

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE TIMELINE (PRE - KJV 1611)

60 AD Completion of the Greek manuscripts which make up the 27 books of the New Testament

90-95 AD Council of Jamnia, a Jewish council, met to revise the Books of the Canon (or the Old Testament as it is known to Christians.) These were the criteria:

- 1 The books had to conform to the Pentateuch (the first 5 books).
- 2 The books had to be written in Hebrew.
- 3 The books had to be written in Palestine.
- 4 The books had to be written before 400 B.C..

One result is the removal of the 14 books known as the Apochrypha.

360 AD Laodocia Council meets to decide which books and writings will be accepted as Holy Scripture. The Greek Septuagint is accepted for the Old Testament. Criteria for the New Testament writings include that they must be written by an Apostle or during the time of the Apostles, that they must support true doctrine and must have wide spread usage.

390 AD Jerome's Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible is produced and in wide circulation. It includes all 80 books including the Apochrypha. It is used in Celtic monasteries in Britain. During this period the British within the Roman Empire use Latin as the official language.

1384 John Wycliffe finishes the first translation of the entire Bible into English. His version and copies of it are handwritten.

1522 Erasmus created the *Textus Receptus* (a Greek New Testament) from Byzantine passages from around the city of Constantinople.

1525 William Tyndale's New Testament is completed. His translation is based on the Latin vulgate, Erasmus Greek and the original Greek manuscripts. His wording and sentence structures are found in most modern day translations of the Bible.

1560 The Geneva Bible is printed. Verses are added for the first time in this edition. It is also the first translation of the Bible based entirely on the original Hebrew and Greek. It was translated by exiles from England living in Geneva during the Catholic Mary Tudor's reign. The majority of the translation is attributed to William Whittington a relative of John Calvin.