

## Westcott and Hort

His question tonight is something I've never really taught you except when coming through Church History with you guys. His question has to do with the impact of 2 guys in the middle to the late 1800's. I want to walk you through these guys, and how they played into it – it really bridges the gap on what we have today, and how it got there. No study on Church History would be complete without a study on these 2 guys. These two guys are named Westcott and Hort, and we're going to talk about these two guys in detail. These are guys who you need to understand who they are, and what they did. These two men and what they did; their work on the "criticism on manuscripts" and research that they did is considered, even to today, probably the greatest work that has ever been done on critiquing the Greek text of the Bible. Wherever you would go, they are hailed in most circles by every conservative college throughout the country and to the thoroughness to their work. The Greek text they turned out became the official standard Greek text that's used throughout the board for many years, probably even up to today. It's commonly called Nestle's New Testament Greek Text. You'll hear that term a lot. The Nestle's New Testament Greek Text is the standard Greek Text for every Bible College in the country. When a guy wants to correct the Bible in some fashion or use the Greek, it will be Nestle's New Testament Greek Text that he uses. Nestle's New Testament Greek Text was put together in its beginning by Westcott and Hort.

To me, looking through history, it's an amazing thing how scholarship always turns a blind eye to what a man is or what he believes with God. I've never understood it. I mean, they'll look at his academic credentials, but they'll never stop and see where the guy is at in his own relationship with God. This is something you need to understand – most of these guys who did the work on the New Testament that brought about the new Bibles like Westcott and Hort are unsaved guys. They're off the wrong line. And I'm going to show you how that works tonight. And like I said, the main characteristic of scholarship is to overlook what a man believes as long as he's educated and has a degree. It's almost like what I've called for years the "Mystical Scholar's Union." A kind of a mystical little bond together, for if a person studies or reads history, you'll find they always are hanging out together! Like my grandma used to say, "Birds of a feather flock together." And all through history, you'll find all of these bird sanctuaries. Believe me, they're always hanging out together! Now, I want to talk about our two guys.

If you don't have this book, I suggest you'd get it. It's called "Who's Who in Church History" by William Pierson Barker. This is one of my major sources in everything I ever did in learning about church history. This book is a non-Biblical book. In other words, this guy does not tell you which guys are good, and which guys are not. To this guy, they're all good guys! But what he does do, is he lays out who is who in church history. It will give you a short bio of everybody connected in church history. If you ever want to know about somebody in church history, you can go and find out from a pure sense of "this is who they were, this is what they believed, this is what they did, etc." from this book. And then once you've got the Bible down and you understand the two lines, then you can put everybody in their place. I'm going to read out of here about Westcott and Hort, and what he says about them. Let's start with Westcott first. It says about Brooke Foss Westcott, who lives from 1825 to 1901 "Note-worthy Anglican New Testament scholar and church historian. Westcott, along with Fenton John Anthony Hort toiled 28 years to produce the authoritative New Testament in the original Greek." You see how this

guy is in the bird sanctuary?? Now that is a lie out of the pit of hell! Because there is no such thing as the original Greek! There hasn't been since the original Greek since the original Greek! And nobody today has got the original Greek, nobody today has ever read the original Greek, no Bible ever contained the original Greek... This is the scholars' union; this is what they do! "Published in 1881, Westcott, a divinity professor at Cambridge from 1870-1890 helped publish the revised edition of the New Testament in English." This will be the RSV of 1881! In other words, Westcott and Hort, they labor 28 years to produce a New Testament Greek text that was going to correct and change and brought forth the first Protestant-Roman Catholic Bible which was the RSV, the Revised Standard Version of 1881. "He is elevated as bishop of Durham in 1890 where he showed astonishing skills in identifying with coal-miners, helping resolve a bitter strike in 1892. Westcott wrote numerous scholarly articles on textual studies of the New Testament."

The next guy, which is his partner in crime is a guy by the name of Fenton J.A. Hort. Let's see what this book says about him – "Fenton John Anthony Hort. Lived 1828 – 1892. Church of England Vicar and Cambridge dawn. Hort joined with Brooke Foss Westcott in 1853 to produce the authoritative Greek text of the New Testament, which has been accepted and used by many exegeses. In 1870, the scholarly Hort was appointed to the committee translating the English Revised Version of the New Testament published in 1881." Now these two guys are the kingpins for the first revision of the Bible. And both of these men got together under the pretense of "Christianity." Notice that neither one of them are operating under the authority of a Bible-believing New Testament local church. In fact, when you would look at their lives (and there's a lot of information!), they're a member of the Anglican church. You would find that there is record of either of their salvation anywhere. There's no record of them converting anyone else to Christ! There's no record of either of them holding a meeting where anybody got saved. There's no article or paper they ever wrote (and they did write a lot of them) that ever talked about their involvement in New Testament ministry and working with people! What are they famous for? They put together a textual theory.

If you remember last week, I talked about the two lines. And I talked about the true Biblical line that stayed with the New Testament text out of Antioch. And then we went through the next line; the corrupt line, where the Greek text went down into Alexandria, got corrupted by Origen and that crowd, comes into Rome through Eusebius to Constantine, and becomes the first Roman Catholic bible on the manuscripts out of Alexandria that have been corrupted in over 80,000 places from the text from which your King James Bible came from. Now, down through the history of the Roman Catholic Church for the next several centuries, they have in 400 AD what is known as Jerome's Latin Vulgate. And that is based off the corrupt manuscripts. I told you also that a little bit later on, it is translated into the Douay Rheims, which is the official Roman Catholic bible until at least the 1900's, and in many cases even still today. Now, I also told you last week how they found the two Greek manuscripts. One they found in the Vatican, and the other was found by Tischendorf in Sinai in the St. Catherine's monastery, and they make up the two Greek texts today known as Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. Those corrupt manuscripts that come out of Alexandria Egypt through Constantine and right back to Origen who corrupted them in over 80,000 places. Westcott and Hort, when they put forth their textual theory, here's what they theorized. They theorized because the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus manuscripts were older, dating back to around 300 AD. And I told you last week that most people believe that the Sinaiticus and

Vaticanus were part of the original 50 copies that were ordered by Constantine through Eusebius, that he got from Origen out of Alexandria Egypt! There were very explicit instructions on how these New Testament copies were supposed to be done. There's still letters in the British museum detailing the size, the way that they're to be done on tan, leather skins, the classical Greek that they're to be found in vs. the Koine Greek. But they match identically!! And without a doubt, the Sinaiticus found in Sinai, and the Vaticanus found in the Vatican are left over copies from those original 50 copies that originally came to Constantine. They form, because they're written around 300 AD, the oldest manuscripts that were known at that particular point in time.

The manuscripts for your King James Bible, the Greek manuscripts; there are some that go back right around that time, but most of them are much later texts, and that's because they were being used, and being copied over, and all of that. Meanwhile, Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were sitting out and nobody was messing with them because they knew they were corrupt! Here's their theory. Westcott and Hort said "It stands to reason that if we want to get back to as close as we can as to what the original manuscripts were, we have to get the oldest manuscripts that we can find. Manuscripts from 300 AD would be closer to the original Greek than something in 800 AD." That was their theory. They took Sinaiticus and Vaticanus from the Roman Catholic Church, brought it in and started a revision committee, and labored 28 years to produce from these 2 manuscripts a New Testament Greek text that would become the standard by which all the new translations would come from. And that later becomes Nestle's Greek Text. Their theory stated that the Roman Catholic texts, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus were closer to the originals than the "Received Text" that everybody was using. And that the King James Bible was built on faulty manuscripts that could not be trusted because they were so late. This leads to in time, them putting out the RSV in 1881. This translation was supposed to take the place of the KJV because it was supposed to be more accurate and better because it was based on earlier manuscripts. This is the theory by which all the new Bibles are built on! Every one of them! A little bit later in 1801, there was an ASV that came out. Then there was another one in 1953... There's been a thousand of them! And I told you last week, every Bible out there on the market besides the King James Bible is built on Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, and built on the theory of Westcott and Hort. That's why every version will claim to be "better," "clearer," "more accurate." It's always been a joke to me that they put out 500 translations, keep saying it's always getting better, when the truth of the matter is that there's one Bible that has stood by itself for 400 years, and never been changed at all. That's the concept.

And both of those guys were "great" scholars. Both of those guys were "geniuses" in their field. But they had no love for the Word of God. None at all. The Bible says in Matthew 7:20 "By their fruits, ye shall know them." And the Bible says to "prove all things." So when you look at Westcott and Hort, and you begin to prove them out, and why I wouldn't walk across the street to get any one of their bibles. Neither Westcott or Hort believed that the account of Genesis 1, 2, and 3 actually happened. They didn't believe that Adam and Eve were literal. They didn't think anything of it more than just some myth that had been put out that people were talking about. Both were baptized as infants, and thought that was how they got saved. Westcott writes to his fiancée in France in 1847 and tells of going into a Roman Catholic monastery and seeing the altar with Mary holding a dead Christ. And he writes "If I were alone, I could've knelt there for hours and prayed to Mary." Hort writes to Westcott in October 17, 1865 and says "I have been persuaded for many years that Mary worship and Jesus worship have very much in common."

Westcott worshipped Mary so much and thought so highly of her that he changed his own wife's name to Mary. In the Revision Committee of 1881, both Westcott and Hort said that they would withdraw from the committee if a guy by the name of Dr. Vance Smith was kicked off of the committee because he was a Unitarian. Someone who was a Unitarian at that time was someone who was just as lost as they could be, believed nothing about the Bible, nothing about God. These are the men who put out the RSV! Sometime if you get a chance, get a book called "The Learned Men" (by Gustavus Swift Paine, 1959) and compare the 47 men who worked and translated the King James Bible up against these guys! Neither Westcott or Hort believed that the Greek text, nor any other text was inspired by God. They denied verbal inspiration. They both thought the works of Karl Marx and Charles Darwin were great and believed in a form of his evolution. Westcott and Hort take out completely the supernatural element of the Holy scriptures in the Bible. They both thought the Bible was full of errors and mistakes, and could only be fixed through their scholarship. Both believed the Apocrypha should be added to the Word of God. Hort believed that the church took the place of the Nation of Israel. Westcott believed in the "Fatherhood of God..." The idea that "we're all God's children." Both men thought that the Devil was a power, and not a person. Both believed that Heaven was a state of mind, rather than a real place. Both denied the literal return of Christ – they were a-millennial. They denied the pre-existent Christ before Genesis 1:1. Neither believed that Christ was really God in the flesh. Now... is there anybody here in their right mind that think you can get to Heaven based on those beliefs? And is there anybody here in their right mind based on the evidence that would take a Bible from those two clowns over what God was using for the last 400 years? After they're dead, Westcott's own son said that they used the occult to work out some of the translations that he was working with. It's an incredible concept. These two men come right out of the middle of the European think tanks of philosophy, religion, education, and science. And they are hailed today as the "great defenders" of the Book. You read any work today on Westcott and Hort, and they will hail them on how they were "such great scholars." How the work they did changed Christianity as we know it today. That's the crowd you're dealing with!

Through their revision committee of 1881 comes the destruction of the reformation Bible. The committee of 1881 was totally pro-Roman Catholic. It was totally based on the Roman Catholic manuscripts Sinaiticus and Vaticanus that were written back with Constantine, and were arbitrated as being "closer to the original," therefore "more accurate" manuscripts by which the Bible was to be built on. And along with this committee came the Oxford movement. From 1830-1850 – it opened up English churches and ministerial schools that were shot to the Roman Catholic influence even more. Back around 150 years after the reformation, the Catholics launched what has been called the "counter-reformation." The counter-reformation was the Jesuits going into the theological schools of Europe that were training up young men, going in in disguise, graduating from those seminaries or those schools, then starting up Protestant churches, and then with a Jesuit influence, bringing those churches slowly back in line with the Roman Catholic Church. This is what killed the reformation in Europe. It's called the counter reformation! And the Oxford movement was that movement to destroy that. And when Westcott and Hort, who were a part of that movement; when they brought in their Bibles with the corrupt Greek text, it then launched all the new Bibles that come down the line because every new Bible on the market from 1881 will be out of Westcott and Hort's work that they did. Westcott and Hort's theory opened the door to rid the world of the Bible God had used for about 300 years. And of course, it all gets replaced through the Revision Committee of 1881. This is why you

need to understand these things and as you begin to put it all together, you see how it works. Westcott and Hort produced a fairy tale Bible for Disney Land church. It's just that simple!! Nothing they said was true, nothing they did had anything to do with God or the Bible. They were not saved themselves. They were as lost as could be. And they came to the point where the Devil used them through the Roman Catholic Church, and all of those things going on at that time to bring about a destruction of the Bible. It went from the RSV of 1881 to the ASV of 1901 to the RSV of 1950, to the 1960 New ASV, to the NIV, the New English Bible, the Living Bible, the New World Bible, the New King James Bible, the New Scofield Bible, and every other translation today other than a King James Bible is based off of Westcott and Hort's theory, and the text that they produced.

And so by 1900, you begin to see that the Devil is beginning to "regain the ground" that he lost in the reformation. All the lights go out in Europe; England hangs on for a little while, but the lights eventually go out there, and then in America, the lights were on for a little while, but they go off as they are today. Westcott and Hort were two of the most damaging men to bring about what we have today, and the Devil used them to bring about a faulty Greek New Testament that was built on corrupt manuscripts that go all the way back to Alexandria, Egypt. The same manuscripts that turn into the Jerome's Latin Vulgate, then the Douay Rheims, and up to today, the official Bibles of the Roman Catholic Church. That family of manuscripts is the source of every modern translation out there today. This is how it happened, and everything begins to change. In 1900, if you do a lot of reading, you're going to find around 1900 that something strange happens. And it's a real interesting phenomena. I told you before how around the end of the 1800's and the start of the 1900's, you see the start of what we call the "Neo-evangelical" and the "Orthodox" movements. And I told you before that both of those movements; their main goal is to take Christianity from the common man's grasp, and put it back in higher education. It was things like this that did that. And you find around 1900 that everyone is swinging and moving toward education. And you're going to find a strange thing – even with the guys that believed the Bible... Clarence Larkin is a contemporary around 1900. He writes during that time. His book on dispensational truth has been the standard ever since he wrote it. Most of the doctrines guys know today were pulled from what Clarence Larkin wrote in the 20's. But I've got to tell you something; when you get to his beginning of his book when he talks about creation, you might as well take a pen-knife and cut those chapters out! It is the most screwed up, goofiest thing you've ever seen in your life! This cloud theory of enveloping the earth in a cloud. And he comes up with the stupidest stuff on the creation in Genesis 1:1-2. I used to look at that stuff and think "How did a guy get all of this down here, and miss that?" When everybody around him for the last 300 years understood exactly what happened between Genesis 1:1-2. The answer is simple. Back around that time, scholarship was laughing at anyone who believed that Genesis 1:1-2 was about God and the Devil getting in a knockdown drag-out fistfight that kicked the universe out of place. It wasn't "scholarly." Scholarship had begun to set itself up and raise its head up to the point where "if you're not a scholar, if you're not with us," then you got ridiculed. And these guys didn't want to get ridiculed! So it came to the point to where these guys knew what the Bible had taught, but because it wasn't being accepted in that day by the scholarly world, they all came up with their own theory!! "Theory" is the word man!! It's the Westcott and Hort theory! The evolutionary theory!! The "theory" of the cloud concept that Larkin had put in there. Everybody put together their own theory, because if you put a theory forth, then you could still be scholarly!! But if you go dogmatic, and say "it's not the gap

theory... it's the gap FACT!" Then you can't be scholarly! Scholars always deal in theory!! Having a theory will always provide a backdoor that will allow you to get out if someone finds out that you don't know what you're talking about! "Well, it was just a theory." See? No, no. The Bible doesn't deal in theories. The Bible deals with facts. With absolute truth. It isn't "I believe in that gap theory." It's "I believe in the gap FACT." That's a major piece of your Bible!!

So these guys back in the early 1900's with the rise of Neo-Evangelicalism and Neo-Orthodoxy, we begin to see how they start to bend towards some of that pressure. And you see how some of the guys who did great doctrinal things suddenly get as screwy as you could ever think about on some of this stuff. They don't want to be laughed at! They want to be recognized as a scholar, and that was a big deal back then. And it's only gotten worse! Today it's beyond belief. Today you've got so many doctors, you would've thought God was sick! But that's where it went, and how it got there. It started right there around the end of the 1800's. And then into the 1900's with the new Bible translations, then it just kept building upon the faulty documents of Westcott and Hort and their theory that older manuscripts mean they are closer to the originals. And of course, anybody who understands anything about the Bible realizes that if you had the original manuscripts sitting in front of you, they are worthless. They're worthless. And the original manuscripts were never in one book at any particular time.

I used to hear these guys get up and they'd get up and preach and wave a King James Bible and they'd say "We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God!" And everybody would say "Amen!!" And I would go up to them afterwards and say "Wow! That's great!! You believe that the King James Bible is the perfect, inspired Word of God!??? Praise the Lord for that!" And the guy says "Eh, wait a minute, I don't believe that." And I say "You just waved the King James Bible saying that it was the inspired Word of God!???" And he says "Well I was meaning that the original autographs were inspired." And I'd say "You didn't say the original autographs! You said 'we believe the Bible.' If I'm sitting out here and you're waving your hand saying 'we believe the Bible,' how am I going to get that from there to the original manuscripts?" He says well "the people know that." No they don't!!! No they don't!! I didn't know that until he told me! They don't know that! I'd say "Let me ask you a question. What does the word Bible mean?" He says "It means 'Books.'" And I'd say "That's correct. Let me ask you a question. When was there a time ever when the original manuscripts were ever in one book?" He says "Well they weren't." I say "Well you proved my point. So you're standing up there saying the Bible is the Word of God, verbally inspired in the original autographs, you're talking about a book that never existed, nobody ever read, God never put together - You don't even have a Bible!" And that's their theory. That's how they operate. They don't deal in facts. They deal in education. They don't care what a guy believes with God. They don't care if a guy is unsaved. They don't care if Tischendorf stole the manuscripts. They don't care if Westcott and Hort worship Mary and believed in infant baptism. They were scholars! Scholarship will always trump your relationship with God in the Christian world! It always has and always will! I've seen it in churches where they wanted to get a pastor, and they have a pulpit committee. And when a pastor candidate comes in, they don't ask him how many times he's read his Bible through, or how many souls he's won to Christ, or what his plan is to make the church grow. They want to know where he went to school and how much education he's got. The more degrees he's got, the better he looks. Because we believe that education; the more you get educated in a spiritual sense, the closer you are to God. And nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, just the opposite!

So Westcott and Hort were two tremendously powerful figures. Now, I'll tell you this - You never hear about this. During this same time there was another guy who was a Bible believer. His name was Dean Burgon. Dean Burgon believed the text out of Antioch that forms your King James Bible. He took Westcott and Hort to task. He wrote a series of papers, one of them called "The revision revised." And he wrote a series of papers defending the Textus Receptus and blowing Westcott and Hort right out of the water. His books are still published. But it's a thing where to this day, they have what is called the Dean Burgon society. He's long dead, but the Dean Burgon society picked up after he died to preserve the text out of Antioch from which the King James Bible come from. He ripped Westcott and Hort's legs off! They didn't have a leg to stand on. He went after them big time. And he went after them in a scholarly fashion, he was a great mind, a great scholar, but he believed the Bible. You never hear anything about Dean Burgon! Dean Burgon has been shelved under the carpet someplace. Nobody wanted to talk about his works, nobody wants to talk about what he did, and never since the 1800's and 1900's when he wrote what he wrote, no one has ever refuted one word of it. But that's scholars you see, they bury the ones they don't like, and they push the ones that they do like. And that's the way the system works.

So Westcott and Hort as you find them will be two of the kingpins that brought the Sinaiticus manuscripts and the Vaticanus manuscripts that were brought in through Constantine. They finished it off and brought it into a revision committee in the 1800's and worked for 20 years to put forth one Greek New Testament. And just so you understand what they did, they took Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, two Greek New Testaments. And they sat down and they said "OK we're going to combine these two into one. We're going to recognize that these two Greek manuscripts are the oldest manuscripts to date. We're going to take these two, and we're going to compile them into one manuscript which is going to be the authoritative Greek New Testament. And so they labored for 28 years going through the New Testament deciding what it should say, what the tense was of the Greek word, what did they really mean, the idioms, and all the different things that go along with the language changes. And they come out after 28 years, those two men decided, based on those two manuscripts what the New Testament Greek manuscript should be. And then from that came every other New Testament translation down the line. That's Westcott and Hort.

**QUESTION: "The other thing on new Bibles that I think is very deceptive difference between a dynamic equivalent translated Bible like the NIV versus the word for word translation as the King James was."**

Well that's what happened when the translations of the Bible got further and further along; they took far more license with them. And they're pretty much just putting in there what they believe, what they want, and then departing from the text in many places. They're deciding what should be, and what should be not. Now let me just say this to you so you understand this. The big argument for the King James Bible over the Greek is simply this. Just so you know. They'll say that you've got to go back to the Greek, because the Greek was the original language that the Bible was written in. That poses the problem at the outset because now we know we have two Greek New Testaments. There's only three family of Greek manuscripts. There's the Antioch which comes out of Antioch - that's what we have. There's the Egyptian text which comes out of

Egypt, and then you have the Western texts that comes out of Rome. The Roman and Alexandrian out of Egypt are corrupt texts. There's only three families of manuscripts. When you talk to somebody about manuscripts they'll say "Oh, there's just 100's of families." They'll do that to make it as confusing as they can. The Bible tells you in the book of Acts; this is where you've got to love your Bible. The Bible tells you in the book of Acts there's only three cities. The book of Acts is built around these 3 cities. You know what those cities are? Antioch of Syria, Alexandria Egypt, and Rome. And it shows you in the book of Acts that there's only going to be three players in the manuscript world about your Bible. The true line comes out of Antioch. The false line will come out of Alexandria first, and then later out of the western text which is the Roman Catholic Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. There's only three families.

Now, people will always say "Well your English Bible is no good. You can't trust it. It can't be inspired, because God gave it in the original Greek, so if you want to get an exact translation, you've got to go back to the Greek because you can't get an exact translation from Greek to English. So you've got to study Greek, so that when you want to really know what the Bible says, you go back to the language that it was written in, because there lies the key in the success of really getting what it means." Now, I have told people, and I believe this is true. I believe this is absolutely true, that from 1600 to the time that we live in, that the English language is the universal language of the world. And I tell you that if you're going to find God's word today, you've got to get it in the universal language by which God chose it. In history, there has only been three universal languages the God has used. In the Old Testament, it was Hebrew. In the early New Testament times, it was Greek, so your Bible was written in the New Testament in Greek. And as time produced on, and God knew that the world was going to move into an English speaking world, God put the Word of God in its final form in the English language. Now people have a tough time with that because one, they don't see English as the universal language today, because we've got so many other languages today. My answer to that is, if we were back in the Old Testament, and you were a Hittite, and I was a Moabite, we probably would not recognize Hebrew as the universal language back in the Old Testament. In other words, it isn't what man thinks the universal language is, it's what God says it is. And when God says it was Hebrew in the Old Testament, I don't care if you had Amalekites, the Hittites, the Moabites, whoever you want didn't like it, God says "if you want to get my Word, you've got to get it in Hebrew." In the New Testament times, in the early New Testament when it was a Greek speaking world, God put it into Greek. The Greek that the Bible is written in today is a dead language. It is not even used in Greece in any way shape or form. It is a dead language. When the world moved and the world changed, and God brought it, and it was turning into an English speaking world where England and America was going to dominate the world, God chose English to be the final language that he put his Word in. Just like you couldn't get the Word anywhere in the Old Testament other from the Hebrew, you can't get the Word of God today anywhere other than the English in a King James Bible.

Now, here's what they tell you. And this is the beauty of it. A scholar will never get to this. He's too educated. But here's the problem they say you have. They say that you can't get one translation from another translation to line up. The problem they have with your English Bible is that when you translate it from Hebrew into English, you can't get an exact translation. The idioms don't match up. The language doesn't match up. You can't get an exact translation. You've got italicized words in your King James Bible. Do you know why? You've got italicized words in

there because when the King James translators translated it from the Greek to the English, it wasn't an exact translation, so they had to add the words in there to make it make sense, because it wouldn't make sense without it! And so when scholarship sees that, then that's proof positive for them, that the Bible that you have, the King James Bible couldn't be an exact, inspired translation that God put in there because you had to change it, and add things to make it, because you can't get it across the board. My answer to that is this - back in the Old Testament in Exodus 1-10 you've got Moses and Pharaoh having dialogue back and forth. You've got it recorded for you! Now when that transpired, they didn't have that conversation in Hebrew. Moses was versed in Egyptian. Pharaoh wasn't going to speak in a Hebrew tongue. He hated it! That whole conversation in the first 10 chapters in Exodus was done in Egyptian. It's in your Bible in Hebrew. You didn't get exactly what they said. You know what it comes down to in situations like this? When it comes to the fact that you can't get two languages to line up, so you've got to work the thing to make it work. You know what it comes down to in the final analysis? You've got in that Bible exactly what God wanted you to get. When Pharaoh and Moses talk back there, they talk in Egyptian, it was recorded in the Bible in Hebrew. You didn't get the exact thing they said. You know what you got? You got what God wanted you to get! And through the Hebrew writers and the Hebrew scribes, and them translating it in there, God made sure you got what he wanted you to have. And through the King James translators as God was coming into English and bringing the Bible into English, God made sure you got exactly what he wanted you to have. Now, if you can't believe that, if you can hang on to that? Then you don't have a Bible.

It always bothered me that a man would think and believe in the virgin birth. That Jesus Christ could come down, be born in the body of a woman, be born through her womb, come through a human being, but still be sinless, and not tainted by man. We don't have a problem with that, but we think that God could not bring his Word down through the history of the Bible-believing line, he injected his Spirit into every aspect of it just like he did with the birth of his Son, and bring about a perfect Bible that's not tainted by man, just like he brought a perfect Son that wasn't tainted by man. And by the way, John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word. The Word was WITH God, and the Word WAS God." John 1:14 "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." If that book isn't pure, then he wasn't! See how simple it is? Scholarships out of it. You just stick with the Bible. The problem of scholarship is they don't love the Bible. They don't believe the Bible. They believe scholarship. The Bible is not authoritative to them, because they have no Bible. Their Bible is a mystical, original manuscript that have never existed, that not one of them has ever read, that was never in any form, anywhere. Do you actually think that when Paul did what he did, he had the original copy of Genesis through Exodus and the Old Testament?? I told you before, you go into the book of Jeremiah, and Jeremiah writes one copy of it. It gets burned up with Dr. Jehoiakim with a pen knife, and throws it in a fire. Then he gets another copy, and that gets thrown into a river, and by the time you're done, you've got two or three different copies of Jeremiah, and the Bible says they didn't match in what they said!! It doesn't have to match in what it said, as long as it's what God wants you to get. And if you don't believe that the hand of God preserved your Bible, that errors got in it?? I don't know what to say!! I have guys come to me all the time. "Well look here. How do you explain this?" First of all, it isn't my book. I don't owe you an explanation. There's a lot of things in that Bible that I don't understand. But my first thought is not to discredit the Bible because I think that I'm smarter than it! God wrote a book the way he wanted it to be written. It will not line up; no translation will line up with the Greek any way shape or form. The Greek that people go back to is a dead language that isn't even spoken

any more. A guy once asked me "So you believe that the English language is the language of the world, and if a man wants to find the truth, he has to get a King James Bible, and he has to read the English? Is that what you're telling me?" I said "That's exactly what I'm telling you." He said "Well that is heresy." And I say "Oh, you've got the truth? You're telling me, that if a man really wants to get the Word of God, he's got to go study Greek and Hebrew, and can ONLY get it in Greek and Hebrew?? Let me tell you something pal, there's a lot more people in the world that understand English than understand Greek and Hebrew. There is probably not 10,000... that's probably an overestimate. Probably closer to 5,000. There are probably not 5,000 men and women on this planet who have the complete working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew to be able to use that language in a sense that you could get into that Bible, and understand it the way it is. So you're telling me that God gave you a Bible, by which he clearly has told you he's going to judge you by, and then put it in a language that in a lifetime you could never learn, and then he's going to judge you for not following it?? And you say I'm the heretic??"

At the Judgement Seat of Christ, there's a lot of things I've got to give an account for. I really do. But I'll tell you one thing I'm not going to be worried about. I'm not worried about standing there and God saying "Bob I'm taking every reward away from you. I can't believe you. How dare you live your whole life down there and tell those people that I was God enough to write a book, and preserve it. How dare you tell those people that I preserved my Word perfectly." I'd say "I'm sorry Lord, I won't do it anymore." How stupid that is!!! The book that he gave you is perfect. The two lines clearly define it. And there's a lot of people out there that don't follow the lines. They think that the world that we live in today, the lines are blurred. There's no two lines anymore. It's all one now. And we are the exception to the rule, and churches like us. We're the odd ball out. We're the heretics. We're the cults. We're the people who are so whacked out in left field because we still believe that God is a God who can write a book and preserve it. You bet we do. You bet we do. Someone says "How can you definitely say that the King James Bible is more superior to the original autographs??" And I can say that's simple. I know 500 billion people that were saved by a King James Bible. I don't know anybody that ever got saved by an original autograph. I know 50 billion people through history that read and loved the Word of God and read the Bible. I don't know anybody that ever got to read the original manuscripts. If that doesn't make it superior, you need to be in a mental institution! You can't get your hands on it! You hear it today "The original Greek. The original Greek. The original Greek." That is such a lame term to get you to believe that somebody has got the original Greek. Nobody's got it. Nobody ever had it. It never existed in the sense that you could ever get your hands on it. I mean the reason I know that is because for the last 400 years of church history, the greatest period of church history. It was this book that God used, not the Greek and Hebrew. And certainly not anything that Westcott and Hort ever put out.

**QUESTION "During the time of the Tower of Babel, and when God changed the languages, was Hebrew still the universal language?"**

Yeah absolutely. Universal languages have to do with how God's doing what he's doing. God chose Hebrew as the language for his people that was going to be the universal language for the world. God cared nothing about the other nations. He cared about one nation. Everybody else that helped his people, they got the blessings of God. Anybody else that cursed his people, they got the curse of God on them. There's lots of languages out there that go on and on and on - the

Babylonians, the Assyrian language, all those languages. They meant nothing to God. God's pure language that he recognized as a universal language by which truth was going to be imparted to the world was Hebrew. And in the New Testament time, that language was Greek. And as he moved on into the Church Age and God began to change the nations, and bring about the two greatest nations that were going to be the two Evangelistic nations across the world. You go to Africa today, you go to Korea today, you go to China today? You go to places across this world, all of them speak English. Africa, no matter what their language was, they spoke English. They spoke English because in the 1700's and 1800's, the British missionaries went there, and they trained them how to read and write out of a King James 1611 Bible, and they gave it to them in English. And people have a tough time with that. And I don't care. I mean I understand it.

**QUESTION "What about Zephaniah 3:9 where it talks about a pure language?"**

Yeah, that's Hebrew. That's Hebrew. That's a Millennial passage. That's dealing with in the Millennium, they will go back to speaking Hebrew because it's going to be built around the Nation of Israel. That is the pure language, that's God's language.

**QUESTION "You mentioned that the last revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ was given to John on the island of Patmos. I find Revelation 22:18-19 interesting..."**

Revelation 22:18-19 says "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from he words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

That's the last warning in the Bible to not mess with God's word. There are three of them in the Bible. One in the beginning, one in the middle, and one in the end. The one in the beginning is Deuteronomy 4:2 "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." That's the first one. The second one is Proverbs 30:5-6 which says "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

**QUESTION "The people going back to the Greek - is it the Classical Greek?"**

The Greek language has two styles. It has a Classical Greek, and it has what they call Koine Greek. Koine Greek is the common language of the people. The Classical Greek is the Gnostic language of the 2nd and 3rd century. Your King James Bible in its Greek text was written in Koine Greek. The Sinaiticus and Vaticanus is written in the classical Greek.

**QUESTION "So when the original translation was done and God had his hand on these men, would you then say that they were inspired?"**

Absolutely - 2 Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The problem with that... say the

original copy of Genesis written by Moses. How many times has that been copied over by the scribes long after Moses was dead? More copies were made. The original copy ceased to exist pretty quickly. So all you have is a copy of the original. It's the same; there's no mistakes added to it, but it's not the original. It's the same way with the New Testament. Here's the reason why Sinaiticus and Vaticanus were the oldest manuscripts found at the time. Sinaiticus and Vaticanus were written on tan vellum scrolls, or animal hides. They were 11 inches by 17 inches. They were like leather plates. And it was written on there in Classical Greek. Your New Testament that comes out of Antioch is written on papyrus paper. Papyrus paper is like newspaper. Very cheap paper. And they were being worn out very quickly. The reason why they found Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, and you couldn't find the Textus Receptus... Here's the best theory there is! This is Bob's Theory on textual criticism. Write it down. That's Bob, B.O.B. The reason why you find the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus where you couldn't find Koine Greek on papyrus paper is because nobody wanted Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, and everybody wanted the other one. They were worn out as they were handed down from person to person. They were never in a classical Greek form. They were never on tan leather plates. That was Constantine's gig - that's what he wanted. They were written to the common man, on common paper in a common language. Like newspaper. How long, if you carry a newspaper around in your briefcase or in your backpack for a month, and it rains and humidity, and you move it in and out, how long will it last? Well they wore out. And so you'll find that when they start numbering the pieces that your Bible comes from, they're small fragments. They call them P21, P22, P34. They number them. And the P stands for papyrus. And that is the way that they designate them. And they have New Testament portions of it that go back to maybe to 5th, 6th century. There's some that go back a little earlier than that, but clearly, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus were more complete. But they were complete because nobody wanted anything to do with them. One of them was locked up in the Vatican and they didn't even know it was there. And the other one, they started to build a fire with it! Is there anyone here that would light your gas stove with your Bible? Don't answer that....

So it's a thing where you begin to see that the guys that are behind that line care nothing about the truth of God. Most of them are lost. I mean I told you last week about Tischendorf. He wasn't a Christian. He's a German rationalist. I mean, here we are - I told you last week. He couldn't get the Sinaiticus manuscripts from the Sinai Peninsula there out of St Catherine's monastery. The monks wouldn't let it go! He tried everything in the world. And of course, he steals them. He begs "The Czar of Russia would like to examine these, and would you loan us them, and we'll bring them back?" And they said "Yes, you can take them to the Czar of Russia, and then we want them back." He took them, and never brought them back! They've got letters in a British Museum of the monks saying "where is our letters?" And of course they never got them back! Vaticanus is in the Vatican of course. In fact, nobody's ever seen it. It's just photographs of it in the Vatican library. Nobody's ever seen Vaticanus ever in our lifetime. All you see is photographs of it. They have it locked away in a Vatican vault, and nobody knows for sure exactly how many of them they have. What they show is just a photograph, but nobody has never seen them. They see them, but we don't. They don't allow any scholars in to look at it. The Sinaiticus is in the British Museum in England.

**QUESTION "When you were talking about the manuscripts coming out of Antioch, was it the 40 men..."**

There were 47 translators. They were the men that when James the first of Scotland, who we know him as King James - he authorized the translation, 57 scholars started to do the work. Some of them died. Again, "The Learned Men" (by Gustavus Swift Paine, 1959) will detail out the lives of these men. Their character and love for the Word of God versus the modern translators... And another thing that they did you know - that's why they put the words in italics in your Bible. They were honest men. They wanted you to know that when you saw a word in italics, it was because the idioms didn't match up, and they put that word in there to make it make sense. They were very honest in their translation. Most people don't know this. If you have a King James Bible come back way back in the front. I'll tell you why the bottom line is why everybody hates the King James Bible. This is the bottom line right here. The true line comes down through Antioch, the false line comes out of the Roman Catholic Church. We talked a lot tonight, and laid a lot of things out, now you'll see where the rubber meets the road. We'll show you why the devil hates it, why the devil's crowd hates it, why the Roman Catholic Church hates it, why the evangelicals hate it, why everybody hates it! I'll show you while the axe to grind against this Bible starts. In the front of your Bible, you have what is called a dedicatory. If you have a Bible that does not have a dedicatory, you don't even have a King James Bible. You've got a watered down American version that wanted to hide why your Bible really was the Bible that it is. We sell these Bibles out of Milford, and some of the high dollar ones that are really classic - The Allan-Brevier Bibles or whatever they are that are really good for Bible students. But they've all got a dedicatory in them. If you've got a King James Bible tonight, and you don't have the dedicatory, then you don't have a King James Bible.

The dedicatory was written by the translators. It showed you and me, and anyone who begins to read the King James Bible, why they put this Bible out. Most people don't even know what the dedicatory is or where it's at. It says in this third paragraph of the dedicatory –

"...but every day increaseth and taketh strength, when they observe, that the zeal of Your Majesty toward the house of God doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting itself abroad in the farthest parts of Christendom, by writing in defence of the Truth, (which hath given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed,)"

The King James translators believed in the anti-christ! But yet, they understand he's referred to as the man of sin, but in this case, the man of sin they're referring to is the Pope. Now watch: You want to know why they hate this Bible? Here it comes!

"...in defence of the Truth, (which has given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed,) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the Teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing Father."

Then skip down to the last paragraph...

"And now at last, by the mercy of God, and the continuance of our labours, it being brought unto such a conclusion, as that we have great hopes that the Church of England shall reap good fruit thereby; we hold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Mover and Author of the work: humbly craving of Your most Sacred

Majesty, that since things of this quality have ever been subject to the censures of illmeaning and discontented persons, it may receive approbation and patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as Your Highness is, whose allowance and acceptance of our labours shall more honour and encourage us, than all the calumniations and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that if, on the one side, we shall be traduced by Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor instruments to make God's holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness; or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by selfconceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvil; we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty's grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations."

Do you see that? Those translators told you that they put this Bible out against Popish persons who were maligning them because they wanted to keep the people in the dark, and these people wanted to give them the light and truth of God's word. That is why your King James Bible was put out. There is not another translation out in the history of the universe, that it's beginning, before it ever starts take a shot at the man of sin and His Church. All of them are built on the pope's manuscripts!!

Then the second group mentioned - the selfconceited Brethren. Do you know who those are? Those are the Calvinists. John Calvin's crowd. I don't say much to most people. I have some Baptist friends that are Calvinist. I refrain from telling them how stupid they are. I let them just whither in their stupidity. Most of them have a King James Bible and believe it!! I have never had the heart to tell them how stupid they are, that what they believe about Calvinism, having a King James Bible, that the King James Bible was written against two people groups. One was the pope and the Roman Catholic Church. The other was the Calvinists! And there's not a lot of difference between the Popish people and Calvinists! When Calvin started his church, he set it up based on a Roman Catholic concept. He got his doctrine from Augustine, one of the greatest Roman Catholic theologians in the history of the church. And of course when you read that, you see that the

"selfconceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvil; we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty's grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations."

They wrote that book against two people groups. Both people groups want keep people in darkness and not give them the truth. And that's why the King James Bible came out. That's why the King James Bible came out at the end of the reformation, and it came to the place where it just went around the world. It turned the lights on everywhere! Before then you have a period of about 1000 years of what is called the Dark Ages. The Dark Ages were the Roman Catholic

Church shutting off the light by shutting off that manuscript! So when the King James Bible comes out for 300 years, it's setting the standard for the world, the Roman Catholic Church is not yet done. She starts to come back in through the Oxford Movement, the Jesuit movement, through people like Westcott and Hort, they get the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, scholarship comes back up, they raise their ugly head, and now they've come back to take the Bible that you had, and bring you back to Rome. The number one thing the devil wants you to do is to join his church. That will be the Roman Catholic Church. Now they have a lot of splinter churches that came out of that; she's the mother of harlots. So she gave birth to a lot of other little harlots, but she is the mother harlot. So, you're going to find a lot of churches come from her. But the number one thing the Devil wants to do is to get you into one of those churches. So the Catholic Church tells you this - it tells you that if you want to get married, you can't get married outside the Roman Catholic Church. If you do, you're damned for all of eternity. They'll tell you that you cannot read any book that they don't tell you that you can read. They have a thing called the index. That index is a list of books that as a Catholic, you cannot read. They tell you that the Roman Catholic Church is the only true church, and there's no salvation outside that church. If you ever leave this church, you're going to be doomed and damned for all of eternity. That's what they tell you. When you get married and have kids, and you get married in the Catholic Church, and a pope does the ceremony, you have to promise that you will raise your kids Roman Catholic. They want everybody and anybody in their church, and they will do everything they can to get you in. Now, that's the number one goal. That's why that book was written. Now that you've got the dedicatory, and it was written in defense of the truth against Popish people, whose whole life and desire was to keep people in darkness, and to keep them from God's truth. You read it right there. You read it right there! Second thing. "Well I'm a Baptist. I'm not going to join the Catholic Church!" or "I'm an evangelical... we don't have a real problem with the Catholics but we're not Catholics, I don't believe in all that stuff." Ok, so the first thing he wants you to do is join his church. If he cannot get you to join his church, then the second thing he wants you to do is to stay in your Baptist Church, stay in your evangelical church, stay in your orthodox church, and just use his Bible. And down through history, it's just that simple. He started the church for hardliners that would join the church, and then he translated and took the Bible out from under the common man, and gave them a Roman Catholic bible with the RSV, the ASV, the NIV, the NKJV and everything else because he knew if he couldn't get stupid Baptists or stupid evangelicals to join his church, then he'd let them stay in their church, but just kill them through having his Bible. If you've got any other Bible than a King James 1611 Authorized Version, you have the Devil's Bible. Like it or not. It's just the way it is.

You have to understand that there's only two elements fighting down through history. God and the Devil. They both have their churches, their histories, their people, etc. They are so close together, you could not find them and see them other than using the book that GOD wrote. They told you - this book was written to take a shot at the man of sin. That's the Devil.