

Standard or Popular Thai which are printed and distributed. Without this moral support I do not believe that such a project would be successful.

To conclude these observations on the prospects of a translation of the Scriptures into Northern Thai, I would add that such a translation would be only a supplement to, and not a substitute for, the printed Bible in both Standard and Popular Thai. It would be designed to fill a void, namely to provide a means of communicating the Biblical message to an older generation of northern Thai people in a language, form and style they still appreciate and which would mean more to them than comparable material in printed Standard or Popular Thai.

SELECTIONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

We are pleased to be able to publish at last a "recommended" list of passages which together make up a set of Selections from the Old Testament representative of that book as a whole.

For some years a suggested list of passages from the Old Testament has been under discussion. A preliminary list was drawn up and circulated among United Bible Societies personnel—this was the list which appeared in the article Suggestions for an Order of Translation (William Smalley, TBT, July 1969). As a result of comments and suggestions received, that original list has been revised a number of times, and it has now been given its final shape.

The list which follows has the approval of the U.B.S. Sub-Committee on Helps for Translators, and is recommended to Bible Societies round the world for their adoption and adaptation, as they wish.

It is not possible in the space available to print more than the list of passages together with a brief indication of their content. The material recommended by the Sub-Committee includes a full list of section headings as well as bridge statements which both summarize omitted sections and serve to connect the various passages together. There is also a set of introductions to each of the books of the Old Testament. Copies of all this other material can be made available by the Bible Societies to translators and others who may be interested.—Editor.

The following passages make up a book similar in size to the New Testament. Together they represent about 40% of the Old Testament.

The principles which guided the selection of these passages were:

1. The material selected represents a broad panorama of the Old Testament "history of salvation".
2. As far as possible large continuous sections are used rather than smaller units.
3. Special attention is given to passages which are important for the New Testament.
4. Accounts which have special human interest are included.

5. Passages which reflect deep spiritual concerns and which are important for corporate worship are included.

6. No attempt is made to "expurgate" the Old Testament by systematically deleting accounts which reflect dubious moral principles.

Genesis	1:1-4:26	From Creation to the birth of Seth
	6:1-9:29	Noah and the flood
	11:1-9	Tower of Babel
	11:27-19:38	Abraham
	21:1-21	Birth of Isaac
	22:1-19	Abraham commanded to sacrifice Isaac
	24:1-67	A wife for Isaac
	25:19-34	Jacob and Esau
	27:1-30:24	Jacob blessed, death of Isaac, Jacob in Haran
	32:1-32	Jacob returns to Canaan
	37:1-36	Joseph and his brothers
	39:1-41:57	Joseph in Egypt
	46:1-7	Jacob and his family go to Egypt
	46:26-50:26	Jacob and family in Egypt, death of Joseph
	Exodus	1:1-6:13
6:28-12:42		The plagues and the exodus
13:17-17:16		From Egypt to Sinai
19:1-20:21		Sinai, the commandments
24:1-18		The covenant ratified, Moses on the mount
31:18-34:35		Moses returns, the gold calf, new covenant
40:17-38		Dedication of the tabernacle
Leviticus	16:1-34	Day of atonement
	19:1-37	Laws of holiness and justice
	23:1-44	The appointed feasts
Numbers	6:22-27	Blessing of the people
	9:15-23	The cloud over the tabernacle
	10:33-12:8	Rebellion in the desert
	13:1-2	The 12 spies sent to Canaan
	13:25-14:45	The spies return and the people rebel
	20:1-21:9	Water in the desert, death of Aaron, fiery snakes
	22:1-24:25	Balak and Balaam
27:12-23	Selection of Joshua	
Deuteronomy	1:1-8	Introduction
	4:1-40	Summary of history of salvation

	6:1-10:22	More of the same
	12:1-13:11	One place of worship, warning against idolatry
	18:14-22	God promises to send prophets
	19:15-21	Law concerning witness
	24:1-25:10	Various laws
	26:1-19	Final exhortation
	30:1-34:12	End of recital, death of Moses
Joshua	1:1-6:27	From entrance into Canaan to capture of Jericho
	10:1-15	Amorites are defeated
	24:1-33	Joshua's death and burial
Judges	2:1-23	Summary statement about period of the judges
	4:1-9:22	Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech
	13:1-16:31	Samson
Ruth	1:1-4:22	The entire book
1 Samuel	1:1-21:6	From beginning to Saul, David and Jonathan
	24:1-25:1a	David spares Saul, death of Samuel
	28:1-25	Saul consults a medium
	31:1-13	Death of Saul and his sons
2 Samuel	1:1-2:7	David mourns death of Saul and Jonathan
	5:1-7:29	David captures Zion, ark brought to Jerusalem
	9:1-13	David and Mephibosheth
	11:1-12:25	David and Bathsheba, birth of Solomon
	14:21-19:43	David and Absalom, rivalry between Judah and Israel
	22:1-23:7	David's song, last words of David
1 Kings	1:1-2:12	Death of David, accession of Solomon
	3:1-28	Solomon's wisdom
	5:1-6:38	Building of the temple
	8:1-9:9	Solomon's prayer, dedication of the temple
	10:1-29	Visit of Queen of Sheba, Solomon's wealth
	11:26-12:33	Solomon's death, Rehoboam and Jeroboam
	16:29-19:21	From Elijah to choice of Elisha
	21:1-22:40	Ahab and Elijah, death of Ahab

2 Kings	2:1-25	Elisha succeeds Elijah
	4:8-37	Elisha and the Shunammite woman
	5:1-7:20	Naaman and Elisha, Ben-hadad and Elisha
	13: 14-21	Death and burial of Elisha
	18:9-19:37	Fall of Samaria, Judah delivered from Sennacherib
	22:1-23:30	Reign of Josiah
	24:8-25:30	Defeat and exile of Judah
Ezra	1:1-11	Cyrus commands the Jews to return
	3:1-13	Temple rebuilding begun
	6:1-7:28	Darius' decree, the king's grant to Ezra
Nehemiah	1:1-2:20	Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem
	4:1-23	Opposition to Nehemiah's work
	8:1-9:38	Reading the Law, confession of sin
Job	1:1-5:27	Job's troubles, lament, Eliphaz's speech
	14:1-22	Job's lament
	19:1-29	Job's answer
	31:1-40	Job defends his behaviour
	38:1-42:17	God speaks, conclusion of story
Psalms	1, 2, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 32, 33, 34, 37, 40, 42, 43, 46, 47, 49, 51, 63, 65, 67, 69, 72, 73, 80, 84, 87, 89, 90, 91, 93, 95, 96, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 110, 115, 116, 118, 119: 97-112 and 129-144, 121, 122, 124, 126, 127, 130, 132, 137, 139, 145, 148, 150.	
Proverbs	1:1-33, 3:5-18, 6:6-11, 6:16-19, 7:1-27, 8:1-36, 13:1-20, 15:1-9, 20:1-7, 22:1-6, 23:4-5, 23:19-35, 24:3-6, 24:17-20, 25:11-14, 25:21-22, 27:1-6, 30:18-19, 31:10-31.	
Ecclesiastes	3:1-22, 9:7-12, 11:1-6, 12:1-8	
Isaiah	1:1-2:5	Prophecy about Judah and Jerusalem
	5:1-7	Song of the vineyard
	6:1-9:7	Vision in the temple, Isaiah and Ahaz
	11:1-9	The peaceful kingdom
	28:1-17	Warning to Jerusalem, a cornerstone for Zion
	30:1-18	Warning and promise
	31:1-33:24	God will protect Jerusalem, promises and warnings
	35:1-10	Future glory of Zion
	40:1-46:13	"Comfort my people", "Behold my servant", "I am the Lord"
49:1-50:9	The Lord's servant, restoration of Zion promised	

	52:1-55:13	“Awake, awake”, “Sing O barren one”, “Whoever thirsts”
	58:1-14	Warning and promise
	60:1-61:11	“Arise, shine”, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me”
	63:1-65:5	Appeal for God’s help
	65:17-66:2	Heavens and earth renewed
Jeremiah	1:1-2:37	Israel’s apostasy
	6:16-7:34	Exhortations
	9:10-24	Judgment against Judah, Jerusalem cries for help
	14:1-15:21	Prophet’s lament, doom for Judah
	18:1-20:18	The potter and the clay, Jeremiah in stocks
	23:1-32	False shepherds, “a righteous branch”
	26:1-24	Jeremiah threatened
	31:1-40	Return from exile promised
	36:1-38:28	Jerusalem besieged and conquered, Jeremiah’s fortunes
	52:1-34	Jerusalem pillaged, Judah made captive
Ezekiel	1:1-3:27	Ezekiel called, visions of God’s glory
	18:1-32	Individual responsibility
	33:1-34:31	Responsibility and retribution, God the shepherd
	36:22-37:28	New life for Israel
Daniel	1:1-7:28	Daniel’s history, vision of four beasts
	9:1-27	Daniel’s prayer, “70 weeks of years”
Hosea	1:1-6:6	Hosea’s call and prophecy
	11:1-9	God’s unfailing love
	13:4-14:9	God’s power, and loyalty to his people
Joel	The entire book	
Amos	The entire book	
Jonah	The entire book	
Micah	1:1-6:8	Micah’s prophecies
	7:18-20	Final words
Habakkuk	The entire book	
Zechariah	9:9-16	Future king, restoration of God’s people
Malachi	The entire book	