



**WAIT—The  
Bible Said WHAT  
in 1946?!**

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Let's talk about how  
one little word—  
“homosexual”—got  
into the Bible and  
changed everything...  
but wasn't even  
supposed to be there.



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## What Is the King James Version (KJV)?



Published in 1611, commissioned by King James I to unify the Church of England.



It was never meant to be perfect—it was meant to be political.

It's beautifully written, yes...but it was edited by a royal committee, not dropped from heaven like a holy mixtape. 🎵👩

 So When Did the Word  
“Homosexual” Enter the Bible?

 NOT in the KJV.

 NOT in the original Hebrew or  
Greek.

 FIRST APPEARED in 1946 in the  
Revised Standard Version (RSV).

 That means for over 1900 years, no  
Christian Bible ever used the word  
“homosexual.”



What the original texts say:

In 1 Corinthians 6:9, Paul uses:

- Malakoi (“soft”—not inherently sexual)
- Arsenokoitai (“man-bedders”—but no one’s really sure what it meant)



Today’s best scholarship suggests it likely referred to:

- Abuse of power
- Economic or ritual exploitation
- Possibly temple prostitution or pederasty



But not consensual queer love.



What happened next?

In 1953, scholars and pastors  
petitioned the RSV committee:

“Hey y’all...this translation is wrong.  
Fix it.”

By 1971, they changed it. Quietly.  
No big press release.

But by then...the damage was  
done. 💔

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 So what's the big deal?

That one mistranslation became the “biblical basis” for:

- Conversion therapy
- Anti-LGBTQIA+ laws
- Spiritual abuse
- Families kicked out of churches
- And generations of people believing a lie about who they are 🙄

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 Additionally, King James I  
the guy this translation of the  
Bible is named after?

Historical scholars suggest he  
may have had intimate male  
relationships himself.

 Make it make sense..)

## 🌟 The Truth?

💬 The Bible didn't change.

⚠️ The translation did.

📖 And now, so can the story we tell about ourselves.

God is not afraid of your body, your queerness, your fullness, or your truth.

🌟 You were never an error in translation. 🌟

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