

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read...” – Isaiah 34:16

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## Introduction

In a recent study, we looked at some things in the book of the LORD concerning women. Eventually, we came to the question... Who is the absolutely most important woman in the bible? Can you guess? Is it Mary, the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:14)? How about Eve, the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20)? Or is it Sarah, the mother of all those that have been made free (Galatians 4:21-31)?

Based on the scriptures, I would venture to say that the most important “woman” in the bible is ... .. wisdom.

Wisdom is **the principal** thing... (Proverbs 4:7)

**She** is more precious than rubies: and **all** the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto **her**. (Proverbs 3:15)

Of course, wisdom (true wisdom) is to be found ONLY in the book of the LORD – in English, that book is the King James Bible, which God has given to the English-speaking world for these last days. There are other “women” by the same “name” (“wisdom”) ... but they are what God calls “strange women”. In that regard, we might think of some obvious examples such as: the Bhagavat Gita, the Koran, the Watchtower, the Book of Mormon, or any of a slew of other religious or philosophical books or writings. But, do we also think of the more subtil examples ... modern “bible” versions that are “strange” to those who know and love God’s book (the KJB)? Consider just a couple things God has to say about strange women...

Proverbs 22:14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

Proverbs 23:33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

1 Kings 11:1-10 In this we see that ... “Solomon loved many strange women” (v1); of whom the LORD had warned that “Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after strange gods” (v2); which is exactly what happened – “his wives turned away his heart” (v3,4).

I know some people personally (I having been one of them for a time in the past), who have loved many “strange women” – many modern versions; almost

completely abandoning the wife of their youth (wisdom – the KJB). Now that I’ve put those “strange women” away and have returned and cleaved unto the one woman that God has given to me (wisdom – the KJB), I can see all the outward adorning and enticements of those “strange women” for what they are; and they have become ...repulsive... to me. I hope and pray that the same is (or will become) true of you too. Let us learn to know the voice of “wisdom” – the voice of God’s word (the KJB), and to be able to recognize anything that comes from some other “strange woman’s” mouth. In this vein, consider these words from Nehemiah 13...

v26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

Let us be like those of whom Jesus spake in John 10...

v4... the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

v5... a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

The KJB is “wisdom” in print ... and is **the principal** thing. The sum total of all the things that we can ever desire are not to be compared unto her. Notice *in modern versions* how wisdom is *not* the principal thing, and though nothing (individually) can be compared to her, the sum total of all things maybe *could* be...

KJB	ESV: a strange woman...
Prov 4:7 Wisdom is <b>the principal</b> thing...	The beginning of wisdom is this...
Prov 3:15 <b>all</b> the things ... are not to be compared unto her.	nothing ... can compare with her.

## Pronounce it Right

Judges 12:6

Regarding the purity of God’s words, God has promised to keep and to preserve his words (versus losing them or letting them be corrupted or perverted). Modern version producers deny this, claiming ...

“God has nowhere promised an inerrant transmission of Scripture” (The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy; Exposition; Transmission and Translation)

I used “Chiller” font here, since it should be ...chilling... to read such perverted judgment pronounced by men upon God’s word.

Consider just one example of how they word-engineer their modern versions, so as to support their claim. (This would be a case of a logical fallacy called circular reasoning – changing the words so as to eliminate a promise, then using the changed words as a basis for claiming that the promise was not made.)

First, the **KJB** – **God’s** word; Pronounced **Right**  
Psalms 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.  
Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Now, here’s an example of how Chicago Statement aficionados change the words in one of their versions...

ESV – man’s word; pronounced wrong:

The words of the LORD are pure words, ~~as like~~ silver ~~tried refined~~ in a furnace ~~of earth on the ground~~, purified seven times. ~~Thou shalt keep them~~ You, O LORD, will keep them; ~~thou you~~ shalt ~~preserve them~~ will guard us from this generation ~~for ever~~ forever.

In this representative example of modern versions, the ESV producers changed God’s promise to preserve his words for ever ... to a promise to guard us forever. This is how it’s done: they make changes such as this to eliminate God’s promise to preserve his words for ever... and then make the aforementioned claim that ... .. “God has nowhere promised an inerrant transmission of Scripture.” Their change in this example *sounds* good (that God “*will guard us*”), but it changes the meaning and thus perverts God’s words. Consider, therefore, what God has to say to people such as them...

... ye have perverted the words of the living God...

Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you...and cast you out of my presence:

And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

(Jeremiah 23:36, 39, 40)

Will they lose their salvation? No, because salvation is eternal. If these words apply to them, then they were never saved to begin with; in which case they will hear these additional words...

Ye are of your father the devil... (John 8:44)

I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:23)

But to every saved person, God has promised...

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.  
(Hebrews 13:5)

Let me leave off this section with this thought (posed as a question)... What saved person would want to read a corrupt modern version produced by unsaved children of the devil, whom Jesus never knew? There are many who just don’t know, so I may need to clarify by adding one word to the question... What saved person would knowingly want to continue reading such versions – i.e., after they come to the knowledge of the truth?

## **Science Snippet**

1 Timothy 6:20

God’s word (and thus God himself) has been criticized at times for supposedly being “ignorant” of science. For example, in the book of the LORD (the KJB), Jesus referred to Jonah, saying...

... as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly... (Matthew 12:40)

A one-time claim of critics (I know, I know; this is the Science Snippet, not the Critics’ Corner: but the two are not unrelated)... a one-time claim of “scientists” ... was that a whale can’t swallow a person because its throat is too small. When a couple whales were since noted to be at least theoretically capable (e.g., the sperm whale), the claim changed to that of whales not actually being “fish” (as it is called in Jonah). So, Jesus, not having an understanding of “science” like we do today, ignorantly said “whale” when either (1) a whale would be hard pressed to swallow a man, or (2) a whale is a mammal; not a fish. Thus, Jesus must not have meant a “whale” ... i.e the KJB is in “error” by using the word “whale” – and needs to be corrected by the critics (i.e., the KJB is not the book of the LORD as those such as me proclaim it to be).

May I just say this? ... that God is a lot smarter than the sum total of all “scientists” that have ever lived. And, God’s word goes far beyond the narrow limitations of mens’ minds. God is not under the authority of modern “scientific” taxonomy... nor is his word subject to man-made taxonomic rules. God has far more extensive and interrelated purposes for each and every word he uses in his book; be it for “numbers” or “pronouncing it right” or for knowledge and understanding and wisdom (true “science” being far more than the delimitations of

“biology, chemistry, and physics” such as we might think of today when we hear the word “science”).

For example, the very word “whale” (including plural and possessive forms thereof) occurs exactly four times (4x) in the KJB. (I know, I know; this is the Science Snippet, not the Numbers Nugget [just made that up]: but the two are not unrelated). Might there be a very important purpose for God using that word (whale) that number of times?

Getting to the point now, who is it (?) that thinks God has to mean Orcas or Blue Whales or such, or that God is not allowed to classify whales as fish? Did you ever hear the term “whale of a tale”? The word “whale” is easily understandable by anyone but a modern “scientist” or “critic” as referring generally to something very large. Critics – those critical of God using “whale” to refer to a great fish – are just looking for something with which they can criticize God so as justify their own unbelief. They want his word to be wrong, so they look for things that they can “spin” as being “wrong” with the KJB. But God’s use of the word “whale” is not so limited as the narrow-minded critics want it to be. We see God defining his own words without any need for help from “scientists” ...

Jonah 1:17 Now the LORD had prepared a **great fish** to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the **fish** three days and three nights.

Matthew 12:40 ...Jonas was three days and three nights in the **whale**'s belly...

God is, indeed, simply defining “whale” in the context of his word (“in the volume of the book”) as being a “great fish”. We don’t need taxonomists trying to cause confusion by claiming that God doesn’t understand modern-day taxonomy.

Modern version text critics must have thought that Carolus Linnaeus (the “father of modern taxonomy”) knew more than God; and so, in their ESV for example, they eliminated “whale” altogether, and used in its place...

	KJB	→	ESV
Genesis 1:21	<del>whales</del>	→	sea creatures
Job 7:12	<del>whale</del>	→	sea monster
Ezekiel 32:2	<del>whale</del>	→	dragon
Matt 12:40	<del>whale</del>	→	great fish

We all know (I’m sure) that modernly taxonomized “whales” actually are “mammals”... but it is important to recognize that God (who created them) knew it long before Carolus Linnaeus or any modern “scientists” classified them as such. God, in referring to “great fish”

and “whales” as “sea monsters” in one place, has already told us so, saying as a simple fact that...

Lamentations 4:3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones...

And so here is where I’m leading to with all of this talk of whales and great fish and sea monsters... The aforementioned text critics don’t seem to like the fact that God already knew that whales are mammals (or, they didn’t want their modern version users to know that God already knew this?)... So, even though they used “sea monster” elsewhere (in Job, for example), they felt the need to change “sea monsters” in this verse to some sort of land-animal that they knew to be a mammal ...

KJB → ESV (NKJV too)  
Lamentations 4:3 ~~sea monsters~~ → jackals

And I ask... Really? Jackals? Maybe they believe in evolution and think that jackals evolved from sea monsters, and in that sense think of “jackals” as being a synonym for “sea monsters”? It would be laughable if it wasn’t so sad... sad, in that there are so many believers who, using modern versions instead of the book of the LORD, have to deal not only with jackals, but also with a marred image of Jesus Christ. Let us be sure to never ever be swayed by anything a critic (of any form or degree) might say. Let us believe – and keep – the words of the living God.

### Critics’ Corner

Jeremiah 23:36, 2 Corinthians 2:17

Referring back to Psalms 12:6-7 in the “Pronounce it Right” segment above, and in particular the example of how the ESV text critics change the word of God to conform it to their own liking... let’s look at just one of their changes... ~~tried~~ refined. It is true that God, in his book, uses these two words, along with the words “fine” and “melt”, in a way that helps to define their meaning in the context of his written word. But the subject of Psalms 12:6-7 is “the words of the LORD” ... and with Jesus being the Word made flesh, we should trust the word he uses in each and every location as being the perfect word (and the necessary word, Job 23:12) for a right understanding of all the words “in the volume of the book”...

...I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. (Job 23:12)

Psalms 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried... (2 Samuel 22:31)  
→ Jesus saith...I am the way... (John 14:6)

→Psalms 40:7...in the volume of the book it is written of me... (, Hebrews 10:7)

1 John 2:5...whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected...

Proverbs 2:8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

Proverbs 22:12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psalms 12:7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

It is only if we keep his words that we have even the possibility of...

...having perfect understanding of all things from the very first... (Luke 1:3)

If, instead, a person knowingly chooses his own words to replace God's, or knowingly chooses to use modern versions that corrupt and pervert the word of the LORD (2 Corinthians 2:17, Jeremiah 23:36), God would say that he has ...

...lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. (Deuteronomy 32:15)

And God's pronouncement of judgment upon such is...

...them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. (1 Samuel 2:30)

## Numbers Nugget

Psalms 71:15

(Do you like the cute addition of the word "nugget" to the title of this section?)

As noted above, the word "whale" occurs **four** times (**4x**) in the book of the LORD.

And God created great whales... (Genesis 1:21)

Am I a sea, or a whale...? (Job 7:12)

[T]hou art as a whale in the seas... (Ezekiel 32:2)

Jonas was ... in the whale's belly... (Matthew 12:40)

As has been noted in prior newsletters (and study notes), the number **4** has a strong relationship to Jesus Christ, and the number **11** has a strong relationship to "understanding" ... so it is interesting to observe that **11x11** equals **121**, which are the numbers we see in Genesis **1:21**.

For the math geek (if there is any such that reads these newsletters)... when dividing the numbers in the other three verses by the number 11, the remainder is – in all

three cases – an infinitely-repeating 727272... or 272727...

$$712 \div 11 = 64.727272\dots$$

$$322 \div 11 = 29.272727\dots$$

$$1240 \div 11 = 112.727272\dots$$

...where the number **2** could refer to Jesus as the **2<sup>nd</sup>** name given in 1 John 5:7 pertaining to the Godhead (the Father, **the Word**, and the Holy Ghost).

Notice the numbers in that verse (**1 John 5:7**) also, interestingly, have the same infinitely-repeating remainder when divided by 11...

$$157 \div 11 = 14.272727\dots$$

...and the number **7** of course relates to perfection; and pertaining to Jesus, we read in **1 John 3:5** that "in him is no sin." So, I wonder what the numbers of that verse (135) are when divided by 11?

$$135 \div 11 = 12.272727\dots$$

So, the word "whale" in God's book may point toward ...

- Jesus himself (four [**4**] occurrences of "whale")
- A really deep understanding (**11x11**)
- Jesus as the Word (the number **2**)
- Jesus as without sin (the number **7**)
- Jesus' written word being infinitely perfect
  - **272727**... or **727272**...

And note that ...

- The **4<sup>th</sup>** occurrence of "whale" refers to Jesus specifically, as being three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
- The first and the last of the 4 occurrences of "whale" (Genesis 1:21 and Matthew 12:40) refer to Jesus as the Creator, and Jesus as the Redeemer.
  - I am the first and the last (Revelation 1:17)

How much corruption actually occurs when modern version text critics change God's words to their own liking? I would venture to say it is far more of a corruption than we can ever even imagine.

Let us not be "as many, which corrupt the word of God." (2 Corinthians 2:17)

## Quote to Note

To "circle back" (a recently popularized term) to the beginning of this newsletter, and to keep this section short and sweet, the quote that I would like to note is that from Proverbs 4:7 (4=Jesus, 7=perfect) referring to the volume of Jesus' book, which in its entirety is perfect (that book being, in English, the King James Bible, which is personified as wisdom)...

Wisdom is **the principal** thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

## **Recipe Share**

Recently, I was reminded of a summertime picnic-type recipe that my mother used to take each year to her family reunion out in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Everybody there raved over it, and those who recently brought it back to my remembrance raved over it as well. So, without further ado...

Oh, well, you know that there is going to be at least a *little* further ado. With the number 7 pertaining to perfection, and the perfection of the KJB (purified seven times – Psalms 12:6-7), it would seem apropos to share the recipe for ... Seven-Layer-Salad (though the actual number of layers depends on what you might consider to constitute the layers)...

### **Seven-Layer-Salad**

In a straight-sided bowl, 24 hours ahead, put the following (seven) layers

- 1 shredded head of lettuce
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 can (8 ounce) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 2 packages uncooked freezer peas
- { 1 pint mayonnaise }
- { 1 tea-spoon sugar }
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese

Before serving, garnish with the following

- ½ pound bacon strips, fried & crumbled
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 3 tomatoes cut in wedges

Yield: 12 servings

## **Wrap-up**

The “Quote to Note” pretty much says it all. Don’t look to anything but God’s book – the KJB.

Anything else ... whether modern versions that falsely claim to be “holy” bibles, or other books of so-called self-help, or other philosophies, or other religious writings, or other opinions just in general ... is wisdom that:

...descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. (James 3:15)

But (referring to God’s book – the KJB)...

...the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. (James 3:17)