

A DOCTRINE TEST WITH A SURPRISING ANSWER

Who led Israel out of Egypt?

SEVERAL MODERN BIBLES READ

JESUS

Jude 5

The KJV reads

"THE LORD"

That does not make every modern reading right.
It does overturn one popular absolute.

A COUNTEREXAMPLE MATTERS

Modern readings do not only “weaken doctrine.”

KJV

“how that **the Lord**, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt...”

SEVERAL MODERN VERSIONS

“that **Jesus**, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt...”

The “Jesus” reading is strongly represented in current critical editions and makes Christ's presence in Israel's exodus more explicit at this verse than the KJV wording does.

What follows—and what does not

It does follow: “modern textual choices always reduce Christ's deity” is false.

It does not follow: every critical reading or every modern translation is correct.

The proper rule: doctrinal explicitness cannot decide what Jude wrote. Textual evidence must do that work; doctrine is established from the whole canon.

BOTTOM LINE

One clear counterexample defeats an absolute slogan. It does not replace careful textual criticism.

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Let evidence lead, even when the result surprises us.

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