

## I. Review

*Get the new look from the old Book,  
Get the new look from the Bible,  
The inward look,  
The outward look,  
The upward look,  
From the authorized Book!*

I want to talk to you about why we use the King James Bible. If you get last week, this week and next week, it is all laid out for you in the greatest two or three verses found in **Psalms 12:6-8**. **Two key verses (6-7) on how God has given you a perfect Bible, His pure word.** And the concept of the word of God being purified seven times in a furnace of earth. How many times I have seen people look at that and wonder what that meant. I am going to show you the concept of the word of God being purified seven times.

I showed you last week how God is perfect in all the works that He does (Deuteronomy 32:4). I also showed you in Bible numerology that **the number seven is God's perfect number** and how God uses that number in everything He does. I showed you how God uses nations in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. But He also uses men to bring about the Old Testament and the New Testament today. I gave you seven nations in the Old Testament and seven churches in the New Testament. God through these nations and the churches did exactly what Psalms 12 claims to be done. **The big picture of God's unfolding plan on earth to make sure you and I (in these later days) have the perfect, absolute, pure word of God in your lap today!**

## II. The Perfect Word of God – A King James 1611 Authorized Version

Today, I want to show you through Psalms 12:6-7 how you got your perfect Bible. If you are a young Christian or have only been here for a little while, you will want to get this last week, this week and next week. You will learn some things that are vitally important about why you have a perfect word of God. God did this through the number seven. How you get your perfect word, Psalms 12:6-7, in a King James 1611 Authorized Version.

6. *The words of the LORD [are] pure words: [as] silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*
7. *Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*
8. *The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted. (Psalms 12:6-8)*

As we lay this out, we never want to forget the infallible truth of history. All history is nothing more than God moving through His plan to accomplish what He wants to accomplish. Then the devil moving in opposition to stop that plan. You will find down through the Old Testament and the New Testament, that God's perfect word and His development of it, will be under constant attack. **There are two lines of Bibles in history. In the book of Acts, those two lines of Bibles come from three basic cities.** The constant attack will not only be by the world, but by God's people too.

### III. Three Major Universal Languages

Before we start, we need to lay out some groundwork and set a context of history to understand Psalms 12:6-8. As God moved through history and established a perfect word, He used three major languages that the world would look at today and call universal languages. Notice there were three of them. God's order of completion is the number three. You will find in history hundreds, if not thousands, of different languages and dialects. But God chose only three and set them apart as universal languages that are given to the world. **You have got to see this! He perfects the word of God through these three languages.** The world and higher education, including Christian education, will never agree to this. It doesn't matter what Bible scholars say or secular education says about what languages are universal or not. It only matters what God chose to be a universal language. **God is on the throne! In Daniel 2:21 it says He sets up kings and nations and languages and He uses them at His pleasure.**

History can be very complicated. I found out the dumber you are, the better off you are when it comes to God. The world and man want to educate you outside of God. In the secular world they got rid of God first, then they got rid of the Bible. In the Bible colleges, they got rid of the Bible first, then they got rid of God. This is the plight of so many of God's people today. This is why they don't have any understanding of the Bible that God has given them. God is on the throne. **When you look at history, it simply comes down into a three-phase format.** God's plan on earth through time would be:

- 1.) The Old Testament through the nation of Israel (Middle East).
- 2.) The early New Testament church (Europe).
- 3.) The final phase is the United States of America and the time we are living in.

#### ➤ Hebrew – 1<sup>st</sup> Universal Language

The first universal language that God set up was Hebrew. Zephaniah 3:8-9, God calls Hebrew a pure language. When God called the Jews out of Egypt, He established them as a nation in Exodus 12. In Genesis 14:13 the first mention of the word Hebrew. We talk about the Jews today, yet the word Jews does not show up until 2 Kings 16:6. We use those terms today, but we don't understand when and why they came into being. God established His nation (Isaiah 40:15) and there are no other nations that God cares about. God views all the other nations in the Old

Testament through His nation Israel. In the New Testament He views the people of the New Testament nations through the cross.

Their language was Hebrew and God gave His word to the known world through the nation of Israel and the language of His people in Hebrew. **Listen to me!** Never in the Old Testament or down through history was God's word found in any other language other than Hebrew. God looked at it and said it is universal as far as I am concerned. If any Gentile nation wanted to get a copy of the word of God, they had to get it in Hebrew, they had to come to the Jew. Secular and religious education totally reject this! They reject Israel as a world power. It makes no difference. God is still on the throne, and He is still running things. In the Old Testament any nation that wanted to find God, or find righteousness with God, had to come through the Jew. In I Kings 10 if they wanted to get His word; there is only one place and one language. The nation of Israel and the language is Hebrew.

### ➤ Greek – 2<sup>nd</sup> Universal Language

Fast forward history and time moves on. The world develops and is getting bigger. Things are moving from the nation of Israel going toward the Gentiles. We see the second universal language established through Alexander the Great with the Greek Empire. Around 330 BC we see that Alexander the Great had conquered the whole known world at that time. The Greek Empire and dynasty impacted the world so much, that even today college and university sorority names are always in Greek. At the first coming of Christ, the New Testament is given in the universal language of the known world at that point, which was Greek.

**There are two forms of the Greek language. The Classical Greek and the Koine.** The Classical Greek will be the Greek of the great philosophers like Aristotle, Socrates and Plato. The common language of the common man was Koine Greek. When your New Testament is written it is written in Koine Greek. The manuscript from which your King James Bible comes from down the line is written in Koine Greek.

The Roman Catholic Sinaiticus and Vaticanus out of the Vatican in Mt. Sinai, St Catherine's Monastery is in Classical Greek. Again, the only language at the first coming of Christ in the development of the early church in the New Testament, was the Greek language. It is the second universal language that God used.

God is getting ready to take His word to the Gentile world and He gives it now in the universal language of Greek coming from the Hebrews. Because God is finished with the Jew (at this point) and His plan is moving forward to the Gentiles. So, the second language and second step was Greek.

If people at that time around the world wanted to get God's perfect word, they had to learn Greek. The Greek texts goes down to the church of Antioch, Acts 11, and it gets developed as the world was changing. In God's plan He sets the nations on a course for the second coming of Christ, some two thousand years to come. We also see that it goes down through Alexandria, Egypt. In Alexandria, Egypt it gets corrupted in over 50,000 places and becomes the second line of Bibles which are corrupt.

In the next two thousand years God's plan is moving toward the Gentiles. Yet on His list of "To Do's" He has the regathering of Israel, the Zionist movement. He has in His plan, World War I and World War II. World War I got the land ready for the Jew and World War II got the Jew ready for the land in 1948. He is looking forward on His plan, the rapture of the church. He is looking then to the second coming as God fulfills the ultimate of His plan and moves into the millennium and eternity. God was moving toward a time when the world would have a need for a complete Bible (Old Testament and New Testament). Not just for individuals but to reach the world.

God begins to develop His third and final universal language (three is completion). A Bible complete and perfect that has been tried in the furnace of earth and purified seven times. When would the two testaments be combined into one book for the world? The answer to that is as soon as He had a perfect language for the whole world for the final phase of God's plan. There are three of them, remember? Old Testament through Israel (Middle East), Europe and then the world with America. Now we see the development of the English language. As the world becomes bigger and God begins to develop a perfect word for the world.

The early church New Testament was in Greek. In time as the nations grew and the world was changing, we see that the Bible was translated into many different languages from the Greek at that time. You have the Coptic Bible 100 AD, African Bible, Gothic Bible and Georgian Bible all within the first 300-400 years of Christianity that was coming off the Greek. There were a lot more! The two main ones that begin to come into play around 400-500 are the Old Syriac (Peshitto) 150 AD and the Latin Vulgate 157 AD. These were the two main Bible texts during the Dark Ages. There was no English yet. But the languages and nations were developing, and Greek was going off the scene. God is moving in history to His third universal language.

### ➤ English -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Universal Language

As the world developed, so did the languages. Around 500 AD you see the beginning of the English language. **The study of the development of the English language will be in three stages.** The first stage starts around 500 AD when you begin to see the dialects form and runs up to about 1100 AD. This is called Old English. It is totally unreadable. You and I would look at it and it would look like gibberish. This was used in England and south Scotland and called today Anglo-Saxon.

Around 1100-1450 AD we see English developed into Middle English. It is still very hard to read. We see that this begins to be spoken after the Norman Conquest in France after the Norman invasion. Then it develops from around 1500-1600 to Modern English or Elizabethan English. By 1603 AD it was at its purest form and highest peak. This is called Classical English. The reason why the plays of Shakespeare are such great literary works is because of the perfect English language of the day. It was the most eloquent and flowing, perfect language on earth. In 1915, Dr William Lyon Phelps, a professor of English at Yale University in 1900, wrote a book called Reading the Bible. It was published by The Macmillan House in New York. In pages 10 through 13 he says the King James 1611 is the most important and influential book in English literature. No English in all the world can equal that found in the King James 1611. Rather the

original text was inspired or not, I have never had any doubt in the divine inspiration of the Kings James 1611 Authorized Version. He recognized the language in which your King James 1611 was written was unparalleled in the world.

The English we use to today is in a very degenerate form. It is terrible. That is why trying to put the perfect word of God into the gutter language of man today, is such as distasteful thing.

There was a time when the English Bible and the language was in a perfect form and God began to develop **seven English translations** that ended in the King James 1611 Authorized Version. As English developed, we see God is developing the Bible through seven translations, purified in the furnace of earth, purified seven times. **Seven English translations that God brought in through history of the church to give man His perfect word in a common language.**

#### IV. A Nation to Take the Word of God to the Ends of the Earth

Now that God was getting ready to get a perfect Bible in a perfect language, God needed a nation that could take it to the ends of the earth. We see a great movement through Europe, but all the nations are landlocked and not seafaring nations. At the time that the King James Bible was being developed through these translations of the right text, there were only two seafaring nations in the world. England and Spain. Now you will see one of the greatest proof texts of what I just told you. How God is going to move, and the devil counter moves to stop it. God needed a nation to get His word out to the world. The island nation of England comes into play. A nation that spoke English in an almost perfect tense. Now we will see the two great battles in history. Again, God and the devil. **The first one is the battle for the Bible itself. Then the battle for England as the vehicle to get God's word out to the world.**

English history is very intense and complicated. For centuries England was under Roman Catholic control. From 1509-1547 you have a king that comes to the throne who is Henry VIII. What takes place with Henry VIII needs to be bolted together with the European Reformation under Luther that was already moving in 1517. You must see how God is using the both of them together. Henry VIII marries Catherine of Spain who is the daughter of the king of Spain. She can't give him a son and England was not ready for a female queen. She does give him a daughter, Mary. But he needs a son to be heir to the throne. So, Henry wants to divorce Catherine, but he needs the Pope's okay to get a divorce. Because England is Roman Catholic, Pope Clement VII says no, you can't have a divorce.

Philip of Spain is helping the Pope to kill all these Bible believing Christians through the inquisition of Spain and throughout Europe. He is not going to tick Philip off by giving Henry VIII a divorce. Henry decides to break with the Roman Catholic church and start his own church. An adviser to Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell says why don't you break with the Roman Catholic church and start your own. Then you can do whatever you want to do. So, Henry VIII sets up his own church and calls it the Church of England and gave himself his own divorce. He gets a divorce and Catherine goes into exile until she dies. Now he goes and marries Anne Boleyn. Again, no son, but another daughter, Elizabeth. She can't produce a son and Henry VIII has her beheaded in 1536. Then he marries Jane Seymour, and she gives birth to a son, Edward.

Jane dies shortly after giving birth to Edward. When Henry VIII dies, Edward takes over the throne, from 1547-1553. Six years later he dies, and Mary (daughter of Catherine) becomes queen of England. She is Roman Catholic, and she tries to bring England back under her father's rule. We know her as "Bloody Mary". She butchered every Christian she could get. She dies and Elizabeth (daughter of Anne Boleyn) takes the throne, and she breaks with the Roman Catholic church.

This is history's version of General Hospital. All this goofy stuff is going on, just like in the book of Esther. Yet God is behind the scenes and the goofy stuff means nothing. It is like America today; people get so worried about who is going to win the presidency. It doesn't matter! Don't miss the big picture of behind the scenes and what God is doing because of all the window dressing that the devil is throwing up at you.

After the captivity of 606 BC when the nation of Israel was on its way to apostasy and going into captivity, you may have had three bad kings and then two good kings, yet they still went into captivity. You know why? It didn't matter who came on the throne in Israel back then. **Listen to me! It didn't matter because God was finished with Israel (at that time). So, it doesn't matter who wins the presidency, God is finished with America.** The quicker you understand that the better off you will be.

### ❖ Three Phases in History & Seven Turning Points in History

**There are three phases to history, but there are seven turning points in the history of the world that the Bible has built itself around.** This is a great turning point. In 1588 Elizabeth is on the throne and England does not have a navy yet. The Spanish Armada is the most powerful fleet in the world, and they set out to take England and bring her back under Roman Catholic rule. The Spanish Armada heads up the English Channel and God sends the greatest typhoon that has ever been seen and it sinks the complete Spanish Armada. In one storm she ceased to exist as a powerful seafaring nation. Now there is only one left (England). Because where the word of a king is, there is power (Ecclesiastes 8:4). God is ready to bring the English language to a point and take it to the ends of the world by the only seafaring nation that spoke the last universal language in a perfect form, that had the perfect Bible. And the King James Bible finally gets finished.

You never want to pay attention to the political or religious junk that goes on. You always stay with the book because it is the only truth you have. **What you are seeing behind the scenes is God using it all to bring about His perfect word to the world through England and in the language of English.** As all this is playing out, the English language is developing in those three phases as the nation of Israel is developing. You will see the words of the Lord are pure words as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You will see this in seven English translations off the right Greek text out of Antioch. **In time God develops the King James 1611 Authorized Version. All out of England, all in English.**

## V. Seven English Translations:

### 1. 1392 Wycliffe Bible

Wycliffe put out the first English Bible. It was in Middle English. It came off the Old Latin text of the Waldensians, Albigensian and the Bible believers. Wycliff started a movement to give the English Bible to the ends of the earth and God's final phase

### 2. 1532 William Tyndale Bible

Tyndale was persecuted all his life for his English Bible. The Catholic church under cover, ordered three thousand copies of his Bible and once they got them, they burned and destroyed them. He was betrayed in 1535 and arrested. He was burned at the stake on October 6, 1536. As the flames began to engulf him, the last words out of his mouth were a prayer. It was, O Lord, open the king of England's eyes. Sixty-eight years later God answered that prayer when King James gave the decree with a King James 1611 Authorized Version to be done. God's hand in history. Even the scholars of England persecuted him for his English translation.

One time they were giving him all kinds of grief over his Bible, and he looks out the window and across the field there is a plowboy, plowing the field with a mule. He looks back at the scholars of England and says, someday that plowboy will know the Bible, God's perfect word better than all the scholars of England. You are that plowboy!

### 3. 1537 Coverdale Bible (Miles Coverdale)

The Coverdale Bible was the first complete Old Testament and New Testament into English. It became the official Bible of England at the time.

### 4. 1537 Matthew Henry Bible

This Bible was built on Tyndale's work and developed into an English Bible.

### 5. 1539 Coverdale Bible

This great English Bible was an updated Bible from his first one where he added a devotional writing on Psalms and the Anglican Book of Common Prayer.

### 6. 1560 Geneva Bible

Most historians tell you this was the most historically significant Bible in English preceding the King James Bible. This was the first English Bible in America brought here by the Pilgrims on the Mayflower in 1620. A powerful translation and widely accepted.

### 7. 1568 Bishop Bible

This English Bible was produced under the authority of the Church of England. It was one of the base sources of text of the coming of King James 1611.

These are the seven translations, purified seven times. Now we come to the eighth one which **eight is the number of new beginnings**. It is a new beginning not only for the Bible, but in 1603 James I of Scotland comes to the throne, and the **eighth one will be the King James 1611 English Bible, set to go to the ends of the earth. In God's perfect language, English**. We enter into the new beginning of New Testament Christianity, the Philadelphian church age. A church that you are told in Revelation 3:7-13 has the key of David. The church we refer to as the church of the open door that no man can shut. Why? Because they kept His word. In Revelation 3:7-13 you will notice that it starts in verse seven and goes seven verses. You can't get away from it.

**The King James Bible was started in 1604 and was finished in 1611. It took seven years. The same amount of time in 1 Kings 6:37-38 that it took to build the temple under Solomon.**

37. In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

38. And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which [is] the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. **So was he seven years in building it.** 1Kings 6:37-38

## VI. Seven Additions to the King James 1611

Along with that you will find that **the original 1611 went through seven additions**. These seven additions are not different translations. As the language developed so did weights and measures and other things that needed to be updated to get to that final form. **NO changes to the text.**

- 1) 1613 Added the Apocrypha
- 2) 1644 Added a preface on the consistency of the Bible
- 3) 1676 Cambridge added parallel texts like your study Bible
- 4) 1680 Ushers Chronology
- 5) 1701 Added table of references in the back of your Bible
- 6) 1767 Final verification
- 7) 1769 Final edition with weights and measures, up to modern standards

This is the complete perfect word of God, purified seven times in the universal language of English for the second coming of Christ. When the King James Bible came out it opened up a new era of Christianity. The Roman Catholic church was gone for the most part, and the world was wide open (open door). All because a new beginning in Christianity. Because that Bible had come through seven purifications and the final form was a new beginning.



## VII. Summary

*Verse 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

Next week I will show you how God kept His word perfect and preserved it for us without any error.

*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalms 119:89*

The last thing I want to give you is in Jeremiah 23. None of the things I gave you today had anything to do with scholarship or the original manuscripts or the Greek or Hebrew. Other than showing you how God developed it through three universal languages. This is Bible history based on God's seven phases of history and His three turning points.

*19. Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ*

**Notice the word "whirlwind". This is Christ coming back at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ in a whirlwind to pronounce judgment on the wicked.**

*20. The anger of the LORD (2<sup>nd</sup> coming) shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.*

The second coming of Christ is not coming until God has given you a book that has the desires of His heart that you can consider it perfectly. You have that book in your lap this morning, if you have a King James 1611 Authorized Version.

**Your King James Bible is the final, perfect form of the thoughts of His heart.** We have seen it all through Psalms and talked about it a million times. **Us getting God's heart, His heartbeat.** How do you do that? **You do it through a perfect book that God has given us, and you can consider it perfectly.** No degrees needed, no PhD's, no doctor or scholar or higher education. **Just a perfect heart that wants to learn God's perfect book and God will give you the rest.**

Next week, I will show you how that book was preserved, to keep it from being corrupted.....