



The King James Version at 400: Assessing Its Genius as Bible Translation and Its Literary Influence

Edited by David G. Burke, John F. Kutsko, and Philip H. Towner

In this collection of essays, thirty scholars from diverse disciplines offer their unique perspectives on the genius of the King James Version, a translation whose 400th anniversary was recently celebrated throughout the English-speaking world. While avoiding nostalgia and hagiography, each author clearly appreciates the monumental, formative role the KJV has had on religious and civil life on both sides of the Atlantic (and beyond) as well as on the English language itself. In part 1 the essayists look at the KJV in its historical contexts. Part 2 takes a closer look at the KJV as a translation and the powerful precedents it set for all translations to follow. Part 3 looks at the various ways the KJV has impacted the English language and literature, the practice of religion, and the broader culture.

October 2013, 580 pages
*Biblical Scholarship in North
America* 26

Paperback \$61.95
ISBN 9781589837980
Hardcover \$81.95
ISBN 9781589838000
eISBN 9781589837997

The contributors are Robert Alter, C. Clifton Black, David G. Burke, Richard A. Burridge, David J. A. Clines, Simon Crisp, David J. Davis, James D. G. Dunn, Lori Anne Ferrell, Leonard J. Greenspoon, Robin Griffith-Jones, Malcolm Guite, Andrew E. Hill, John F. Kutsko, Seth Lerer, Barbara K. Lewalski, Jacobus A. Naudé, David Norton, Jon Pahl, Kuo-Wei Peng, Deborah W. Rooke, Rodney Sadler Jr., Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Harold Scanlin, Naomi Seidman, Christopher Southgate, R. S. Sugirtharajah, Joan Taylor, Graham Tomlin, Philip H. Towner, David Trobisch, and N. T. Wright.

David G. Burke served as Director of the Translations Department and as the first dean of the Eugene A. Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society. He is the author of *The Poetry of Baruch* and editor of *Translation That Openeth the Window: Reflections on the History and Legacy of the King James Bible* (both from Society of Biblical Literature).

John F. Kutsko is Executive Director of the Society of Biblical Literature and the author of *Between Heaven and Earth: Divine Presence and Absence in the Book of Ezekiel* (Eisenbrauns).

Philip H. Towner is Dean of the Eugene A. Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at ABS and holds several visiting lecture positions in Europe. He is the author of *The Letters to Timothy and Titus* (Eerdmans) and *1–2 Timothy and Titus* (IVP Academic).

PURCHASE FROM:
SBL Customer Service
P.O. Box 2243, Williston, VT 05495
Phone: 802-864-6185 (US) / 877-725-3334 (toll-free)
Fax: 802-864-7626 ♦ Email: sbl@sbl-site.org
Web: www.sbl-site.org

REQUEST REVIEW COPIES FROM:
Society of Biblical Literature
Heather McMurray, Sales Manager
825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329 USA
Phone: 404-727-3096 ♦ Fax: 404-727-3101
Email: heather.mcmurray@sbl-site.org