

Questions About Whether KJV Bible is 100% Accurate

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How can we be sure the King James Bible (KJV) is 100% accurate—especially since there were other Bibles before it?

Answer:

1. The King James Bible is a translation—not the original

The Bible was originally written in **Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek**—not English. The KJV, completed in **1611**, is a **translation** of those ancient manuscripts, just like other English versions before it (e.g., Tyndale, Geneva, Wycliffe).

So, the **authority of Scripture** doesn't rest in the KJV itself, but in the **original texts** (often called the “autographs”) that God inspired.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...” —2 Timothy 3:16

2. The KJV is a faithful and beautiful translation

The KJV was translated by 47 scholars using the best Hebrew and Greek manuscripts available to them at the time. It has stood the test of time for over 400 years and has deeply shaped English-speaking Christianity.

It's **accurate, reverent, and powerful**—but like all translations, it's still a **human effort** to bring God's Word into another language.

3. No English translation is perfect—but God's message is preserved

God **promised to preserve His Word** (Psalm 12:6–7, Isaiah 40:8). That doesn't mean every translation is identical, but that **His truth remains**.

Even when minor wording or punctuation varies between versions, **the core message of salvation, truth, and prophecy is consistent and unchanged** across all faithful translations.

So the real question isn't “Is the KJV perfect?” but “Has God preserved His truth?” And the answer is **yes**—even through multiple translations.

4. There were Bibles before the KJV—but they were stepping stones

Before the KJV, faithful versions like:

- **Tyndale's Bible** (1526),
- **Geneva Bible** (1560), and
- **Wycliffe's Bible** (1380s),

helped prepare the way for what would become the most widespread English Bible of all time.

God used them **all** to spread His Word. The KJV didn't fall from heaven—it built upon the hard work of earlier translators and martyrs.

5. Beware of making the KJV more than it is

The King James Bible is a **treasured tool**, not an idol. It's not **more inspired** than the original manuscripts. It's not **the only Bible God uses**. And it's not wrong to read other versions to help with study and understanding.

"Thy word is truth." —John 17:17

Not "Thy English translation from 1611 is truth."

Bottom Line:

- **Yes, the King James Bible is accurate** and trustworthy.
- **No, it's not the only faithful translation.**
- God is **not limited** to English or to one version. He is more powerful than human language.

Let's honor the KJV for its beauty and history, but let's also remember that **God's Word is bigger than one translation.**