

The King James Bible

The **impact** of the King James Bible
Published 400 years ago
Yet still being felt in the way we speak and write

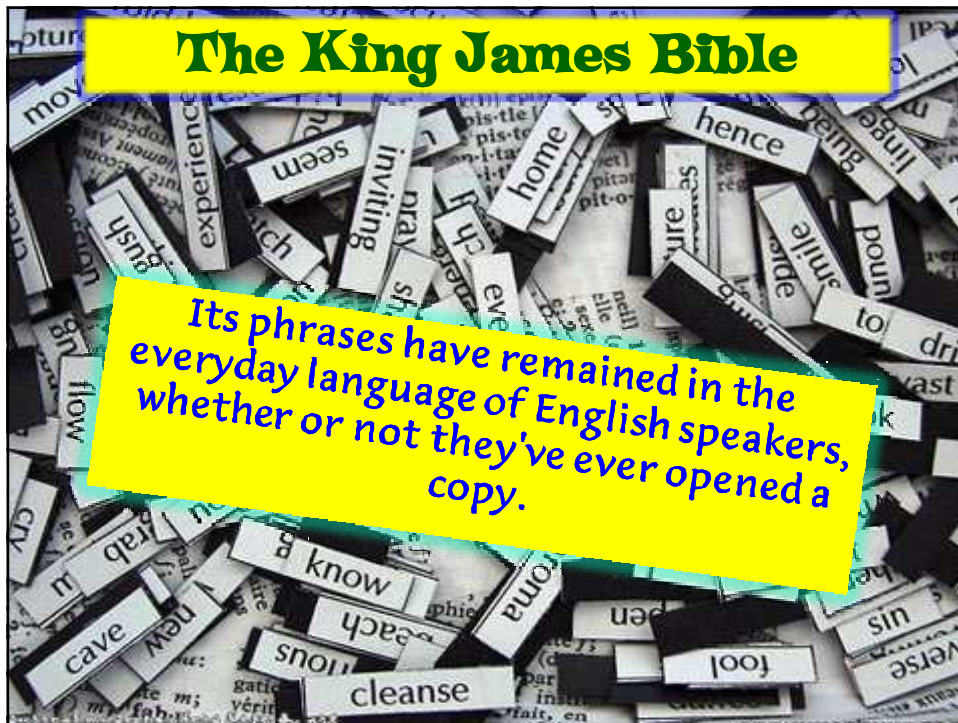


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The King James Bible - *influenced the English language and its literature more than any other book.*

- Sowed the seeds of Democracy.
- **Justified the abolition of the slave trade.**
- Used as authority for civil wars in Britain and America.
- **A critical spark in the beginning of modern science.**





Filthy lucre - 1 Timothy 3:3
God forbid - Romans 3:4
Take root - 2 Kings 19:30
Feet of clay - Daniel 2:33



Turned the world upside down - Acts 17:6
No peace for the wicked - Isaiah 57: 21
A fly in the ointment - Ecclesiastes 10:1
Wheels within wheels - Ezekiel 10:10
The blind leading the blind - Matthew 15:13
The powers that be - Romans 13:1

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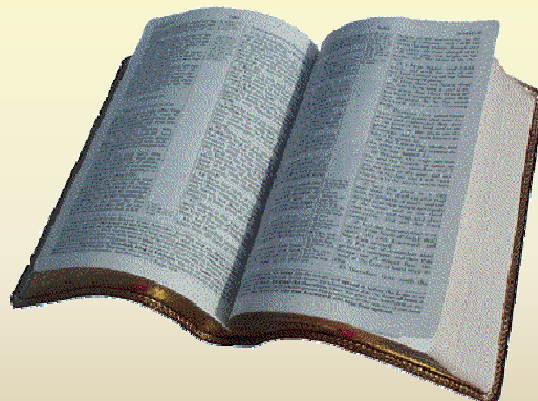


Sour grapes - Ezekiel 18:2
Lost sheep - Matt 10:6
Born again - John 3:3
Armageddon - Revelation 16:16

The apple of his eye - Deuteronomy 32:10
Go the extra mile - Matthew 5:41
The patience of Job - James 5:11
Dust and ashes - Genesis 18:27
Labour of love - Hebrews 6:10
A drop in a bucket - Isaiah 40:15

The English Language

257 phrases from the King James Bible are in contemporary English idiom.



(Source: David Crystal:- "Bogat: The King James Bible and the English language")

KJV phrases in the News

THE Sun says Aston Villa
"refused to give up the ghost".

Wendy Richard calls her EastEnders character
Pauline Fowler "the salt of the earth".

The England cricket coach tells reporters,
"You can't put words in my mouth."

DAILY Mirror fashion pages
call Tilda Swinton
"a law unto herself".



The Bible

Daily reading for millions of people


The Guide for Life

The Word of God

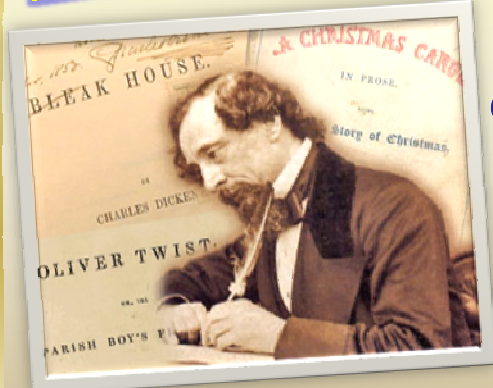
Authority



Tennyson considered Bible reading "an education in itself"



Charles Dickens called the New Testament "the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world."

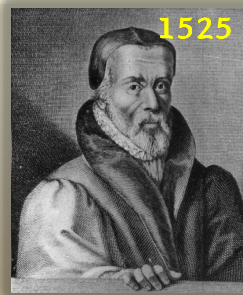


The Making of the English Bible

John Wycliffe:- First English translation

William Tyndale:- Translated most of the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek, and produced the first printed New Testament

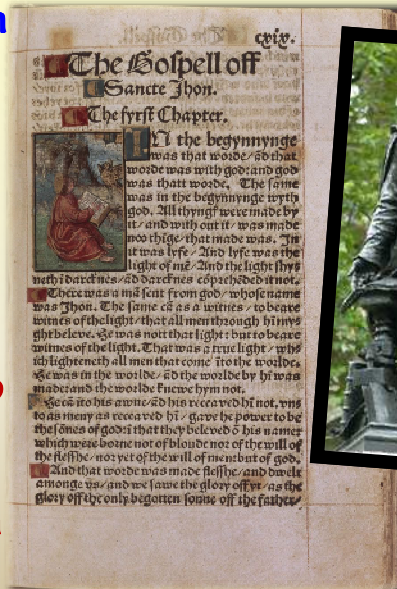
King James I:- Royal approval



William Tyndale

His translation in the 1520s was the basis for the Geneva Bible (1560) and the King James Version (1611).

Tyndale wanted the ploughboy to be able to understand the Bible better than the Clerics.



William Tyndale

Translated the Hebrew and Greek original Bible into English.

Produced the first printed New Testament.

His reward?

Strangled and burnt at the stake in 1536

The Bishop of London bought all available copies of Tyndale's NT and burnt them publicly on the steps of old St. Paul's Cathedral.



King James I

Was King James VI of Scotland

Scottish Religion - Presbyterianism (Protestant)

James, **aged 8**, could open the Bible at any page and translate to/from French.

Son of Mary Queen of Scots
(Roman Catholic)

Mary was executed by
Elizabeth I (cousin)

Elizabeth I died in 1603

James succeeded

1604 - Commissioned a Bible
Translation



Who wrote the King James Bible?

54 scholars, all members of the Church of England, were chosen and 47 completed the task

Worked in six panels, each responsible for a different part of the Bible

Based in Oxford, Cambridge and London

Drew heavily on the work of William Tyndale



It was all at the request of King James I, who was unhappy with existing translations and regularly visited the scholars at work

The King James Bible

The Bible was a very public text.

It would have been read aloud in churches very, very extensively, which would have imprinted it on people's minds.



The King James Bible

There are:-

8,674 Hebrew words in the Bible

5,624 Greek words

783,137 English words in the King James Version

66 books in the Bible

Old Testament

- 39 books

New Testament

- 27 books





The People Listened

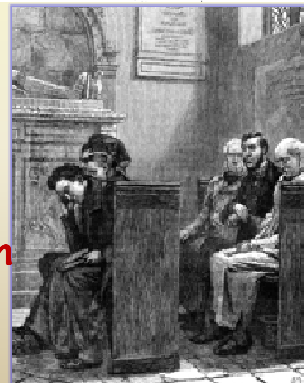
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ...

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:5-10 (KJV)



Influence of the KJV

Influenced Literature dramatically

Became an authority for centuries

T.S.Eliot
Shelley
Wordsworth
Milton
John Bunyan
George Elliott
etc...

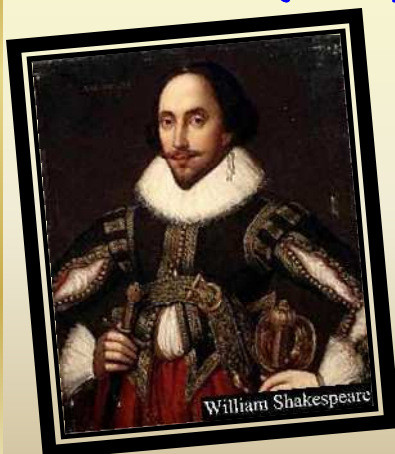


William Shakespeare

Church goer

Heard the Geneva Bible read frequently.

Geneva Bible (1560) - based on Tyndale's work.



William Shakespeare

“are not 2 sparrows...” - reflected in Hamlet

“eye hath not seen ...” - reflected in
A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Alluded to 42 of the Bible’s 66 books

Mentions Goliath (3x)

Peter (5x)

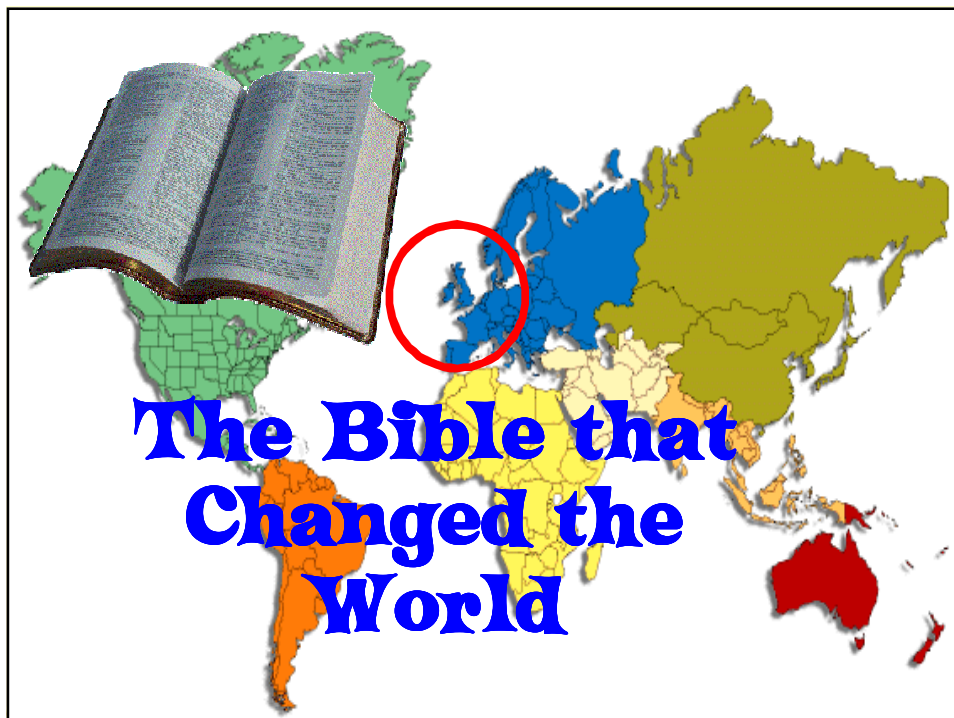
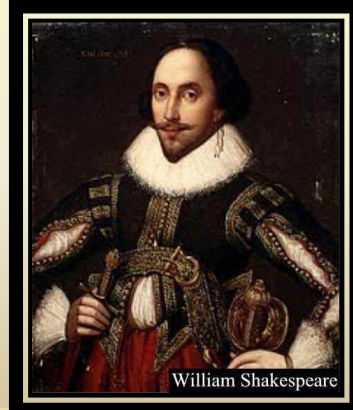
Fall of Babylon (5x)

Lazarus

Samson (9x)

Cain (5x)

Job (5x), Judas (23x)



English Civil War

1642 - 1646

The Bible - used as a reason for war.

Each side used Bible passages for support.

Small Bibles carried by soldiers:-

Saw Charles I
as Satan or Babylon

Saw Parliamentarians
as Moses
the deliverer.



Charles I on trial in 1649

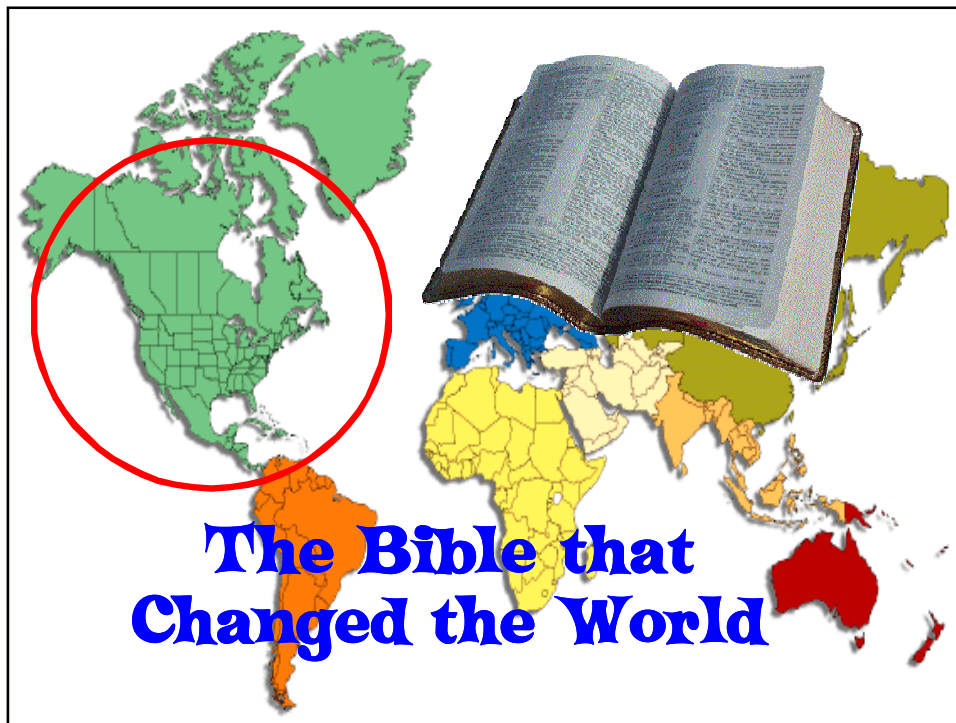
Used the KJV Bible to say that
as King he was not answerable
to the Court.

“Where the word of a king is, there is
power: and who may say unto him,
What doest thou?” Ecclesiastes 8:4

Parliamentarians saw
themselves as Daniel’s
companions in the fiery
furnace.

*The King was fighting for
his life, based on the
authority of the Bible!*



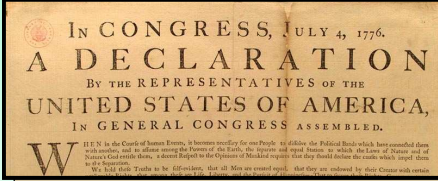



Liberty

4 July 1776 - American Declaration of Independence
Freedom from British Rule.

**PROCLAIM LIBERTY
THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND
UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS
THEREOF LEV. XXV. V X.
BY ORDER OF THE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE STATE
HOUSE IN PHILADA
PASS AND STOW**

**PHILADA
MDCCLIII**

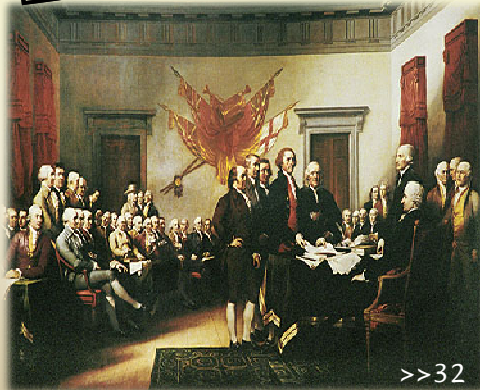


IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
A DECLARATION
BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

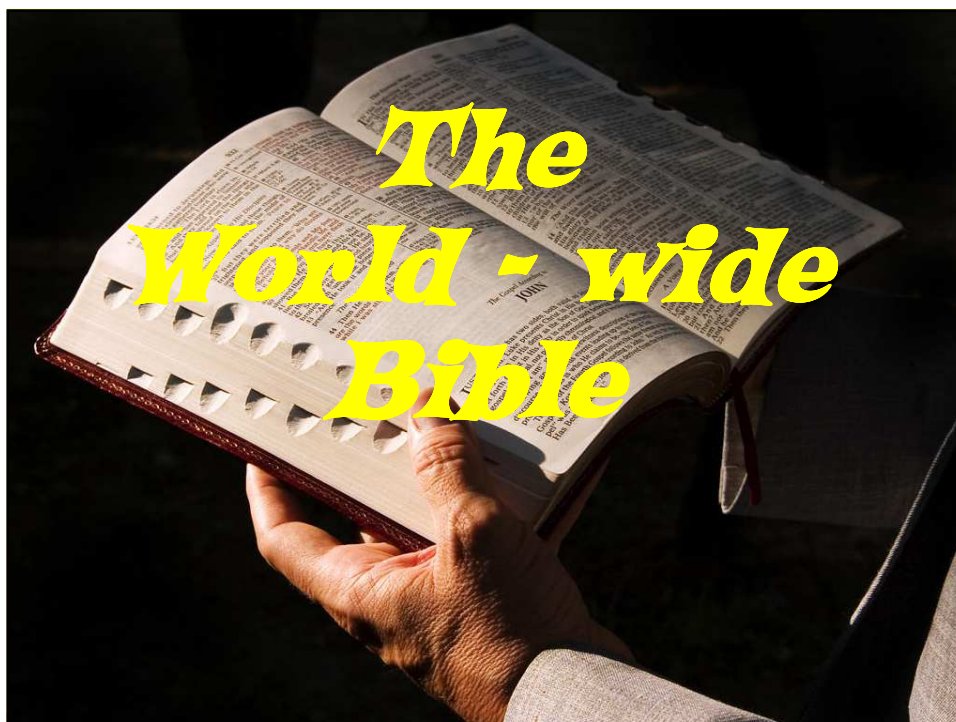
W H E N in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a solemn Declaration precedes; that such Declaration should be published in a proper Manner, and that the Copies thereof should be sent to the several States, in order to be read, and that they are entitled to their Consent with reserve.

Declaration

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created equal**, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.



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The American Bible Society

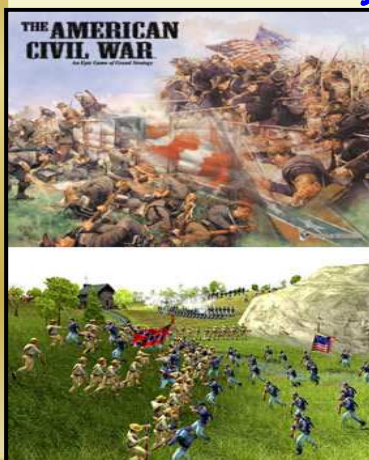
“God’s Word where needed most”



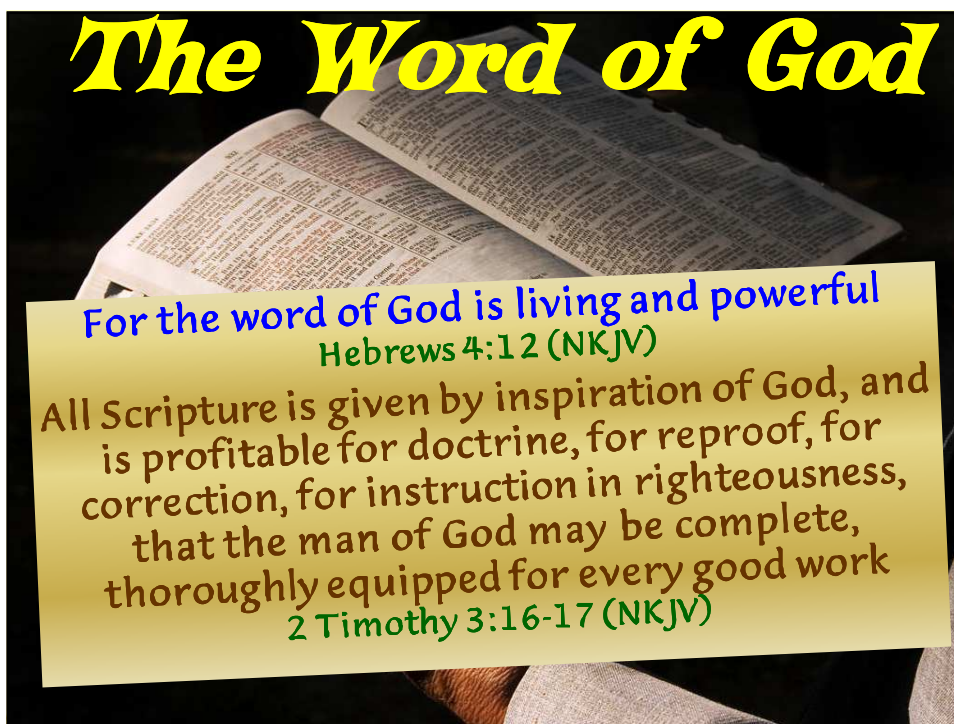
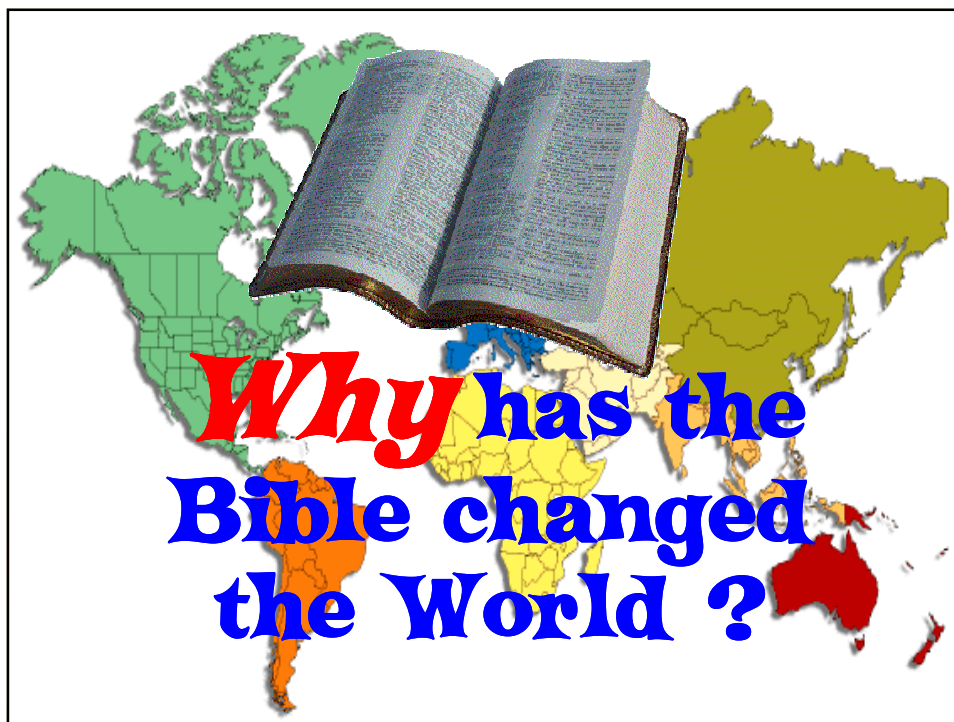
For nearly 200 years of ongoing ministry, American Bible Society invites people to experience the *life-changing message of the Bible.*

American Civil War (1861-65)

Soldiers gained comfort from the Bible.
Both sides used the Bible as authority to justify either slavery or abolition of slavery.



“servants” in O.T. Laws;
yet:- “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28



The Royal Society

Fellowship of the world's most eminent scientists

Founded 1660 by Francis Bacon

The Motto:

2 ways to discover life:
the book of Nature
the book of Scripture

Devoted to the Glory of God the Creator
and the Advantage of the Human Race.



THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Sir Isaac Newton

1642-1727

President of the Royal Society

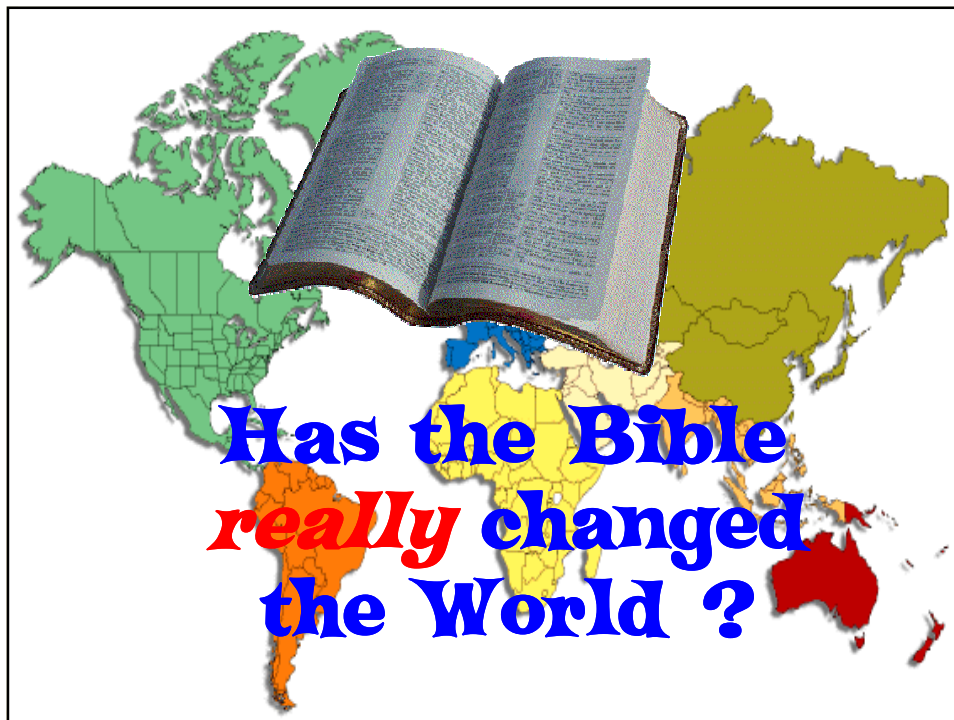
Newton's Three Laws of Motion

The Universal Law of Gravitation

Isaac Newton believed that the Bible is literally true in every respect.



“If the greatest scientist who ever lived had no problem believing the Bible, what excuse will evolutionists, atheists, agnostics, or other so called men of science have on Judgment Day!!”



The Bible
Has it changed the World?
Yes

Is the World a better place as a result?
NO



But:-

**The World will be
a better place in
the future**

*"But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be
filled with the glory of the LORD."
Numbers 14:21*

*"this same Jesus, which is taken up from
you into heaven, shall so come in like
manner as ye have seen him go into
heaven." Acts 1:11*

**Has the Bible
changed
YOU ?**



Modern Translations

- *no excuse for not reading*



The Word of God

The Bible

Understand it as God's Message and Word

Bible Authority

*God knows best
He understands us*

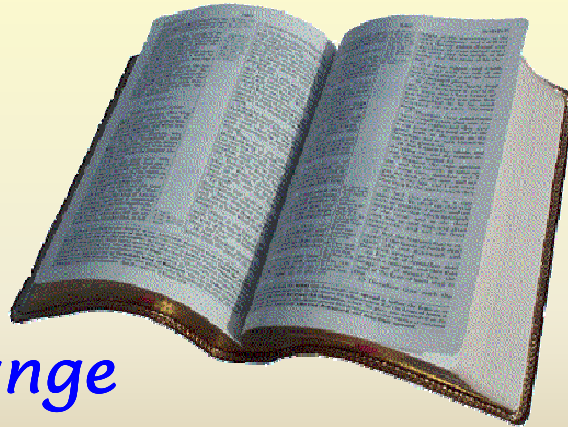
Hope for the Future

*Read it regularly
Apply it in everyday life*



The Holy Bible

- *Read it*
- *Believe it*
- *It will change your life for ever*



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Invitations:

Saturday 19 November at 4pm

“Joseph” - sing-a-long

Sunday 27 November at 6pm

Conkers, oranges, Y chromosomes and the return of the Jews to the land

Sunday 18 December at 4.30pm

Christmas service of carols

God willing