

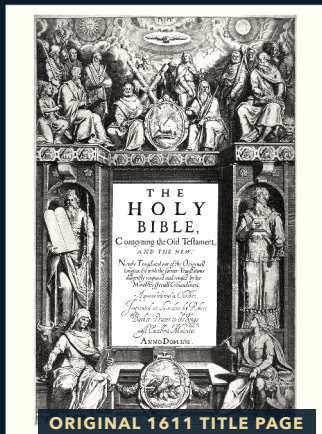
FROM THE TRANSLATORS' 1611 PREFACE

Did the KJV translators call *other English Bibles* God's Word?

THE SHORT ANSWER

YES.

Their preface says so. The wording is on the back.



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What did they actually say?

“the very meanest translation of the Bible in English, set forth by men of our profession ... **containeth the word of God, nay, is the word of God.**”

– *The Translators to the Reader, 1611*

They were defending earlier **Protestant English Bibles**. In their view, “imperfections and blemishes” did not make a faithful translation cease to be God’s Word.

And this:

“variety of Translations is profitable for the finding out of the sense of the Scriptures.”

What follows from this?

That is hard to square with the claim that only one exact English wording can rightly be called God’s Word.

This does not make every translation equally good. It means strict KJV exclusivity needs an argument the translators themselves did not make.

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