## Translations of Luke 16.16

## **PRIMARY ISSUES**

- 1. What is the temporal relationship being named between "the Law and the Prophets" and "the kingdom of God" expressed by Greek, *mechri*?
- 2. What is the tense of the Greek verb *biazō*, "to employ or to experience violence"?

| NTG        | Ho nomos kai hoi<br>prophētai mechri<br>'lōannou  | ʻapo tote hē ba-<br>sileia tou theou<br>euangelizetai                               | kai pas eis autēn<br>baizetai   |
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| KJ21       | "The Law and the Proph-<br>ets <b>were until</b> John   | Since that time the<br>Kingdom of God is<br>preached                                | and every man<br><b>presseth into</b> it.                                 |
| Message    | <b>God's</b> Law and the<br>Prophets <b>climaxed</b> in<br>John   | Now <b>it's all</b> king-<br>dom of God   | the glad news<br>and compelling<br>invitation to every<br>man and woman." |
| CEV        | Until the time of John<br>the Baptist, <b>people had</b><br>to obey the Law of Mo-<br>ses and the Books of the<br>Prophets. | But since God's<br>kingdom <b>has</b> been<br>preached                              | everyone <b>is trying</b><br>hard to get in."                             |
| TNIV       | "The Law and the Proph-<br>ets <b>were proclaimed un-</b><br><b>til</b> John.   | Since that time,<br>the good news of<br>the kingdom of<br>God is being<br>preached, | and people <b>are</b><br>forcing their way<br>into it."                   |
| NET Bible: | "The law and the proph-<br>ets <b>were in force until</b><br>John;  | since then, the<br>good news of the<br>kingdom of God<br>has been pro-<br>claimed   | and everyone <b>is</b><br><b>urged to enter it."</b>                      |
| NABRE      | "The law and the proph-<br>ets <b>lasted until</b> John;  | but from then on<br>the kingdom of<br>God is proclaimed,                            | and everyone <b>who</b><br>enters does so<br>with violence                |