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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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- 2) The church is FAILING in it's calling
- It is clear that the USA has changed 180 degrees from FEARING the Lord to FORGETTING the Lord; from SUPPRESSING sin to SUPPORTING sin; from BEFRIENDING Israel to BETRAYING Israel
 - This change is not because sinners have changed (Jer 13:23)- sinners are simply acting out what they are within
 - The ungodly beliefs and behaviors that sinners boldly CARRY out today were once CURTAILED or COVERED up out of fear or shame due to the influence of the church
 - The nation has changed because the church has changed
 - The church has changed from being faithful to it's calling to failing in it's calling
 - While there are faithful Christians and faithful churches, the church as a whole is failing to PREACH the word of God, PRACTICE godly living (which includes separation from sin), and PRAY for the lost and it's leaders

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- The FORTUNE of the nation is directly associated with the FAITHFULNESS of the church
- WHEN did the church change?
- The change in the church is represented by the dramatic change between the church of Philadelphia (Rev 3:7-13) and the church of Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22)
- The characteristics of the church of Philadelphia (“brotherly love”) represent the characteristics of the professing church during the approximate time period of 1700-1900
- The characteristics of the church of Laodicea (“rights of the people”) represent the characteristics of the professing church during the approximate time period of 1900-Rapture cf. (Rev 4:1)
- As previously mentioned, the church of Philadelphia was the evangelistic church, the church that kept the word of God, and did not deny the Lord’s name

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- In contrast, the church of Laodicea was the lukewarm, materialistic, self-sufficient church, the church that made the Lord sick to his stomach and was not in fellowship with him (he was on the outside looking in)
- Just as there is no condemnation against the church of Philadelphia, so there is no commendation for the church of Laodicea
- This difference equates to a 180 degree change that appears to have occurred around 1900 AD
- WHAT caused the church to change?
- Did anything significant occur around 1900 AD that might impact the direction and devotion of the church? **YES**
- The **FORTUNE** of the nation is directly associated with the **FAITHFULNESS** of the church, and the **FAITHFULNESS** of the church is directly associated with it's **FAITH** in the word of God
- Recall the Philadelphia church period (1700-1900) brought the greatest harvest of souls in all of church history because the word of God was printed, distributed, taught, and preached at an unprecedented rate and extent

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- There was only ONE English Bible in mass circulation and use at the time, the **King James Version (KJV)**, and the fruit of these souls was evidence it was (and is) the product of divine preservation
- While the KJV is the English Bible that the Lord blesses, it is the English Bible that Rome curses and hates
- From the very beginning, the Roman Catholic Church sought to prevent completion of the KJV by masterminding a foiled assassination attempt on King James and the English Parliament known as the *Gunpowder Plot* of 1605
- As long as there has been a Roman Catholic Church, there has been a war against the preserved word of God because it is an issue of **FINAL AUTHORITY**
- Either the Pope and the Roman Church are infallible or the word of God is infallible- the two clearly contradict each other so both cannot be right
- Rome realizes that if the common people get a copy of the word of God in their language and read it, they will no longer be blind to the truth of the gospel and bound by the lies and sorceries of Rome
- Throughout church history, Rome relentlessly tried to **DESTROY** the preserved word of God by burning it and banning it but without success

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- The old Roman empire suffered the same futility in it's attempt to DESTROY Christianity until Satan inspired Constantine to DESECRATE Christianity by creating his own “version” of it by MINGLING true believers with religious unbelievers (Rev 2:14,20)
- Ironically, Constantine’s Christian Church became what we know today as the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
- Since Rome could not DESTROY the preserved word of God, it would seek to DESECRATE it by creating it’s own mingled “version” of it
- This would be accompanied by a vast campaign of deception aimed at undermining the credibility and veracity of the divinely preserved Biblical text (i.e.- Masoretic text; Textus Receptus; KJV) cf. (Gen 3:1)
- While the Philadelphia church was standing firm against false **ideologies** (e.g.- Marxism; Darwinism), false **religions** (e.g.- Islam; Hinduism; Buddhism; etc.), and false **churches** (e.g.- Mormonism; Church of Christ; Jehovah’s Witnesses; 7th-Day Adventist; Christian Science; Theosophy; etc.), the woman (Rev 17:5,18) was getting ready to introduce false **Bibles**

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- All the following occurred between 1840-1870:
 - Higher criticism became part of mainstream Biblical scholarship
 - *Codex Sinaiticus* (A) is discovered by Constantin von Tischendorf (1844) and, along with *Codex Vaticanus* (B), is deemed by scholars to be the “oldest and best” Biblical manuscripts
 - The Oxford Movement- this was an attempt to bring the church of England back to Rome; it was led by John Henry Newman, an Anglican priest that converted to Catholicism (he became a cardinal in 1879)
 - Five Church of England bishops (under the influence of Rome and led by C.J. Ellicott) called for a revision of the KJV (1857)
 - Pope Pius IX convened the First Vatican Council (1869-1870) that produced the Catholic doctrine of *papal infallibility*
 - Resolution passed to form a revision committee and the committee began work in 1870
- The Revised Version (RV) committee was chaired by Bishop Ellicott and laced with pro-Catholic scholars (or possibly Jesuit plants) most notably Brooke Foss Wescott and Fenton John Anthony Hort- John Henry Newman was invited to participate but declined

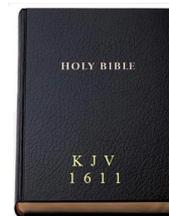
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- The committee invited the cooperation of American scholars led by a pro-Catholic scholar named Dr. Philip Schaff
- During the production of the Revised Version (RV), Wescott and Hort introduced their theory of textual criticism along with their Greek text which was based on *Codex Vaticanus* and *Codex Sinaiticus*
- Wescott and Hort convinced the majority of the revision committee (although Dr. F.H.A. Scrivener protested) to replace the Textus Receptus with their Greek text as the underlying text for the Revised Version New Testament
- The RV NT was completed in 1881 and the OT in 1885
- The American committee, chaired by Schaff, published the American Standard Version (ASV) in 1901
- It is important to note that the American committee did not have to comply with the disastrous mistake taken by their English counterparts but **THEY DID**

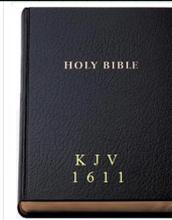
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- The Wescott-Hort text is the **SAME TEXT TYPE** that was **REJECTED** by true believers for centuries but beginning with the RV of 1885 and the ASV of 1901, all subsequent English translations have been wholly or partially based on this **PERVERTED** text type
- The desecration of the English Bible may have been **PREPARED** in England but it was **PROLIFERATED** in the USA- the land the Lord provided the church to be the base for printing and preaching his preserved word throughout the world in the last days

ASV (1901)	NEB (1970)	NKJV (1982)
RSV (1952)	NASB (1970)	REB (1987)
NWT (1961)	Living Bible (1971)	NRSV (1990)
Amplified Bible (1965)	Good News For Modern Man (1976)	NCV (1991)
TEV (1966)	NIV (1978)	ESV (2001)



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