

Ezra Stiles (11-29-1727 – 5-12-1795) was an American academic and educator, a Congregationalist minister, theologian and author. He was president of Yale College (1778–1795). http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ezra_Stiles

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Many are disposed to consider our present English Translation of the Bible, as that of Wickliffs, obsolete & so unintelligible. I am entirely of a different Opinion. I have compared it with the original Hebrew & Greek, examining & comparing every Chapter with the Original, & find it a good an excellent good & intelligible Translation. So just an one, that I could not expect so good an one if attempted in this age. Indeed I believe a peculiar providential Guidance in bringing this Translation to a singular perfection, from the first Rudiments of it by Wickliff, & especially Tindal, Matthews & the Bps, & thro' a Series of Correction for 60 years, till it received the last Touch in K. James' Time 1606. Heaven foresaw it was likely to become the Bible of America & perhaps of the greatest Body of people speaking one language & familiarized to reading the Scriptures, to be found on Earth. Luther's Translation was made at once. None of the Translations of God's Word into any Language whatever in East or West, have had the Care & Correction expended about them, as the English Bible has. Perhaps 500 years hence it may need a Glossary for some words growing into Disuse. But at present it is too intelligible to need the Paraphrase of even a Locke. ...

Now I wish to see these kept separate, & to have the pure word of God by itself. This is done in the English Bible.

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