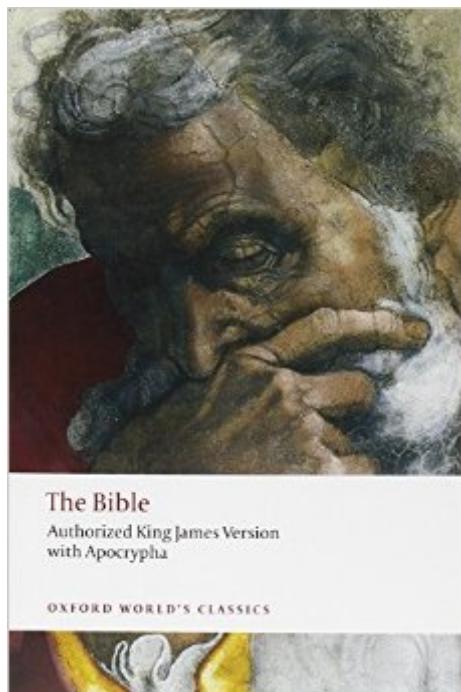


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This reviewer got this surprisingly low priced edition of the King James Bible (KJV) because of historical interest and to win a friendly wager. A young lady who is Protestant and this reviewer discussed the KJV, and we agreed that based on the Epistle Dedacatory, dedicated to King James I

of England (1603-1625), that the KJV was an anti-Catholic Bible. However, she disagreed that the original KJV had the Aprocrypha Books which are in all Catholic bibles but not in most Protestant bibles. So, the friendly wager was made, and this reviewer won this friendly wager. The editors' Introduction is of historical interest. There are good comments on the different arrangement of the Hebrew Bible (for Christians the Old Testament) and the Christian Old Testament. In the earliest editions of the Christian Bible, the Apocrypha Books (Judith, Tobit or Tobias, Baruch, Ecclesiasticus, not to be confused with Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, and I Maccabees and II Maccabees) were part of the Christian Bible for over a thousand years. Readers should note that for political and religious reasons, this rearrangement was made by 400 AD. Another point the editors made in the introduction was that the KJV and other editions of the Bible were based on what might be called layers of translations. Much of the Hebrew Bible was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic. The editors speculate that Hebrew, the oldest known biblical language, may have been introduced to the Ancient Hebrews from other Mesopotamian peoples. The first known translation of the Hebrew Bible or most of it was made between c. 287-247 BC whereby the Hebrew was translated into Greek. This translation was known as the Septuagint and exposed the Hebrew Bible to larger readership.

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