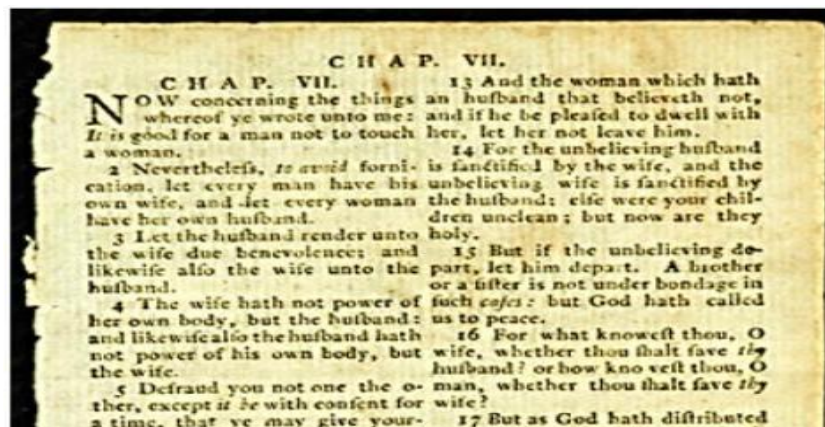




## The Bible Officially Authorized by the US Congress In Accordance With the US Christian Constitution (the Articles of Confederation) Legally Still In Place

The website [https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/one\\_nation\\_under\\_god/3/](https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/one_nation_under_god/3/) describes the only Bible for the USA officially authorized by the US Congress:

“The first complete **English** Bible printed in America was published in 1782 by **Robert Aitken**. Up until the American Revolution, all Bibles in English had been imported to the Colonies from England. But during the Revolution, Bibles were not available because of the embargo on English imported goods. The printing of the New Testament started with preliminary copies in 1777 and the final copies printed in 1781. The addition of the Old Testament followed in 1782. Aitken's printing of the King James Version came to be called the "**Bible of the Revolution**" because it was small enough to fit into the coat pocket of the soldiers of the Continental Army. This Bible was the only one ever authorized by the United States Congress, part of whose resolution said: "they recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States, and hereby authorize him [Mr. Aitken] to publish this recommendation in the manner he shall think proper."



This official authorization has never been rescinded.

This US officially authorized Bible (commonly known as “the King James Version”) matches the Bible which was officially authorized by Great Britain, and its official legal authorization in Great Britain has never been rescinded either.

Not only did the US Congress authorize it as our national Bible, it patronized the effort, as noted at <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel04.html>:

“The war with Britain cut off the supply of Bibles to the United States with the result that on Sept. 11, 1777, Congress instructed its Committee of Commerce to import 20,000 Bibles from "Scotland, Holland or elsewhere." On January 21, 1781, Philadelphia printer Robert Aitken (1734-1802) petitioned Congress to officially sanction a publication of the Old and New Testament which he was preparing at his own expense. Congress "highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken, as subservient to the interest of religion . . . in this country, and . . . they recommend this edition of the bible to the inhabitants of the United States." This resolution was a result of Aitken's successful accomplishment of his project.

Aitken published Congress's recommendation of September 1782 and related documents (Item 115) as an imprimatur on the two pages following his title page. Aitken's Bible, published under Congressional patronage, was the first English language Bible published on the North American continent.”

Thus, in 1782, the year after all of the States of the USA had ratified the legal constitution of the USA which has never been legally amended or rescinded, and hence is still legally in place, the US Congress oversaw the publication by Aitken of its officially recognized Bible, under the patronage of the US Congress. The Articles of Confederation recognize that Jesus Christ is Lord and Sovereign of the USA. The USA is hence an explicitly Christian country, and by this act of the US Congress, it is effectively a Protestant Christian one because its officially authorized Bible is a Protestant one. The Protestant Bible is officially recognized as the word of God for these United States.