

## Quick Glance Bible Translation Guide

Version	Abbr.	English	Origin Yr	Derivation	Update	Philosophy	Reliability	Pros	Cons
King James Version	KJV	Oxford	1769	1611 AV	-	word-for-word	Good	Good translation	Not Easy to read
New King James Version	NKJV	Modern	1982	1769 KJV	-	word-for-word	Good	Maintains accuracy	Uses an older Greek translation
New International Version	NIV	Contemporary	1978	A new work	-	thought-for-thought	Moderate	Easy to read	Interpretation vice translation
American Standard Version	ASV	Modern	1901	1885 RV	-	word-for-word	Good	Good translation	Not widely available
New American Standard Bible	NASB	Contemporary	1995	1901 ASV	-	word-for-word	Excellent	Most accurate english translation	Sometimes not free-flowing
Amplified Bible	AMP	Modern	1965	1901 ASV	1987	word-for-word amplified	Good	Valuable study tool	Alternate words are suggestive
Revised Standard Version	RSV	Modern	1962	1901 ASV	1971	combo of wfw and tft	Good	Good balance of translation	Hard to find
English Standard Version	ESV	Contemporary	2001	1971 RSV	N/A	word-for-word	Good	Good balance of translation	Nothing substantive
The Living Bible	TLB	Contemporary	1971	A new work	1996	in other words	Moderate	More of a commentary	Not a bible translation
New Living Translation	NLT	Contemporary	1996	1971 TLB	2007	combo of wfw and tft	Good	Easy to read	Sometimes interprets vice translates
The Message	MSG	Contemporary	1993	A new work	2002	interpretation	Minimal	Easy to read	Not a bible translation
Holman Christian Standard Bible	HCSB	Contemporary	1999	A new work	N/A	combo of wfw and tft	Good	Good balance of translation	Nothing substantive