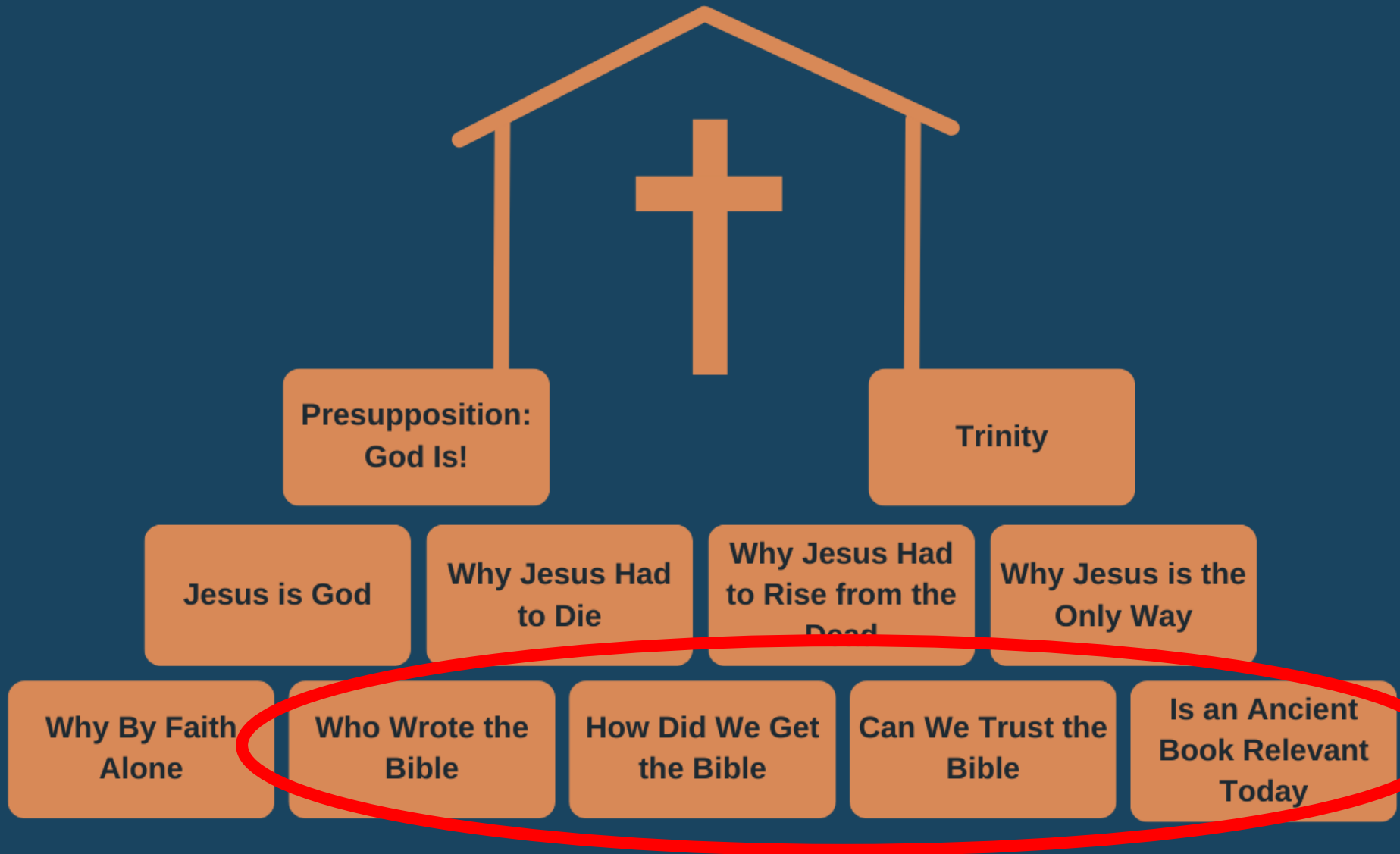


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# What is the Bible?

- **Collection of 66 Books**
- **Over 40 Human Authors**
- **Over 1500 Years**
- **Multiple Continents**
- **3 Languages**



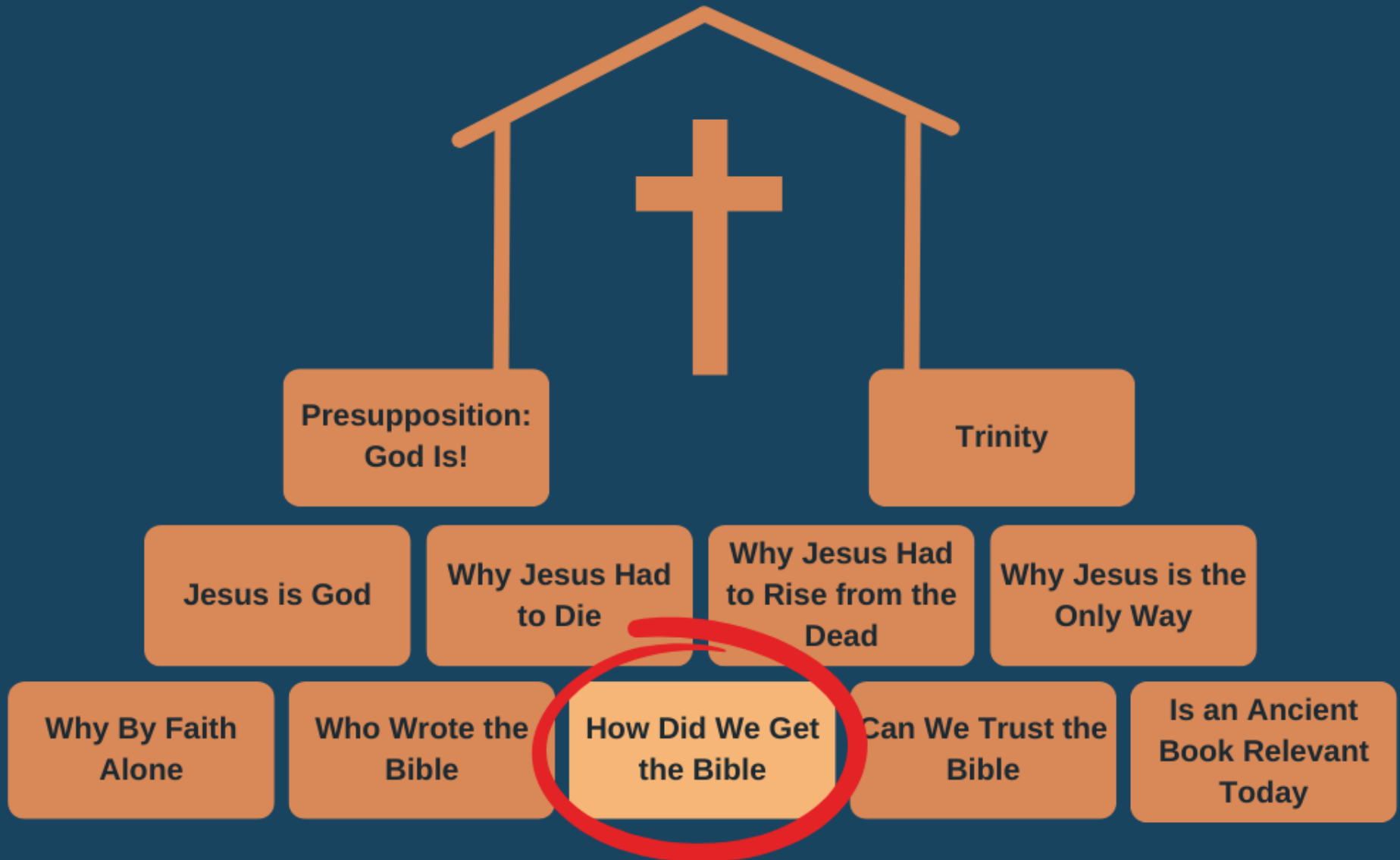
# Faith Bible Church

## Summary of our Faith

“We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God; the inerrant, infallible, and authoritative revelation from God to men; the only guide in matters of faith and practice.”



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revealed and preserved  
His word in the  
collection of 66 books  
we call the Bible.**

## Genesis 15:1

After this, the word of the Lord  
came to Abram in a vision...

(ESV)



## John 16:12-15

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” (ESV)





**“That’s an amazing chain of authority Jesus constructs, isn't it? Everything he has to say is from the Father... And he will give all that comes from the Father to the Holy Spirit, who will in turn declare it to the apostles. Do you see? Jesus is here telling his apostles that more teaching will come and that it will come to them in particular.”**

~ Greg Gilbert, Why Trust the Bible?, p.139



## 2 Peter 3:15-16

And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. (ESV)



# 1 Thessalonians 5:27-27

I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. (ESV)



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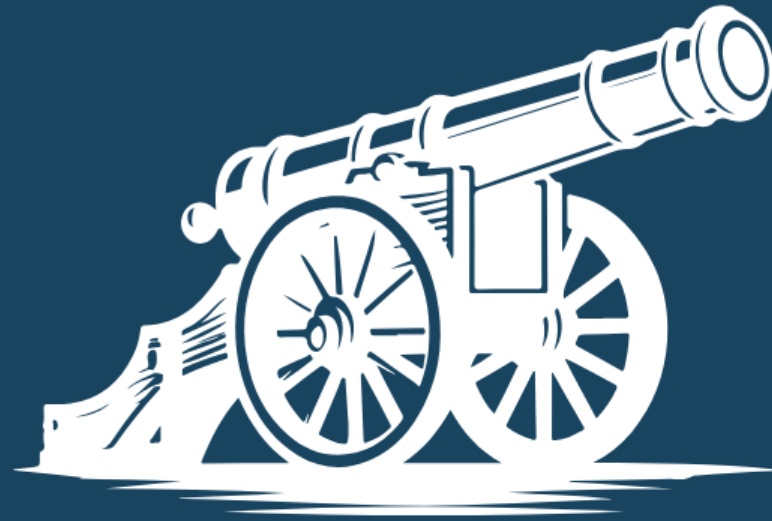
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# Canon VS Cannon



## Luke 24:44

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (ESV)



**“The place of the Apocrypha in the household of canonical Scripture had always been that of distant relatives at best or uninvited houseguests at worst.”**

~Svigil and Adair, Urban Legends of Church History, pg. 180



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# Characteristics of Canon

- **Apostolic Origin** (apostle or close associate)
- **Broadly Circulated** (most Christians in most places)
- **Evidence of Inspiration** (no errors)
- **Theological Continuity** (supports and promotes consistent doctrine)



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“As writings such as Matthew, Romans, or 1 Thessalonians were written, sent to the churches, and received by them as apostolic and prophetic, those recipients would have immediately treated those writings as authoritative - that is, as canonical. There would have been no decision making process, no hesitancy, no questioning whether those writings should be treated as the standard and rule of faith and practice. As Paul himself said, ‘Stand firm and hold to the traditions you were taught, whether by what we said or what we wrote’ (2 Thess. 2:15).”

~Svigel and Adair, Urban Legends of Church History, p. 41



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# Bible Translation Comparison

## WORD-FOR-WORD (Formal)

most often used for in-depth study  
and personal development

NASB

AMP

ESV

KJV

NKJV

HCSB

NRSV

NAB

NIV

NLT

NirV

GNT

TLB

MSG

## THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT (Dynamic)

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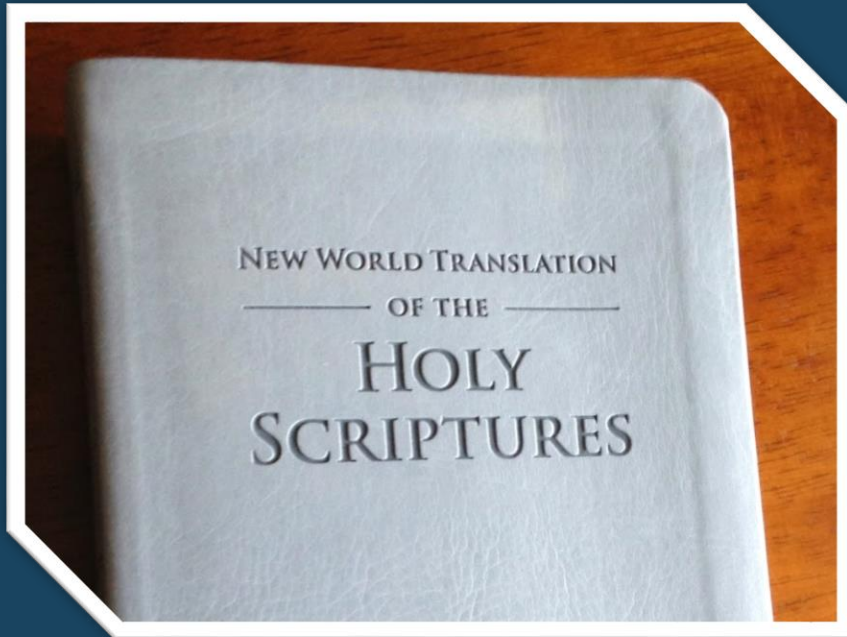
## PARAPHRASE

most often used for devotional reading  
and gaining diverse insights

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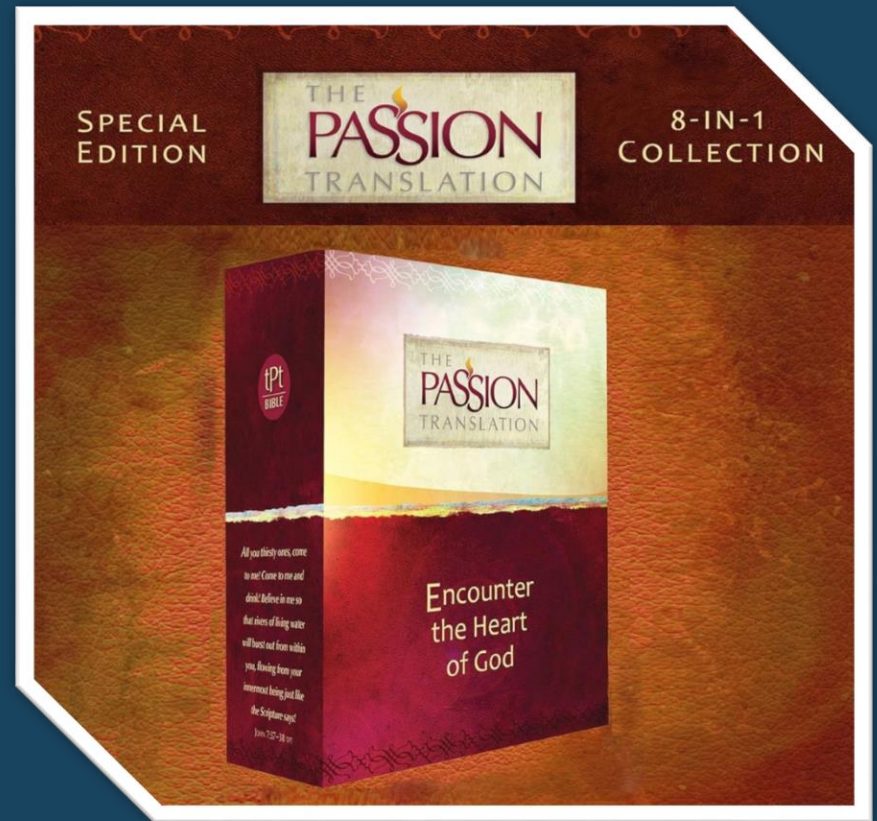


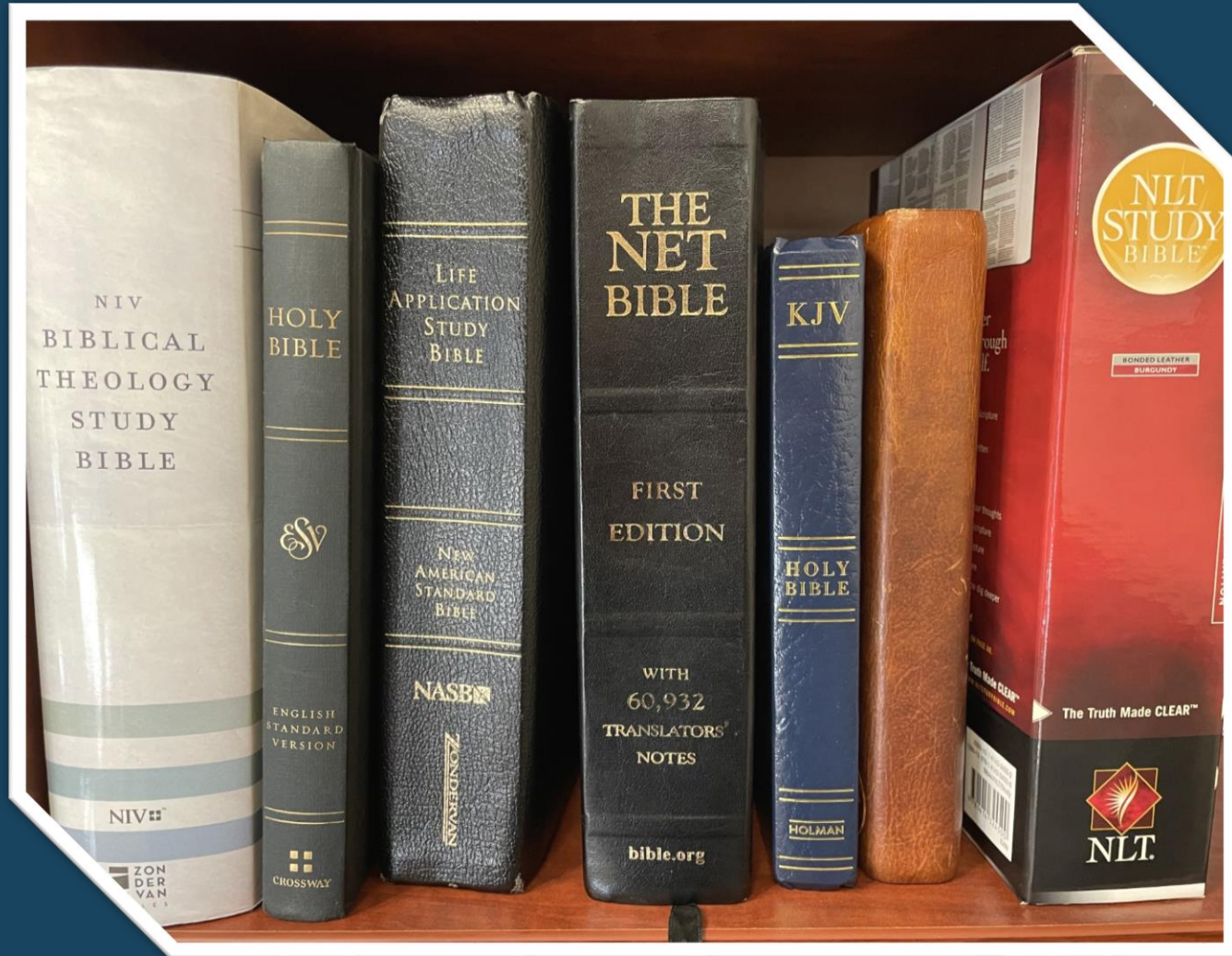
# Examples of Illegitimate Translations



New World Translation

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