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21st-Century Translations

[*The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition \(NRSVue\)*](#) is a major 2021 revision of the 1989 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). Published by Friendship Press in partnership with the National Council of Churches and managed by the Society of Biblical Literature, it represents the most significant update to this text in over 30 years.

[*The New American Standard Bible 2020 \(NASB 2020\)*](#) is a modern revision of the highly respected 1995 NASB translation. Published by The Lockman Foundation, it maintains the traditional "word-for-word" formal equivalence philosophy while updating grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structures to reflect contemporary English standards.

[*The English Standard Version \(ESV\)*](#) is a highly popular, "essentially literal" Bible translation. Published by Crossway in 2001 and updated several times since, it emphasizes word-for-word accuracy while maintaining literary excellence. It is a top choice for serious study, preaching, and scripture memorization.

[*The World English Bible \(WEB\)*](#) is a free, modern English translation of the Holy Bible that belongs entirely to the public domain, meaning it carries no copyright restrictions. Built as a revision of the 1901 American Standard Version (ASV) it is translated using the Hebrew Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. The New Testament utilizes the Greek Majority Text rather than the Westcott-Hort text. It focuses on formal equivalence (word-for-word accuracy) while modernizing archaic language. The "Classic" edition uses the Hebrew name "Yahweh" for God instead of "LORD". It contains also the Deuterocanonical books derived from the Revised Version Apocrypha. Available in variants like the British Edition (using local spellings and "LORD") and a Catholic Edition conforming to traditional book order.

20th-Century Translations

The [*New American Standard Bible 1995 Edition \(NASB95\)*](#) is widely recognized as the gold standard of word-for-word (formal equivalence) English Bible translations. Published by The Lockman Foundation, it serves as a direct update to the original 1971 NASB text to improve readability while maintaining strict literal accuracy.

[*The New International Version \(NIV\)*](#) is an English translation of the Bible first published in 1978 by Biblica (formerly the International Bible Society). The NIV was published to meet the need for a modern translation done by Bible scholars using the earliest, highest quality manuscripts available.

[*The Revised Standard Version \(RSV\)*](#) is an influential English translation of the Bible published in its complete form in 1952 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. It was designed to be a literally accurate yet highly readable modern revision of the 1901 American Standard Version (ASV), aiming to preserve the historic literary majesty of the King James tradition while integrating 20th-century advancements in biblical scholarship.

[*The American Standard Version \(ASV\)*](#), officially released in 1901, is a highly regarded English translation of the Bible renowned for its strict word-for-word literal accuracy. Originally published by Thomas Nelson & Sons, it emerged as an American revision of the late 19th-century British Revised Version, which itself was a milestone update to the historic King James Version (KJV)

19th-Century Translations

[*Darby, John Nelson. The Holy Scriptures: A New Translation from the Original Languages . 1890. Provided by www.BelieversResource.com*](#)

. This is a very literal translation of the Bible which is still useful for Bible interpretation. The site provides also other versions of the Bible. A good resource.

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[*The English Revised Version* . 1881–1885.](#) is a British revision of the King James Version. It was the first clear and accurate modern English Bible translation that restores original meaning and deepens your understanding of God's Word. It stands historically as the first and only officially authorized revision of the KJV in Great Britain.

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