

Sunday School:

*Trustworthy
Translations*

How We Got Our Bibles

Goal of this class:

- To have a firm and real trust that what is in our Bibles is God's accurate Words.
- To understand the preservation and diligence that went into the translation of the English Bible

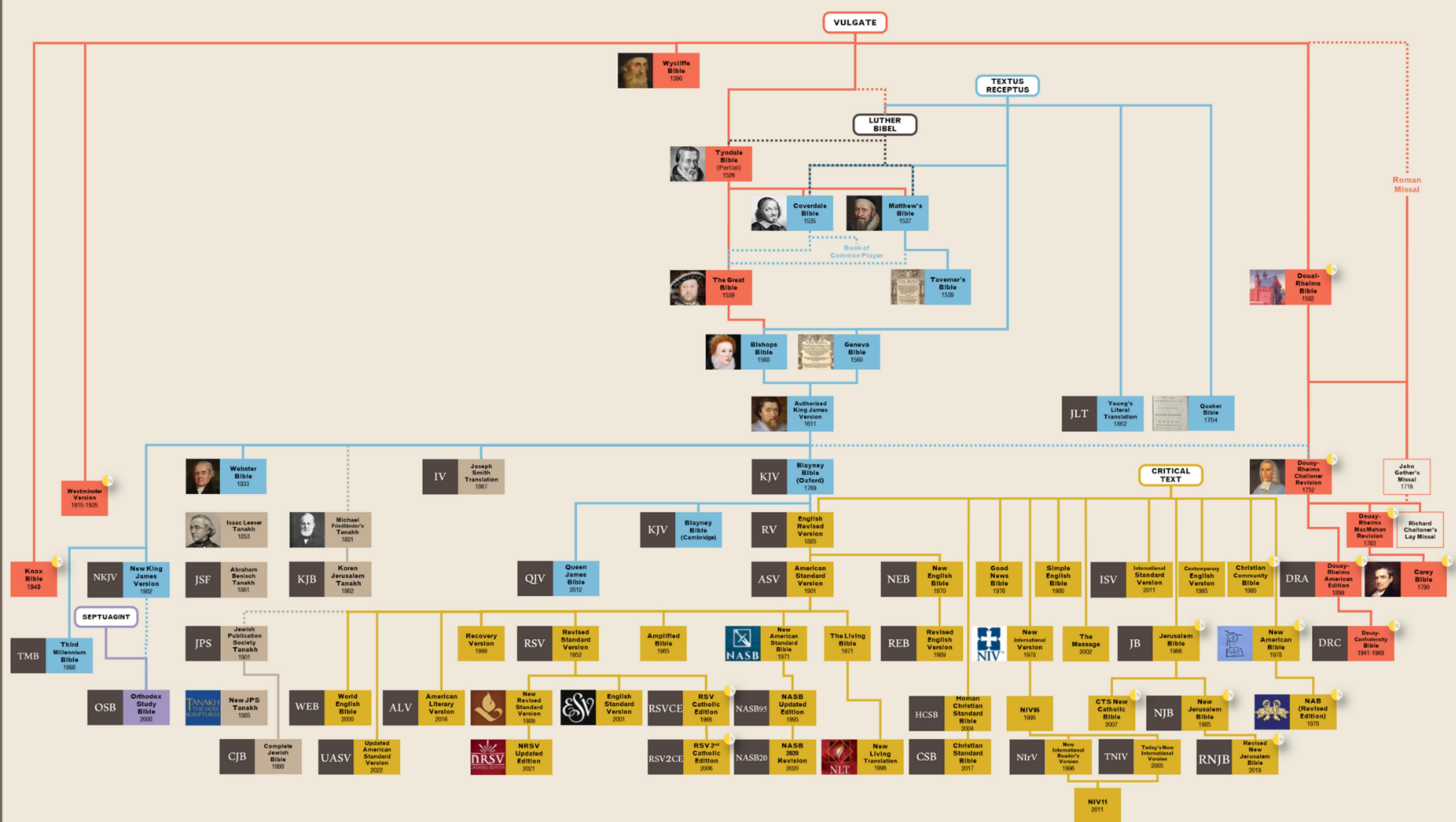
Today's Goal:

Translations

- Translation Charts
- Literal?
- Transliteration

Field Work

- Is it easy to interpret scripture?



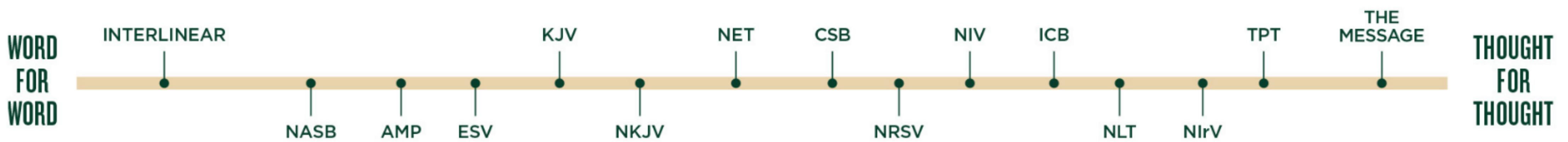
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elementum
id aliquet
na ferment-
tellus cras
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Translation Families and Charts

BIBLE TRANSLATION CONTINUUM

Bible translations shown in the top half of the chart are original translations directly from ancient languages to English.

Versions shown below the line began with the English text of another Bible translation.



WORD-FOR-WORD

LITERAL OR FORMAL EQUIVALENT

is the process of converting words or text
from one language into another.

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

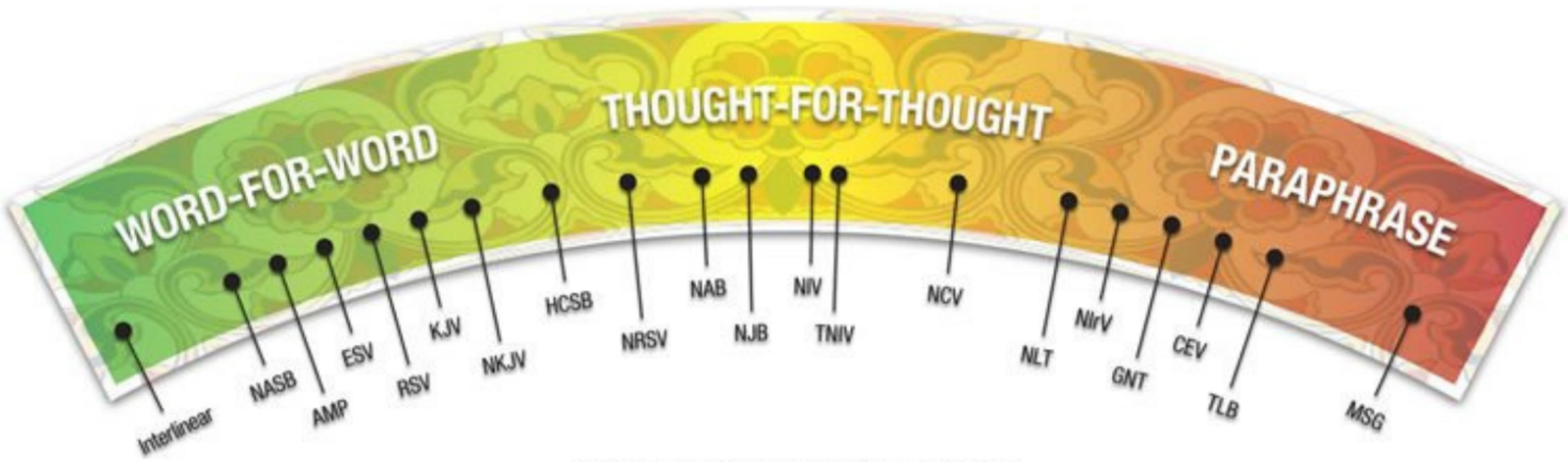
DYNAMIC OR FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT

is expressing the meaning of a text or passage
using other words.

All versions of the Bible use a mix of both philosophies in an effort to produce a Bible that is both accurate and clear to the reader.

Translation Families and Charts

Types of Bible Translations



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NKJV - New King James Version

HCSB - Holman Christian Standard Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NIV - New International Version
TNIV - Today's New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation

NirV - New International Reader's Version
GNT - Good News Translation
(also Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
MSG - The Message

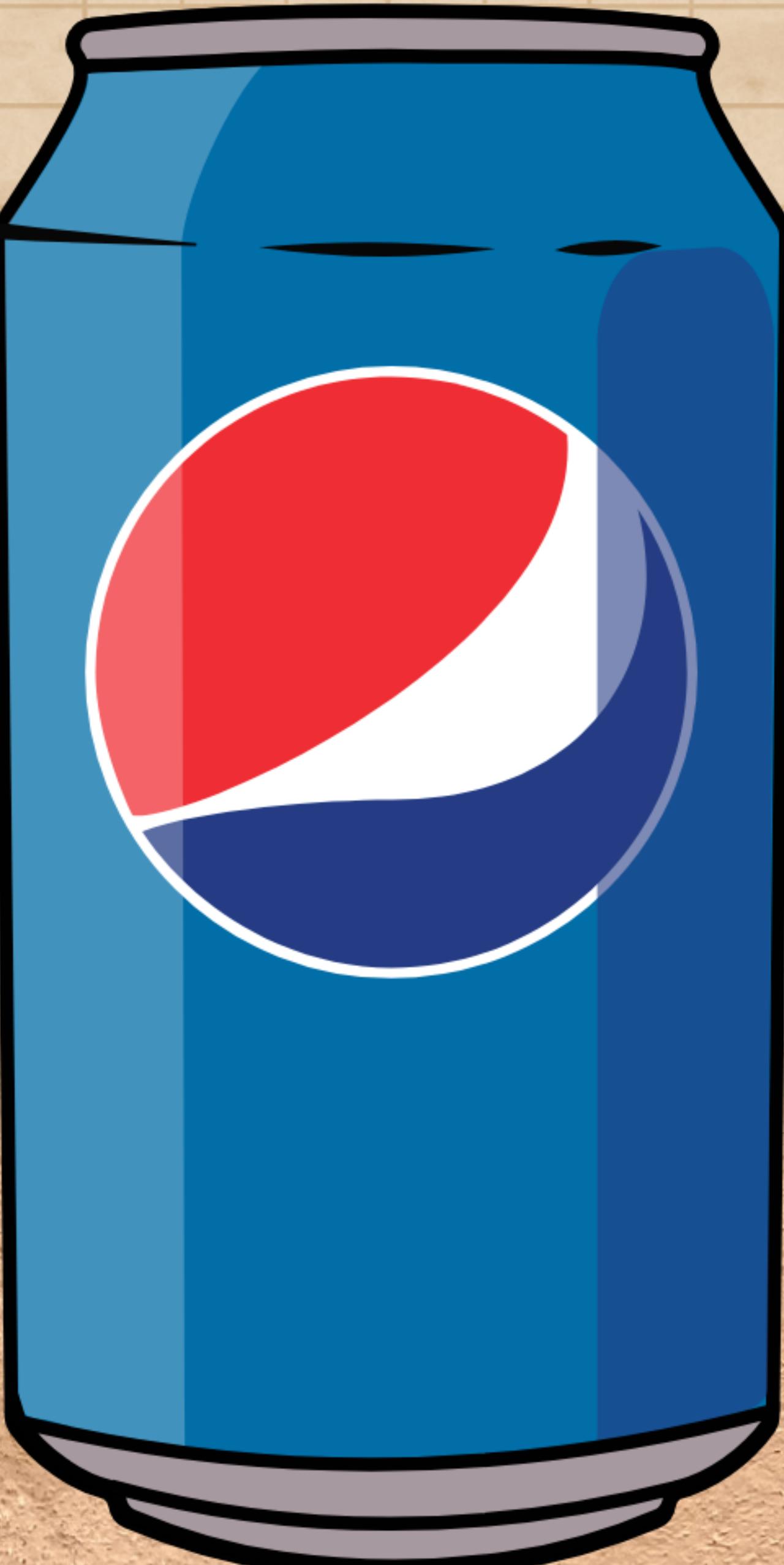
The Goal of Translation Work:

To create an accurate and understandable reading in another language (foreign or modern).

What is this?

What words

come to mind?



Why be concerned with Hebrew and Greek?

So, we should thank God for scholars who study the original languages, words essential to the foundation of The Church. When Scripture says, “It is written,” remember: the original languages are the well from which we draw the living water of God’s Word.

Language Translation

בראשית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ

Be resit bara Elohim 'et hassmyim wa'et ha'res

In the beginning, God created the
heavens and the earth.

Be resit

Language Translation

בראשית

1. what is first, the beginning, i.e., the initiation of an action, process, or state of being
2. the beginning, first of time, i.e., a point of time which is the beginning (non prior) in a duration
3. best, choice, i.e., that which is superior in value to all others in the same class or kind
4. firstfruit, i.e., the first portion of something which has been set aside in dedication and offering to God , note: for focus on the firstfruit as a food, see also domain

Transliterated Words:

Baptism-Baptizo-To dip

Save-Sozo-

Christ-Christos

Messiah-Meisiah—Anointed One

Chrsitian- Christianos- party of the anointed

Apostle-ápóstoloV/ apostolos-Sent ones

Sabbath-sabbat/shabbâth-Day of Rest

Decan-diákonoV/diakonos-servant

Can you think of any other words you know that are only transliterated?

1 Timothy 4:10

For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. --ESV

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. --NKJV

For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

--NRSV

1 Timothy 4:10

It is difficult to decide between ὄνειδιζόμεθα, which is supported by N D L P most minuscules it vg copsa, goth arm eth Origen Ambrosiaster al, and ἀγωνιζόμεθα, which is read by N* A C Fgr Ggr K Ψ 33 88 104 326 442 915 1175 1245 1518 1611 1874 al. A majority of the Committee preferred the latter, partly because it has slightly better attestation and partly because it seems better suited to the context.

te odio. Sed elementum id aliquet na fermentellus cras is ut diam iam phasel met dictum er sit amet eugiat nibh t duis tris auris nunc i fames ac l mauris. At

JOHN 6:47



Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth **on me** hath everlasting life.



Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.



Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.



Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.



Truly I tell you, anyone who believes has eternal life.



I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.



John 6:47

6:47 πιστεύων(pistuon) {A}

The addition of εἰς ἐμέ(in/on me) as the object of the verb "believe" was both natural and inevitable; the surprising thing is that relatively many copyists resisted the temptation. If the words had been present in the original text, no good reason can be suggested to account for their omission. The reading of the Old Syriac has been assimilated to the text at

14:1.

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Mark 11:26—And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

11:26-omit verse {A}

Although it might be thought that the sentence was accidentally omitted because of homoeoteleuton, its absence from early witnesses that represent all text-types makes it highly probable that the words were inserted by copyists in imitation of Mt 6:15.

Malachi 2:16

כִּי-שָׁנָא נְשָׁלַח אָמֵר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשָׁרָאֵל וּכְסֶה חַמֵּס עַל־לִבְוָשָׂו אָמֵר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת
וְגַם מִרְאַתְּכֶם בְּרוּמָתְכֶם וְלֹא תִּבְגֹּדְוּ

Ki sane salad amar yahweh elohe yisrael wa kissah

**hamas al le busow amar yahweh sebaowt wa nismartem
beruhakem wa lo thibgodu**

For that he hates divorce says

Yahweh God of Israel??

What to do when you come to a passage with a *note in it:

1. Search for why the *note is there
2. See if a commentary says anything about the note
3. You can always buy a textual commentary
4. Ask for help or resources
5. Dig deep and see if the word contains multiply meanings

General Questions:

- Which Bible translation is best?
- Which Translation should I use?
- Which Bible translation does Garden Chapel use?
- Because we have different words for different verses, does that mean the Bible is imperfect?
- Why do we say the originals texts are infallible in our Doctrine?
- Where can I go to see the old manuscripts?
- How can I learn more about this?