

The King James or Authorized Version was the first widely available english version of the bible and was published in 1611. The Revised Version (RV) is a revision of the KJB and was published between 1881 & 85. There are now many different versions used throughout churches in the UK. KJV still remains the most interlectually challenging to read, whilst the NIRv is designed to be ckear and understandable to Early Readers. There are now many different versions, I sometimes look and wonder why. But it is my firm belief God uses the many different translation and paraphrases to speak to different folk at different times.

| | Literal Translation | |
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| | Thought for thought | |
| | Paraphrased | |
| | Bible | Reading Level |
| King James Version | KJV | 13 |
| New American Standard Bible | NASB | 11.5 |
| Amplified | AMP | 11 |
| Revised Standard Version | RSV | 11 |
| New Revised Standard Version | NRSV | 10.5 |
| New King James Version | NKJV | 9.5 |
| English Standard Version | ESV | 8 |
| Holman Christian Standard | HCSB | 8 |
| New International Version | NIV | 8 |
| Todays New International Version | TNIV | 7.5 |
| New Jerusalem Bible | NJB | 7.5 |
| New American Bible | NAB | 7 |
| New Living Translation | NLT | 6.5 |
| Good News Bible | GNB | 6 |
| Contemporary English Version | CEV | 5.5 |
| The Message | TM | 4.5 |
| New Century Version | NCV | 3.5 |
| New International reader's Version | NIRv | 3 |

