuine manuscript evidence.
- 10. The KJV exalts the Lord Jesus Christ. The true scriptures should testify of Jesus Christ (John 5:39). There is no book on this planet which exalts Christ higher than the King James Bible. In numerous places the new perversions attack the Deity of Christ, the Blood Atonement, the Resurrection, salvation by grace through faith, and the Second Coming. The true scriptures will TESTIFY of Jesus Christ, not ATTACK Him!

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#### Questions for the KJV Critics [Section is also from: James L. Melton]

- 1. Since you're smart enough to find "mistakes" in the KJV, why don't you correct them all and give us a perfect Bible?
- 2. Do you have a perfect Bible?
- 3. Since you do believe "the Bible" is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice, could you please show us where Jesus, Peter, James, Paul, or John ever practiced your terminology ("the Greek text says...the Hebrew text says...the originals say...a better rendering would be....older manuscripts read..." etc.)?
- 4. Since you do not profess to have a perfect Bible, why do you refer to it as "God's word"?
- 5. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is the greatest Teacher (John 16:12-15; 1Jn 2:27), who taught you that the King James Bible was not infallible, the Holy Spirit or man?
- 6. Since you do believe in the degeneration of man and in the degeneration of the world system in general, why is it that you believe education has somehow "evolved" and that men are more qualified to translate God's word today than in 1611?
- 7. There is one true God, yet many false gods. There is one true Church, consisting of true born-again believers in Christ, yet there are many false churches. So why do you think it's so wrong to teach that there is one true Bible, yet many false "bibles"?
- 8. Isn't it true that you believe God inspired His holy words in the "originals," but has since lost them, since no one has a perfect Bible today?
- 9. Isn't it true that when you use the term "the Greek text" you are being deceitful and lying, since, according to you, there are MANY Greek TEXTS (plural), rather than just one?
- 10. Before the first new perversion was published in 1881 (the RSV), the King James Bible was published, preached, and taught throughout the world. God blessed these efforts and hundreds of millions were saved. Today, with the many new translations on the market, very few are being saved. The great revivals are over. Who has gained the most from the new versions God or Satan?

#### One Language, One People, One Bible

The King James Bible came at the perfect time. The Roman Catholic Church dominance had recently been thrown off. All of the translators had had relatives who were persecuted and put to cruel deaths by the persecutions of the Roman Catholic hatred of Protestants. It came at the height of the English language in richness and depth of expression. It came at the height of learning concerning languages and foreign cultures. And at just such a time as this, King James mandated that "out of the Original Sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own, and other foreign Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the English Tongue".

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