

Have you ever seen a truly ancient document or engraving written in English? Of course you haven't. As a spoken or written language English has only been around since about 450 AD. So what were the languages used in the original writings? And who were the people who penned those original documents that collectively we know as the Bible?

Questions:

1. About what century was the earliest writing done on a book of the bible?
2. In what language was that early book written?
3. About what century was the final book of the Old Testament penned?
4. Were there other languages used in writing Old Testament books?
5. Do we know with certainty the author of all books of the Bible?
6. What verbal and written languages were in use by those writing the New Testament? (ALL)
7. What was the written language used for New Testament autographs / manuscripts?
8. True or False: The texts of the Old and New testaments were from the same language family?
9. What books are known to have 2 or more authors?
10. Do we observe different styles in how ancient documents are recorded? Explain.
11. Can you name at least 3 occupations held by Biblical authors?
12. Can you name two (earthly) kings who composed parts of the Bible?
13. If the New Testament had been written by lawyers, in what language would it likely have been?

### ***Phonetic Language***

A written language where symbols represent verbalized sounds.

### ***Language Family***

A group of languages related by descent from a common ancestor called a proto-language.

### ***Dialect***

A variety of a language that is characteristic of a particular group of the language's speakers. It may be distinguished by any or all of its vocabulary, grammar or pronunciation.

## Resources

### ***The New Testament Documents***

book by F.F. Bruce. (Grand Rapids: Friedmans)

### ***Concise History of Bible***

<http://www.greatsite.com/timeline-english-bible-history/#timeline>

### ***How We Got the Bible***

book by Neil R. Lightfoot. (Grand Rapids: Baker), Rev 2003.

