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Mark 13:10 And the gospel must be published among all nations.

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*Proverbs 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:*

We live in a rapidly changing society. In 1960, just 65 years ago, America's favorite TV shows were "The Andy Griffith Show," "The Real McCoys," and "Rawhide." Favorite songs included "The Twist" by Chubby Checker and "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" by Elvis Presley. The average cost of a new home was \$12,675.00, a new car cost \$2610.00, a postage stamp was 4 cents, and gas was 25 cents per gallon!

In a rapidly changing world, there are two constants we can count on: God and His Word. They will never change. (*Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not;*)

**"The Most important Event of the Past 1000 Years"**

Life magazine published a book listing the most important events of the last 1000 years. Some of the events you might expect to be there like #2, Columbus's voyage to the New World in 1492. Some events you're glad are there, like #83 the invention of painless surgery. Some events you might be surprised to find, #82 the invention of Coke in 1886.

The most important event of the last millennium according to Life magazine was the printing of the Bible on the Gutenberg press in 1455, which led to the Bible and books being distributed to the public at large for the first time. The Bible helped bring the Renaissance, The Protestant Reformation, and the United States of America to name a few.

The King James Bible was published 1611 and has been around over 414 years, while the New International version was published October 27, 1978, eliminating thousands of words from the Authorized version, and has had several copy rights added to its list of accomplishments. While the Authorized version has never had one.

**Life magazine got it right!** "The Bible was key to advancement of any civilization." "The Bible is the key to our personal spirituality.

That is the very reason every nation should have a copy of God's Word in their own language. And yet over half the world does not have a copy of God's Word. We don't need to deliver bombs and arms but the Word of God to the countries of the world if we want them to change.

Reference the Life Millennium: The 100 Most Important Events & People of the Past 1,000 years. (Life Books, 1998)

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The King James Bible, the most famous version of the world's most influential book, was published on this day in history, May 2, 1611.

"The King James, or Authorized, Version of the Bible remains the most widely published text in the English language," claims the British Library.

Commissioned by King James I of England in 1604, it is famed for its artfully written versions of Old and New Testament tales; its success bringing the Word of God to English-speaking commoners; and its influence on the American colonies.

### February 2026

On December 9<sup>th</sup> Brother Sam Martin loaded BEST Missions 48<sup>th</sup> container of scripture, which comes to a total of 238,472 Thai John and Romans. That container arrived at BEST distribution center in Thailand in February.

During the month of December, Tan said that the following scriptures were distributed:

- 503 Whole Thai Bibles
- 38,600 copies of John and Romans
- 3,136 copies of New Testaments
- 40,600 gospel tracts

That is fruit to your account. Thank you so much for helping BEST Missions supply the scriptures so badly needed in Southeast Asia.

Into all the World,

  
Brother Bowen

Luke 1:37