

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS | TIMELINE

LEGEND

Purple - Year Book Written Blue - Biblical Copy or Translation
Red - Historical Event Green - Non-canonical Book Written

1884 BC

- 1884 - Joseph becomes Egyptian Official
- 1876 - Jacob & Sons arrive in Egypt
- 1805 - Joseph dies

1800

The dates on this timeline are based on the research of M.D. Perkins (director of *The God Who Speaks*) and were harmonized through a variety of print sources that reflect current evangelical scholarship. Though all scholars will debate the exact dating of biblical events and writings, these dates represent the "best educated guess" in line with the scholars interviewed for the documentary and the current available material on these topics.

Not all of the known biblical manuscripts are marked on the timeline – only those considered most important due to date, completeness, scribal tradition or accuracy.

1754 - Law Code of Hammurabi established

1500

- 1450 - Earliest Psalms
- 1446 - Exodus from Egypt
- 1445 - Ten Commandments given
- 1440 - Genesis
- 1438 - Exodus
- 1436 - Leviticus

1446-1406 - Wilderness wanderings

- 1408 - Numbers
- 1406 - Israelites enter Canaan, Moses dies
- 1406 - Deuteronomy
- 1390 - Joshua

1400

1370-1055 - Era of Judges

1300

1200

- 50 - 1 and 2 Thessalonians
- 53 - Mark
- 55 - 1 Corinthians
- 56 - 2 Corinthians, Galatians
- 57 - Matthew
- 58 - Romans
- 59 - Luke
- 60 - Ephesians, Philippians

1100

- 1051-1011 - Saul's Reign
- 1035-970 - Most of the Psalms
- 1000 - Judges, Ruth

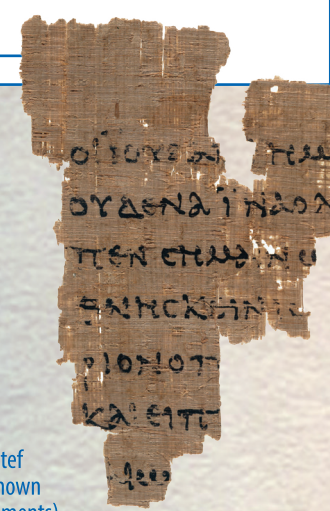
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- 970-931 - Solomon's Reign
- 950 - Song of Solomon
- 945 - Most of Proverbs
- 940 - Ecclesiastes, Job
- 930 - Kingdom Divided
- 925 - 1 and 2 Samuel

900

P-52 is a papyri fragment containing John 18:31-33 on one side & 18:37-38 on the other. It is the earliest known New Testament manuscript. When it was discovered in 1934, it shocked skeptical scholars who had assumed John's Gospel was not written by John the Apostle and was therefore written around 150-175 AD. However, P-52 proved that John's Gospel was definitely written during the 1st century due both to its dating and to the fact that P-52 had been uncovered in Egypt, nearly 2000 miles away from Ephesus (where John likely composed the gospel).

P-52 | 100-150 AD (most likely 125) | Greek language



700

- 760 - Jonah
- 750 - Amos
- 715 - Hosea
- 710 - Micah
- 700 - Isaiah, Proverbs (compiled)
- 670 - Joel
- 660 - Nahum
- 630 - Zephaniah
- 605 - Habakkuk
- 600 - Silver Scrolls of Ketef Hinnom (oldest known Hebrew Bible fragments)
- 590 - Jeremiah
- 586 - Obediah
- 586 - fall of Jerusalem
- 584 - Lamentations
- 571 - Ezekiel
- 560 - 1 and 2 Kings
- 538 - First return of Exiles to Jerusalem
- 530 - Daniel, Zechariah
- 520 - Haggai
- 516 - Temple completed

600

- 464 - Esther
- 450 - 1 and 2 Chronicles
- 444 - final Psalms, Psalms completed
- 440 - Ezra
- 430 - Nehemiah, Malachi

500

- 250 - Septuagint translation begins
- 200 - Tobit, Sirach
- 167-160 - Maccabean Revolt
- 150 - Judith
- 150 - Nash Papyrus
- 125 - Great Isaiah Scroll (of Dead Sea Scrolls)
- 110 - 1 Maccabees
- 100 - 2 Maccabees, Wisdom

0 BC // AD

- 4 - John the Baptist born, Jesus born
- 30 - Jesus dies / resurrects / ascends
- 36 - Stephen martyred, Paul's conversion (Acts 9:1-9)
- 46 - Paul's First Missionary Journey
- 49 - James
- 49 - Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:6-35)
- 75 - Jude
- 85 - John
- 89 - 1 and 2 John
- 90 - 3 John
- 94 - Josephus - *Antiquities of the Jews* (written)
- 96 - Revelation
- 100 - John dies, Josephus dies

101 - Clement dies

108 - Ignatius dies

120 - Epistle of Barnabas

125 - P-52 (oldest known New Testament fragment)

140 - Gospel of Truth

145 - Shepherd of Hermas, Infancy Gospel of James

150 - Gospel of Thomas

156 - Polycarp dies

165 - Justin Martyr dies

170 - Gospel of Judas, Muratorian fragment

175 - Acts of Peter

180 - Gospel of Mary

200 - P-46, 66, 103 & five other papyri

202 - Irenaeus dies

225 - Acts of Paul

250 - P-1, 45, 87, 101 & thirty-six other papyri

250 - Gospel of Philip

253 - Origen dies

300 - P-37, 50, 102 & six other papyri

324 - Eusebius - *Ecclesiastical History* (written)

325 - Council of Nicaea

325 - Codex Vaticanus (oldest Greek Bible, considered one of the best ancient texts)

337 - Constantine dies

350 - Codex Sinaiticus (Greek Bible, considered one of best ancient texts), P-6, 10, 24 & eleven other papyri

373 - Athanasius of Alexandria dies

393 - Synod of Hippo

397 - Council of Carthage

400 - Codex Alexandrinus, Codex Bezae, P-21, 50, 99 & eight other papyri

405 - Vulgate translated

410 - P. Oxy. 1 (earliest known copy of Gospel of Thomas)

430 - Augustine dies

450 - Acts of Philip

450 - P-112, 127 & four other papyri, Codex Ephraemi Rescriptus

451 - Council of Chalcedon

500 - P-63, 105 & three other papyri, Codex Petropolitanus Purpureus (gospels on purple vellum), Codex Dublinensis, Rossano Gospels (early illuminated manuscript), Codex Bezae Cantabrigiae

550 - P-2, 36 & eight other papyri, Codex Claromontanus

600 - P-26, 44 & six other papyri

609-632 - Qur'an is written & compiled

622 - Beginning of Islam

637 - Muslims take Jerusalem

650 - P-34, 59 & six other papyri

691 - Dome of the Rock is built at Jerusalem Temple Mount

700 - P-42, 61 & 136, Codex Basilensis

713 - Codex Amiatinus (oldest complete Latin Vulgate)

720 - Lindisfarne Gospels

800 - Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor

800 - Damascus Pentateuch (important Hebrew manuscript), Book of Kells (renowned illuminated manuscript)

827 - Codex Cairensis (complete collection of Hebrew Prophets)

850 - Codex Augiensis

875 - Codex Monacensis

930 - Aleppo Codex (incomplete Hebrew Bible)

960 - Aaron ben Moses ben Asher dies (important Jewish scribe)

975 - Codex Bezae Cantabrigiae

990 - Wessex Gospels (Old English translation of gospels)

995 - Codex Harleianus

1000 - Miniscule 532 & many other Greek miniscules

1008 - Leningrad Codex (earliest complete Hebrew Bible)

1054 - East - West Schism of Catholic Church (Eastern Orthodoxy and Catholicism become distinct)

1095-1099 - The First Crusade

1100 - Miniscule 1 & many other Greek miniscules

1113 - Bernard of Clairvaux dies

1147-1150 - The Second Crusade

1189-1192 - The Third Crusade

1202-1204 - The Fourth Crusade

1217-1221 - The Fifth Crusade

1228 - 1229 - The Sixth Crusade

1248-1254 - The Seventh Crusade

1272 - Thomas Aquinas - *Summa Theologia* (written)

1274 - Thomas Aquinas dies

1300 - Miniscule 223 & many other Greek miniscules

1346-1353 - Black Plague kills 75-200 million people across Eurasia

1382 - Wycliffe Bible translations

1384 - John Wycliffe dies

1415 - Council of Constance condemns Wycliffe

1440 - Printing Press invented

1483 - Martin Luther born

1492 - Christopher Columbus sails for New World

1512 - Erasmus collates the Textus Receptus (collection of Greek texts that is basis for most Reformation era translations)

1516 - First Greek New Testament published

1517 - Luther posts his Ninety-Five Theses

1526 - Tyndale New Testament translation

1534 - Luther Bible (German translation) published

1536 - William Tyndale dies

1546 - Martin Luther dies

1549 - Book of Common Prayer released

1560 - Geneva Bible (English translation) published

1563 - Brest Bible (Polish translation) published

1545-1563 - Council of Trent (Apocrypha affirmed as scripture by Roman Catholic Church)

1579 - Kralice Bible (Czech translation) published

1602 - Reina-Valera (Spanish translation) published

1611 - King James Version

1663 - Eliot Indian Bible published (first Bible published in North America)

1678 - John Bunyan - *The Pilgrim's Progress* (written)

1739 - Methodist Church begun

1741 - Edwards preaches "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"

1758 - Jonathan Edwards dies

1764 - Quaker Bible published

1770 - George Whitefield dies

1779 - "Amazing Grace" written

1791 - John Wesley dies

1789-1799 - French Revolution

1730-1755 - First Great Awakening

1775-1783 - American Revolution

1790-1840 - Second Great Awakening

1800 - Civil War

1816 - Francis Asbury dies

1829 - Book of Mormon

1834 - William Carey dies

1845 - Southern Baptist Convention forms

1870 - Vatican I (papal infallibility defined)

1876 - Russian Synodal Bible published

1892 - Charles Spurgeon dies

1908 - Gideons International begins distributing Bibles

1917 - Russian Revolution

1923 - J. Gresham Machen - *Christianity and Liberalism* (written)

1914-1918 - World War I

1934 - Conversion of Billy Graham

1937 - J. Gresham Machen dies

1945 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer dies

1947 - Dead Sea Scrolls discovered

1963 - C. S. Lewis dies

1971 - New American Standard Bible

1977 - International Council on Biblical Inerrancy forms

1978 - Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy drafted

1978 - New International Version

1982 - New King James Version

2001 - English Standard Version

2017 - Christian Standard Bible

2018 - Billy Graham dies