

The following is commentary posted under the video titled “‘Weapons in the Church’ with Doug Batchelor (Amazing Facts)” published on 1/8/20 by Doug Batchelor. The commentary was posted on 1/9/20 and, to my surprise, it was published on YouTube. How long it will stay there, I don’t know.

You say the Bible “is our most important weapon” and I agree.

You gave an example of where in 2 Kings and Chronicles one says “four” and another says “forty” and calls it a “typo.” I agree that you can’t call a “typo” something that will destroy trust in “the Bible.”

You say the Bible is a perfect book but some translations are better than others. That is true and you routinely use the New King James Version (NKJV) calling it “the Bible” when it has some very bad errors. If you believe a bible has errors, why should we believe you when you edit a bible so it says what you think it should say? I’ve heard you do this many times. Try giving a sermon on the state of the dead sometime going STRICTLY by what your bible of choice, the NKJV says, without editing what it says in any way and without using another translation. You will find the NKJV to be a pretty dull Sword of the Spirit. The fact is you don’t believe ANY bible is infallible.

I will now give you an example of some verses of a passage I’ve heard you use more than once from your bible of choice, the NKJV, except you have always been wise enough to modify what it says to comply with what you believe it should say. If you wish to maintain the problem is a “typo” then you have to believe that through various editions of a multitude of bible versions this “typo” has never been corrected. I also doubt you have the slightest idea of why said change (sorry, “typo”) was made. I’ll give first the verses from the Protestant King James Bible followed by those verses from the NKJV.

Ezekiel 28:14-19 from the King James Bible – “[14] Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. [15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. [16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. [17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. [18] Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. [19] All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.”

Ezekiel 28:14-19 from the NKJV – “[14] ‘You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. [15] You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. [16] By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. [17] Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. [18] You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. [19] All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.’”

There are two things to notice in these verses. The verses are clearly talking about Lucifer who became the Devil and Satan. That fact is clear both in the King James Bible and in the NKJV. The difference is that what happens to Satan is future tense in the King James Bible and past tense in the NKJV. If the NKJV is to be believed, Satan has already been turned to “ashes.” Satan is already dead according to the NKJV!

Of course there is the valid question; is this a “typo?” I looked up those verses in the New American Standard Bible, the American Standard Bible, the Amplified Bible, the Christian Standard Bible, Contemporary English Version, the English Standard Version, the Good News Translation, the God’s Word Translation, the New Century Version and the New Living Translation. All of those bibles have the punishment of Satan in past tense. I’m sure I could find quite a few more bibles that have done the same thing.

If you wish to postulate the “typo” theory, there have obviously been many “typos” in the above verses that have crept over to a bunch of other bibles. Or, you can believe Satan is already dead. Is this important?

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The following is additional commentary was not posted on YouTube. After all, there is only so much people will read.

Around 5:55 he said, “What matters is what does the Bible say.” I agree with that as long as you’re not using a fake bible.

Around 20:40 he said, “Our weapon and protection is the Word of God.” I agree. Which Word of God Doug?

Around 21:03 he said the Bible “is our most important weapon.” Once again Doug, which Bible?

Around 26:55 he said, "The words in this book are not like other words." So true. So why do you think you have the authority to edit them? If you're not using a fake bible you won't need to edit the words.

Around 28:19 he asks if we're to think an angel was whispering in the writer's ear word for word (even little words like "the") every single word that was to be written. No Doug; I don't believe that but that isn't the issue at all. I will freely admit there are many verses in the NKJV that are different in some way compared to the King James Bible with no harm, that I can see, done to the meaning of the verse. Those verses aren't the problem. The problem is the many verses in which the meaning has been corrupted in subtle or not so subtle ways. That is why Doug sometimes has to change what his NKJV says. Then there are times where knowledge of ENGLISH word definitions apparently aren't known to Doug so he blissfully reads from his NKJV oblivious to the fact that it doesn't say what he thinks it says.

Around 28:37 he says, "And I believe the Bible must be taken as a perfect book." I fully agree with that. Tell me please which "Bible" is "a perfect book." Just a hint; it's positively not the NKJV. Maybe you should tell people that. He goes on to mention the "original manuscripts" which haven't existed for at about two thousand years in the case of the New Testament and several thousand years in the case of the Old Testament.

Around 29:45 Doug says, "If there was something that you could argue ah you're far better off believing all of it is inspired than starting down that very dangerous road of thinking there could be a mistake here or there and you start deciding what part of it you want to believe." Yes, he really said that. This is coming from a man who doesn't believe there is any one Bible that is perfect and who frequently misquotes from the very "Bible" he is reading from because it doesn't say what he thinks it should say. I agree Doug, YOU are on a VERY dangerous road.

He continues the discussion saying several emperors have tried to destroy the Scriptures. What he doesn't understand is that the Holy Scriptures are being destroyed in a different way than in the past. When there are many erroneous bibles and very few infallible ones confidence in the Word of God decreases. If you can't believe your bible, it's the same as having your bible destroyed. By the way, the Bible Satan wishes to have destroyed now is the King James Bible which has, despite his attacks, been around for over four hundred years. The Roman Catholic Church has no issue with the majority of the bibles that have been modified to agree with her doctrines.

Around 36:45 Doug says, "The Bible is miraculous in its accuracy." The real Bible is miraculous in its accuracy. To see which Bible is miraculous in its accuracy go to the top page and read again the verses from Ezekiel 28:14-19 from the King James Bible and the NKJV. You should easily be able to tell which Bible is "miraculous in its accuracy" and which one is wrong.

Around 37:03 Doug says, "I've heard all kinds of goofy, uninformed, critical things about the Bible. Well friends, if you don't believe the Bible you shouldn't believe anything." Yes Doug, I agree. Please tell us which "Bible" to believe.

Around 38:42 Doug tries to explain why there are differences in the bibles. He says, “and the places where you might say there’s a little difference, some of it’s because you’re going from one language to another.” We’re not talking about “little” differences and the problems in the NKJV and other bibles has nothing to do with going from one language to another.

Around 49:48 Doug says, “We otta know the bible better than anybody.” That’s true. Since not many know what the real Bible says, they have not a clue when someone (like Doug) quotes something from their bible that isn’t there or is contradictory to Protestant or Seventh-day Adventist doctrine.

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