

four-fifths of the words in the KJV are taken directly from the excellent translation that William Tyndale made, nearly a century earlier. The Bible being made in the language of the English people it brought about a revival all over England. The whole ~~edition~~ ^{edition} of the NT Tyndale's translation was bought up by the Bishop of London in order that he might burn it, but copies of Tyndale's translation were ~~sm~~ smuggled into England and through them ~~many~~ multitudes were brought to a knowledge of the love of Christ. After Tyndale other men took ~~u~~ up the task of putting the Bible into English. Tyndale's translation was followed by that of Coverdale. ~~It came~~ Then came the Bishop's Bible. Then the Geneva version--perhaps the best translation into English that had yet been made, and in many ways superior to the KJV that followed. It was the Geneva version issued about 1555 that was the Bible of the Pilgrims and was used by most of the Christians in America during the ~~==~~ for many years after the KJV was issued.

The ~~English~~ English language like all languages is constantly ~~changing~~ changing. Between the time of 1555 and 1611 it moved ~~==~~ changed in many regards. The British government tried to get people to use the Bishop's Bible which was not one of the best translations. ~~Their~~ Their home people preferred the Geneva version. The Puritans asked King James for more freedom to preach God's Word and to be rid of many ceremonies that they thought simply ~~obscuring~~ obscured the truth. King James refused all their requests but one. This one was that a new revision of the Bible be made so that people could understand it better. James wanted to get rid of the footnotes in the Geneva Bible which did not fit with his idea of the divine right of kings. He ~~ordered~~ ordered that a new Bible with no explanatory footnotes should be made. He made a careful selection of a dozen scholars and they were assigned various parts of the Bible and told to revise ~~the~~ the translation of the Bishop's Bible, to study all the translations made up to that date, ~~and~~ but above all to