

Major Figures

Augustine (354-480) Church Father who relied on the *Vetus latina* as his Bible

Beza, Theodore (1519-1605) – Successor to John Calvin in Geneva. Produced Greek edition of the New Testament and Latin translations of the whole Bible.

Calvin, John (1509-1564) – Reformer of Geneva and one of the leading Reformation biblical commentators.

Coverdale, Miles (1488-69) – English churchman and reformer. Revised the work of Tyndale and was central to the production of the Geneva Bible.

Erasmus, Desiderius (1466-1536) – Dutchman and greatest biblical scholar of his age. Produced a Greek New Testament with Latin translation, known first as the *Novum Instrumentum* and later as the *Novum Testamentum*. Lived in Basel, Switzerland.

Hussites – Fifteenth century movement that followed Jan Hus, who was executed in 1415. Argued that the Bible should be in the vernacular.

Jerome (347-420) – Great Christian scholar who translated the Bible into Latin from Hebrew and Greek. His translation became known as the *Vulgate*.

Luther, Martin (1483-1546) – Preeminent Protestant reformer who wrote extensive commentaries on the Bible. He also translated the Bible, creating the Luther Bible that remains to this day the standard edition.

Lollards – Fourteenth century movement that followed John Wycliffe. Argued for the scriptures in English and produced what became known as the Lollard Bible, a complete translation in English.

Oecolampdius, Johannes (1482-1531) – Great reformer of Basel, Switzerland, and a crucial figure in the development of Reformed biblical studies.

Tyndale, William (1494-1536) – Greatest English translator of the Bible in the sixteenth century. Much of his work was preserved in the King James.

Whittingham, William (c. 1524–1579) – English Protestant reformer who was primarily responsible for the creation of the Geneva Bible.

Zwingli, Huldrych (1484-1531) – Reformer of Zurich, Switzerland. Wrote numerous biblical commentaries and produced the first complete German Bible of the Reformation in 1531.