

# Scripture becoming Scripture

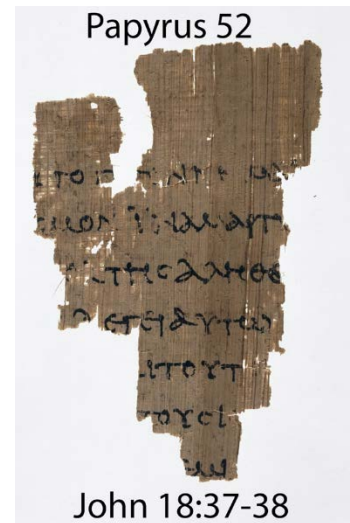
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## Old Testament

- 1400–400 B.C. Books of the Hebrew Old Testament written
- c. 250–200 B.C. The Septuagint, a popular Greek translation of the Old Testament, produced
- 90 and 118 AD Councils of Jamnia give final affirmation to the Old Testament canon (39 books)

## New Testament

- A.D. 45–90 Books of the Greek New Testament written. The one thing all books of the NT have in common is connection to an apostle or very close follower of Jesus.
- Most of New Testament completed before 70 AD as there is no mention of the fall of Jerusalem.
- By the 100's all apostles' have died and church leaders being to quote the writing of the apostles in their communications to the church.
- 367 Athanasius's Festal Letter lists complete New Testament canon (27 books) for the first time
- 397 Council of Carthage establishes orthodox New Testament canon (27 books)



Papyrus 52 dates to 100-175 AD and was “discovered” in 1920 in an Egyptian antiquities market.

## Major Translations

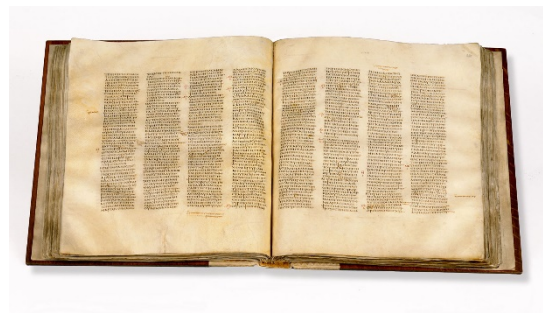
- c. 400 Jerome translates the Bible into Latin; this “Vulgate” becomes standard of medieval church
- 1380-1382 John Wycliffe and associates make first translation of the whole Bible into English (from Latin)
- 1522 Luther translates New Testament into German. In 1539 whole Bible is published by Luther
- 1525 William Tyndale makes the first translation of the New Testament from Greek
- 1535 Miles Coverdale completes Tyndale’s translation of entire Bible. Tyndale was martyred for his translation work.
- 1611 King James Bible published

## Oldest More or Less Intact Versions of the Bible

### Codex Vaticanus 300-325 AD



### Codex Sinaiticus 330-360 AD



## Dead Sea Scrolls

- Discovered in 1946/47 and 1956 in 11 caves above the Dead Sea.
- Contain among other things:
  - Great Isaiah Scroll – all 66 books word for word as we have it today.
  - Great Psalms Scroll – about 1/3 of the Psalms as well as other poetic material.
  - Aramaic Translation of Job.
  - Bits and pieces of almost all books of the Old Testament.
  - Dated between 300 BC and 100 AD (dating is virtually certain due to coins found at the site).

### The Great Isaiah Scroll

