

The History of the King James Bible – Part 4 – Ancient Version

Proverbs 30:5-6 “**Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.**” – If we say that we believe every word then it IS pure and not WAS pure. – “Add though not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” – Do not add your opinion, critique to God’s word but leave them alone lest you be found a liar and corrupter of His word *(2 Cor 2:17)

Revelation 22:18-20 - The one testifying in V18&20 is Jesus Christ and in V19 He says do not add to or take away from His word!

In scripture, every person who set himself against the word of God was not saved. Why? It is this book that brings you to repentance in turning to God! Men will have subjective opinion, but the bible will condemn you and outline your condition.

Diatessaron

This was written by a Greek philosopher converted under Justin Martyr and called Tatian. – He examined the OT writing and found it far superior to philosophical writings and believed in the God of Israel. Justin Martyr then gave him greater revelation in Christ unto salvation.

Tatian compiled the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in 1 wide parchment and parallel columns and named it the Diatessaron.- This work was finished in 150AD.

It was preserved in the Eastern language and the Arabian and Syrian saints copied it extensively. – Notice how often Syria shows up in preserving God’s word. This is not taught in seminaries as it does not support the curriculum in line with the “400 silent years”.

Didache

This document has been known since 1885 by scholars and often quoted. – It is also known as “The teachings of our Lord through the 12 Apostles to the Gentiles” .Compiled by an unknown author/authors in approx. 80AD. – Written in the Greek and a general summary of the teachings peculiar to Christianity.

The Didache was likely read by John the Apostle before his death and quoted oft by the church fathers. – It is evident that the writers were familiar with the writings of the NT. – Examples are 25 direct quotations from Matt, Mark, and Luke. – How is this so if they did not exist? Clearly this was not oral tradition but physical reference to physical writings. – Again, the supposed silent years were not so silent.

The Syriac Translation

This appeared at Antioch about 50 years after John the Apostle died. 150AD as a complete translation of the NT! – It agrees with every major detail to the KJV.

Coptic Version

Translated for the church of Egypt and the church of Syria in 150AD and a complete copy of this was found in the White Monastery 150 miles north of Cairo, Egypt.

Wax Tablets

These were made of flat, thin board 7x9 inches and surrounded by raised beading. On the enclosed surface wax was poured as the writing surface. These were so common in the Roman era that men comparable to our letter carriers covered stated routes across the countryside delivering these wax tablets. These men were called ‘tabularum’. They were paid to deliver a message inscribed on the wax tablet. – The recipient would scrub the message and inscribe a new message in response.

Important messages were kept. – 1st&2nd century Christians desiring to remember the scriptures wrote them on these tables of wax. Whilst a few would not be considered reliable evidence but thousands upon thousands of these documents stack up great evidence of NT writings being copied or remembered.

Ostraca

Broken pottery used to scratch writing on a valuable record for the living of the people of the time. Many bible verses or sermon notes have been found on ostraca and piece one together with another and before long you can read entire bible books. – This is manuscript evidence in the word of God.

In 1611 when the KJV was translated, it was done so from 25 manuscripts and since then hundreds of others were found proving it correct! – In various mediums prayers of the saints with direct bible citations/quotes are found throughout the world and so these must have a common source.

In Colossians 1:14 we see “we have redemption through his blood....” – The RSV and NIV take out His blood in this verse and so take away the payment for the sins of man!