

## **Your Guide to Choosing the Best Bible Translation**

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Therefore, translating Scripture is a daunting task. Translators aim to accurately bring the original text into their native language and do so in such a way that people can understand God's Word—but this means different interpretations produce different results. There are now more English translations of the Bible available than in any other language. So, where do you begin? Continue reading our guide, which will help you narrow your search and pick the best Bible translation for you.

Formal translations are more accurate and literal, because they are translated word-by-word. Dynamic translations are translated phrase-by-phrase and use more contemporary language, allowing for a smoother reading experience. Generally, formal translations have a higher reading level than dynamic translations, but both are used for in-depth study and personal development. In contrast, paraphrase translations put the most emphasis on readability, and thus are most often used for devotional reading and gaining diverse insights.