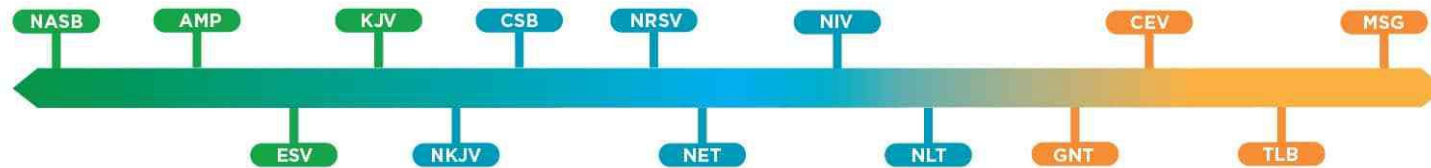


BIBLE TRANSLATION CHART

WORD-FOR-WORD

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

PARAPHRASE



AMP Amplified
CEV Contemporary English Version
CSB Christian Standard Bible
ESV English Standard Version
GNT Good News Translation
KJV King James Version
MSG The Message

NASB New American Standard Bible
NET New English Translation
NIV New International Version
NKJV New King James Version
NLT New Living Translation
NRSV New Revised Standard Version
TLB The Living Bible



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My Top 3 Recommended Translations:

- * **English Standard Version** (excellent combination of accuracy and readability)
- * **New American Standard Bible** (and the newer revision, **Legacy Standard Bible**) (likely the most accurate English Bible, but doesn't read as easily as the ESV)
- * **New King James Version** (trustworthy, readable, and accurate update to the classic KJV)

Translations I Also Use In Study:

- * Christian Standard Bible
- * New English Translation
- * New International Version (preferably the 1984 edition)
- * New Living Translation
- * King James Version

Unrecommended Translations:

- * The Message (*extremely* loose with translation)
- * The Passion Translation (the work of a single man who admittedly doesn't even know the biblical languages)
- * Amplified Bible (inserts interpretive meaning into the text of Scripture)