

How the Bible Came to Be

Significant Dates, People, and Events

- 4000 BC- **Adam, Noah, Shem, Isaac, Jacob, and other ancient patriarchs** record eyewitness accounts
- 1500 BC **Moses**, as compiler and editor, began recording God's Word
- 450 BC **Ezra** arranges Books of OT
- 250-100 BC **70 Jewish Scholars** translate OT from Hebrew into Greek to make **Septuagint** *meaning 70*
- 45-100 AD **Followers of Jesus** write the NT in Greek
- 435 **Jerome** takes 25 years to translate Scriptures into Latin called **Latin Vulgate**
- 500-900 **Masoretes**, special Jewish scribes, make meticulous copies of OT
- 1382 **John Wycliffe** translates first English Bible from Latin called **Wycliffe Bible**
- 1408 In England, it becomes **illegal** to translate or read Bible in common English without permission
- 1455 **Johann Gutenberg** invented world's first printing press with moveable metal type
- 1455 The Gutenberg Bible is the first book ever printed – the **Latin Vulgate** version
- 1516 **Erasmus**, a priest and Greek scholar, publishes a new Greek edition of NT - "**textus receptus**"
- 1522 **Martin Luther** translates NT from Greek into German
- 1525 **William Tyndale** translates NT from Greek into English
- 1535 **Tyndale** publishes part of OT translated from Hebrew into English before martyrdom in 1536
- 1611AD **54 scholars** take six years to complete **King James Version Bible**