

The Chronological Gospels (Using “the Corrected King James Version”-CKJV)

As Mary Elizabeth says, “Whoever reads this will get the shock of their lives!” But don’t panic, since for many, it reads with the familiar comfort of the King James Version...except for one critical difference. So what’s the difference?

Don’t worry, it is a most wonderful change; the majority of serious mistranslation errors of the King James Version are corrected! Every correction gives detailed explanation for the cause & discovery of the mistake, as well as the justification used for making the correction. ¹ That is why the translation used for The Chronological Gospels is called, “The Corrected King James Version.” ² Mistranslations are not new to any translation. Going from one language to another is tough to keep accuracy and readability. Even the King James Version is noted for revisions over the years as more things came to light.

Michael Rood is the author of this magnificent work.³ Being a real truth-seeker, he worked tirelessly for years to put the pieces of the puzzle together. We get to benefit from the fruit of his labors.

Like all authors, I may see a few things somewhat differently, but only immature believers throw the baby out with the bathwater. No one man has all of the truth, but we learn much from each other as we humble our hearts and thirst for more of our Messiah. To not investigate his works because we may find something about his teachings that disagrees with our current beliefs would be like never eating a watermelon because it has a rind. Mature believers discern & sort, in order to gobble up all of the truth they can. We are to be led by His Spirit, and not to submit to the confines imposed by any religious leader.

1. Many of these translation errors have derailed the compiling of a smooth chronology of the Gospels. We have several “harmony of the gospels”, but they have all left me questioning certain wrinkles. But not this one. The Chronological Gospels weaves a scripturally seamless story.

2. This is the author’s translation, based on extensive research into the original Hebrew/Aramaic languages from which the Greek translations were made. Recent archaeological discoveries, including the finding of older documents are a key part of this. Some of the most experienced, knowledgeable, & respected current Bible scholars are personal friends of the author. They provided tremendous insight, & confirmation. The Dead Sea Scrolls and ancient Hebrew copies of the book of Matthew are part of this treasure chest of info. Truly this is the time when hidden things are being revealed!

3. He is commonly considered to be a very controversial figure, as are many of his other books, documentaries, and videos. Why? Like other Biblical scholars who have been used to make breakthroughs of truth contrary to traditional religious thought, Michael also “thinks outside of the box.” This is why his website is called “www.aoodawakening.tv”.

One thing I respect most about Michael Rood is his willingness to change as he grows into more understanding. For instance, his former writings & videos used the name “Yahwey” for God. Then manuscript discoveries revealed the full vowel pointings to show that God’s name is really “Yahovah.”⁴ It must have been very humbling for him, but he made the change and moved on. “The Chronological Gospels” provides some great background to God’s real name, Father & Son.⁵ This book was first printed in 2013, after Michael Rood came into a fuller understanding of God’s name.

The Chronological Gospels also includes the book of Acts, and Revelation. I love how Michael Rood sees the big picture, and these inclusions are for that reason. The four gospels are a fulfillment of the Feast of Passover. Acts is the fulfillment of the second major Biblical feast, Shavuot (Pentecost), while Revelation is the fulfillment of the third major feast time, Sukkot, (also called Booths, Tabernacles & Final Ingathering).

The first major shocker we find to our thoroughly entrenched religious traditions, is that “the ministry of Yahshua (Jesus), was not 3 ½ years, but rather 70 weeks, (490 days). It begins with the water baptism of Yahshua, and ends with the Messiah’s sending the baptism in His Set-Apart Spirit on Shavuot, (Pentecost).

Don’t expect the format of this translation to be standard. There are two columns for the actual Biblical text. But as explanation would be helpful, they are inserted with one-column headings & summaries. The footnotes are also one-column, meaning fully from one side of the page to the other. These footnotes are a gold mine for truth, shedding much light on the verses that reference them. Every mistranslation noted is carefully explained in a way that is both in-depth, yet easy to understand.

In the front is an outline, with each event in the life of Yahshua numbered sequentially on the left, with the scripture reference on the right, in the column of the Gospel or Gospels in which it is found. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John each have their own

4. Also acceptable transliterated at “Yehovah”, or “Y’hovah”, since the first vowel is a rushed sound, similar to the “a” in “amuse”. We prefer to use “Yahovah,” because 49 times God is called by His “nickname” of “Yah”; which is clearly transliterated this way. The KJV comes close when it transliterates one of those times as “Jah”, Psalm 68:4. (The letter “J” however did not exist in Hebrew, Greek, or Latin. It first came into the English alphabet in 1634.)

5. “Jesus” is really transliterated as “Yahushua” (Hebrew Matthew 1:18-25). This has been translated to “Joshua,” but names are to be transliterated, not translated. Names are to sound the same in any language. Transliterations are the spellings in the new language to most closely approximate the sound in the original. Translations on the other hand are giving a totally different name. “Yahshua”, “Yashua,” “Yeshua”, and “Y’shua” are all acceptable transliterations of the shortened version of his name, because they all sound nearly the same. Again the first vowel is rushed. We presently prefer to use “Yahshua,” or “Yashua,” since He & the Father are One; and this most closely matches “Yah” and “Yahovah.”

colored column on the right). This outline is about 24 pages long, so it's easy to read in our Larger Print Edition. We are thankful we purchased this edition, in order to easily read the footnotes, plus to view the summary timeline chart of the 70-weeks at the end. For ease of study, some friends generously gave to us the 4-foot wall chart of this 70-week time period.

There are a few black & white photos included, as well as dates calculated from the astronomical calendar; which syncs the full moons, eclipses, and other signs in the heavens. Today we are most familiar with the Gregorian Calendar. That replaced the Julian Calendar, which was set in place 42 years before the birth of Yahshua. As Michael Rood states on page 367,

*"The Julian calendar remains, to this day, the decimal point time clock of astrophysics, and is the standard for astronomical time in antiquity. The days of the week, synchronized with the Julian calendar, are beyond scientific dispute. Now, with the lunations being tracked by NASA and published for the scientific community at large, we have, for the first time in history, synchronized the Julian calendar with the Second Temple period calendar."*⁶

What this means is that modern astronomy confirms Rood's timeline.

This chronological gospels provides a wealth of fascinating information. For instance, a clear explanation as to why Greek was not the original language that the New (Renewed) Covenant was first written in.⁷ Another example of a correction is the thief on the cross not being with Yahshua that day. But doesn't the scripture say...? No, because the comma in that sentence is put in the wrong place!⁸ This now brings us into harmony with other scriptures.

More "Rood awakenings" are that **Luke 24:12** and **John 6:4** should both be omitted. They are not present in the Hebrew or older Greek manuscripts. In other words someone took the liberty to add them. A "fatal error" for chronologist is not only the insertion of **John 6:4**, but also that the word "Passover" in **John 5** should have been "Shavuot" or "Pentecost". A couple of the mistranslations that Rood points out, we've covered on our website under Mistranslations & Myths; one being "Easter" should have been "Passover" in **Acts 12:4**. Another correction, from **Matthew 23**), is that we are to obey Moses (his Torah writings), but not religious traditions. Following religious traditions gets burdensome, besides sidetracking us from the teachings of God. Typically religious traditions replace God's commandments with man-made laws, as is so common in modern Christianity.

6. For a resource on scriptural calendars, we appreciate www.torahcalendar.com.

7. See page 75, plus the footnote on page 78. Other books, such as those by George Lamsa, Andrew Gabriel Roth, & Todd Bennett do the same.

8. Page 251.

There is much more to this translation than I've mentioned here. My only disappointment is that Rood did not translate the whole Bible. Mary Elizabeth read it cover to cover in a week. Then as I was about to start, she asked if I'd mind if she read it again first. So I waited a bit longer before I read it. I studied it and took notes as I went along, enjoying it so much. I'm a much slower reader, and do not have so much time to read, so it took me a month or two. The book is a real treat that clears out many cobwebs. It also lays a firm base as a time reference for prophetic unfoldings.

Much more could be said of "The Chronological Gospels", but I'll end here since there are several other fairly recent great Bibles to review to share with you as well. And there is yet another Bible coming out later this year to reveal more based on the oldest available Hebrew manuscripts. Truly this is the day spoken of to Daniel, when travel & knowledge would greatly increase.

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