

We will see some who are so deranged, not only in religion, but who in all things reveal their monstrous nature that they will say that the sun does not move, and that it is the earth which shifts and turns. When we see such minds we must indeed confess that the devil possess them, and that God sets them before us as mirrors, in order to keep us in His fear.”

—John Calvin (1509-1564, French theologian who developed Calvinism, a Protestant Reformation theology

To set people free to learn build the necessary foundations of learning.

—Sam Duncan

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Keys to Reading the Scriptures in KJV

If you are unfamiliar with the King James Version (KJV) Bible, this information will help you understand the verses presented:

- All verses not otherwise noted are in the **KJV**, but a few are from **(H)CSB**, the (Holman) Christian Standard Bible.
- **Strong's** refers to Dr. James Strong: *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, ©1890, an index of the words in the Bible in Bible book order in recognizable context phrases with their verse addresses and the numbers Dr. Strong gave to the words that refer to the Hebrew (H, normal type) or Greek (G, *italic* type) dictionaries at the back of the concordance. The dictionaries also include other translations of each word found in the KJV. Strong's is available at www.blueletterbible.com under the Tools button by each verse and so can be used with other Bible versions there as well.
- Words in brackets, [word], within Bible verses are words added to the original language in order to improve the sense of the KJV English translation. Example:

Isa 40:22 - [It is] he that sitteth upon the circle of..

Manassites (*ma-nas'-sites*)
De 4: 43 and Golan in Bashan, of the *M'*. 4520
Jg 12: 4 Ephraimites, and among the *M'*. *4519
2Ki 10: 33 and the Reubenites, and the *M'*. 4520
mandrakes
Ge 30: 14 found *m'* in the field, and brought 1736
14 Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's *m'*. ..
15 thou take away my son's *m'* also? ..
16 with thee to night for thy son's *m'*. ..
16 have hired thee with my son's *m'*. ..
Os 7: 13 The *m'* give a smell, and our gates ..
maneh (*ma'-neh*)
Eze 45: 12 fifteen shekels, shall be your *m'*. 4488
manger
Lu 2: 7 clothes, and laid him in a *m'*; 5888
12 in swaddling clothes, lying in a *m'*. ..
16 and the babe lying in the *m'*. ..
manifest See also MANIFESTED.
Eo 3: 18 that God might *m'* them, and that*1305
Lu 8: 17 secret, that shall not be made *m'*; 5313
Joh 1: 31 he should be made *m'* to Israel, 5313
8: 21 that his deeds may be made *m'*. ..
9: 3 works of God should be made *m'*. ..

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- Italic words in brackets, [*word*], within Bible verses are the way the author shows added words that improve the reader's understanding. Example:

Psa 78:15 - He clave [*split*] the rocks...

- The KJV has the exact sense of personal pronouns as to person (first: speaker; second: one spoken to; third: one spoken about) and number (singular or plural).

PERSONAL PRONOUNS			
<i>(current usage in italics & parentheses)</i>			
PERSON	Singular	<NUMBER>	Plural
<u>Used as Subjects & Predicate Nominatives</u>			
1st	I		we
2nd	thou (<i>you</i>)		ye (<i>you</i>)
3rd	he, she, it		they
<u>Used as Objects (dir. obj., indir. obj., obj. of the prep.)</u>			
1st	me		us
2nd	thee (<i>you</i>)		you
3rd	him, her, it		them
<u>Used as Possessives</u>			
1st	my, mine ¹		our, ours
2nd	thy, thine ¹ (<i>your, yours</i>)		your, yours
3rd	his ² , her (<i>his, her, hers, its</i>)		their, theirs
¹ Also a change before vowels: a pear, but an orange: my pear, but mine orange; thy pear, but thine orange			
² <i>Its</i> had not been invented until the late 1600s, so <i>his</i> means <i>his</i> and <i>its</i> in KJV.			

If you read the following verses, you will likely find you know what modern pronouns to insert, and so know that you can interpret the KJV.

Exo 23:1 - _____ shalt not raise a false report: put not _____ hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. [*H used to be considered a vowel.*]

Exo 23:1 - Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

When Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:7b, “You must be born again,” He referred not just to Nicodemus, but to everyone in the context of the conversation because the pronoun is plural.

KJV - Ye must be born again.

You can see that the precision of the KJV pronouns is valuable for understanding.

- The KJV has a few different easy-to-understand verb forms:

VERB CONJUGATION			
<i>(current usage in italics & parentheses)</i>			
PERSON	Singular	<NUMBER>	Plural
<i>TO GO</i>			
1st	I go		we go
2nd	thou goest (<i>go</i>)		ye go
3rd	he, she, it goeth (<i>goes</i>)		they go
<i>TO BE</i>			
1st	I am		we are
2nd	thou art (<i>are</i>)		ye are
3rd	he, she, it is		they are

- The KJV is translated word for word (not meaning for meaning); therefore, the meaning of idioms (p. 172) is lost. **Mat 5:29-30**: “cut out your eye” and “cut off your hand” means stop it. Our idiom for stop it is “cut it out.”

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- With New Testament books in *italics*, the abbreviations for the Bible books used in the next part are

Act	<i>The Acts of the Apostles</i>	Josh	Joshua
1Chr	1st Chronicles	Lev	Leviticus
2Chr	2nd Chronicles	Mal	Malachi
1Cor	<i>1st Corinthians</i>	<i>Mat</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
2Cor	<i>2nd Corinthians</i>	Neh	Nehemiah
Deu	Deuteronomy	<i>2Pet</i>	<i>2nd Peter</i>
Ecc	Ecclesiastes	Prov	Proverbs
<i>Eph</i>	<i>Ephesians</i>	Psa	Psalms
Exo	Exodus	<i>Rev</i>	<i>Revelation of Jesus Christ</i>
Eze	Ezekiel	<i>Rom</i>	<i>Romans</i>
Gen	Genesis	1Sam	1st Samuel
<i>Heb</i>	<i>Hebrews</i>	2Sam	2nd Samuel
Isa	Isaiah	<i>1Tim</i>	<i>1st Timothy</i>
Jer	Jeremiah		

- The abbreviations of all Bible versions mentioned are

ASV	American Standard Version
DBY	Darby Translation
ESV	English Standard Version
(H)CSB	(Holman) Christian Standard Version
KJV	King James Version
NKJV	New King James Version
NASB	New American Standard Bible
HNV	Hebrew Names Version
NIV	New International Version
NLT	New Living Translation
RSV	Revised Standard Version
WEB	Webster's Bible
YLT	Young's Literal Translation

If you are unfamiliar with the Bible in any version, or are wanting more guidance before proceeding, see p. 167, Appendix A: How to Get God's Mind from God's Word.