

Review by Daniel Gregg...see Saul's 2 year reign. When it comes to bible chronology competence, the ONMB author does not translate correctly or literally, nor does his chronology add up....read on.

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Hanukkah Part 1: November 26, 2013 @ sundown

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Hanukkah is a major celebration that is very important to the Church, although the Church is largely ignorant of this season of the Lord. Y'shua is reported honoring this feast in John 10:22, so what is this about? Understanding Hanukkah and its significance for us today requires that first we learn about the Hellenists of ancient Israel, then we can understand the physical and spiritual battles. In 2013 Hanukkah begins at sundown, November 26, the day before Thanksgiving.

There are several references to Hellenists in the New Testament so it is important to understand who they are. The Hellenists of Israel came into being shortly after Alexander the Great overran Israel on his way to Egypt in 332 BC. He was not a ruthless dictator in the countries he conquered but gave each country a great deal of autonomy. What he wanted was taxes and trade, so he had to leave only a relatively small number of troops to maintain the country's allegiance. Each country had religious freedom, so Israel might not have been greatly affected except that many of its citizens were taken with Greek culture. They liked the affluence, the theater, the games – various aspects of Greek life that were introduced to Israel by the new society.

Those most affected by this were the rich and the powerful. They started to speak Greek instead of Hebrew and to go to the Greek theater and games instead of synagogue or the Temple. They came to be called "Tsadeek" which means Righteous. The Greek spelling of Tsadeek is Sadducee when written in English letters. These people were the Hellenists, only nominally Jewish although they viewed themselves as righteous. In this century people who acted as they did with their conquerors were called collaborators. The High Priests came from the Hellenists and in Y'shua's day were appointed by the Romans. Valerius

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Gratus, who preceded Pontius Pilate as procurator, was the first to appoint the High Priest, thus beginning the corrupt practice of political, bribed appointments. The governor, Quirinius, (Lk. 2:2) had to approve as well. The Sadducees were very strict in enforcing laws, while the Pharisees were more merciful. Those calling for Y'shua's crucifixion in the Gospels were Hellenists, limited by the space of the Praetorium to just 200-300 people, while those who celebrated the Triumphal Entry numbered in the thousands as they lined the mile-long road. The High Priests were Hellenists who bribed the governors for their appointments.

Opposing the Hellenists were the Hasidim, or Pious, also referred to as Lifrot, meaning Broke Away. These included the top students in the yeshivas (schools) who were also known as rabbis. The Hasidim later became known as Parush, meaning self-denying, dissident, seceder, seclusive, sanctimonious. The Greek spelling of Parush is Pharisee when written with English letters. The division and animosity between Pharisees and Sadducees was strong, even though both were represented on the Sanhedrin. How close to the surface this animosity was can be seen in Acts 23:6-10. As a point of information, the present group of Hasidim is not related to the ancient, but rose in Eastern Europe in the 18th century.

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Hanukkah Part 2

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The Greek successors to Alexander became very oppressive and in 168 BC desecrated the Temple and forbade the reading of the Torah and the honoring of the Sabbath. Some Pious under the leadership of a priestly family, named Hasmonea, who had remained loyal to Judaism, rebelled and won. However in just a few years they were again under Greek Seleucid domination until 64 BC when Rome took over at the invitation of Herod Hyrcanus II. Although the Hasmoneans were descendants of Aaron they continued to rule and never appointed someone from another tribe to be king. Power corrupts so eventually the Hasmoneans became corrupt and compromised, said by some rabbis to be the result of their not being from the tribe of Judah. This is because Jacob said to Judah in Gen. 49:10 *The.. scepter will not depart from between his (Judah's) feet..* meaning that the scepter, the sign of kingship, would always belong to the tribe of Judah.

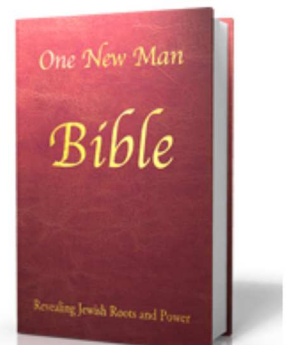
Herod the Great was a son of the Hasmonean prince Hyrcanus II, also called Antipater, who was military governor of Idumea (Edom). Herod was so extraordinarily successful at courting Roman favor that he was the first to be called "King of the Jews" and his descendants became the puppet rulers for Rome throughout the 1st century AD. Herod the Great reigned from 37 BC - 4 BC.

Since the Sadducees were Hellenists, they are referred to frequently in the New Testament. The Hellenists are also seen in Acts 6:1; 9:29;

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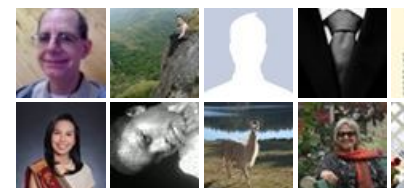
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Herod died in 1 BC.

11:20, and 21:37. This puts into perspective John 11:50 when Caiaphas said *and you do not consider that it profits you that one man should die on behalf of the people so then the whole nation would not be lost*. The coming of Messiah would have totally destroyed the world of the Hellenist rulers in Israel. Remember that Pontius Pilate and Quirinius appointed Annas and Caiaphas as High Priests and they only appointed politically powerful Hellenists.

The friction between the Hellenists and the Pharisees ran deep and can even be seen in the fledgling church in Acts 6:1-6, when the Hellenists complained that the congregational leaders were overlooking the needs of the Hellenists.

The Hanukkah feast celebrates the victory of the Parush over the Greek forces that were backed by the Hellenists. This was the first rebellion waged for a principle, for freedom to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The rebellion lasted three years, ending in a victory for those who chose to align themselves with the teachings of God over those who aligned themselves with appeasement and tolerance of pagan beliefs. As we see in Isaiah 5:20. *Woe to those who call bad, good and good, bad, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!* That parallels today's spiritual battle in the US and the world of those loyal to God's teachings vs. those who tolerate all manner of evil, accepting homosexuality as another "life-style" and abortion as "choice." They encourage teaching occult and false religions in our public schools, but forbid the teaching and practice of Christianity, all in the name of "multiculturalism." Our battle will not be won with the weapons of war, but will be won in the hearts of Americans as revival takes root.

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Hanukkah Part 3

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Hanukkah celebrates the dedication of the Temple immediately following the victory of Israel over the Greek armies of the second century BC occupying forces. Hanukkah means Dedication, naming it the Feast of Dedication in Hebrew. It is referred to one time in Scripture. *At that time it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, it was winter, and Y'shua was walking in the Temple, on Solomon's Porch.* (John 10:22,23)

Around 170 BC the Greeks under Antiochus IV Epiphanes desecrated the Temple by sacrificing a pig at the altar. Antiochus tried to eliminate Judaism, not so much by killing the Jews as by forbidding the practice of Judaism. Reading Torah was forbidden, along with circumcision, honoring the Sabbath, and celebrating the Seasons of the Lord. In 167 BC a priest by the name of Mattityahu Hasmonea started guerrilla warfare along with his sons and a few followers. What they did in the hill country of Judea and Samaria was so amazing that books on their exploits are still studied

by modern guerrilla fighters. Early in the war Judas Hasmonea took over after his father's death and he is the one who came up with the legendary tactics. His motto was *Mi Camokha BaElim Adona'y*, from Exodus 15:11. The translation is: *Who is like You, LORD*, among the gods?* The initials of those words spell Maccabee, which is the name that was later applied to Judas and his followers. Although spelled differently in Hebrew, the Hebrew word for hammer sounds like maccabee. Therefore he was called "The Hammer," so the books of Maccabees in the Apocrypha were written about their successful wars. In 164 BC they took over the Temple. This was the first war fought over a principle, religious freedom, and was the first successful guerrilla war, paralleling our American Revolution, also fought over principle using guerrilla tactics.

They needed to repair and dedicate the Temple right away. Dedication is an eight-day process that requires the use of sanctified oil for the menorah in the Holy Place, the first room of the Sanctuary. Tradition says they could only find a one-day supply of oil, but rather than wait eight days to sanctify more, they began the Temple sanctification process with the one-day supply. The LORD* through a creative miracle made that one day's supply last the full eight days. For this reason Hanukkah is also called the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is important to the 21st century church first of all because Y'shua honored Hanukkah, and still does because He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Another reason is that the spirits we are fighting today are the very same ones that were fought in the second century BC and in the first century AD. These are the spirits of compromise with the world system, turning a blind eye to homosexuality, abortion, the placing of biblical symbols on public property or the Ten Commandments in schools or court rooms, even punishing military chaplains for preaching the Gospel. Now atheists are going to court trying to remove religious symbols from private property. This attack parallels those of the Hellenists in ancient Israel. Pray that war will not be necessary in this century, but that revival will rise dramatically in the churches of this country returning us to the Judeo-Christian roots of the founding fathers.

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Leprosy in a House

Morford : September 29, 2013 11:04 : [Blog 3](#)

Lev. 14:33 concerns leprosy in a house. This seems strange, but they had a good reason for relating the infection in a building to the infection in a person. Both conditions were caused by microorganisms, which were unknown until the invention of the microscope late in the seventeenth century made it possible to see the bacteria and molds. The Hebrew word Tsara-at did not mean disease to those who called that condition Tsara-at. A better translation might be Plague, because in the house this is a reference to mold, which can be a very serious problem for any

building even today, so we can relate to the drastic measures of Lev. 14:33-48. It was not until the seventeenth century that man discovered microorganisms, so now we know that there are different causes of those conditions, but several thousand years ago they were simply recognized as plagues.

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Saul's Two Year Reign

Morford : September 11, 2013 11:10 : [Blog 3](#)

Saul's Two Year Reign, stated in 1 Samuel 13:1. *In the first year of Saul's reign, after he became king, and he reigned two years over Israel..* Since this conflicts with Acts 13:21. *And afterward they asked for a king and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years..* Which dating do we accept? Other Scriptures in the books of Samuel confirm the two year time.

1 Sam. 7:1 *And the men of Kiriath Jearim came and brought back the Ark of the LORD*, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill and sanctified Elazar his son to keep the Ark of the LORD*. 2. And it was, while the Ark remained in Kiriath Jearim, that the time was long, for it was twenty years. And the entire House of Israel mourned after, submitted to, the LORD*. The Ark was in the house of Abinadab during the entire judgeship of Samuel, the reign of Saul, and the first seven and a half years of David's reign, so obviously Saul could not have reigned for forty years.*

After the Ark's capture by the Philistines at the end of Eli's judging Israel, the Philistines only kept it for seven months. 1 Sam. 6:1 *And the Ark of the LORD* was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners saying, What will we do with the Ark of the LORD*? Tell us how we will send it to its place. 3. And they said, If you send away the Ark of the God of Israel, **do not send it empty!** But in any way return Him a trespass offering, then you will be healed and it will be known to you why His hand is not removed from you.*

6:4. *Then they said, What will be the guilt offering which we will return to Him? They answered, Five golden piles and five golden mice, according to the number of the leaders of the Philistines, for one plague was on you all and on your leaders. 5. Therefore you will make images of your piles and images of your mice that damage the land and you will give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps He will lighten His hand from off you and from off your gods and from off your land. 6. Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go and they departed? 7. Now therefore make a new cart and take two milk cows on which there has come no yoke, and tie the cows to the cart and bring their calves home from them. 8. And take the Ark of the LORD* and lay it on the cart, and put jewels of gold, which you return to Him for a guilt offering, in a coffer by its side and send it away, so it can go. 9. And see;*

Rabbinic Corruption from Seder Olam.

A son of a year is Shaul in his reign, and two years he had been reigning over Yisrael.

2Sam. 2:10 A son of forty years was Ish-bosheth, son of Shaul in his reigning over Yisrael, and two years he had been reigning, but the house of Judah had been following after David (See 2Chron. 22:2).

The years that Ish-bosheth is said to be a "son of" are Shaul's dynastic years, just like the case of Ahaziah, who was 22 when he became king, but he was "a son of forty and two years."

And it became 20 years. Then... (The figure only gives the sum of years till the time when Israel returned to Yahweh, and not the total number of years the Ark was in Kiriath Yearim.

Contradiction with Paul in Acts 13:21.

if it goes by the way of its own border to Beit Shemesh, He has done us this great evil, but if not, then we will know that it is not His hand that struck us, it was a chance that happened to us.

6:10. And the men did so and took two milk cows and tied them to the cart and shut up their calves at home. 11. And they laid the Ark of the LORD on the cart and the box with the mice of gold and the images of their piles. 12. And the cows took the straight way to the way of Beit Shemesh, going along the highway, lowing as they went and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, and the leaders of the Philistines followed them to the border of Beit Shemesh.*

6:13. And those of Beit Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the Ark and rejoiced to see it. 14. And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beit-Shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone. And they cut the wood of the cart and offered the cows, a burnt offering to the LORD. 15. And the Levites took down the Ark of the LORD* and the box that was with it, in which were the jewels of gold, and put them on the great stone and the men of Beit Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to the LORD*.*

6:16. And when the five leaders of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

David's seven and a half years while the Ark remained in the house of Abinadab are detailed in 2 Sam. 5:4. *David was thirty years old when he began to reign, he reigned forty years. 5. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.*

Because Samuel grew old before anointing Saul, we can estimate roughly ten plus years for his term of judging Israel, with two years for Saul, and seven and half plus for David's share of the twenty years for the ark's being in the house of Abinadab.

While Samuel's age is not known, Scripture says he is old. 1 Sam. 8:1. *And it was, when Samuel was old,[1] that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah.[2] They were judges in Beer Sheba. 3. But his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after unjust gain and took bribes and perverted justice.* That his sons followed in the footsteps of Eli's sons must have contributed to the people's plea for a king, which is another story. For now we see that Saul's reign was indeed about two years.

[1] (v.1) Since Samuel judged Israel for a maximum of ten and a half years, he served Eli for quite a long time. Eli judged for just forty years, so Samuel could not have been much, if any, over fifty at this time.

[2] (v.2) Abijah means My Father is Yah, short form of His Name. In this Bible the Name is written LORD*. See 1 Chr. 6:3-13.

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TRUTH or TRADITION

Morford : August 18, 2013 10:27 : [Blog 3](#)

TRUTH or TRADITION

Many words of both Hebrew and Greek are often translated by tradition. The One New Man Bible strives to translate all correctly, valuing truth more than tradition. Several examples of the literal translation are given here.

Genesis **7.1**. *And the LORD* said to Noah, "Come into the box,**[1]** you and your entire house!.."* Some say Go into, but God is already there and is also with Noah, so He says Come!

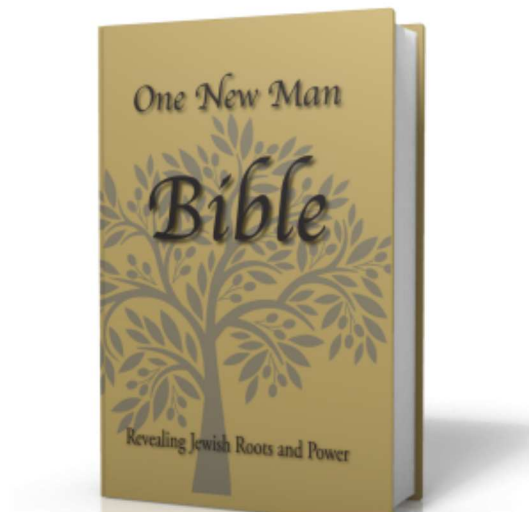
Genesis **12.1**. *Now the LORD* had said to Abram, "**Get yourself[2] out of here!*** He does not just say, Go.

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God of Relationship Part I

Morford : May 14, 2013 09:10 : [God of Relationship Part I](#)

God of Relationship. This God we serve desires real relationship with each one of His children. This is a relationship that stretches our imaginations to reach the levels to which He is calling each one of us. Rather than just talk about it, read the following verses:

Is. 9:5. *For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government is upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonder, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.* 6. *Of the increase of His government and Shalom there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with acts of loving kindness from now even forevermore.* (John 12:34) *The zeal of the LORD* of Hosts will perform this.*

Isaiah 9:5 establishes the Son as both Mighty God and Eternal Father, boldly stating the deity of Y'shua from a time long before His birth.

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God of Relationship Part II

Morford : May 11, 2013 12:35 : [God of Relationship Part I](#)

These expand our relationship:

1 Chr. 17: 12. *He will build a House for Me and I shall establish his throne forever. 13. I shall be his Father, and he will be My son (Heb. 1:5) and I shall not take My loving kindness away from him, as I took it from the one, Saul, who was before you..*

Gn. 2: 23. *And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Wife (Ishah), because she was taken out of Husband (Ish).*

Is. 54: 5. *For your Maker is your Husband! His name is the LORD* of Hosts and your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel. He will be called The God of the Whole Earth.*

Hos. 2: 18. *And it will be at that Day, says the LORD*, you will call Me Ishi, MY Husband, and will no longer call Me Baali, My Husband.***[1]**

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Gentile, Glossary Article

Morford : April 25, 2013 16:06 : [God of Relationship Part I](#)

Gentile is a word that is not used in this New Testament because the Greek word often translated gentile means heathen. Gentile is actually the English spelling of the Latin word for heathen, gentilis, so other translators have for centuries chosen the politically correct term, gentile, instead of what the authors wrote, heathen. The Latin word was used because the earliest English translations were made from the Latin Vulgate text. Those early translators chose not to translate the Latin word, gentilis, instead just spelling the word in English. See Latin Words elsewhere in Glossary.

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dave says:

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October 28, 2013 at 20:56

In Isaiah 55:1 The First Word Is "Ho" is this a misprint.
Should it be "Go".Page #605

Morford says:

[REPLY](#)

October 29, 2013 at 08:59

Hi Dave,

Thanks for asking. Ho is correct, an interjection.

Blessings, Bill

June Fellhauer says:

[REPLY](#)

October 24, 2013 at 11:32

Dear Mr. Morford,
I appreciate the One New Man Bible and its Hebrew understanding. Can you bring any clarity on Prov. 8 for me? Is wisdom referring to the Holy Spirit?
Thanks,
June

REPLY

Morford says:

October 25, 2013 at 07:19

Hi June,

This is a very good question and relates to Book Order in the Glossary. The proverb definitely speaks to us about the Holy Spirit all the way through the chapter. To Solomon most of the chapter, if not the whole chapter, was intellectual, human wisdom.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

David says:

August 22, 2013 at 12:40

Shalom to you,
Thank you for your work, I will probably buy The One New Man Bible because it seem to me that it is translation of precision. But why do you use in Lord's prayer words: You must...
I hope that it will be blessing to me and my neighbours

Shalom aleichem

REPLY

Morford says:

August 22, 2013 at 16:46

Hi David,

Thank you for buying the One New Man Bible.

The word must in the Lord's Prayer is there because that is what is written the Greek text. When your bible arrives, check the Glossary titled "Lord's Prayer."

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Cindy Christensen says:

June 8, 2013 at 17:59

I am writing to ask permission to use some scriptures from

your NEW MAN BIBLE. Of course, reference it properly. I love and use it as my daily bible. Thank you
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Morford says:

June 9, 2013 at 08:46

Hi Cindy,

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Blessings, Bill.

REPLY

Hosea says:

May 27, 2013 at 23:04

Mr Morford is matthew 5:17 a paraphrase its way longer than the normal verse and u didnt place it in italic

REPLY

Morford says:

May 28, 2013 at 11:01

Hi Hosea,

There are eight words italicized in Matt. 5:17, but other that it is literal.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

April Carter says:

May 25, 2013 at 04:05

Were the people you studied under Christian? If not, they would have lied to you. That is why apostate bibles exist.

Either tainted scrolls or teachers corrupt God's word. No non Christian should be trusted, unless God is using him or her. I will not stress it enough the KJV does not deviate from the originals.

REPLY

Morford says:

May 25, 2013 at 11:24

Hi April,

All were Christian except Rabbi Ben-Yehuda, who is Jewish and knows Hebrew better than other translators. He was born and brought up in Israel where his grandfather's life work was writing the Hebrew dictionary that is the most complete in existence. His father actually completed the four volumes of the sixteen the the grandfather had not completed. My quest is for Truth, not tradition, and finding the correct translations of the Hebrew is absolutely essential for understanding Scripture. Because of Rabbi's help, the One New Man Bible is more accurate than any other English translation.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Johnson says:

May 14, 2013 at 07:14

Hello, brother Morford

I'm quite interested to know why you choose to use the Masoretic texts as your base for translating the old testament. The new testament texts almost always quote from the Greek Septuagent solely, which was translated from much earlier sources (200 BC) than the earliest existing masoretic texts from from approximately the 9th Century AD. An example of a slight but PROFOUND corruption would be found in Psalms 40:7-9 in relation to Hebrews 10:5-7. As a direct quote from the Septuagent, Hebrews reads:

"On account of which, when He came into the world He said, 'You did not want sacrifices or burnt offerings, BUT YOU DID MAKE READY A BODY FOR ME: and you did not take pleasure in a whole of burnt offering on behalf of sin. Then I said, Behold! I come, in the roll of a scroll which has been written about me, to do Your will, O God.'" (Hebrew 10:5-7 // ONM Translation)

C. L. Brenton's translation of the Septuagent follows the

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BUT, on a lighter note, thank you so much for the awesome translation of God's Word and all the precious time spent bringing out our Hebrew Roots!

Shalom,
William

REPLY

Morford says:

May 14, 2013 at 08:18

See the answer below.

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William says:

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Morford says:

May 14, 2013 at 08:27

Hi William,

This a good question, one that is also easy to answer. The Masoretic Text is the oldest

complete Hebrew text we have, a text that has been held to the highest standards by the scribes who copied it down through the centuries. The scribe counted each use of each letter on each line as he copied, checking to verify the correct order of each use. If the scribe made a mistake on the last letter of the last line (or any line) the scroll was destroyed although the scribe may have worked on it for many months. The oldest Masoretic scroll still in existence is from the 9th century. This is the best Hebrew text available.

Blessings, Bill

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Johnson says:

May 14, 2013 at 20:43

I do realize the Masoretic text is the earliest Hebrew text available, but scripture found among the dead sea scrolls match up closer with the Septuagint (200 BC) than with the Masoretic text (900 AD). How can the text be trusted if our new Testament, written in Greek, contains passages taken directly from the Septuagint that are in opposition to the (acclaimed un-altered) Masoretic text? Can the Masoretic be wholly trusted? I'm curious, did you use both the Septuagint and Masoretic texts while translating the Old Testament, or simply the Masoretic texts? If we assign ourselves the position that the Masoretic texts are unblemished, as the Mesoretetes claim, we must in turn deny our New testament, because it uses the ("flawed") Septuagint, seeing as it derives doctrine and prophecy from versus that are not found in the Masoretic texts, or have seem to have been altered. In your eyes, which text holds a more accurate and ancient depiction of God's word? How can one hav both the septuagint, and also at the same time, look to the masoretic texts? The Mesoretetes see the Septuagint as a great sin, as a completely flawed scripture. How can we, as Followers of Messiah, accept their claim? If we do, we in turn deny the New testament revelation of God to Mankind... I could never do this. Where's the middle ground, if there is any?

REPLY

Morford says:

May 15, 2013 at 06:58

Hi,

The Dead Sea Scrolls are the oldest Hebrew scrolls, but are not the complete Hebrew Bible.

Blessings, Bill

Johnson says:

May 21, 2013 at 03:33

Ok , I know that, but are they not more ancient than the Masoretic texts? Could you please answer my other questions please, the questions regarding the differences seen in NT greek references to the Septuagint compared to the Masoretic text? How can such a high view of the Masoretic text not cause us to reject our New Testament, seeing as it references verses in the LXX that are not in the acclaimed "Un-altered" Masoretic Texts. A full explanation would be much appreciated.

Thanks

Morford says:

May 21, 2013 at 17:37

Hi,

The dead Sea Scrolls are older than the Masoretic Text, but they are not complete and are not readily available. The Masoretic Text dates from about the 3rd century or earlier, though there are no copies from those years, but the Masoretes were very accurate in their copying, so that the differences from the Dead Sea Scrolls are few and not extensive.

Regarding Septuagint references in the New Testament Greek, those are few and far between. Some of those quotes claimed to be Septuagint are not. See Memorization in Glossary.

Blessings, Bill

[REPLY](#)

Hosea says:

May 3, 2013 at 10:04

Mr Morford can you give me the list of books with chapter and verse differences compared with the other english bible? I'll need that list so that I can use the one new man bible for bible study effectively

[REPLY](#)

Morford says:

May 6, 2013 at 08:44

Hi Hosea,

It is easy to understand your desire to know the differences, but there are so many that compiling the list would be a daunting task. Very often the tense and mood of the verb is incorrect in traditional translations and many words are not translated literally, but traditionally. An example is the Priestly

Blessing, which is "The LORD will bless you," not "May the LORD bless you." Every verb in that is future and the last verse is "The LORD will lift His countenance to you and establish in Shalom." It is not to give you peace. There are more than 4,300 footnotes and a 137 page Glossary.

Blessings, Bill

[REPLY](#)

Hosea says:

May 6, 2013 at 18:19

Mr Morford ,im sorry that list that I was asking is the difference in masoretic verse and chapter numbering system, and if possible the difference between masoretic rendering and dead sea scrolls, which I hope will be in your footnotes someday, example (matthew 12:21 And heathens will hope in His name) which is in isaiah 42:4(the isles will wait for His instruction) ,psalms 22 "like a lion" and etc, and so many other verses that clouded the prophecy of yeshua the messiah

[REPLY](#)

Hosea says:

May 8, 2013 at 08:17

Mr Morford your translation is the best for me, but im in the philippines, we use our christian bibles ,with its verse and chapter divisions, im not asking you to change the numbering on the masoretic text, u can send me the list of the books with different chapters and verse numbering so that I can write it down and mark it on the onm bible.

[REPLY](#)

Morford says:

May 8, 2013 at 08:22

Hi Hosea,

This too would be daunting task,
to go through one traditional
Christian translation side by side
with the One New Man Bible
comparing verse and chapter
numbers. The biggest number of
differences are Psalms, where the
Hebrew uses the preamble as the
first verse. Malachi has no 4th
chapter in Hebrew, just extending
the 3rd chapter. Joel has some
changes and there are a few
scattered differences, but finding
them would be a lot of work.

Blessings, Bill

Hosea says:

May 8, 2013 at 18:30

ok thanks! ill just use
David Stern's Complete
Jewish bible, to seek out
the differences cause He
places parenthesis to
compare the verses with
traditional Christian bibles,
im not going to compare
you to Him but He really
gave the time and effort to
do that for the
convenience of all.

God bless you!

[REPLY](#)

Hosea says:

April 29, 2013 at 21:07

Hi Mr Morford! why is it that matthew 28 verse 17 says
they pay homage but (they) and not (some) of them only
who doubted, and verse 19 parts were omitted

[REPLY](#)

Morford says:

April 30, 2013 at 15:31

Hi Hosea,

Thank you for asking. The Greek text of verse 17 has 'they doubted', not 'some doubted'. The words missing from verse 19 are explained in the Glossary article, Matthew 28:19.

Blessings, Bill

Hosea says:

[REPLY](#)

April 22, 2013 at 09:26

Hi Mr. Morford, how can u tell if nomos is translated as torah or legalism or law, does it have a definite article in greek? or just by context?

Morford says:

[REPLY](#)

April 23, 2013 at 12:49

Hi Hosea,

The translation of Nomos, meaning "that which has been established" is by context. Do not forget tradition as one of the meanings.

Blessings, Bill

Hosea says:

[REPLY](#)

April 24, 2013 at 09:58

Thanks Mr.Morford!

Wayne Fish says:

[REPLY](#)

April 21, 2013 at 17:35

Helo, Mr. Morford

I really enjoyed your section in the glossary titled, "God Incarnate." God has been revealing similar things to me lately and it has troubled me because many say unless one believes in the doctrine of the trinity, one cant be saved. I

was curious, from your studies of the Greek, do you see the "Word/Logos" in John 1:1 as being separate from the father or the father himself? Do you believe the scriptures point to a pre-incarnate Son of Man/Son of God? Do you believe the father is incarnate in Y'shua? Your insight would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Shalom

REPLY

Morford says:

April 23, 2013 at 13:03

Hi Wayne,

Relating the Trinity to salvation, look at Acts 3:19. "Therefore you must immediately repent and you must return to God at once for your sins to be wiped out.." Repentance and turning to God, to Y'shua, is the key, man's doctrines notwithstanding. Logos becomes a mute point when you read John 17:20. "I do not ask concerning them only, but also concerning those who believe in Me because of the disciples' message, 21. so that all would be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also would be in Us, so that the world would believe that You sent Me. 22. And I have given them the glory which You have given to Me, so that they would be one just as We are One: 23. I in them and You in Me, so that they would have been brought into unity, so that the world would know that You sent Me and You loved them just as You loved Me." Your other questions are answered in the Glossary article.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Wayne Fish says:

April 24, 2013 at 02:26

Thankyou Very much for the quick reply!

I also was intrigued by this article and thought that you may be interested in reading it. It is very VERY interesting. It seems as though there are some amazing doctrinal implications of the Eastern Peshitta's Aramaic. Things that prove Y'shua is Yahweh in the Flesh!

Found Below:

http://aramaicnttruth.org/downloads/outside/9_Doctrines.pdf

The article above states:

"While the Greek says "logos", "the Word", the Aramaic says "Miltha". Miltha is one of those words that are best left untranslated, as it has no equivalent in English. Some of its possible meanings include "Word", "substance" or "manifestation". The latter reading would seem to support the theory of the Oneness believers, as a manifestation can be "separate" and "same", simultaneously."

I'd love to see a translation of the Eastern Aramaic Peshitta (Not the PeshittO_ which I'm sure you know was translated from the greek into the Aramaic.) This article shows that Aramaic words were mistranslated into the greek due to the absence of vowels and (most likely) lack of knowledge or mistakes by translators...

Heres a list of contradictions cleared up in the Eastern Peshitta (Not Western PeshittO):

http://aramaicnttruth.org/downloads/outside/8_Contradictions.pdf

Heres an in depth explanation of why the Eastern Peshitta is thought to predate the Greek translations:

<http://aramaicnttruth.org/downloads/Peshitta%20Matthew%20and%20the%20Gowra%20Scenario.pdf>

Eastern Peshitta seems to retain idioms, Poetry, and it even clears up issues with the greek text, such as the shortened geneology found in in Matthew (Where in the greek there are only 13 generations mentioned, and in the Eastern Peshita, all generations are accounted for.)

I dont know if you've researched this at all. I would highly suggest the read. It is very interesting. I havent found one trustworthy english translation of the Eastrn Peshitta yet. I would love to see you work on a translation of the Eastern Peshitta.

Well, I hope you find the info at these links interesting. I'd like to know your

opinion as well.

God Bless You, Brother Milford

REPLY

Morford says:

April 25, 2013 at 11:32

Hi Wayne,

Thank you for your comments and for this lengthy explanation of the Peshitta. However, I disagree with that conclusion. The synoptic Gospels were almost certainly written in Hebrew, then quickly translated into Greek to reach the Roman Empire outside Israel. There really is no evidence that any of the New Testament was originally written in Aramaic. The oldest Peshitta did not have the books of 2 Peter, 2 & 3 John, Jude, and Revelation, so if the Eastern Peshitta has those books it is not original. The Peshitta was written in Syriac, not Aramaic. There is also an Old Syriac, which was probably translated from the Greek by 200 BC, but it contained only the Gospels. The website you recommended is interesting, but obviously did not change my mind, no matter how good the Aramaic text is. There is also a supposedly original Hebrew book of Matthew that many like because of the very good Hebrew and Hebraic idioms, but that contains verses and other passages that are known to have been added in the fifth century, so it cannot be original. So far, the Greek New Testament is best we have.

Blessings, Bill

I agree with Bill here.



REPLY

Hosea says:

April 20, 2013 at 09:40

could it be possible that you can translate and replace the word hell to sheol in the old testament?

Morford says:

REPLY

April 20, 2013 at 14:54

Hi Hosea,

Yes! The word most commonly translated 'hell' is sheol, so simply not translating sheol would work for you.

Blessings, Bill

Hosea says:

REPLY

March 31, 2013 at 09:59

Mr. Morford will the update to the kindle version be this year? is it soon?

Morford says:

REPLY

April 1, 2013 at 17:18

I do not know. Check with info@tppress.com

Blessings, Bill

Ivan says:

REPLY

March 6, 2013 at 06:43

Mr. Morford in Luke 2 where it says inn should be translated "guest room"

Morford says:

REPLY

March 6, 2013 at 11:48

Hi Ivan,

The Greek text has "katalumati" which means inn or lodging place. Guest room is not an appropriate translation.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Ivan says:

March 6, 2013 at 21:07

Ok anyways base on what ive known is "pandocheion" means inn and "katalumati" means guest chamber or guest room, im studying the manners and customs of the bible so guest room would be appropriate ,anyways its ok lets continue to keep the tradition that we know hehe

God bless!

REPLY

Morford says:

March 7, 2013 at 11:17

Ivan, there are a number of word books that are not accurate, so be careful to use only lexicons that have high approval, like New Thayer and Bauer, Arndt & Gingrich.

Blessings, Bill

Ivan says:

March 7, 2013 at 22:13

ahh ok ,anyways hopefully the kindle version will be fix soon, bec I use ur bible for in depth study, its one of a kind, and also it retains the original words like "Gird your loins " and etc while most bibles today ,chose to interpret

the meaning, I like to
interpret it myself through
the ancient eastern mind,
and the bible simply
comes alive!

God Bless!

Ivan says:

March 11, 2013 at 19:05

Mr Morford , the word
"fan" is misleading,
"winnow" is the proper
word , they use winnowing
forks in those times, its
important that we
understand the manners,
culture, customs of the
bible to interpret and
translate scriptures.
anyways thanks for a
great work!

God bless!

Morford says:

March 12, 2013 at 12:44

Hi Ivan,

Isaiah and Jeremiah both
speak of the fan as used in
winnowing. You will have
to take up the issue with
them when you have a
chance. My job is to
translate what they wrote.
After all, fans were used
and still are used in
primitive societies to
facilitate winnowing.

Blessings, Bill

Ivan says:

March 12, 2013 at 19:27

Ok, Thanks Mr. Morford!

Lila penrose says:

[REPLY](#)

March 2, 2013 at 12:48

Hi, in Genesis 3:22 says "Behold, the man has become as one of us...(who is this referring to? Coz "us" the "U" is not in capital letter. Is jis God or someone else? Some one might have ask you this. I can't find it though. Thank you.
Lila Penrose. Jakarta. Indonesia

Morford says:

[REPLY](#)

March 2, 2013 at 15:10

Hi Lila,

Thank you for ointing out this typo. God was speaking so it should be Us.

Blessings, Bill

Lila penrose says:

[REPLY](#)

March 3, 2013 at 12:08

Thank you sir for quick reply. Also in Gen11:7, I guess "us" also God?

Morford says:

[REPLY](#)

March 4, 2013 at 15:58

Yes! Thank you.

Blessings, Bill

Etienne says:

REPLY

March 1, 2013 at 02:58

Good day Mr. Morford.

My name is Etienne Beaurain. I am from South Africa in the province of Mpumalanga in the city Nelspruit, best known for the Kruger National Park.

I just bought you translation through Amazon on the internet.

The total Price for your Bible comes to about \$116.27 US shipping included. I would like to find out if an opportunity is available to order directly from your supplier at a better price and better shipping rates. Most people in South Africa would not be able to afford this remarkable translation and I believe they should be able to.

Thank you for being obedient to our Father and allowing us to understand His Word better.

God Bless you.

Etienne Beaurain

Morford says:

REPLY

March 1, 2013 at 13:03

Hi Etienne,

Thanks for writing. For information on better prices and lower shipping costs, please email the publisher at info@tppress.com

Blessings, Bill

Ivan says:

REPLY

February 25, 2013 at 21:35

Mr. Morford I love your bible! but the problem is the kindle version is bad, u guys have plans to upgrade ur kindle version? we need the table of contents enabled, its really hard to use for bible study, we cant go to certain books, chapters,verses easily, please update ONM bible is my favorite bible!

esv version from crossway is a good example, there kindle version is great!

REPLY

Morford says:

February 28, 2013 at 11:55

Hi Ivan

Thanks for writing We know the problem and it is being worked on. When completed, the Kindle ONM will be state of the art, but I do not have a firm date on that.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Ivan says:

February 28, 2013 at 22:20

Ok thanks Mr. Morford, anyways can u list the books with chapter and verse difference from other christian bibles in the tanakh? the cjb version places it in parenthesis so that we can determined the verse and chapter differences, will u guys implement this also?

anyways God bless u all for this marvelous work!
Glory to God!

REPLY

Lola Cook says:

February 7, 2013 at 11:39

Lola i bought the new man Bible, I love it,i want to get one for my schlor pastor, Dr, degreed in new testament word from Union in new york

I WANT TO KNOW IF THE BOOK ON YOUR NOTE 2 IN THE SONG OF SONGS PAGE 1033,THERE IS A JEWISH TEACHING FROM THE 11TH CENTURY RELATING THE BOOK AS A TALE BETWEEN ISREAL AND God
can I buy it?is it reprinted? how can I get it?it sounds wonderful,
lola

REPLY

Morford says:

February 7, 2013 at 13:00

Hi Lola,

Thank you for writing. You have a very good question, so good that I cannot answer it. What I have is taken from a Jewish book with very tight copyright control. The 11th century author is Rashi, but I do not know if his works have been translated from Hebrew into English. Try Google and let me know by email, wjm@thepowernewtestament.com if you succeed.

Blessings, Bill

D M J says:

REPLY

January 17, 2013 at 08:42

I purchased your One New Man Bible but have been unable to locate the book of St. James. What happened to this important book of the Bible?

Morford says:

REPLY

January 17, 2013 at 09:46

Hi D M J,

The book other translations call St. James is named Jacob in both the Greek and Latin texts. In those it is spelled Iacob, which comes into English as Jacob, so where other bibles have the book of St. James the ONM Bible has the book of Jacob.

Blessings, Bill

D M J says:

REPLY

January 18, 2013 at 00:07

Thank you for the lessons!

REPLY

Michael Pollina says:

January 3, 2013 at 14:00

Hello Bill, I just received my ONM Bible and stayed up till 4am jsut randomly reading, WOW what new insight. I have a question. I found that your Hebrew to english translation uses different spelling of english words and some of the meanings realy differ and thats ok.
Example you spell Eve, Hava, most other books spell it Hawwah, why is that and what do you consider the best hebrew to english dictionary if one exist. For study reasons I want to be on thwe same page as you with having to take out a bank loan for books. Thank you for your hard but blessed work

REPLY

Morford says:

January 4, 2013 at 16:11

Hi Michael,

Thank you for your comment, which is a great blessing.

The Sephardic Hebrew spoken in Israel, and in which the Bible is written, has no "W" sound. The transliteration charts I have used have no "W" in them, so the correct spelling is Havah. For biblical words a lexicon is needed and the most authoritative is the Brown Driver Briggs Gesenius. The print version is needed because the ones I have seen in online programs are incomplete.

Blessings, Bill

This is not correct. Eve's name is Hawah.



REPLY

kellie fore says:

December 13, 2012 at 21:13

Dear Dr. Morford,
Thank you very much for the One New Man Bible translation!

I love your indication stating King Saul reigned only two years, which means David's season of persecution by Saul was much shorter than I had always presumed. Even some of the scripture seems to contradict itself, stating Saul's son to be 40 years old when King Saul died after battle. I am having difficulties in understanding exactly how you reached this conclusion, although I am not doubting it in any manner. I am actually quite delighted in it. My

It is indeed farfetched!



research on David always indicates him being a very young youth when he fought Goliath.
 Would you help me understand this? I am hopeful and overjoyed in this revelation, yet I cannot "connect all the dots"!
 Thank you,
 Kellie Fore

REPLY

Morford says:

December 14, 2012 at 14:16

Hi Kellie,

Those ages are very clear in 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel, with 1 Sam. 13:1 stating "In the first year of Saul's reign, after he became king, and he reigned two years over Israel." David was 30 when he began to reign in Hebron, 2 Sam. 5:4. Since Saul reigned for two years (we don't know the exact dates) and David was 30 when he began to reign, he could not have been less than 27 when he fought Goliath. The myth of his being a child probably comes from the first English translations which were made from the Latin text which which uses the word puer in 1 Sam. 17:33 in describing David. The Latin word means boy, child, or servant. The Hebrew word in that verse means young man and can refer to late teens or twenties. It is used several times for men in the army. There is no contradiction when Ish Bosheth is described as 40 years old soon after Saul's death. Saul's age is never given, but he obviously had grown children. Hopefully, this will clear up the contradiction for you. Nowhere does the text say David was quite young. If you still have questions, keep writing and I will try to clear things up.

Blessings, Bill

Here we go again with the mistranslation.

The contradiction is with Acts 13:21 and not knowing the Ahazaiah text!

REPLY

kellie fore says:

December 19, 2012 at 00:27

Thank you very much for your time. I will go over all these things and I appreciate your offer to help if I have further questions!
Kellie

REPLY

Karl Maritt says:

December 11, 2012 at 16:39

Are there any plans to publish a pocket version?

REPLY

Morford says:

December 13, 2012 at 16:08

Karl,

If and when to publish a pocket version is up to the publisher. Write info@tpress.com


Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Reinier Nicolaas van Deventer says:

December 7, 2012 at 01:25

Dear Mr Morford

Thank you for the website. I do enjoy the commenting.  It is one way to know if there are still brothers out there in this lonely becoming world, even though I'm still young of age, in comparison, for me being only of 29.5 years of age.

I still have a hunger for more truths and therefor want to order 2 ONM-Bibles. I did e-mail the publisher but since the flock has become smaller and the pack bigger I have come to the conclusion that you are the only one to make it possible for me to receive one. I am willing to pay \$500 for 2 ONM-Bibles with the necessary air courier included to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Looking forward hearing from you.

Reinier Nicolaas van Deventer

REPLY

Morford says:

December 7, 2012 at 16:13

Dear Mr. van Deventer,

I'm sorry to hear of your problem, so I called the publisher. The publisher will be in touch with you shortly to expedite the shipment. Due to the time difference it will more likely be Monday when you hear because it is now 4 PM here on Friday afternoon, which is probably after midnight in Johannesburg.

Blessings, Bill

REPLY

Reinier Nicolaas van Deventer says:

December 9, 2012 at 02:34

I did not say that I had a problem. I cannot take the risk of paying and never receiving my order. I hope you will make a plan getting the ONM Bible in our many christian bookshops in South Africa like Cumbooks and Gospeldirect. Thanks for your politeness, please read my first comment again if you understand what has happened over the last year or more.

Steve Spillman says:

[REPLY](#)

December 10, 2012 at 16:38

Hello Reinier,
We are the publisher of the One New Man Bible. Please check your e-mail (December 4) for our instructions regarding receiving the One New Man Bible in time for Christmas. The message may have ended up in your SPAM folder. We sent the message again today. Thanks again for your interest. The One New Man Bible is an excellent holiday gift.

Michael pollina says:

[REPLY](#)

December 5, 2012 at 02:24

Our Web site is not completed yet
Question: I have the the power new testament, Do I still need the one new man bible, if so why?
Your power N.T. Has opened a whole new chapter for me in understanding His word and Glory.

IHS
Pastor Michael

Morford says:

[REPLY](#)

December 5, 2012 at 11:50

Hi Michael,

I think you will find in the ONM Bible a whole new opening of a new chapter for understanding His word and glory.

Blessings, Bill

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