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"Why The KJV Bible?"

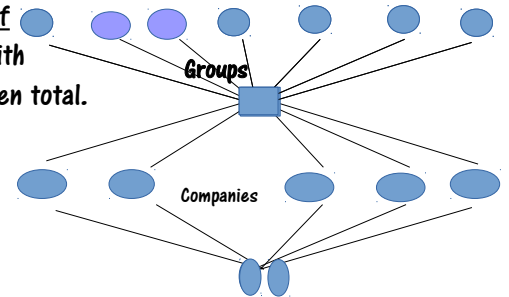
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Text: II Tim. 3:16-17

Intro: Dr. John Reynolds addressed King James I "*May your majesty be pleased...to direct that the Bible be now translated, such (false) versions as are now extant (surviving) not answering to the original.*" Died during the translation by exhaustion.

6. The King James Bible is Superior in its TECHNIQUE

- There were a total of 54 men in 6 companies that met in the 3 cities of Cambridge, Westminster, and Oxford.
 - Each group consisted of 6-7 men assigned to translate 14-17 books of the Old T. and 6 books of the N.T.
 - Each man was instructed to translate all of them by himself
 - 13 times scripture was reviewed plus 1 (14th) at the last with 2 representatives of each group in a joint meeting = 12 men total.
- They began their work in 1604 and finished in 1611 - 7 years of translation
- Verbal Equivalence and Formal Equivalence
 - Formal Equivalence = During translation, the word form was brought over from Hebrew/Greek into English
 - They carried a verb into a verb and a noun into a noun
 - This does NOT seek to Change, Add, or Subtract
 - "Dynamic Equivalence" = Is used by Modern Versions - really paraphrasing rather than translating.
 - over 2,000 such errors in the NKJV, over 4,000 in the ASV, over 6,600 in the NIV



7. The King James Bible is Superior in its TRANSLATORS

- There were up to 57 men working (not all were present at one time, and some died before it was finished)
- Some question the intelligence of 1611 translators. Let's get to know a few...
- Dr. Lancelot Andrews - president/director of the Westminster "Group 1" that translated Genesis - II Kings
 - Was fluent in 15 different languages.
 - Created a private devotional manual in Greek
- Dr. William Bedwell - in "Group 1"
 - Scholar in Arabic
 - Translated 1,2, and 3rd John in Latin and Arabic
 - Began a Persian dictionary

Next Week: Recite II Tim. 3:16-17 together AND know your two refuting references.

Dr. Miles Smith - in "Group 3" who translated Isaiah - Malachi

- An expert in the Chaldee, Syriac, and Arabic language that they were almost as his native tongue
- Fluent in Hebrew

Sir Henry Savile - in "Group 4", the Oxford Company

- Famous for his Greek and mathematical learning and tutored Queen Elizabeth
- Translated many ancient documents into English and Latin

John Bois -

- At age 5 years old he had read the Bible --- in Hebrew!
- At age 6, writing in Hebrew and later in Greek
- It was a common practice for him to read and study in the University Library at 4a.m. -8p.m. = 16hrs.