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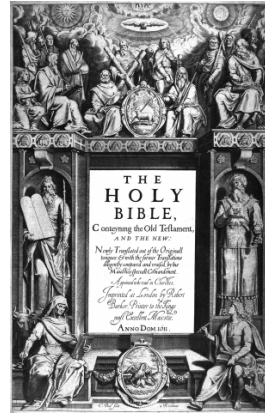
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This facsimile depicts the 1611 “Authorized” version of *The Bible*. Today it is known as “The King James Version” (or KJV). This Bible was allowed to be translated into English by King James I/VI (England/Scotland) and specifically notes that it is “Appointed to be read in Churches.” Before this time, people in Britain were not allowed to translate *The Bible* into English. William Tyndale (among others) was burned at the stake, in 1536, for doing that very thing. Image online via Wikimedia Commons.

Even though King James and Parliament had been saved from the “Gunpowder Plot,” they still did not get along well. A strong believer in the divine right of kings, James thought he did not need Parliament’s consent to do what he wanted. He, like many other monarchs of the time, believed he was answerable only to God.

In a move that still causes his name to be mentioned in modern times (when other kings and queens of his stature are forgotten), King James convened the Hampton Court Conference in 1604. Its purpose was to authorize a new English translation of the Bible. Since its first edition, in 1611, the *King James Version* has been identified with the son of Mary, Queen of Scots.

After Queen Anne (the King’s wife) died in 1619, James relied more and more on his favorite male advisors. Near the end of the King’s life his current favorite, George Villiers (the Duke of Buckingham), was practically running the country.

When the king died in 1625, at his favorite country retreat—Theobalds House—his subjects thought the succession of his son, Charles, would be peaceful. It was, but an undercurrent against the divine right of kings was strengthening. The country would soon erupt into civil war.

Charles I would meet the same end as his grandmother, Mary Queen of Scots.

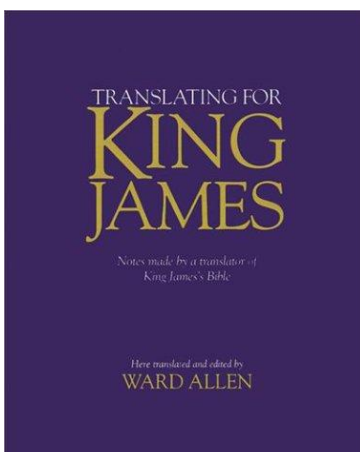
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Mary, Queen of Scots

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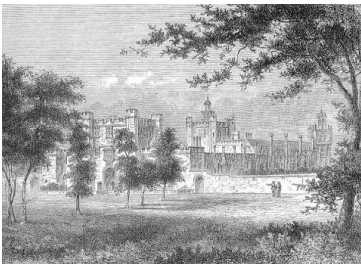
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George Villiers

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