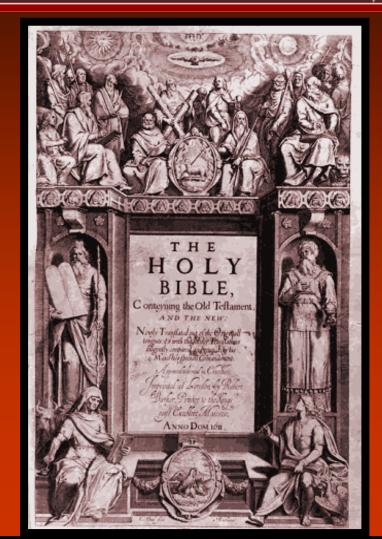




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UNDERSTANDING THE KING JAMES BIBLE: ITS MYSTERY & HISTORY, LETTER BY LETTER





# King James I of England

June 19, 1566 - 1625?

The morality of King James has come under attack from a number of groups. Among the most vociferous are sodomites and apologists who defend modern Bible versions like the NIV.

He is being falsely accused of atrocities such as homosexuality, being a closet papist (Catholic) and burning Christians!

These fallacies are not going without rebuttal, however. Historians who have studied this great King for many years, have set the record straight.

King James I was a Christian who wanted the Bible in the hands of the common man; he commissioned the Authorized 1611 King James Bible to be assembled.

Fluent in Greek, Latin, French, English, and his native Scots, he was schooled in Italian and Spanish.

He formed the foundation for what is now known as the British Empire by uniting warring tribes of Scotland and then enjoining the crowns of Scotland and England in 1603. He was the first to call it Great Britain.

King James became King of Scotland in 1567 when he was 13 months old and acceded to the English throne in 1603.

Years after his death, detractors tried to sully his good name. Unfortunately, it continues today, just as the translators & the King himself had predicted.

King James was sickly having crippling arthritis, weak limbs, abdominal colic, gout, and a number of other chronic illnesses. He also had physical handicaps which affected his legs and tongue. Coupled with numerous attempts on his life, he required constant attention and watchcare.

His mother was Mary Queen of Scots who was deposed in 1567 and executed in 1587 after 19 years in prison. His father, Lord Darnley, was murdered in 1567.

He held the Roman Catholic religion in contempt. Roman clerics tried to kill him more than once. The King was born during the time of the Reformation and well knew popery's atrocities.

In 1536, popery burned William Tyndale to death for distributing the Bible and it was MUCH displeased with King James' authorization of a Bible in English.

Roman Catholic Nicolo Molin, an Ambassador said this of King James:

"... He is a Protestant... The king tries to extend his Protestant religion to the whole island. The King is a bitter enemy of our religion... He frequently speaks of it in terms of contempt. He is all the harsher because of this last conspiracy (Gun Powder Plot) against his life... He understood that the Jesuits had a hand in it."

Reformation leader John Knox read the sermon when he was crowned King.

Wrote extensively including <u>Basilicon Doron</u> (the Kingly Gift), <u>Daemonologie</u>, and tracts on varied subjects such as "<u>Counterblaste to Tobacco</u>" which condemned the use of tobacco...

"Is it (tobacco) not both great vanity and uncleanness, that at the table, a place of respect, of cleanness, of modesty, men should not be ashamed to sit tossing of tobacco pipes, and puffing of the smoke of tobacco one to another, making filthy smoke and stink..."

"It makes a kitchen also oftentimes in the inward parts of men, soiling and infecting them, with an unctuous and oily kind of soot, as hath been found in some great tobacco takers, that after their deaths were opened..."

"He that will refuse to take a pipe of tobacco among his fellows...is accounted peevish... But herein is not only a great vanity, but a great contempt of God's good gifts, that the sweetness of man's breath, being a good gift of God, should be willfully corrupted by this stinking smoke...Have you no reason then to be ashamed, and to forbear this filthy novelty..."

"In your abuse thereof sinning against God, harming yourselves both in persons and goods, and taking also thereby the marks and notes of vanity upon you...a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black stinking fume thereof nearest resembling the horrible stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless."

Stygian - Pertaining to Styx, fabled by the ancients to be a river of hell over which the shades of the dead passed, or the region of the dead; hence, hellish; infernal.

He led a chaste life. Sir Henry Wotton (June 1602) said this of King James:

"There appears a certain natural goodness verging on modesty...He wears short hair...among his good qualities none shines more brightly than the chasteness of his life, which he has preserved without stain down to the present time. His life was contrary to the example of almost all his ancestors, who disturbed the kingdom with the great number of bastards which they left."

In 1603, Sir Roger Wilbaham wrote:

"The King is of sharpest wit and invention...of the sweetest most pleasant and best nature that I ever knew, desiring nor affecting anything but true honor."

King James loved literature and wrote extensively including the Basilicon Doron which contains instructions to his son on how to live and be a just king. King James' advice to his son concerning chastity:

"Keep your body clean and unpolluted while you give it to your wife whom to only it belongs for how can you justly crave to be joined with a virgin if your body be polluted? Why should the one half be clean, and other defiled? And suppose I know, fornication is thought but a venial sin by the most part of the world, yet remember well what I said to you in my first book regarding conscience, and count every sin an breach of God's law, not according as the vain world esteems of it, but as God judge and maker of the law accounts of the same: hear God commanding by the mouth of Paul to abstain from fornication, declaring that the fornicator shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven, and by the mouth of John reckoning out fornication among other grievous sins that declares the committers among dogs and swine."

#### His advice to his son on how to treat his wife.

"And for your behavior to your wife, the Scripture can best give you counsel therein. Treat her as your own flesh, command her as her lord, cherish her as your helper, rule her as your pupil, please her in all things reasonable, but teach her not to be curious in things that belong not to her. You are the head, she is your body, it is your office to command and hers to obey, but yet with such a sweet harmony as she should be as ready to obey as you to command, as willing to follow as you to go before, your love being wholly knit unto her, and all her affections lovingly bent to follow your will."

King James loved his wife, Queen Anne, and wrote beautifully of her. They had nine children together. Once, while out hunting, Queen Anne mistakenly killed King James' favorite dog. Sir Dudley Carleton wrote in 1613:

The queen shooting a deer mistook her mark and killed Jewel, the King's most special and favourite hound; at which he stormed exceedingly awhile; but after he knew who did it, he was soon pacified and with much kindness wished her not to be troubled with it for he should love her never the worse; and the next day sent her a diamond worth £2000 as a legacy from his dead dog....

He reigned as the Scottish king for 36 years.

He was crowned king of England in July of 1603.

January 14 of 1604, he called for the final polishing of the English Bible.

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King James I was a Christian author!

King James I was persecuted for righteousness' sake!

King James I was a linguist and scholar!

King James believed God dictated the Scripture!

"Scriptures must be an infallible ground to all true Christians!"

"The whole scripture is dictated by God's spirit..."

"All that is necessary for salvation is contained in the scripture..."

He was deeply read in Scripture; he could quote its texts with great facility!

He felt so strongly about the Bible translation project that he said he would pay for it "from his own princely disposition."

He asked that Bible verses be placed all over towns, in homes, churches, schools and on buildings.

#### King James was an evangelical Christian!

King James wrote a book for his son entitled, *Basilikon Doron* (which became an international best seller).

In that book, the King stated that he was, "Praying God that as you are regenerated and born in him anew, so you may rise to him and be sanctified in him forever with 'white garments washen the blood of the lamb..."

He adds, "Now faith...is the free gift of God (as Paul sayeth). It must be nourished by prayer, which is nothing else but a friendly talking to God. Use oft to pray when ye are quiet, especially in bed..."

King James converted a Catholic, French-trained "secret agent," named Esme Stuart, Seigneur d'Aubigny, who had been sent to secretly "promote Catholicism in the kingdom of Scotland."

#### King James was an evangelical Christian!

Esme, a distant cousin of the King, tried to befriend King James (then only thirteen years old). Though still in his early teens, "James used his most persuasive arguments on his cousin d'Aubigny, causing him to become a Protestant convert... he was to die a Protestant."

Esme then wrote a document "which condemned in detail many aspects of Catholic belief and practice."

In March of 1604 while King of England, James urged the Protestant clergy to be more "...careful, vigilant, and diligent than you have been to win souls to God... where you have been in any way sluggish before, now waken yourselves up again with a new diligence at this point..."

#### King James was an evangelical Christian!

King James I established the first Colony of Virginia for "propagating of Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God and may in time bring the infidels and savages living in these parts to human civility ... and bring the true word and service of God and Christian faith to be preached, planted and used..."

"The inhabitants of those parts live in utmost ignorance of divine worship, and are completely deprived of the knowledge and solace of the word of God, and probably will remain and end their days in such ignorance unless such a great evil is cared for as soon as possible.

Therefore, we ought to end that, out of love for the glory of God, and desiring to work for the good and salvation of souls of those parts...

Dedicate yourselves to and perform the ministry and preaching of the word of God in those parts..." see "What Hath God Wrought" p27-30 for details of this failed mission.

#### King James was a godly Christian!

In Basilikon Doron, the King told his son to live the Christian life, "Holiness being the first and most requisite quality of a Christian, (as proceeding from true fear and knowledge of God)."

A contemporary wrote in 1602, "Among his good qualities none shines more brightly than the chasteness of his life, which he has preserved without stain down to the present time, contrary to the example of almost all his ancestors..."

One Italian visitor described his "chastity" and added, "In his eyes and in his outward appearance there is a certain natural kindness bordering on modesty. He wears his hair short... About food and clothing he does not care."

#### King James was a godly Christian!

Regarding wealth, King James said, "I wish, therefore, that some may have single coats, or one living, before others have doublets, or pluralities."



Francis Bacon, a contemporary, described James as "a prince the farthest from the appearance of vain-glory that may be, and rather like a prince of the ancient form than of the latter time."

A Venetian diplomat wrote of James in 1619, "He treats all those who serve him with the utmost kindness and familiarity"

#### King James was a godly Christian!



KJV translator George Abbot, summarized the godly character of King James saying...

"...he hath been so immaculate and unspotted in the world, so free from all touch of viciousness and staining imputation, that even malice itself, which leaveth nothing unsearched, could never find true blemish in it, nor cast probably aspersion on it.

All must acknowledge him to be zealous as David; learned and wise, the Solomon of our age; religious as Josiah, careful of spreading Christ's faith; ...just as Moses, undefiled in all his ways; as Jehoshaphat, or Hezekiah, full of clemency..."

#### King James was a Christian author!

King James encouraged "godly learning, especially in the scriptures..." He said, "God's part should not be left out, for the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"

The King's stoutly held Christian beliefs can best be seen in his own works.

In 1604 he wrote *Counterblast to Tobacco*. See presentation part I for a small piece of this writing...

Witchcraft, "Astrology," "Magic," "Necromancy," and "Sorcery" are "plainly prohibited" "by the scripture," King James I states in his book, Daemonologie, written in 1597...

#### King James was a Christian author!

"The fearful abounding at this time in this country, of these detestable slaves of the Devil, the Witches or enchanters, hath moved me (beloved reader) to dispatch in post this following treatise of mine..."

"Although man in his Creation was made in the image of the Creator, yet through his fall having once lost it, it is but restored again in a part by grace... So all the rest falling away from God, are given over in the hands of the Devil that enemy, to bear his image; and being once so given over, the greatest and the grossest impiety, is the pleasantest ..."

"We daily fight against the Devil in a hundred other ways... Even so ought we boldly to go forward in fighting against the Devil without any greater terror."

#### King James was a Christian author!

He warns, "that old and crafty Serpent, being a spirit, he easily spies our affections, and so conforms himself thereto, to deceive us to our wreck."

He warned further, "For in my opinion our enemy is over craftie, and we over weak (except the greater grace of God) to assay such hazards, wherein he pleases to trap us."

He warns that "the father of all lies" leads lost men into "the everlasting perdition of their soul and body."

Without regeneration, men slip into slavery and the horrors of hell!

#### King James was a Christian author!

"Men having attained to a great perfection learning, and yet remaining overbare (alas) of the spirit of regeneration and fruits thereof; tread upon the slippery and uncertain scale of curiosity becoming bond-slaves to their mortal enemy; and their knowledge, for all that they presume thereof, is nothing increased, except in knowing evil, and the horrors of Hell for punishment thereof..."

He warns Christians not to demand revelations from God or inquire into things "which he would not reveal to us... by Scriptures... It becometh us to be contented with an humble ignorance, they being things not necessary for our salvation."

### King James was a Christian author!

He states that trials come to Christians "...to try all of their patience, and wakening up of their zeal, for admonishing of the beholders, not to trust overmuch in themselves, since they are made of no better stuff, and peradventure blotted with no smaller sins..." (Daemonologie).

"But praised be God, we that are Christians, and walk not amongst the... conjectures of man, know well enough, that it is the good spirit of God only, who is the fountain of all goodness, that persuades us to the thinking or doing of any good: and that it is our corrupted flesh and Satan, that enticeth us to the contrary" (Daemonologie).

#### King James was a Christian author!

King James described many of the "rites and secrets of these unlawful arts" practiced by witches. He warned sternly against the making of "circles" and of evil spirits called "Brownies."

Today unthinking Scout and 'Brownie' troop leaders (and even liberal pastors) encourage the witches' practice of 'holding hands in a circle.' He writes, "This spirit they called Brownie in our language...appeared in time of Papistry and blindness, and haunted houses...".

He warns, "Prophecies and visions are now ceased, all spirits that appear in these forms are evil." He found that two "symptoms" of devil possession were "incredible strength" and "...the speaking of sundrie languages which, the patient is known, by them that were acquainted with him, never to have learned..."

#### King James was a Christian author!

"All we that are Christians, ought assuredly to know that since the coming of Christ in the flesh, and establishing of his church by the apostles, all...visions, prophecies, and appearances of Angels or good spirits are ceased. Which served only for the first sewing of faith, and planting of the church. Where now the church being established... the Law and Prophets are thought sufficient to serve us, or make us inexcusable, as Christ saith in his parable of Lazarus and the rich man" (Daemonologie). (note the place of the church today is beyond this...)

King James warned, "Consult therefore with no necromancer" (Daemonologie) also stating...

"The consummation of the world, and our deliverance drawing near, makes Satan to rage the more in his instruments, knowing his kingdom to be so near an end" (Daemonologie).

#### King James was a persecuted Christian!

By his godly living and opposition to the teachings of the papists and occultists, King James generated the deceitful persecutors Christ said would follow "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus" 2 Tim. 3:12.

King James's official motto was "Blessed are the peacemakers"

(...and yet he understood the proper application for that verse. He certainly had his wars to contend with – many over Catholicism! – Paulson)

"I will never allow in my conscience that the blood of any man shall be shed for diversity of opinions in religion, but I should be sorry that Catholics should so multiply as they might be able to practice their old principles upon us."

"I would be sorry to punish their bodies for the error of their mind"

#### King James was a Persecuted Christian!

The death of 30,000 Londoners from the plague brought a soul-searching to the country. King James set about to discourage Catholic Jesuit heresy as it would bring God's chastening. In February of 1604, the King proclaimed "his utter detestation" of the Romish system, calling it "superstitious."

In March of 1604, he charged Sir Walter Raleigh with trying to "alter religion and bring in the Roman Superstition"...

...his speech to Parliament expressed his disapproval of Catholic practices.

He made specific laws to curtail the infiltration of the Catholic Church.

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Immediately, after March of 1604, Jesuit "terrorists" began plotting his death and the total destruction of the entire anti-papal Parliament government. 6,000 pounds of gunpowder were smuggled through secret tunnels and buried beneath the Parliament by 13 accomplices.

On Nov. 5, 1605, just hours before the gunpowder was set to explode the entire Parliament building, "God out of his mercy" "very miraculously" exposed the plot, writes the Secretary of State.

"God hath so miraculously delivered us all," exclaimed the King to Parliament on Nov. 9, 1605.

The King's Proclamation stated that the perpetrators were identified as "persons known to be bitterly corrupted with the superstition of the Romish religion, as seduced with the blindness thereof..."

#### King James was a Persecuted Christian!

Because of the great Christian kindness of the King, he "sent off two of his best surgeons, and a doctor, to attend" to an injured plotter.

An accomplice, Father Henry Garnet, "admitted that he had for a period of nearly twenty years been the Superior of the Jesuits in England..."

The written confession of the terrorists contained an admission that they did it "for the restoring of the Catholic religion in England."

The terrorists were charged with attempting to "subvert the true religion of God, and whole government of the kingdom."

#### King James was a Persecuted Christian!

In addition to the gunpowder plot, the "witches were plotting his death by drowning, like God's enemies of old."

He was also the subject of "false rumors," generated by Calvinists, with whom he disagreed.

In Basilikon Doron he warned his son of Calvinism, "...railing without reason and making their own imaginations the square of their conscience. I protest before the great God that ye shall never find with any Highland or Border thieves greater ingratitude and more lies and vile perjuries than with these..."

King James added, "though I lived amongst them, yet since I had ability to judge, I was never of them"

By the end of his reign, most of those holding positions of authority in the church in England were against Calvinism.

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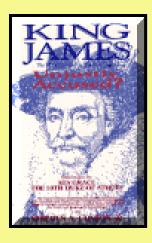
"The King knew no better means to suppress the credit of false rumors against him than by his own pious practice in religion, by outward frequency in the exercises of prayer and preaching, duly performing and executing his justice and mercy, with such wisdom, and piety, as made his virtues thereby more transparent to the common view and sense of all men"

The KJV translators said of King James, "He knew who had chosen him to be a Soldier, or rather a Captain, and being assured that the course which he intended made much for the glory of God and the building up of his church, he would not suffer it to be broken off for whatsoever speeches..."

#### King James was a Persecuted Christian!

Stephen Coston's book, <u>King James The I of England & The VI of Scotland: Unjustly Accused</u>, is the definitive source book, defending King James and discrediting his accusers.

(available through A.V. Publications)



#### King James was a linguist and scholar

Sir John Oglander, described him as, "...the best scholar and wisest prince, for general knowledge, that ever England knew..."

The translators wrote of "the singular wisdom given unto him by God, and the rare learning and experience that he hath attained unto..."

"He is a lover of learning to a degree beyond belief; his judgment of books, old and new, is such as would become a professed scholar, rather than a mighty prince"

When Sir Henry Killigrew, the English Ambassador, was permitted to see King James at the age off eight, he said, "He speaketh the French tongue marvelously well; he was able to read a chapter of the Bible out of Latin into French, and out of French after into English so well, as few men could have added anything to his translation.

#### King James was a linguist and scholar

He and his entire family were multi-lingual. His children often spoke to each other in French and his daughter often spoke to the King in Italian

He wrote in a poem about the murder of Christians by pagans:

"My Pen for pity cannot write My hair for horror stands To think how many Christians there Were killed by pagan hands.

O Lord, through out this labyrinth Make me the way to view And let thy holy three-fold Spirit Be my conducting clew"

#### King James was a linguist and scholar

He wrote in Basilikon Doron to his son...

"If then ye would enjoy a happy reign
Observe the statutes of your heavenly king
And from his house make all your laws to spring...
Maintaining aye the right...
Walk always, as ever in his sight"

"... MHEART

STANDETH IN AWE OF THY WORD."

Ps. 119:161

' HAND THOU STILL

A WHILE,
THAT I MAY SHEW
THEE
THE WORD
OF GOD."

I SAM. 9:27

The information within this online presentation is done with permission that was given to me personally many years ago by Gail Riplinger, the author, of "In Awe of Thy Word."

This online presentation contains only a small segment from the book that could truly open up a deeper awareness, a personal awakening, and will put you in AWE of the King James 1611 Bible.

#### The End...

...but only of this presentation.



Hopefully, this also begins a new level or maybe even a 'new beginning' in your life based on what you have just learned from the Risen Christ... and especially because of the "goodness of God" as taught only by Paul and found only in a King James 1611 Bible...

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...knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance

Romans 2:4h

NOT the severity of God – Romans 11:22

