

## “Does Alexander Scourby Read the King James Version Accurately?”

Alexander Scourby was an accomplished Broadway actor, radio personality, narrator of many television documentaries, and a highly paid voice over talent for some of the largest United States corporations. However, an interesting fact that few know is that over his lifetime he narrated more than 500 books for the American Foundation for the Blind, and did it for free as his way of using his gift for the less fortunate. His expressive way of narrating the Bible is more than just a narration, it was a performance of a lifetime. His narration of the Bible has been the most widely listened to narration of the Bible in the world and is still the most sought after narration on the market today.

Scourby’s narration of the Bible has given joy and inspiration to listeners for generations. He was the first to record the Bible on long play records in 1955, and today his narration is still regarded by millions as the very best on the market. It is more than seventy hours of listening pleasure.

Although this is a monumental work, it is not a word-for-word accuracy of the King James Bible. There are many changes to the text of the Word of God. While these alterations may not be intentional, they are still deviations. One need not throw away Scourby’s readings, but be aware that there are differences in his readings.

1. Genesis 11:10- *“These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, **and begat Arphaxad** two years after the flood:”*
  - KJV – “...and begat...”
  - Scourby – “...and he begat...”
2. Genesis 27:22- *“And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, **but the hands** are the hands of Esau.”*
  - KJV – “...but the hands...”
  - Scourby – “...the hands...”
3. Genesis 41:38- *“And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one **as this is**, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?”*
  - KJV – “...as this is, a man...”
  - Scourby – “...as this, a man...”
4. Exodus 4:12- *“Now therefore go, and **I will be with thy mouth**, and teach thee what thou shalt say.”*
  - KJV – “...will be with thy mouth...”
  - Scourby – “...will be thy mouth...”

5. Esther 9:18- *“But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the **fourteenth thereof**; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.”*
  - KJV – “...fourteenth thereof...”
  - Scourby – “...fourteenth day thereof...”
  
6. Psalm 39:1- *“I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my **tongue**: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.”*
  - KJV – “...with my tongue...”
  - Scourby – “...with my mouth...”
  
7. Psalm 39:2- *“I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from **good**; and my sorrow was stirred.”*
  - KJV – “...even from good...”
  - Scourby – “...even from God...”
  
8. Psalm 58:3- *“The wicked are estranged from the **womb**: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.”*
  - KJV – “...from the womb...”
  - Scourby – “...from the tomb...”
  
9. Song of Solomon 6:1- *“Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may **seek him with thee**.”*
  - KJV – “...seek him with thee.”
  - Scourby – “...seek him there.”
  
10. Isaiah 48:9- *“For my name's sake **will I defer** mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.”*
  - KJV – “...will I defer...”
  - Scourby – “...I will defer...”
  
11. Jeremiah 32:43- *“**And fields** shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.”*
  - KJV – “And fields...”
  - Scourby – “And the fields...”
  
12. Ezekiel 15:7- *“And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face **against them**.”*

- KJV – “...against them.”
  - Scourby – “...against you.”
13. Ezekiel 20:40- *“For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your **oblations**, with all your holy things.”*
- KJV – “...of your oblations...”
  - Scourby – “...of your obligations...”
14. Ezekiel 30:12- *“And I will make the rivers dry, **and sell** the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken it.”*
- KJV – “...and sell...”
  - Scourby – “...and shall sell...”
15. Ezekiel 33:8- *“When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn **the wicked from** his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.”*
- KJV – “...the wicked from...”
  - Scourby – “...the wicked man from...”
16. Ezekiel 41:16- *“The door posts, and **the narrow windows**, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;”*
- KJV – “...the narrow windows...”
  - Scourby – “...the narrow galleries...”
17. Obadiah 1:21- *“**And saviours** shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.”*
- KJV – “And saviours...”
  - Scourby – “And the saviours...”
18. Matthew 7:11- *“If ye then, being evil, know how to give **good gifts** unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”*
- KJV – “...good gifts...”
  - Scourby – “...good things...”

19. Matthew 26:61- *“And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.”*
- KJV – “...and to build...”
  - Scourby – “...and build...”
20. Luke 13:26- *“Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten **and drunk** in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.”*
- KJV – “...and drunk...”
  - Scourby – “...and drunken...”
21. Acts 7:11- *“Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, **and great affliction**: and our fathers found no sustenance.”*
- KJV – “...and great affliction...”
  - Scourby – “...and great afflictions...”
22. Acts 26:22- *“Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things **than those which** the prophets and Moses did say should come:”*
- KJV – “...than those which...”
  - Scourby – “...than those things which...”
23. Romans 7:5- *“For when we were in the flesh, **the motions of sins**, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”*
- KJV – “...the motions of sins...”
  - Scourby – “...of sin...”
24. 1 Corinthians 4:8- *“Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned **as kings** without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.”*
- KJV – “...as kings...”
  - Scourby – “...as gods...”