

How it's Made: The Bible
The New Testament
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The Old and New Testaments of the Bible have different histories, backgrounds and processes by which they came to be.

Our "Old Testament" has different names:

1. Hebrew Bible
2. Tanakh

T = Torah N = Nevi'im K = Ketuvim

The making of the Old Testament took over 1000 years.

If the New Testament was in Chronological order, the first books of the Bible would be: 1 and 2 Thessalonians, James.

All New Testament writings span about 50 years.

Three Simple Sections:

1. Foundation Narrative.
2. Letters
3. Apocalyptic

- **The Gospels**

Mark is probably the first Gospel to be recorded in the early 70's.

There was a "gap" of about 40 years between the events and when they were recorded.

Luke 1:1-2

- **The Letters**

Romans 1:1-4, 7; 16:21-22

Colossians 4:16-18

As Christianity began to spread and the Narratives and Letters were circulated, they were copied for wider distribution. There were 4 cities that were the prominent places for the production of these manuscripts:

Rome, Ephesus, Antioch, Alexandria (Egypt)

1 John 5:5-8 (look at in your Bible)

Exemplar is the original text from which all copies are made.

Key figures in the collection of New Testament manuscripts:

Erasmus (1500's)

William Tyndale

The King James Bible was first published in 1611.

Constantin von Tischendorf