This book offers an insightful glance into the history of this event as only the Executive Editor, Arthur L. Farstad can tell. Unless otherwise noted, the Bible version used in this publication is The New King James Version, copyright Â© 1982, 1980, 1979, by Thomas Nelson Inc. E-ISBN 978-1-4185-3830-9. Appendix B. The NKJV Editors. Â© 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit King James Version (KJV), also called Authorized Version or King James Bible, English translation of the Bible, published in 1611 under the auspices of King James I of England. The translation had a marked influence on English literary style and was generally accepted as the standard English Bible from the mid-17th to the early 20th century. King James Version of the Bible, Antique King James Version of the Bible. Â© iStockphoto/Thinkstock. Read More on This Topic. The Great Bible that had been authorized by Henry VIII (1538) enjoyed some popularity, but its successive editions contained several inconsistencies. The Bishops' Bible (1568) was well regarded by the clergy but failed to gain wide acceptance or the official authorization of Elizabeth. The King James Version's commendable use of italics for supplied words, which the NKJV wisely retains, would have made clear that the expression â€œHe wasâ€ had been furnished for clarification. But such problems as this are few and far between in Farstad's book. Finally, the reader should be encouraged to savor the many vivid expressions with which the author has enlivened his work. For instance, in one place he reminisces about a high school Latin play which â€œgot a good laugh in the 1950â€™sâ€ and â€œthe gistâ€ of which was â€œthat Latin is alive and well in Washington, D.C., among other placesâ€! He go