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The Geneva Bible accompanied English settlers voyaging to the New World. It is probable that the Geneva Bible came to America in 1607 and was used in the Jamestown colony. It stands as a landmark in the history of English Bible translation. Perhaps its greatest contribution was its commentary, which under girded the emerging practice of sermonizing and helped foster scripture literacy.

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### **Josh says**

Some Old Testament passages can be rather dry in modern translations, but sound so much more epic in 16th century English. The New Testament epistles, however, become harder to follow.

In the facsimile edition, there were only a few spots where the main text was missing a letter or two. A bit more often, the smaller font of the marginal commentary took longer to decipher.

Some of the commentary is amusingly outdated (e.g., from Luke XV:8 a drachma is "some what more in value then fyue pence of olde sterling money"--thanks, that's helpful. . .). Much of it is useful in seeing Christ through all of scripture. Then there are the comments that show obvious denominational bias--much vehemency against the Pope in particular, especially in Revelation.

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### **Shannon says**

For those who are interested in reading the same Bible used by the Pilgrims and first Americans (among others) then this is a very interesting protestant Bible. Don't let the old english get in the way...you will be surprised how quickly it becomes a non-issue for all but the most elusive words. Historical and a great companion for serious study.

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### **K.C. Herbel says**

While I recommend reading the Bible, I would recommend finding another version of the holy book besides this one. It was not user friendly on my kindle and I gave up reading it to return to a hard copy I keep in my office.

I will say that this version is insightfully translated, in the parts I read.

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### **Aaron Meyer says**

A must have on the shelf. Predating the KJ version by many years. It was this bible which came to Colonies and had the most influence on the thinking of its founders.

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### **Andrea Mitchell says**

Although I have not read the entire book the part that I did read was very interesting. To be honest one line in particular caught my attention and it was talking about a "green herb". Was he implying cannabis or what? I don't understand why God was so mad at the people that he put here. If he created these people in his own light then why get so angry that almost everyone must die. What gives you that much power just because you have it. I feel like that was extreme over kill and then after killing everyone for him to say okay I won't ever

do it again like he acted like a woman on her period, how one minute you curse the land and wipe everything off and the next you ur like okay it's all over and better. Go be fruitful and multiply, to me that is very scary and crazy. Also I wonder how he would view the world now and it makes me wonder how the books will be of this lifetime.(170)

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## **Covenant Presbyterian Springfield Ohio says**

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## **Russ says**

The first ever study Bible. The King James version came out, in competition with the Geneva Bible in order to keep Christians from studying it themselves. I understand that the king (James) did not like what Calvin was stating in the margins about tyrannical governments. This was the Bible that the Pilgrims brought to our shores and influenced the founding of the greatest gentile nation, in the history, of mankind. Also, an excellent Bible with Calvin's commentaries.

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## **Timothy says**

Wonderful and as lovely as the King James 1611 edition!! In many respects this is my favourite old version. It has a wealth of helpful notes in the margins. The Puritans and others aboard the Mayflower to Plymouth, MA had this version with them.

I have carried this version to meetings with me, along with my King James Version, even though it is nearly two inches thick! This and other old translations goes with me within the Kindle also. :) That makes it handy to carry instead of the volumes I'd be lugging about 631 feet southwards to the Mennonite meetinghouse I attend! An excellent achievement long before the Douay/Rheims version of 1609—1610 and the King James version of 1611.

A wonderful version, and delightful to have on hand. This is a piece of history, since the Puritans and Pilgrims stepped off the Mayflower with this version! A very wonderful translation and easy to read after you adjust to the spellings, which had no standard to go by in those days, thus many things were spelled as they sounded to the authors and translators! Still, another masterpiece! Worth a spot on your shelf!

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