

## BRIEF REVIEW OF HOW THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN

The Hebrew Old Testament was finalized and in place during the Inter-Testamental Period.

**The Greek Septuagint-** Alexander the Great had established Greek as a universal language and the Old Testament was translated from Hebrew into Greek between 250-100 BC.

Jesus quoted from the Book of Moses, The Law, the Prophets and the Wisdom Literature. Luke 24:44-45

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." NKJV

The New Testament was written in Greek with some Aramaic.

By 200 AD, the books of the New Testament were essentially the same books we have today. There was still discussion about which books to include, but most discussion had ended.

In 382 AD, the Catholic church commissioned Jerome to translate the Bible into Latin. The Latin Vulgate was the official text of the church and Catholic Mass was in Latin until English was permitted by Vatican II of 1962-65.

The Catholic Church added the books of the Apocrypha but they are generally considered extra-Biblical books which are not authoritative.

John Wycliffe translated the entire Bible into English from Latin around 1384.

Hebrew has no vowels. The first Hebrew Bible printed with vowels appeared in 1488.

Martin Luther translated the Bible into German from Hebrew and Greek 1522-1534.

William Tyndale translated the New Testament into English from the original Greek in 1526 against the orders of the church in England and was burned at the stake.

King James the 6<sup>th</sup> of Scotland became King James the 1<sup>st</sup> of England in 1603. He was born in 1567 and was the son of Mary, Queen of Scots. He commissioned the King James Version in 1604 and it was completed in 1611. It was the Authorized Version.

Later Translations: Revised Version, 1885. American Standard Version, 1901. J.B. Phillips, 1952. Revised Standard Version, 1952. New American Standard, 1971. New International Version, 1973. The New King James Version, 1982. And others...