

## **Bibles**

The Bible has been considered the world's best-selling book for years. It has been translated into nearly 700 languages.

1<sup>st</sup> – **Gutenberg Bible** was printed in 1455 by Johann Gutenberg and his associates. There are 48 copies that exist today.

1<sup>st</sup> Bible brought in America - **Geneva Bible** brought to Jamestown, Virginia around 1607.

1<sup>st</sup> Bible to be published in America – **Eliot Indian Bible** in 1685. John Eliot was known as the Apostle to the Indians. Eliot wanted the Indigenous population to be able to read the Bible in their own language.

1<sup>st</sup> and only time a Bible was endorsed by the United States Congress - **Aitken Bible**.

1<sup>st</sup> complete translation of the Bible into English – **Wycliffe Bible and Tyndale Bible**. It is estimated that 84% of the King James New Testament and 76% of the Old Testament comes from the Tyndale Bible.

The **Great Bible** of 1539 was the first authorized edition of the Bible in English, authorized by King Henry VIII of England to be read aloud in the church services of the Church of England.

The **Bishops' Bible** was produced under the authority of the Church of England in 1558. It was the base text for the King James Version that was completed in 1611.

**King James Version** – also known as the Authorized Version. When first published, the KJV had 80 books: 39 Old Testament, 14 Apocrypha, 27 New Testament. Became very popular because of the poetic language. And it was believed that the KJV was inspired by God. Therefore, all other versions were rejected.

**New American Standard Bible** – was completed in 1971 and has been updated several times. For years this version was considered the most accurate translation.

**New International Version** – first published in 1978. The NIV was created as a modern translation, translating the Hebrew and Greek into today's English.

**Message Bible** – was completed and published in 2002. The focus of the Message Bible is not translation but using contemporary language so that the reader can understand the text.

**Study Bibles** – uses maps, commentaries, concordance, discussion of culture, timelines, customs, etc. to help the reader gain a better understanding of the text. Examples of Study Bibles; Life Application Study Bible, Scofield Study Bible, Naves Study Bible,

## Differences/Errors

These are some differences in the various versions of the Bible. And some differences are considered by some people to be errors.

1. Woman Caught In Adultery – some versions state that John 7:53-8:11 isn't in the earliest manuscripts. The Wicked Bible or the Sinners' Bible omitted the word "not" in the seventh commandment. Thus it read Thou shalt commit adultery
2. Acts 8:36-38, compare KJV with other versions
3. Compare Acts 7:14 (75 persons) with Genesis 46:26, 27
4. Compare 1 John 5:7 KJV with other versions
5. Great Commission – Mark 16:9-20 in the NIV has brackets around these verses stating that the earliest manuscript and other ancient witnesses do not have these verses.
6. Solomon horses – compare 1 Kings 4:26 with 2 Chronicles 9:25
7. Seeing God – compare Genesis 32:40 with John 1:18
8. Ascending into Heaven – compare John 3:13 with 2 Kings 2:11