Complimentary Sample Chapter One

The Language of the King James Bible

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THE BIBLE'S BUILT-IN DICTIONARY

My examination of the 1000 most difficult words in the KJV reveals that God defines all of them, in the context, in their first usage, using the very words of the *Webster's* or *Oxford English Dictionary*. If the Lord wills, this research will be published shortly, citing all of the words and their built-in definition. This brief overview is offered to give enough examples of how God's built-in dictionary works, thereby allowing the reader a head-start in discovering this dictionary for himself.

> *"The entrance of thy words giveth light;*
> *it giveth understanding unto the simple."*
>
> *Psalm 119:130*

The First and the Last

The KJV is a looking glass, looking back at 1000 years of the history of our culture's thinking and beliefs. The Webster's and Oxford dictionaries match the KJV's definitions exactly, because the KJV preceeded them. God created the meaning of the words in the Bible itself. People read the Bible and picked up those meanings. The dictionaries merely reflect the culture.

One secular lexicographer admits,

> About the beginning of the 17th century, in the reign of James I, our language had already begun to assume the form in which we now find it, and is from that date entitled to be called the English language. From the time when the Bible was translated into English, and, by being printed and spread among the people…the language may be said to have been fixed. (NSD)

Scholars agree that the English language did not become fixed until the *King James Bible*. Earlier editions, like the Tyndale and the Geneva, although practically identical to the KJV, did not always contain the built-in dictionary found in the KJV. They did not need it, because they were written at that unusual juncture in history when English was *becoming* English; the root languages of Anglo-Saxon, French, and Latin were still familiar.
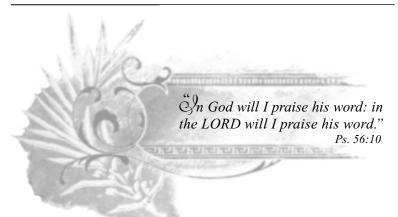
Example:

Geneva: **collops**	KJV: **collops** of fat

$\mathscr{H}$ow to Find God's Built-in Dictionary…

STEP ONE

LOOK AT THE WORD NEXT TO THE WORD IN QUESTION

$\mathscr{F}$or example:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
ABROAD Gen. 10:18	"**spread** abroad"	**OED**	"wide **spread**"
AVERSE Mic. 2:8	"averse **from** war"	**WEB**	"This word includes the idea of **from**"
ADAMANT Ezek. 3:9 Zech. 7:12	"An adamant **hard**er than flint" "An adamant **stone**"	**WEB**	"A very **hard stone**"
CHARGE Gen. 26:5	"my charge, my **command**ments"	**WEB**	"synonymous with **command**"
CHASTE 2 Cor. 11:2	"a chaste **virgin**"	**WNC**	"refraining from all acts, thoughts, etc. that are not **virgin**al"

"In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word."
Ps. 56:10

Additional examples:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
CHAMBERING Rom. 13:13	"chambering and **wanton**ness"	**WEB**	"**wanton**"
CHAPMEN 2 Chron. 9:14	"chapmen and **merchant**s"	**OED**	"a **merchant**" (Note: The word 'cheap' comes from this word.)
CURRENT Gen. 23:16	"current **money**" (Modern usage 'currency')	**OED**	"of **money**" "Circulation of **money**" (A current of water moves.)
DIVERS Deut. 22:9-11	"divers **sorts**"	**WCT**	"all **sorts** of"
DURST Esther 7:5	"durst **presume**" (Note: 'Durst' is the past tense of 'dare')	**NRTDF**	"**presume**"

STEP TWO

LOOK AT THE WORDS IN THE VERSE

For example:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
ADDER Gen. 49:17	"**a serpent** by the way, an adder"	**WEB**	"**a serpent**"
ATHIRST Judg. 15:18	"he was sore athirst …shall I die for **thirst**"	**WEB**	"**thirst**y"
AMEND 2 Chron. 34:10	"to **repair** and a**mend**"	**OED**	"to **repair**…**mend**"
ARIGHT "Ps. 50:23	"**order**eth his conversation aright"	**NSD**	"put in good **order**"
BESOM Isa. 14:23	"I will **sweep** it **with** the besom of destruction"	**OED**	"To **sweep with** force"
CONTRITE Ps. 34:18	"of a **broken heart**; and…of a contrite spirit"	**OED** **WEB**	"**broken**" "**brokenheart**ed for sin"
DERIDE Hab. 1:10	"shall **scoff**…shall be a **scorn**…shall deride"	**OED**	"**scorn, scoff**"

*A*dditional examples:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
ENVIRON Josh. 7:9	"and shall environ us **round**"	**OED**	"to form a ring **round**…sur**round**"
EQUITY Ps. 98:9	"with **right**eousness shall he judge… with equity"	**OED**	"**right**…exercised by the…judge"
EXTOL 1 Ps. 30:1 "I 1 ; for thou **Subj.**	1 will 1 hast **Aux.** 2 extol 2 **lift**ed **Verb** 1 thee, 1 me **Obj.** O LORD **up**"	**OED**	"To **lift up**" The definition is made easy to find because of the use of parallel parts of speech and syllabication.
EXECRATION Jer. 42:18	"an execration, and an astonishment, and **a curse**"	**WEB**	"**a curse**"
DISSIMULATION Gal. 2:13 Rom. 12:9	"Jews **dissemble**d …their dissimulation"	**OED**	"an act of **dissembl**ing"

    Both 'dissimulation' and 'dissembled' (Gal. 2:13) are difficult words. What if God defines a word with another word that the reader does not know? **Try Step Three**…☞

STEP THREE

LOOK IN THE NEXT OR PRECEEDING VERSE

The next verse defines both words as "not…the truth." (Gal. 2:14, "walked not uprightly according to the truth") 'Dissembleth' had already been so defined in its first usage.

For example:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
DISSEMBLETH Prov. 26:23-26	"lips…like a potsherd **cover**ed…dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up **deceit**…believe him not…**cover**ed by **deceit**"	**OED** **WUD**	"**deceive**" "**cover**"
AFORE 2 Kings 20:3-4	"walked **before**… pass, afore"	**OED**	"**before**"
BETWIXT Gen. 17:10-11	"**between** me and you …betwixt me and you"	**OED**	"**between**"
DESCRY Judg. 1:23-25	"Joseph sent to descry Bethel…the **spies saw** a man… they said…**Shew** us …we will **shew** thee …he **shewed** them"	**OED**	"To get **sight** of… to e**spy**…**spy** out"

STEP FOUR

READ BEGINNING AT THE PARAGRAPH MARK; READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER

'*…the waters were abated*'

For example:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
ABATED Gen. 8:1-5	"waters **asswaged**… fountains…**stopped**… rain…**restrained**… waters…**returned**… waters were **abated** waters **decreased**"	**(All)**	All dictionaries give these surrounding words the same definition as 'abated' that is "To lessen"
BLAINS Ex. 9:9-15	"**A boil breaking forth with blains** upon man, and upon **beast**…**pestilence**"	**ODEE** **OED**	"**a boil breaking forth with blains**" "**pestilential** diseases…**beast**s"
CONCUPISCENCE Rom. 7:7-14	"for I had not known **lust**, except the **law** had said, Thou shalt not **covet**. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence… I am **carnal**"	**WEB**	"to **covet** or **lust** after…**carnal** things…un**law**ful"

STEP
FOUR (Continued)

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𝒜dditional examples:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
COUPLING Ex. 26	"coupled **together one** to **another**…coupling…take hold **one** of another…couple the curtains **together**…couple the tent **together** that it may be **one**…coupled **together**…coupled **together**"	**WEB**	"connect **one** thing with **another**…fasten **together**"
DOMINION Gen. 1:26 - 2:4	"dominion **over** the fish…**over** the fowl…**over** the cattle, and **over** all the earth, and **over** every creeping thing…subdue it; and have dominion **over** the fish…**over** the fowl…**over** every living thing…the LORD God made the earth"	**SDWO**	"**overlord**s…to those beneath it" Latin: *dominus* LORD

*A*dditional examples:

KJV FIRST USAGE & DEFINITION		DICTIONARY	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
EXPEDIENT John 11	"**feet** (v. 2) walk (v. 9) walk (v. 10) **quickly** (v. 29) **hastily** (v. 31) **feet** (v. 32) come **forth** (v. 43) **foot** (v. 44)"	**ODEE**	"Latin *expedire* **free**…the **feet**"
	"Jesus said unto them, **Loose** him" (v. 44)	**WED**	"set **free**"
	"expedient **for** us, that one man (v. 50) should die **for** the people…(v. 50) should die **for** that nation…(v. 51) And not **for** that nation only" (v. 52)	**OED** **WEB**	"conductive to" defines '**for**' as "conductive to… **substitute**"
	"Jesus there**for**e walked no more openly" (v. 54)	**WCT** **CED** **WEB**	"**substitute**" "to **free**… to **hasten**… to send **forth**" "to **hasten**… **speed**"

Mary wiped Jesus' ***feet****; she later fell down at his* ***feet****. Lazarus' bound* ***feet*** *were loosed at Jesus' command. Jesus was to die '****for****' us and be our* ***substitute****, there****for****e he could* ***walk*** *no more openly .... GLORY!*