

English Standard Version (ESV)

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Hazel,

Greetings in our beloved Jesus!

I briefly checked out the ESV Bible as requested and it is refreshing to see that they want to give us a Word-for-Word Translation. As you know this is the **“only acceptable”** way to translate The Eternal and Always Present Culturally Relevant GOD-BREATHED WORD!

The ESV Story...Timeless...Trustworthy...True.

How long did it take to translate the ESV Bible?

Would you believe it took nearly 500 years to translate the ESV Bible? That’s because the ESV [builds on the great translations of the past](#)—including William Tyndale’s New Testament of 1526 and the King James Version (KJV) of 1611.

But the ESV Bible also builds on the best Christian scholarship of the last 100 years. The result is a fresh and compelling Bible translation with a timeless quality, that’s trustworthy and true.

That’s why the ESV “sounds like” the Bible—with the kind of beauty, clarity, and dignity that we love to hear and read. That’s also why the ESV retains the Bible’s rich imagery and theological words—words like grace and justification and salvation—that are essential to our faith.

The result is a Bible that conveys the **timeless quality** of God’s Word and that remains **trustworthy and true** to the original words breathed out by God. As Moses wrote more than 3,000 years ago, the words of God are “your very life, and by this word you shall live” (Deuteronomy 32:47).

There is a problem, however with this translation. These people are *“not able”* to forsake or cut their ties with the Liberal Humanistic Rationalism...**“Has GOD indeed said”** (Genesis 3:1) which has infiltrated the Christian Community...especially the Academic Secular and/or Biblical Mind!

Because of this undeserved reverence and loyalty towards this scholarship for the past 100 to 200 years this currant ESV Translation still leaves out about 15% of Scripture and *“brackets”* genuine Scripture as suspect.

Scripture cannot be broken:

Is the Hand of Providence evident?

These Liberal Scholars and Textual Critics over the past 150 to 200 years when building their pure text chose two manuscripts which were not only hopelessly mutilated and in disagreement with each other, but were far from complete... missing entire books of the Bible. It is actually quite remarkable that when the dust settled and they came up with the final draft of the New Testament, this current pure text (NU Critical Text) was almost exactly the same (except for about 15%) as the Authorized Text they wanted to discard.

In fact when they originally published their Revised English Edition, it lasted only for a few decades and then went into disuse. To resurrect it a shift in translating was introduced. This translation shift is what we now know as dynamic equivalence.

Bracketing Scripture:

What can possibly be so wrong with bracketing genuine Scripture?

The thing most detrimental to this edition is not simply the missing scripture. No matter how much the Devil has tried, through textual revision since the beginning of time, GOD has ***“not allowed”*** the main body of SCRIPTURE to be mutilated... ***“Scripture cannot be broken”*** (John 10:35).

And with out the actual WORD we would never be condemned for our sins in the Judgement in the Last Day... ***“He who rejects Me and does not receive My Words has that, which judges him. The Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day”*** (John 12:48).

What is most deadly, however, is the subtlety of the effect bracketing of genuine Scripture has on faith!

It seems Almighty GOD has allowed Satan to present us with doubt. Doubt is no small thing... ***“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord...a double souled man unstable in all his ways”*** (James 1:6-8).

If the Scripture is bracketed how can we possibly put our ***“full”*** trust in it as GOD-BREATHED?

For your benefit, Hazel, I have pulled these ***“double”*** bracketed Scriptures off the new ESV Bible exactly as presented and you decide whether or not you could put your full trust in them as GOD-BREATHED SCRIPTURE!

ESV: John 7:53-8:12

[The earliest manuscripts do not include 7:53–8:11.] [\[1\]](#)

The Woman Caught in Adultery

53 [[They went each to his own house, 8:1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”]]

Footnotes (John 7:53-8:11)

[\[1\]](#) 7:53 Some manuscripts do not include 7:53–8:11; others add the passage here or after 7:36 or after 21:25 or after Luke 21:38, with variations in the text

ESV: Mark 16:8-20

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[Some of the earliest manuscripts do not include 16:9-20.] [\[1\]](#)

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

9 [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

Jesus Appears to Two Disciples

12 After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

The Great Commission

14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.]]

Footnotes (Mark 16:9-20)

[1] 16:9 Some manuscripts end the book with 16:8; others include verses 9-20 immediately after verse 8. A few manuscripts insert additional material after verse 14; one Latin manuscript adds after verse 8 the following: *But they reported briefly to Peter and those with him all that they had been told. And after this, Jesus himself sent out by means of them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.* Other manuscripts include this same wording after verse 8, then continue with verses 9-20

Footnote clarification:

Some of the earliest manuscripts in Mark 16:9-20...means the two parents, Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. The portion in John 7:53-8:11 is also missing in these two.

Alternate readings of Mark’s ending...“*But they reported briefly to Peter and those with him all that they had been told. And after this, Jesus himself sent out by means of them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation*”...were never accepted in the overall Christian Community. Error and/or heresy intentionally or unintentionally tolerated, is not even worth mentioning as having any consideration.

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These ESV Scholars, like their predecessors, seem to have overlooked the policy of Lectionary procedure incorporated into copied manuscripts. What this means is that certain portions were taken out of the Scriptures and used as Sunday Readings as well as for Special Occasions. Some times notations were made on the copied manuscripts and to indicate this some Scriptures were omitted or entered in the wrong places. To correct this error, God has granted thousands of literary New Testament Witnesses with which to compare.

These ESV Biblical Scholars have to be commended for braking away from Dynamic Equivalence, but sadly are still somewhat blinded by the overall Humanistic Rationalism of Liberal Textual Criticism of what is...is not Scripture!

Possibly their allegiance is because if they deny this statement...**“But the ESV Bible also builds on the best Christian scholarship of the last 100 years,”** they will also have to deny and/or possibly renounce their own personal degrees and accomplishments...**“How can you believe, who receive honor form one another and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God”** (John 5:44)

I rejoice exceedingly, however, to see that they do want to honor GOD and HIS HOLY SCRIPTURE to translate **“what was said”** and **“not”** interpret **“what was meant”**... Hallelujah!

Because they use a somewhat (approximately 15%) defective manuscript and bracket Genuine Scripture, in good conscience for a mass-produced contemporary English Bible I am compelled to recommend the NKJ over this version.

No Doubt Whatsoever!

There is absolutely no doubt that these double-bracketed portions in Mark and John are **“genuine”** Scripture. Even though they are missing in the two parents, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, GOD has not permitted them to be cut out of the main body of the current NU Critical Text, only bracketed.

The reason they are bracketed is due to the permission granted the revision attempts of Satan and his creation of Humanistic Rationalism...**“Has GOD indeed said”**...which the Academic Biblical Community **“blindly”** adopted as Empirical Science.

Why Would GOD Permit Doubt?

The answer possibly lies with the purpose for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and why it was ever planted into the center of the garden with the Tree of Life.

GOD wants our devotion and trust based on the free-will choice of faith and not on reason!

Love and blessings,

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