

both OT and NT. I don't think they did much in making it beautiful English. They tried to get it accurate. That is very important. But I fear the style of it is not such that it will last. But for a study Bible, it is on the whole very excellent. Somebody pointed out to me that it says in the Psalms 16 -- Thou wilt not leave thy Holy One in the Pit, just like the RSV° That is unfortunate. You will find some unfortunate things like that in it, and I'll give you the reason. The reason is this: Today if you get scholars with doctors degrees in Semetic studies, you will find that practically everyone of them has studied under utter unbelievers. Everyone one of them has, and just about has to to get a doctor's degree. He has had to subject himself to all sorts of unbelieving presentation, and everyone who took part in~~XXX~~ preparing this Bible said, I thoroughly Believe this is the Word of God, Jesus is divine, Jesus is God's Son, etc., but in the~~XXX~~ back of their minds they are affected by those things, inevitably, and there will be somethings that are harmful. But on the whole it is a very dependabel, careful, accurate book. I can strongly recommend it as today the best whole Bible I know of.

Now a year and a half ago there appeared the New International Version, and that has 200 different scholars participating on it with a system of different committees working on it. It is a very elaborate thing. I've helped some, and worked on many different phases of it. Although my total contribution to it is probably not 1/500th of the total that will go into it. But I have spent several weeks at various times helpfng with it.