

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a wooden surface. The text on the pages is visible, and a small portion of the left page is being lifted. The background is softly blurred, showing another person's hands and a glass. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the Bible.

How To Study The Bible

How We Got Our Bible

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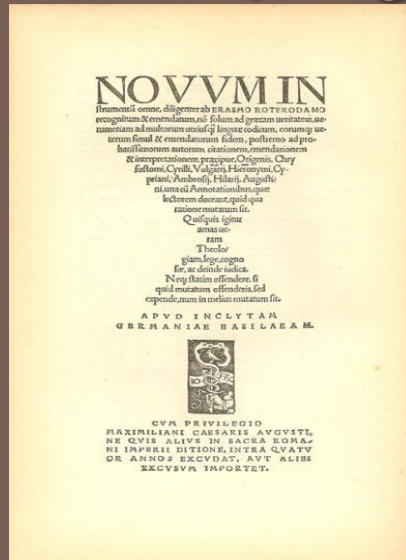
From The 21st Century Back To The 15th

- Invention of printing press in 1440 A.D.
 - ▣ No longer rely on tedious hand copying.
 - ▣ Since then thousands of copies printed of every translation.



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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - ▣ 1516 Erasmus first printed work. Greek text- thousands of copies made, begins the birth of Reformation.

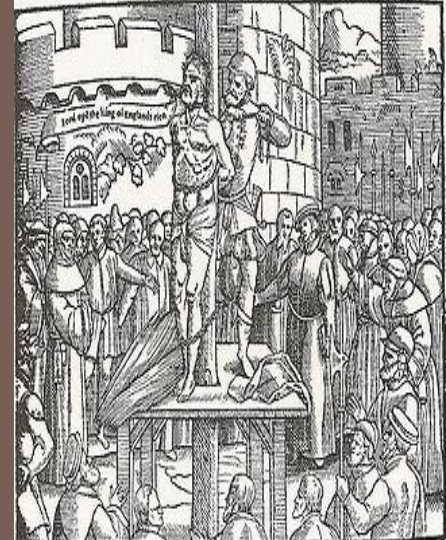
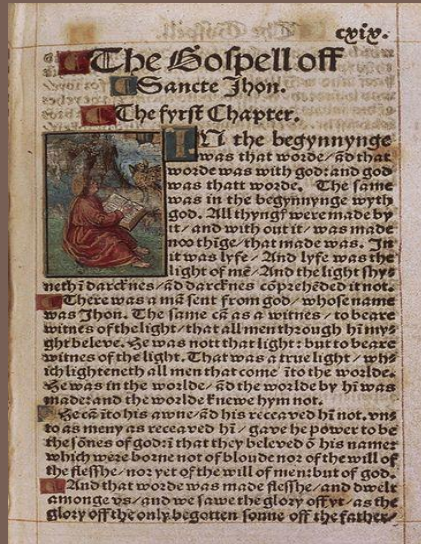


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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - 1526 Tyndale Bible – First translation into English language directly from Hebrew and Greek.
 - He saw need for common person to have access to the scriptures.
 - He was persecuted in England, fled to the main continent and was hunted, about 1500 copies of his Bible sent to England in flour sacks and in coffins.

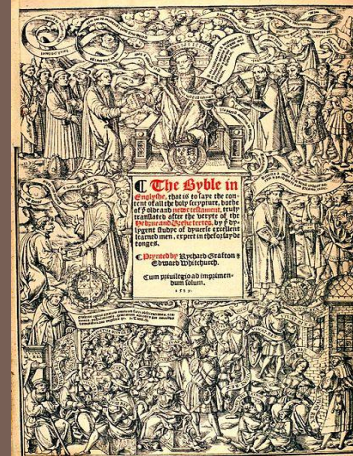
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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - ▣ Bible in common language revolutionized thinking
 - ▣ Captured and burned at the stake in 1536.



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 - 1539 Great Bible. Same king of England who persecuted and hated Tyndale, authorized the reading of this version that was almost identical Tyndale's.
 - 2500 of these Bibles were printed in its first edition.
 - It was called “great” because of its large size.



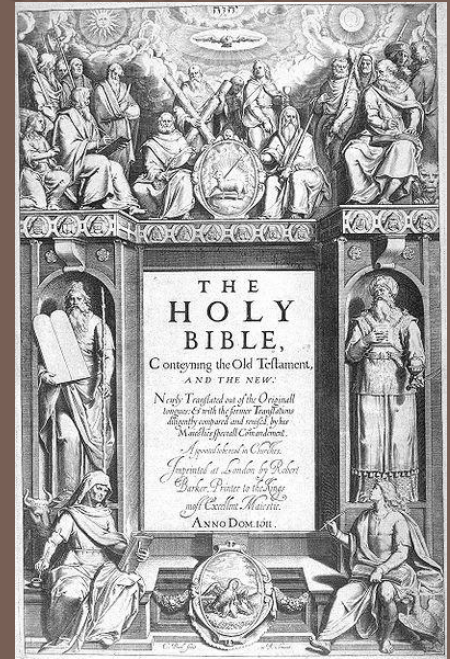
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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - 1582 Rheims New Testament- 1609-1610 Douai Old Testament (Catholic) was completed.
 - 1st Catholic bible in English. Published to counteract spread of other English bibles.
 - Translated from the Latin Vulgate rather than original Hebrew and Greek



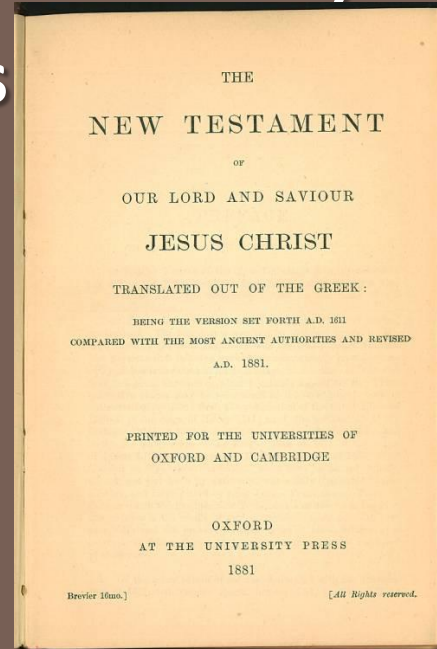
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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - 1611 – The King James Version was published.
 - Protestantism firmly entrenched.
 - 47 of greatest scholars of the day translated under penalty of death.
 - Most beautiful in style, coming from a period of literary excellence



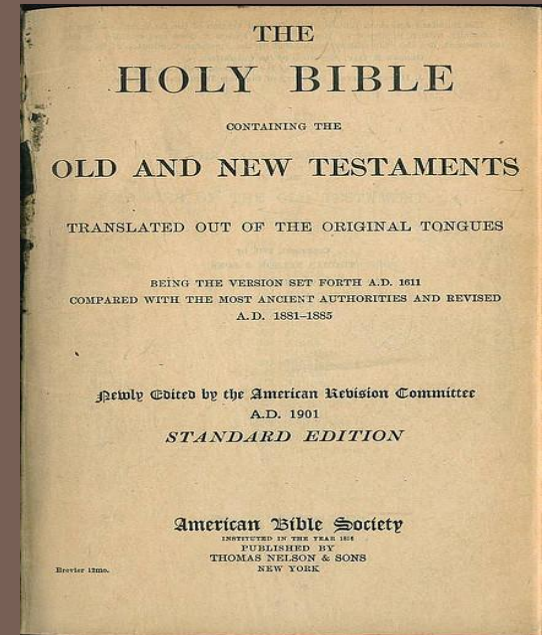
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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - 1881 – The English Revised (a revision of the KJV)
 - Reason for revision: More manuscripts discovered - Change in meaning of words
 - In the Koine Greek words do not change, but do in our language.



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- Consider briefly some major translations
 - 1901 American Revised (American Standard)
 - Generally agreed most accurate.
 - Since then many modern speech translations have been published.
 - **New American Standard Version**
 - **New King James Version**
 - **New International Version**



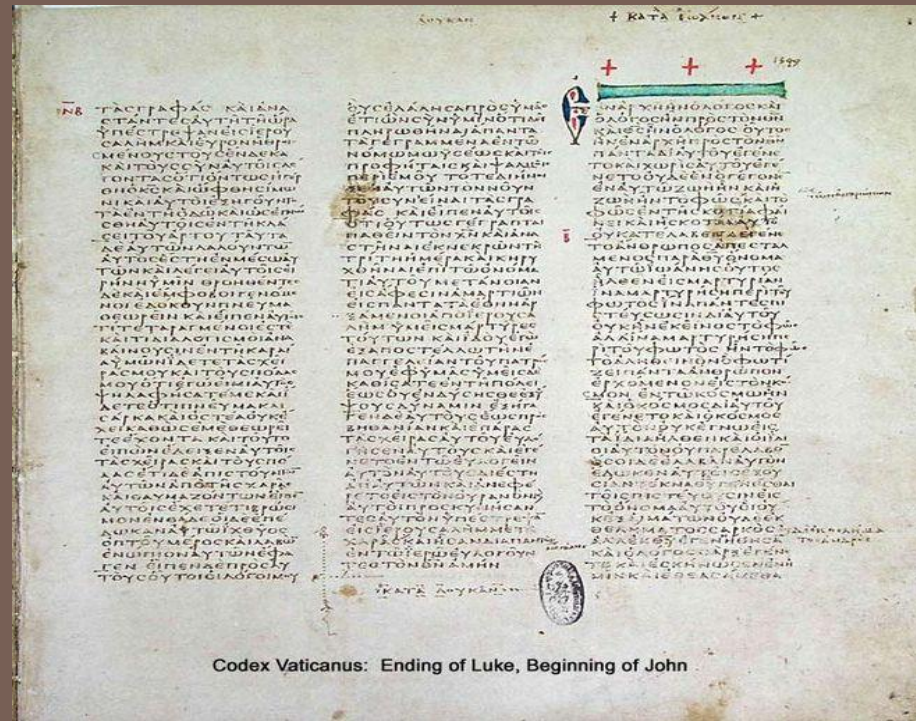
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- Manuscript Copies - Copies of original scriptures
 - ▣ More than 4,000 such manuscripts in existence today.
 - ▣ Some are partial (from a few verses to a few books), some are complete Old and New Testament.



From The 15th Century to the 4th Century

- 3 Major Manuscripts (300-440 A.D.)
 - Vatican (Catholic) from which Roman Catholic translations come (300-325 A.D.)
 - Considered one of the best Greek texts.



Codex Vaticanus: Ending of Luke, Beginning of John

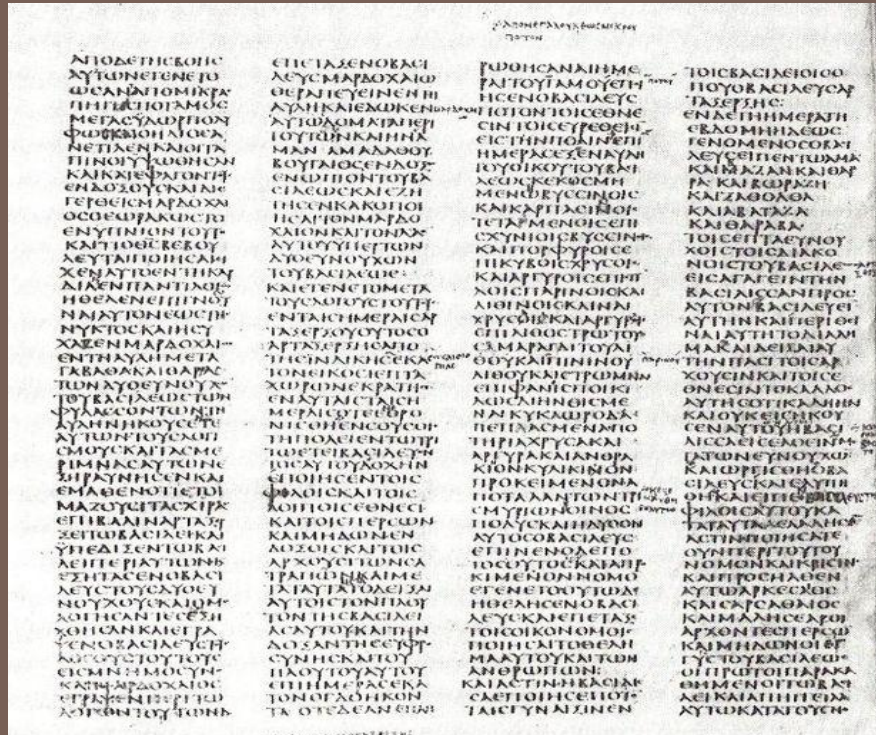
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Siniatic (330-360 A.D.)

Found in a monastery in a pile destined to be burned.

Techendorf found leaves in 1844, almost the complete Bible.



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- 3 Major Manuscripts (300-440 A.D.)
 - Alexandrian (400-440 A.D.)
 - In British Museum since 1627
 - Found after King James Translation, when compared to KJV practically reads the same.



From The 15th Century to the 4th Century

- Translations are made from these manuscripts, while also consulting older translations.
- Catholics translate from Vatican manuscript.
- American Standard Version (Revised Version) from Siniatic and Alexandrian yet contains same truth as the Vatican Codex.
 - Exam. ***Matt. 23:8-9; 1 Tim. 3:1-4, 4:1-5***

From The 4th Century To The 2nd Century

- Ancient Versions: (John 12:48 same words that Jesus spoke will judge us)
 - Translations of original Greek scripture into other languages.
 - One cannot translate a book that doesn't exist.
 - Syrian (Peshitta Version) 2nd century
 - Old Latin Version. <150 A.D.
 - Jerome's Latin Vulgate. 405 A.D.

From The 4th Century To The 2nd Century

- Quotations from early scholars.
 - No one can quote from a book that does not exist!
 - We know when these men lived - can date book quoted from this:
 - Clement's Letter to church at Corinth (80-140 A.D.)
 - Ignatius, a bishop at Antioch, wrote numerous letters (35-108 A.D.)

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 - ▣ Polycarp, a bishop at Smyrna, quotes from 14 books of N.T. (69-155 A.D.)

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 - ▣ Justyn Martyr apologizes for Christ - practically all of N.T. referred to. (100-165 A.D.)
 - ▣ Origen was also extensive writer refers to about 2/3 of N.T. scriptures (184-253 A.D.)

From The 4th Century To The 2nd Century

□ Non-Christian writers

- Josephus – (37-100 A.D.) had much to say about Christ
- Porphyry – (234-305 A.D.) severe critic of Christianity, did not question the genuineness of any N.T. book, did attack genuineness of Daniel in O.T.
- Celsus wrote 75 years after death of Apostle John - gives about 80 quotations from N.T.

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

