

## The History of the King James Bible – Night Train to England

“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

Acts 8:37 is missing in the RSV, NIV etc... - We are dealing with Origen who rather than producing a translation and his views and interpretations.

Out of the entire Hexapla (6-column) came the work of Jerome and his Latin vulgate translation and out of the 5<sup>th</sup> column (Origen's work), the LXX, came the work of Eusebius.

Eusebius and Jerome built their work upon Origen and upon their work is built the position held by the faculty at Bob Jones University. The position is shared by using an NIV or NASB etc... and comes from this time.

### **Eusebius**

Constantine hire Eusebius to undertake the task of preparing 50 official bibles on the finest velum. – These were THE bibles of the Roman empire/. They were for use in the churches of Constantinople (his new capitol) and were to be acceptable to the mainstream of Christendom and blend the contradictory versions existing at the time.

Eusebius was Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine and born and educated at Antioch. He got his training in Antioch but got his post-graduate work in a post in Caesarea which was founded by Origen. – Rather than stay true to the sound teaching he gained at Antioch, he left that to be influenced by the philosophical teaching of Origen.

He recorded the time of Constantine in detail (volume covering Christ through to Constantine). He presided over the Council of Nicaea and Semi-Arian (which meant his view on the deity of Christ was that of a JW).

He believed Jesus Christ is “a” god in the sense that Christ is in like-essence with God. He got that from Origen, who got his position from Philo. – What is developing here is the line of thought from men whose influences produced the bibles we see in the modern versions and the line of thought and influences of men who gave us the AV.

One line denies Christ's deity and one line believes that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh.

Eusebius was an admirer of Origen and collected 100s of his writings. Constantine gave Eusebius authority and finances to produce these bibles in codex form, using uncial lettering. This was done in approximately 331AD and many scholars have concluded that Codex Vaticanus (the text of Tischendorf and Hart from which the new bibles were taken) is one of 50 bibles produced by Eusebius.

**Dean Burgon** believed that Codex Sinaiticus one of these bibles or a copy from them.

Remember there were **5400+** manuscripts with which to translate the bible and when the new versions came out they ignored almost all of these manuscripts bar 2. – The Sinaiticus and Vaticanus manuscripts. – The works of Eusebius.

At this time Jerome came to prominence. He was a Latin father, who was trained in Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and a smart fella and named a presbyter in Antioch in 379AD but resigned the position in Antioch to become personal secretary to Pope Damascus in Rome in 382AD. He had a love of money and began translation in 383AD (plus revisions) at the request of the Pope who wanted a bible that would better reflect his views of the bible and Christianity.

It wasn't for another **1200 years** after Jerome's death that the Jesuit order forced people to accept the Vulgate or death. – Indeed, it was the only way it would catch on!

The term “old Latin” reference to corrupt texts before the vulgate but also applied to Jerome’s work so you think that the work dates from Apostolic times. – The vulgate included the addition of the Apocrypha.

To write his “translation” Jerome used the Hexapla and consulted the works of Origen and completed his work in approximately 405AD and never really caught on until 1546AD (opposition felt even from Catholics).

Between **400AD** and **1546AD** 2 things took place. – **1.** The Christians at Antioch took the pure bible and translated it into many dialects and went all over the world preaching the gospel.

– **2** . Then the pagan church from Alexandria worked its’ way up to Rome with their corrupt bibles and went everywhere murdering everyone. – Here is why they believed (true believers) that Jesus Christ was head of the spiritual church into which you are born again so that when you die you go to heaven and that when the church age was over Jesus Christ would return and set up His kingdom.

The pagans believed that the church was a physical entity into which you become a member through physical baptism, the church was going to bring in the kingdom on earth and then Jesus would come back and thank them.

So, whilst the Antioch church would preach the gospel, the others would order crusades to the holy land and slaughter anyone who would get in their way as they were building a kingdom on earth for Jesus!

## **2 entirely different schools of thought and 2 entirely different bibles!**

What we have is that no matter what the pagans do to our brethren, they just kept going and flourishing as they had their faith in the word of God, so in 1546AD you had the Council of Trent. – This was not a meeting of born again Christians but powerful pagan “Christians” who didn’t believe the bible.

They decided that if you are not a member of the RCC and you read the bible you are accursed and will go directly to hell. – Vatican 2 did not revoke the Council of Trent.

After the Council of Trent Jerome’s Latin Vulgate was the official bible of Europe and you were killed for reading any other bible.

Original manuscripts went in two directions:-

1. Syrian translation at Antioch produced the Old Latin in 150AD and produced many unknown translations in many nations around the world and eventually from this line came our KJV.
2. Alexandrian text produced the Vulgate, RSV etc... and never the twain shall meet.

When Christianity surged out of Jerusalem in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century it was unknown to the participants that it was headed to England and from there the entire world. To accurately understand church history, you should imagine a map of Europe with a line drawn from Jerusalem to London. – This was the direction the Creator was headed with His church.

In 325AD at the Council of Nicaea the church of Rome would exert herself as the sole authority in the church. Constantine accepted a stance of tolerance and even moderate acceptance of Christianity, and this greatly strengthened Rome’s hand.

Almost all bible colleges accept the precept that the RCC was in fact the representative of the true Christian church throughout history. The result is that every church history course ends up being a study of the RCC while in fact the true church through history is ignored.

Imagine that the true church history between 325-1500AD was like riding on a train heading from Jerusalem to London. – The train is the RC and the passengers on board are in a controlled environment. All they knew of the environment as they are passing through are the limited views they can observe from their limited location and whatever the conductor operating the train told them was true was true to that environment.

But the true history was being carried on elsewhere out beyond the visual range of the train. – God was using His train on a separate but somewhat parallel course. – It was not as sophisticated as the Roman train but moving steadily towards its' goal of England.

Although the RCC was not God's church it had some good things going for it. Not everything about the train was evil. Good things were:-

- **Information on the train** – Because of its power the RCC became a repository for a large percentage of the knowledge of its' day. It would fanatically collect all books, all scrolls, all papers and its' main reason for doing this was to keep them out of the hands and minds of the population and keep the people ignorant of the truth. – Regardless, the information was on the train!

Therefore, the information was in a place where a free-thinker on the train could inspect it and express opinion rather than accept the mindless dictates of the RCC. More than a few were killed because they came to different conclusions than Rome, but they COULD come to those conclusions as the information was on the train. God was raising up people on the train to be curious and arouse the truth!

- **Talent** – The RCC train had the monopoly on the minds of the ages. The lower ranked individual were treated like dogs and not afforded rights and education because nothing more than brute force (soldiers) or brute strength (peasants) was expected of them.

The talented were to be syphoned away to be used as noblemen and could live out their lives in reasonable ease while pursuing intellectual passion. The RCC controlled most noblemen across Europe and were a source of wealth and protection and therefore it was a natural light to draw the talent of Europe. Thus, for a full stomach and reasonable safety the RCC enjoyed the monopoly of the greatest minds in Europe.

Priests in local parishes would look out for minds of distinction in their local jurisdiction and cultivate and bring these minds under the control of the RCC. On the train you had a gifted student programme brought under control, so nobody had any independent thought. It was a dangerous thing in some ways to the RCC as sooner or later someone was going to use their brains along with all the gleaned information.

- **Comfort** – Reasonable comfort compared to the strenuous train of the true church. – Excelling minds gained living quarters in noblemen's castles and the nobleman then provided him a living and military protection. The nobleman profited from having such talent residing under his roof. – The young scholar (free from having to provide a physical means to live) was free to devote all his time into his intellectual passion.

No wonder all the painting supposedly depicting bible scenes are extra-biblical seeing as the talented artist is paid by the RCC! So, no wonder the majority of the intellectual writings etc... were skewed as the RCC was producing it all!

- **The train was well-stocked** – The train had a vast library! Books, scrolls etc... were all produced slowly by hand and were expensive. A scholar would generally need to travel across countries and risk their lives to hopefully gain access to a manuscript whilst wars waged through Europe at the hand of the RCC. – Study in the RCC library afforded such manuscript access in relative comfort. – The nature of the manuscripts available meant the work was largely inaccurate but as long as the scholar was on the train they would not know that or even care.

All the while the true church was out of sight and had a knowledge the RCC train could not contain. While the RCC was busy collecting a mere handful of ancient and old manuscripts, the true church was busy producing thousands upon thousands of copies of the word of God.

- **Speed of Travel** – Travelling on the RCC train was the fastest and safest. One who had toed the line would be afforded fast travel and rewarded. One who stood out too much and asked too many questions would be watched and guided back into the fold (by force). – If he was found to be incorrigible he would be thrown off the RCC train and new passengers got on and on their arrival they brought with them hints on what was happening on the alternative route through history. – They introduced processes and thinking that was contrary and dangerous for the monopoly and the manipulation of the RCC.

Men with names like Erasmus, Luther, Zwingli etc... who knew down in their soul something had to be going on out beyond the sight of the RCC train. – Then what the RCC feared would happen happened. Martin Luther wrecked the train!

The RCC stranglehold on the world has never recovered from what 1 man with a brain did and who wouldn't back down. – They tried to get him off the train, but he held on in there and brought the whole thing down!

**Luke 24:50-53** – “... he lifted up his hands and blessed them....he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven....and they worshipped him....” – The NASB does not say He was carried up to heaven but just parted.