

Charisma House announces 'most modern version' of KJV

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Charisma House has announced plans for an update of the King James Version (KJV) Bible, to be called the Modern English Version (MEV). Described as "the most modern of the KJV," the new version will be released next year.

The MEV is the most modern translation produced of the KJV in 30 years, according to officials for the book group of Charisma Media. The word-for-word translation maintains the beauty of the past, yet provides clarity for a new generation of Bible readers. The MEV also accurately communicates God's Word anew as it capitalizes references of God, "maintaining reverence" for the Scriptures.

"To Bible readers who value biblical truth, the MEV literally translates God's Word in a way that preserves the message, but remains readable for today's world," said Tessie DeVore, executive vice president of Charisma House. "And because of this, we anticipate that the MEV will have broad ecumenical and consumer acceptance."

Editors of the MEV translation represent institutions such as the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Harvard University, Oral Roberts University, Westminster Theological Seminary and Yale University.

"In my capacity as the senior editorial adviser, I want to introduce you to a fresh and exciting translation of Holy Scriptures—the Modern English Version," said Stanley M. Horton, who has a doctor of theology degree and is overseeing the ambitious project. "It is second to none."

While most translations are preferred for either study, reading or devotions, the MEV seeks to fulfill all of these needs in one Bible.

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"I expect that this translation will be readily understood by thoughtful readers of the Bible even as they find the classic truths of eternity expressed in understandable language of today's English speaker," said Jonathan M. Watt, a Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary adjunct professor of biblical studies.

James F. Linzey, chief editor of the MEV and chairman of the Committee on Bible Translation, added: "I highly recommend the MEV as a translator's Bible for missions work to provide the Word of God to all English-speaking people around the world."