

## ENGLISH AS THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE

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*Everyone in Australia should learn and know English, so that they can understand the Gospel as preached from the King James Bible.*

English is Australia's national language. For some people, it is quite a touchy issue. They see it almost as "evil". They say, "People should not be forced to learn English." This, of course, is unrealistic, in that everyone in Australia should learn and speak English, and that it is a great benefit for many other nations to have people learning English as a second language.

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey" (Zephaniah 3:8a). The Lord then gives a promise, saying, "For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent." (Zephaniah 3:9). The Lord promises to supply a language to the people — and really, this means the whole world — so that with this global language, they might be able to access the pure Word in a pure language. The pure Word in English is the King James Bible. The global language is English. Therefore, the Biblical English as represented in the Pure Cambridge Edition of the Authorized Version must be the "pure language", which is becoming accessible to any person in the world, no matter what variety of English they speak.

It is foolish to keep sections of Australia from speaking English. Those who are actively resisting English are in a dangerous position:

1. They are attempting to overthrow Scripture and prophecy, "But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." (Acts 5:39).
2. They are trying to keep people away from the Gospel, because they think it is important to preserve people in their erroneous doctrines, rather than to allow them to come to the knowledge of the liberty of Christ.
3. They are acting against common sense, because they are promoting a ghetto-mentality that keeps people away from contributing to the community, and hampers their opportunities in life.

The Scripture shows that the Gospel is not locked in the Hebrew or Greek, but is now released to come to all nations, and in the latter days, totally in English. "For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people." (Isaiah 28:10, 11).