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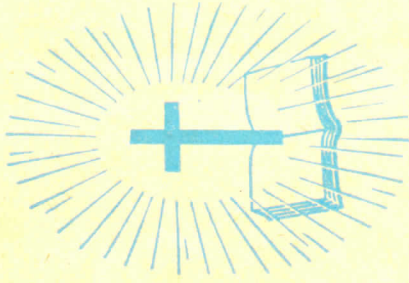
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The Revised Standard Version

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION of the New Testament is an authorized edition of the American Standard Version published in 1901, and of the King James Version published in 1611.

The Revised Standard Version is the work of the American Standard Bible Committee, which was appointed in 1929 by the International Council of Religious Education, on behalf of the forty Protestant denominations associated that body. Thirty-one of the foremost Biblical scholars and teachers of our time have been members of this Committee.

The Chairman of the American Standard Bible Committee is Dean Luther Weigle, of the Yale University Divinity School. The Executive Secretary of the Committee, until his death in 1944, was Professor James Moffatt of Union Theological Seminary. The nine members of the New Testament Section who worked upon the Revised Standard Version are Professors Millar Burrows, Yale University; Henry J. Cadbury, Harvard University; Clarence T. Craig, Berlin Graduate School of Theology; Edgar J. Goodspeed, University of Chicago; Frederick C. Grant, Seabury-Western and Union Theological Seminary; Walter Russell Bowie, Grace Church, New York, and Union Theological Seminary; and President Abdel Ross Wentz, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; with Professor Moffatt and Dean Weigle.

The Committee's years of work produced no changes in doctrinal or fundamental concepts, and none was expected. Inaccuracies and errors of the older editions have been corrected, in the light of the most ancient manuscripts of the New Testament, and archaic forms of expression have been replaced by simpler and more direct language. The revisers have sought to maintain the enduring diction, the simplicity, and the rhythmic beauty of the 335-year-old King James Version. The result, it is generally agreed by critics, is a Version of the New Testament more accurate in translation than any previous version and, because of its beautiful modern English, more useful, understandable, and measurable to the twentieth-century reader.

The Testament Itself

OMAS NELSON AND SONS, the publishers, working with the American Standard Bible Committee and the International Council of Religious Education, have presented the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament in a beautifully appropriate format.

The Revised Standard Version is printed in logical paragraphs, with the number of the verse opening the paragraph large for easy reference and the numbers verses within the paragraph small, so that they do not interfere with normal reading habits. Thus readers will find this Version much easier to read than the King James Version.

The punctuation is modern and sensible. Poetry is printed as such—in verses. Cross references appear at the bottom of the pages, with occasionally necessary notes. The pronunciation of difficult words is indicated.

The page size is 5 x 7¼ inches, the type, the length of type lines, the margins, and the styling of the type page—all have been chosen after consultation with the most competent typographers and book designers, so that the result is a format that is a delight to read. The type was especially selected for presenting the Revised Standard Version.

The new Version is planned in five bindings—a cloth edition designed for popular use, ready February 11th, and four beautiful other Testament bindings, ready in June, 1946.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us,² just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word,³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely^a for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophylus,⁴ that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest

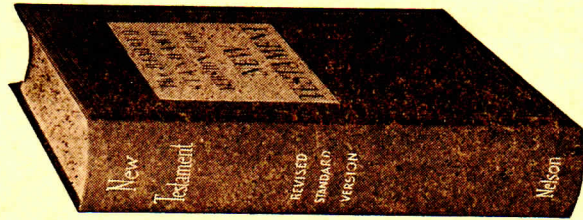
named Zechariah,^b of the tribe of Levi, who had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, whose name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous and just, observing all the commandments and precepts of the Lord, without blame. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving in the priestly division of Abiathar, his division was on duty before the Lord, according to the custom of the priests, that two should be on duty at one time. ⁹ And when his turn came to burn incense, he went into the temple, and the time of the burning of incense was appointed. ¹⁰ And there appeared to him an angel standing on the right side, saying, Greet thee, Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, for thou art favored, and thou shalt bear a son, and thou shalt call his name John. ¹¹ And thou shalt rejoice greatly, and shalt be glad, because these things shall be accomplished to thee at this time.

¹² And when Elizabeth heard these words, she fell on her face. ¹³ And when she arose, she said, How shall this be, since I am a virgin? ¹⁴ And the angel answered and said to her, I am Gabriel, and I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to thee, and to say these things to thee. ¹⁵ Behold, thou art favored, and thou shalt conceive, and shalt bear a son, and thou shalt call his name John. ¹⁶ And thou shalt rejoice greatly, and shalt be glad, because these things shall be accomplished to thee at this time. ¹⁷ And when Elizabeth heard these words, she fell on her face. ¹⁸ And when she arose, she said, How shall this be, since I am a virgin? ¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to her, I am Gabriel, and I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to thee, and to say these things to thee. ²⁰ Behold, thou art favored, and thou shalt conceive, and shalt bear a son, and thou shalt call his name John. ²¹ And thou shalt rejoice greatly, and shalt be glad, because these things shall be accomplished to thee at this time.

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research have been brought to bear upon this great task.

An actual page of the new Revised Standard Version is pictured here.