



A comprehensive list of English versions of the Bible, both in print and out of print, with brief summaries of each version. These versions reflect the rich history of English Bible translation, evolving from early handwritten works to modern printed versions designed for various audiences and denominations:



1. Early English Bibles (Out of Print)

1. Wycliffe Bible (1382-1395)

- The first complete English Bible, translated from the Latin Vulgate by John Wycliffe and his followers.
- Handwritten copies only, as this predated the printing press.
- Considered illegal by the Catholic Church at the time.

2. Tyndale Bible (1525-1536)

- Translated by William Tyndale from the original Hebrew and Greek.
- First printed English New Testament

(1526).

- Tyndale was executed for translating the Bible.

3. Coverdale Bible (1535)

- Compiled by Miles Coverdale.
- The first complete printed English Bible.
- Based on Tyndale's work but also drew from Latin and German translations.

4. Matthew's Bible (1537)

- Published under the pseudonym Thomas Matthew, likely compiled by John Rogers.
- Combined Tyndale's and Coverdale's translations.

5. Great Bible (1539)

- Commissioned by King Henry VIII, this was the first authorized English Bible.
- Placed in every church in England.

6. Geneva Bible (1560)

- The first Bible to use numbered verses and Roman-type font.
- Popular among Protestants, including the Puritans and Pilgrims.

7. Bishops' Bible (1568)



2. Classic and Historic Bibles (Still in Print or Historical Reference)

9. King James Version (KJV) (1611)

- Commissioned by King James I of England.
- Based on earlier English translations and original texts.
- The most influential and widely used English Bible for centuries.

10. Revised Version (RV) (1881-1885)

- A British revision of the KJV using older manuscripts.

- Basis for many later translations.

11. American Standard Version (ASV) (1901)

- The American counterpart to the Revised Version.
- Known for its literal translation style.

3. Modern English Bibles (In Print and Widely Used)

12. Revised Standard Version (RSV) (1946-1952)

- A revision of the ASV, using more modern English.
- Widely used in academic and church settings.

13. New American Standard Bible (NASB) (1971, Updated 1995/2020)

- A highly literal translation, known for accuracy.
- Popular among scholars and pastors.

14. New International Version (NIV) (1978, Updated 1984/2011)

- A balance between readability and faithfulness to the original texts.
- Widely used across Christian denominations.

15. New King James Version (NKJV) (1982)

- A modern update of the KJV, maintaining its literary beauty while using modern language.

16. New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) (1989, Updated 2021)

- A revision of the RSV, emphasizing inclusivity and scholarly accuracy.
- Used in many seminaries and churches.

17. English Standard Version (ESV) (2001, Updated 2016)

- A word-for-word translation aiming for accuracy and literary style.
- Popular in evangelical churches.

18. Christian Standard Bible (CSB) (2017)

- A revision of the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB).
- Strikes a balance between literal and dynamic translation.

19. Good News Translation (GNT) (1966, Updated 1992)
- Also known as Today's English Version (TEV).
 - Designed for simplicity and readability.
20. Contemporary English Version (CEV) (1995)
- A clear, easy-to-understand translation aimed at young readers and new believers.
21. New Living Translation (NLT) (1996, Updated 2004/2015)
- A dynamic, thought-for-thought translation.
 - Focuses on readability and modern language.
22. The Message (MSG) (2002)
- A paraphrase rather than a strict translation.
 - Written by Eugene Peterson, using contemporary language.
23. Amplified Bible (AMP) (1965, Updated 2015)
- Expands words and phrases for clarity and deeper meaning.
 - Often used for Bible study.

4. Catholic Bibles (Still in Print)

24. New American Bible (NAB) (1970, Updated 2011)
- Official Catholic Bible in the U.S., approved for liturgical use.
25. Jerusalem Bible (1966)
- A Catholic Bible known for literary quality.
26. New Jerusalem Bible (1985)
- A revision of the Jerusalem Bible with updated scholarship.
27. Revised New Jerusalem Bible (2019)
- The most recent Catholic-approved English Bible with contemporary updates.

5. Other Notable Bibles

28. Living Bible (TLB) (1971)
- A paraphrase designed for readability and personal devotions.
29. The Passion Translation (TPT) (2017-present)
- A dynamic translation aimed at personal devotion and spiritual insight.
30. World English Bible (WEB) (1997)
- A public-domain, modern-language update of the ASV.
31. J.B. Phillips New Testament (1958)
- A paraphrase of the New Testament in modern, conversational English.
32. Young's Literal Translation (YLT) (1862)
- An extremely literal translation of the Bible.
 - Emphasizes the original Greek and Hebrew meanings.