

“‘The Purpose of Prophecy’ by Carlis Clinton” was posted on YouTube by lexingtonsdachurch on 9/25/21. This sermon had been preached the day before at the Lexington Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the sermon at 35:05 Carlis quoted James 5:17-18 from the New Living Translation because he “liked the way it was worded.” On 9/27/21 I posted what appears below in the YouTube comments section. My post was deleted shortly; I believe in less than ten minutes. I assume it was Carlis that had no sense of humor.

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Here is a passage from the New Living Translation (NLT) that some people really like.

“Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison—those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 from the NLT.

Some lessons to be learned from that passage are:

1. Jesus’ Spirit was raised to life but not necessarily his body.
2. Jesus, after his resurrection in the Spirit, preached to the spirits of the wicked people who had died in the flood.
3. Since Jesus preached to the spirits of those who had died in the flood, those spirits must have still had the chance to repent and be saved.

An interesting exercise would be to find out how many times the word saint, saints or saint’s appears in the NLT. After that, answer the question why.

“There is a wide field for the elders and the helpers in every church. They are to feed the flock of God with pure provender, thoroughly winnowed from the chaff, the poisonous mixture of error.” Ellen G. White Manuscript 59, 1900.

“Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 5 page 292.

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For those that wish to know the answer to the last question, the first edition of the NLT had the word “saints” twice with no occurrence of “saint” or “saint’s.” The most recent NLT edition doesn’t have any of those words. The NLT is a Roman Catholic Bible and all Roman Catholic saints are dead. If they left those words where they appear in the King James Version, it would show that there are living saints; you don’t have to die to be a saint.

In January 2021 I had posted the following in the comments section of a YouTube video titled “‘Brainwashed’ by Carlis Clinton”.

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[Martin Lohne](#)

[8 months ago](#)

OK Carlis, let’s check out something from the New King James Version (NKJV) which you call “the Bible.”

“Many versions of the Bible translated and published since the King James Bible have changed the language, so the precedent had been set for editing. Furthermore, both problems with editing are easily addressed by deciding to make the edits as simple as possible. We edited the Bible to prevent homophobic interpretations. We made changes to eight verses.” From the “Editor’s Notes” in The Queen James Bible (QJB).

“And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may rape and humiliate them.” Genesis 19:5 from the QJB.

“And they called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.’” Genesis 19:5 from the NKJV.

“And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them.” Genesis 19:5 from both the King James Version (KJV) and the QJB.

“And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, ‘For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.’” Genesis 4:25 from the NKJV.

“And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth. For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.” Genesis 4:25 from the KJV.

In changing “know them” to “rape and humiliate them” the QJB has made the sin being unkind to strangers rather than homosexuality. The NKJV has been changed to “know them carnally.” In the KJV and the NKJV italicized words (in this case carnally) mean that word has been supplied by the translator(s) to make the text read sensibly in English. In Genesis 4:25 in the KJV, the QJB and the NKJV it’s clear as crystal that “knew” meant sexual intercourse so adding “carnally” was only done to make the verse ambiguous enough to not offend homosexuals. That is because “carnally” can mean quite a few other things besides sex. For the definition of “carnally” in Webster’s Third New International Dictionary (unabridged) it says, “in a carnal manner.” You then go to carnal and get various meanings that include bodily, corporeal,

consanguineous, sexuality, unspiritual, temporal, animal, bloodthirsty, etc. If the NKJV had left out “carnally” there would have been no question that the sin discussed was homosexual gang rape.

The QJB has only changed eight verses from the Protestant King James Version and has thus changed a doctrine. The NKJV has changed just as many verses related to that doctrine though it hasn't done quite as good a job of removing references to the sinfulness of that vice. The QJB is a much better bible than the NKJV because only eight Protestant Bible verses have been changed and they tell you which verses were changed and why they were changed. The NKJV has changed many more than eight verses on various Seventh-day Adventist doctrines and doesn't tell you which ones were changed or why they were changed.

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## Carlis Clinton

[8 months ago](#)

Brother Lohne, thank you for your comments. I must admit, I have never heard of the QJB before. (I took the time to go online and find out more about it. Long and short of it, I personally don't think there is a need for a new Bible version to clear up any ambiguity in regards to homosexuality, etc. I I were to chose a Bible that spoke more clearly on certain topics, I would chose one for the issue of hell, another for the issue of death, and others for various other texts that might be a little more in clear in other translations) You are correct in that I do called the NKJ version of the Bible, "The Bible." Simply because it is. I do not wish to debate you on this topic, or any other for that matter, so I will not say much here. I have had many people over the years advocate for a KJV only approach to Scripture reading. As a fellow Bible student, I think you would agree that some translations are not best for study and some versions that I have heard of would not be worth the paper they are written on. I was raised with a KJV Bible and I love that version, but, it is also a version. There are words translated from the Greek/Hebrew into English in it that do not convey the correct, or maybe, the best understanding of the meaning of the word under consideration. This is especially true when you look at some of the passages that deal with death and hell. Every version, whether it is our favorite or not, was translated by man, so there will always be something that we see, in hindsight, that could have been translated a little better. So, I chose to read from the NKJV up front (and I don't always do so) because it is a little easier for people to understand, and at the same time it is a good translation. I am not sure if you listened to my sermon last week, but I find no ambiguity in the NKJV when it comes to homosexuality, etc. May the Lord guide you and I as we seek to know Him better and make the spreading of the gospel our focus, rather than other things.



## Martin Lohne

[8 months ago](#)

[@Carlis Clinton](#), Dear Brother Clinton, You have possibly missed my point or perhaps I didn't make myself clear enough. The QJB is a "Bible" that reads exactly like the KJV except for eight verses. Its purpose is not to "clear up any ambiguity in regards to homosexuality, etc." but rather to expunge that doctrine from the Bible. It is a translation by homosexuals for homosexuals. The NKJV has changed as many verses related to that doctrine, though not the same ones, and it isn't quite as good as the QJB in eliminating that doctrine, though it comes close. As you said, "some translations are not best for study" and that includes the NKJV. If a "Bible" has error in it, and the NKJV has error aplenty, it is not an infallible Bible. It contradicts itself and it contradicts Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. I find it interesting that you think the NKJV "is a little easier for people to understand" and that you think it's "a good translation." "The Scriptures were given to all men for the purpose of making them wise unto salvation. There is nothing left in obscurity or hard to be understood. The lessons we are to learn involve the happiness, the holiness, the unselfishness of man, that he may be complete in Jesus Christ. The mystery referred to by the great apostle as hard to be understood is the existence of God. 'Who by searching can find out God?'" Spalding & Magan's Unpublished Manuscript Testimonies page 56 (131). "He who has a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He has proved that God's word is truth, and he knows that truth can never contradict itself." The Ministry of Healing page 462. "Man is fallible, but God's Word is infallible." Selected Messages Book One page 416. Keep in mind that the author of those quotations hadn't finished grade school, didn't know Greek or Hebrew and the Bible she used was the KJV. I did listen carefully to your entire sermon. At [6:54](#) you said, "There is an organized antichristian agenda behind the mass media to turn people away from the Bible and the values that it promotes." That is very true and fake bibles like the NKJV have fooled most people. They are being brainwashed, as it were, to believe the real Bible is too hard to understand when at the same time the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide gives Greek and Hebrew lessons. At [14:52](#) you said, "And in twenty first century America, the belief in the infallibility of the Word of God is almost unheard of even in many Christian denominations." So true and that is because the NKJV and other new bible versions are clearly not infallible. I have not personally communicated with ANY Seventh-day Adventist minister who thought there was any English Bible on earth that was infallible which means no error at all. If "infallible" is too hard to understand, Seventh-day Adventists are in the habit on condemning papal infallibility so they know what the word means when referring to the pope.



## Martin Lohne

[7 months ago \(edited\)](#)

[@Carlis Clinton](#) Part of your response to my last post showed up on my YouTube notifications but for some reason it didn't appear in this thread. Since what I could read of your response was incomplete, I can't respond to it.



## Carlis Clinton

[7 months ago](#)

[@Martin Lohne](#) not sure what happened. I responded but it only showed part of it. I tried to redo it and I thought it went through. I will try again.



## Marta Thomas

[7 months ago](#)

I really enjoyed the sermon and wouldn't have commented at all except I read this post.

I was raised with the KJV and used it for many years. Then I decided to switch to the NKJV. I used that version until one day I read 1 Thess. [5:23](#) which I had memorized from the KJV my years previous. The NKJV reads - "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I was like, what?

The KJV puts it this way –

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. KJV is basically telling us to be blameless from now until Jesus comes. NKJV just tells us to be ready at Jesus coming. That was enough for me. I went back to the KJV. Perhaps this might help people understand better if they watch Walter Veith, The Battle of the Bibles, right here on YouTube. Very interesting and very informative.



## Martin Lohne

[7 months ago](#)

[@Marta Thomas](#) That is very subtle. Thank-you for that.

I have never read the NKJV all the way through but I have found a LOT wrong with it. Some of the errors are very subtle and some of them very obvious. The NKJV cannot be defended as the infallible Word of God. I take it you have gone back to the KJV. That is the only commonly used English Bible that can be defended.



## Carlis Clinton

[7 months ago](#)

[@Martin Lohne](#) Dear brother, I believe in the infallibility of God's word. God AND His word ARE infallible. That being said, in ALL translations there will be places where something could have been worded a little better or more accurately. The QJB that you refer to, may try and correct some wording dealing with the issue of homosexuality, but it apparently does not deal with the places where the understanding of death is not corrected. I personally find no ambiguity concerning the homosexual lifestyle when I read the KJV or the NKJV. The KJV is a good version. It is my favorite English translation. It is a literal translation. The literal translations, in my opinion, are the best translations. As I

said, all translations are exactly that, translations. That means, as you know, someone, or a group of people, took the original languages, and translated them into English, etc. Every translator comes to the table with certain preconceived ideas. None-the-less, God has given us His word and through its study and reading, none need be lost.

As Jesus said in John 5:39 - (KJV) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Selected Messages Volume 1, pp 16-17 "God committed the preparation of His divinely inspired Word to finite man. This Word, arranged into books, the Old and New Testaments, is the guidebook to the inhabitants of a fallen world, bequeathed to them that, by studying and obeying the directions, not one soul would lose its way to heaven. Those who think to make the supposed difficulties of Scripture plain, in measuring by their finite rule that which is inspired and that which is not inspired, had better cover their faces, as Elijah when the still small voice spoke to him; for they are in the presence of God and holy angels, who for ages have communicated to men light and knowledge, telling them what to do and what not to do, unfolding before them scenes of thrilling interest, waymark by waymark in symbols and signs and illustrations. And He [God] has not, while presenting the perils clustering about the last days, qualified any finite man to unravel hidden mysteries or inspired one man or any class of men to pronounce judgment as to that which is inspired or is not. When men, in their finite judgment, find it necessary to go into an examination of scriptures to define that which is inspired and that which is not, they have stepped before Jesus to show Him a better way than He has led us."

I do appreciate that you want God's word to be clear, may God bless you as you seek Him and His truth as I will be doing the same!



## Martin Lohne

[7 months ago](#)

[@Carlis Clinton](#) 1. The definition of infallible from Webster's Third New International Dictionary (unabridged) is, "incapable of error" and "not liable to mislead, deceive or disappoint" and "incapable of error in defining doctrines touching faith or morals." By that definition the NKJV fails miserably. When I say that, I'm not speaking of anything that "could have been worded a little better or more accurately." I am speaking of self-contradiction, contradiction of Protestant doctrine and contradiction of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. Added to that is contradiction of the Spirit of Prophecy which I consider an insult to the Holy Ghost. The NKJV is indefensible as an infallible bible.

2. Once again, the QJB is NOT trying to "correct some wording dealing with the issue of homosexuality." According to the editors of the QJB, the expressed purpose of that bible is to eliminate the possibility of homosexuality being condemned by that bible. If you haven't seen where the NKJV has done the same thing as the QJB it's only because you haven't looked hard enough.

3. If the KJV is your "favorite English translation" what don't you use it? It is a Bible you can defend. The NKJV is indefensible. You say you like the KJV because it's a "literal translation." I believe this implies that you believe the NKJV is also a "literal translation." Feel free to correct me if I'm wrong. The incontrovertible evidence that the NKJV is not a literal translation can be found in Hebrews 4:8 and Acts 7:45 where the name "Joshua" has been substituted for "Jesus." The same Greek word was translated "Jesus" 971 other times in the New Testament (that is assuming the same Greek text was used for the NKJV as for the KJV).

4. You said, "all translations are exactly that, translations." You go on to say, "a group of people, took the original languages, and translated them into English, etc." You say, every translator has "preconceived ideas" but you still claim it's "His word." When you refer to "God's word" and "His word" you are, I presume, referring to "the Bible." If you believe the translators put "preconceived ideas" into what you call "the Bible" it's obviously not "a literal translation." If they put "preconceived ideas" into the Bible then the Bible definitely isn't all God's Word and can't be infallible. If you assume that all fourteen million or so Greek speakers are also fluent in Hebrew and that only the "original languages" are infallible, that means only fourteen million people in the world can know what God really said. That would also be assuming that there is an extant manuscript anywhere in the world that is a one-off original autograph of God's word (good luck finding one). If you think it's OK for a "Bible" to have error, just tell people that and don't call "the Bible" infallible. Keep in mind that in Testimonies for the Church on page 292 Sister White said error is "always dangerous." "Always dangerous" means said error can result in someone being lost.

5. You quote from Selected Messages Book pages 16-17. I agree with the entire quotation. I fully agree that translators shouldn't be trying "to make the supposed difficulties of Scripture" plain. That is what they have done and you yourself said you use the NKJV because it's easier for people to understand, i.e., making "supposed difficulties" plain. Consider this, Ellen White with her third grade education was referring to the KJV. She also didn't know Greek or Hebrew and yet called the ENGLISH Bible infallible. I am not denigrating God's real Bible; I am exposing a fake bible.

I've already covered some of the many NKJV errors. I'll give you one more. Ezekiel 28:11-19 is accepted by Seventh-day Adventists as referring to Lucifer who became Satan. Starting at verse 16 what happened to Satan is all in past tense. If that is true, Satan has already been turned to ashes and is DEAD.



## Carlis Clinton

[7 months ago](#)

Brother, I have no quarrel with you and I have no great burden about Bible translations. I must confess that I see this as a discussion that could go on and on to no avail. I have had conversations with people over the years about Bible translations and they usually seem very fruitless. So this will be my last comment. As I said before, perhaps you find confusion in the KJV and the NKJV concerning those versions "take" on homosexuality, etc, I, on the other hand, do not. I think they are both very clear. If we were to try and construct a new version, such

as the QJB, every time we found something that could have been worded better, the versions would come to no end. The KJV has many instances when it speaks of hell or of what happens when you die that could have used a better translation of some of the words that would make things more clearer and more accurate that can, and does, lead to some erroneous understanding of said subjects. With that said, I am content to study the versions that are available, with my understanding of Greek and Hebrew (limited as it may be after all these years of being out of school), and I see no need to spend my time on this issues. I will not allow this to cause me to "come down off the wall." I am a Seventh-day Adventist Christian that believes all of our fundamental teachings from the Bible. I defend those from the Bible, and I share those from the Bible (KJV, NKJV, etc). I find no need of another translation to help me find my way to Jesus or to point others in His direction. The goal of the word is not to point out the flaws of homosexuality, it is to point us to a sinless Savior, that desires us to overcome ALL sin in our lives and prepare us to live in a sinless environment (heaven) with sinless companions (angels) and our Maker, Creator, and Redeemer. I leave you with the best of wishes and intents and hope that the study of God's word, whatever version, will keep you on the path to Jesus. Maranatha!



## Martin Lohne

[7 months ago](#)

[@Carlis Clinton](#) 1. I understand you have no great burden about Bible translations and are OK with a bible having some errors. In this respect you are in the company of the great majority of Seventh-day Adventists.

2. You say, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist Christian that believes all of our fundamental teachings from the Bible." There are a couple of problems with that. First of all, if you believe the Spirit of Prophecy was inspired by the Holy Ghost, you would have to believe "the Bible" is infallible but you don't believe it is. Secondly, when you say "the Bible" you would have to either believe every "Bible" was the same and was infallible or you would have to believe there was some single Bible on this earth we could rely on for Seventh-day Adventist doctrine but you don't believe that either.

3. You are of the opinion that the NKJV is clearer when it comes to teaching about hell and the state of the dead. If at some time you do preach such a sermon, try preaching the ENTIRE sermon using ONLY verses from the NKJV with no reference to or wording from the KJV. I would very much like to hear you do that as the Seventh-day Adventist luminaries I've seen that tried to do that have always messed it up.

4. It is not a hard feat to teach about love, Jesus and stewardship from about any bible out there. The problems arise when trying to teach Seventh-day Adventist doctrine about the state of the dead, 1844 and the heavenly sanctuary using a fake bible. The way Seventh-day Adventists get by with using fake bibles is because the people they're teaching don't study their own bibles, fake or otherwise, and don't know what those bibles say.

5. By all means, don't come down off the wall but you should probably exchange your broken sword for a good one.

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