

OUR NATIONAL BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

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Australia has a Protestant King James Bible foundation.

Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24). We may view our nation as a like a house, and it is important to see what is at the foundation of our nation.

There are various religious publications of Australia's history which claim that Australia was once called "La Austrialia Del Espiritu Santo", which they take as a prophetic word that Australia is the land of the Holy Spirit. But such a belief, as good as it may seem, is objectionable on various grounds, such as, that the extreme Catholic who called a Pacific island by this name never set foot on Australia, and that his convictions were totally against true Christianity.

There is, in fact, a much greater witness for Christ in the true discovery and founding of Australia. When Captain Cook was first exploring up the coast of Queensland, he sailed on the inside of the Great Barrier Reef. "When the *Endeavour* narrowly averted shipwreck in the waters of the Great Barrier Reef in August 1770, Cook named the opening through which they escaped 'Providential Channell' and wrote, 'It pleased GOD at this very juncture to send us a light air of wind'." And he later wrote, "When I think of the inhospitable parts I am going to, I think the Voyage dangerous, I however enter upon it with great cheerfulness, providence has been very kind to me on many occasions, and I trust in the continuation of the divine protection." (Robson, J., 2004, *Cook Encyclopaedia*, Random House Australia, pages 188, 189.)

When the colony of New South Wales was founded in 1788, an official volume of the Bible was brought by the First Fleet. On that very same fleet, the chaplain, Richard Johnson, brought a hundred copies of the Bible and four hundred New Testaments as supplied by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Those Bibles were King James Bibles.

At the very bedrock of the Australian nation, and at the very base of true churches is the King James Bible. This is no accident. There is an exact correlation or connection between the glorious progress of the Gospel and the exaltation of the King James Bible. How much greater is it then for our nation and for the cause of truth as there is a revelation of the pure King James Bible.

Those who are thinking wrongly of Australia's history or are accepting modern versions are in danger of destruction, because they have the wrong "rock" as their foundation. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? ... Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup." (Psalm 11:3, 6). "For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges." (Deuteronomy 32:31).