

(4) The Bishop's Bible (1568)

--Regarding the Geneva Bible

--Tone of the work

--Translation base

--Use in the Churches

e. Summary:

It is hard to estimate the interest in this sort of thing in the period we have been describing. The land had not become totally Christian or anything like that but the Bible had a reputation and place in the civil society that made every Bible advance exciting. The need for it was felt in all parts of society...as is evidenced in the amount of Bible quotation that shows up in poets such as Shakespeare, Jonson, et al who were not thought of as being especially devout but show a keen awareness of the reality of the Bible just the same. It may be that the paucity of good literature helped...printing was well known but still not "cheap" but whatever the case the printing of the Bible had quickly become "big business."

IV. The Bible in the Modern World

A. The King James Bible

1. Background notes:

a. This may seem a little early to start the modern period but actually, due to the widespread use of the King James into even the present century, it is just the right place to pick up a study on this line. There is a lot of confusion about Bible translations today and we cannot solve them all in a simple course like this but our understanding of how we got our Bible and what it should mean to us ought to help us have a realistic grip on the material.

b. Politics in England:

(1) The Tudors

(2) James I

c. James I and the Millenary Petition...or, what a way to being a kingship!