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Bible Heritage Collection
Brief Descriptions
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The items in this special collection, many of them rare, were identified or acquired because of their importance to the history of the Biblical text and its reproduction, to historical representations of the early church Reformers, and to the significant printings of the English Bible. Items with an asterisk (*) are part of the *Early English Bible Collection*. **Items are arranged in the list by date of publication, the oldest first.** *NOTE: All items are original unless identified as a facsimile, original text reprint, reproduction, or a photographic copy.*

Deuteronomy Scroll (called the Ten Commandments Scroll). **1st century.** *Color photographic reproduction of the original. One of about 30 portions of the book of Deuteronomy discovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls. This scroll [4Q41] contains Deuteronomy 5:1-31, including the entire **Ten Commandments** in the form that has been handed down to this day. **A 222.15 T289***

Genesis Scroll. **1st century.** *Color photographic reproduction of the original. One of 20 fragments of different copies of the book of Genesis discovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls. This fragment [4Q4 from Cave 4] contains 11 lines of text from Genesis 1:18-27. **A 222.11 G327***

Isaiah Scroll. **1st century.** *Color photographic reproduction of the original from one of the Dead Sea Scrolls that contained parts of the book of Isaiah. This fragment [4Q5 from Cave 4] contains portions of Isaiah 22:10-14 and Isaiah 23:8 – 24:15. **A 224.1 I74***

Codex Sinaiticus. **4th century.** *Old Testament and New Testament Greek manuscripts. Two volumes of photographic copies of the original manuscripts in the Imperial Library at St. Petersburg. **A 225.14 S61***

Codex Vaticanus. **4th century.** *Old Testament and New Testament Greek manuscript Photographic copy of a portion of the New Testament. Considered to be one of the best Greek texts of the New Testament, with the Codex Sinaiticus as its only competitor. This single facsimile volume includes the text from Matthew 1:1 through Hebrews 9:14. **A 225.14 V345***

Codex Alexandrinus. **5th century.** *Old Testament and New Testament Greek manuscript. Photographic copy of the New Testament volume. Considered to be one of the four great uncial codices, which includes the Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus listed above. The original resides in the British Library. **A 225.14 A382***

Leningrad Codex (also called the Cairo Codex). 1008-1010. *Photographic copy of the original. This is the oldest complete codex of the Hebrew Bible.*

A 221.44 L566

Bible. Manuscript in Latin (on vellum). c. 1250. [1 original leaf scribed in France]. *This leaf, ca. 1250, is from a Latin manuscript "pocket" Bible. The text includes the end of the 3rd chapter of Zephaniah on into the 3rd chapter of Haggai. The minute text is handwritten and both sides of the leaf are hand illuminated.*

A 224.97 M224

Bible. Manuscript in Latin (on vellum). c. 1350. [1 original leaf scribed in France]. *This leaf from the 14th century is from a Latin manuscript "portable" Bible. The text includes the prologue to the book of Matthew and then chapter 1 through the first part of chapter 4. The text is handwritten and both sides of the leaf are hand illuminated.* *A 226.2 M224*

Bible. Wycliffe New Testament. 1385. *This is a facsimile reproduction of the very first translation of the Scriptures into the English language. The Wycliffe translations were hand-written manuscript Bibles, pre-dating printing by 70 years [Gutenberg, 1455].* *A 225.52 W977*

Bible. Manuscript in Latin (on vellum). c. 1450. [1 original leaf scribed in Bohemia]. *This leaf, ca. 1450, is from a large folio Latin manuscript Bible. The text includes a section of Isaiah from the end of chapter 4 through the beginning of chapter 8. The text is handwritten and both sides of the leaf are hand illuminated.*

A 224.1 M224

Bible. Gutenberg Bible. 1455. *This facsimile copy of the Gutenberg Bible is a reproduction of the Mazarin Bible, once owned by Cardinal Jules Mazarin (1602-1661), who under Louis XIV directed French foreign and domestic affairs. It is currently housed in the Mazarin Library at the French Institute in Paris. This two-volume, folio- size facsimile limited edition of the Mazarin Bible was printed in Paris in 1985, using full color printing on a high quality handmade paper, finely bound in red morocco with gilt edges. It dramatically replicates the appearance and feel of the original Gutenberg Bible.* *A 220.52 G983*

Bible. Erasmus Greek-Latin New Testament. 1519. *This is a photographic facsimile of the first edition.* *A 225.48 E66* **See comments about the 1522 edition below.**

Bible. Erasmus Greek-Latin New Testament. 1522. *This is a photographic copy of Erasmus' third printed edition of the Greek New Testament published in 1522. This edition was used by Tyndale in his translation of the first English New Testament in 1526 and by the translators of the Geneva and King James Bibles.*

A 225.48 E65

Bible. Tyndale New Testament. 1526. *This is a color photographic reproduction of a copy of Peter Schoeffer's 1526 printing held in the collection of the British Library. [A 225.52 T986](#) See an original 1536 leaf below.*

Bible. Tyndale New Testament. 1526. *This is an original text reprint of the 1526 first edition of Tyndale's New Testament translation. [A 225.5 T987N](#) See an original 1536 leaf below.*

Bible. Luther New Testament [German]. 1529 [One original leaf – printed in Germany]. *A complete printing of Luther's 1529 German New Testament has never been found. The fragment from which this leaf is taken is the only one known to exist. The first complete German Bible was printed in 1530. The text on the two pages is from Colossians chapters 1 and 2. [A 227.6 L973](#)*

Bible. Tyndale New Testament. 1534. *This is an original text reprint of the 1534 edition of Tyndale's original New Testament English translation published in 1526. [A 225.52 T987](#) See an original 1536 leaf below.*

Bible. Coverdale Bible. 1535. *This is a photographic facsimile of the first edition of this first printed English translation of the entire Bible. [A 220.52 C874](#) See an original 1551 leaf below.*

* **Bible. Tyndale New Testament. 1536.** [One original leaf - printed in Antwerp, Belgium]. *This leaf is from a printing done in 1535 or 1536 under the supervision of Myles Coverdale. Tyndale was martyred in 1536. The text on these two pages is from Romans 10:12 to 11:13. [A 225.52 T988](#)*

Bible. Tyndale New Testament. 1536. *This is a facsimile digital reproduction of the last and most elaborate edition of Tyndale's work done prior to his death at the stake in Belgium. The text is full of intricate woodcut illustrations and the calligraphy-like gothic black letter typeface is a work of art. This reproduction is 125% of the original in size. [A 225.52 T988N](#) See an original 1536 leaf above.*

* **Bible. Matthew's Bible. 1537.** [One original leaf- printed in Antwerp, Belgium]. *This leaf is from a first edition printing in 1537. The text on these two pages is from John 11:22 to 13:5. [A 220.52 M429](#)*

* **Bible. Great Bible. 1539.** [One original leaf - printed in London]. *This leaf is likely from a first edition printed in 1539 or 1540. The text on these two pages is from Job 21:1 to 24:20. [A 220.52 G786](#)*

* **Bible. Great Bible. 1541.** [One original leaf - printed in London]. *The text on these two pages is from Judges 6 through the first few verses of Judges 8. [A 220.52 G787](#)*

Bible. Matthew's Bible. 1549. *This is a facsimile reproduction of the first complete English Bible translated directly from the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. This printing is the oldest complete English language Bible that has ever been produced in facsimile reproduction form. [A 220.52 M431](#) See an original 1537 leaf above.*

Bible. Stephanus Greek New Testament. 1550. *This copy is a photographic facsimile of one of four editions of this work by Robert Stephanus. This, along with the Erasmus Greek New Testament, is one of the more important Greek texts for scholars. This edition is called the Editio Regia. [A 225.48 N945](#)*

* **Bible. Coverdale Bible. 1551.** [One original leaf - printed in Zurich, Switzerland]. *This leaf is from a printing done in 1551. This was the latest reprint of the Coverdale Bible, first printed in 1535, issued during the life of Coverdale. The text on these two pages is from II Chronicles 12:1 to 14:12. [A 220.52 C873](#)*

Bible. Geneva New Testament. 1557. *This is a photographic facsimile of this edition. [A 225.52 G328](#) See comments about the 1608 copy below.*

Bible. Geneva Bible. 1560. *This is a facsimile reprint of the first printing of this translation of the Bible. [A 220.52 G328](#) See comments about the 1608 copy below.*

Theodore de Beze. **Brief History of the Life and Death of Master John Calvin. 1564.** *This life of Calvin, one of the best contemporary biographies of any of the reformers, was originally written in French by Theodore Beza, a protestant theologian and scholar who played an important role in the early Reformation. He was a disciple of John Calvin. This copy is a reproduction of the English translation printed in London in 1564, the year of Calvin's death. [A 284.209 C168B5](#)*

John Calvin. **In Librum Psalmorum. 1564.** [Printed in Geneva, Switzerland] *This copy of Calvin's Commentary on the Psalms is written in Latin and was published during Calvin's life time. This second edition has the original binding and silk ties and was once owned by Davis Giddy in the early 19th century, a member of the British Parliament, President of the Royal Society, and an acquaintance of William Wilberforce. [A 223.6 C168I](#)*

Martin Luther. **Collected writings - 1 volume of a multi-volume set. 1572.** *Includes masses, sermons, and letters received and sent from 1522-1525. [German]. This volume has binding clasps and is hand colored. [A 230.1 L973D](#)*

John Calvin. **Commentary on Genesis. 1578.** [Printed in London] *This copy of John Calvin's Commentary on Genesis, with its original leather covers, is an English translation from the Latin, published after Calvin's death in 1564. This copy has almost 130 pages of hand-written text filling in missing pages of the printed text.*

Someone valued Calvin's work highly enough to make sure he had a complete copy of this book. [A 222.11 C168C](#)

* **Bible. Rheims New Testament. 1582.** [Printed in Rheims, France] *This copy of the Rheims New Testament is a first edition published in Rheims, France in 1582. This translation was the first foray of the Roman Catholic Church into the battle for a dominant English language version of the Bible in the 16th century, all of which culminated in 1611 with the completion of the paramount English language Bible, the King James Version. The Roman Catholic English Old Testament, called the **Duoai** because it was translated at the Roman Catholic College in the city of Douai, France, was completed in 1609. The combined project is now commonly referred to as the **Rheims-Douai Version**.* [A 225.52 R469](#)

* **Bible. Bishops' Bible. 1584.** [Printed in London]. *The first edition of the Bishops' Bible was published in 1568 as a response to by the Church of England to the popularity of the Geneva Bible. The Bishops' became the second "authorized" version approved by the Church of England after the Great Bible of 1539. This copy is a small folio edition published in 1584. Bound into the front of the volume is a 17th Century **Book of Common Prayer**. It is interesting to note that this copy was once in the collection of the Edinburgh Public Library in Scotland.* [A 220.52 B662](#)

John Calvin. **Institutes of Christian Religion. 1585.** *This copy of the Institutes is a facsimile reproduction of the first English edition, prepared in 1999 from an original copy, and enlarged to more than twice the size for easier reading. The 1585 English edition is a one-volume abridgement of the original multi-volume publication, first printed in Latin in 1536 and then French in 1541.* [A 230.42 C168I51](#)

Torah: sheet 31. Leviticus 26:11-Numbers 1:33. 1590? [Written in Southern Germany.] *This framed copy was donated to the Bible department in 2000 and hangs temporarily in the Library.* [A 221.5 H67](#)

Johannes Pappus; Philipp Melancthon. **Confessio Fidei. 1591.** [Printed in Frankfurt, Germany] *Writings related to the Augsburg Confession [Latin]* [A 238.41 C41](#)

Whole Book of the Psalms. 1594 [Printed in London]. *The Psalter functioned as the "song book" for the churches. This copy is bound in the 1595 Geneva Bible.* [A 220.52 G3282](#)

* **Bible. Geneva Bible. 1595.** [Printed in London]. *The first edition of the Geneva was published in 1560 in Europe by English Reformationists who had fled there from England. This version was the Bible of the Puritans and the Pilgrims. This Roman letter copy is a quarto printing with a 19th century binding. The Apocrypha is not bound in this copy, indicating the likelihood of a Puritan owner, who didn't believe the Apocrypha was the Word of God. Also bound in the*

volume is a 1594 Psalter. [A 220.52 G3282](#) See also 1608 Geneva Bible below.

Biblio Sacrae. 1599. 1 volume of a multi-volume set. Elias Hutter's Polyglot Bible with six languages - Hebrew, Chaldean, Greek, Latin, German, and Sloven. *This copy is the folio-size Old Testament volume covering the Pentateuch.*
[A 220.51 B582](#)

* **Bible. Geneva Bible. 1608.** [Printed in London]. *The first edition of the Geneva was published in 1560 in Europe by English Reformationists who had fled there from England. This version was the Bible of the Puritans and the Pilgrims. This black letter copy is a quarto printing, with a 19th century binding. Also bound in the volume are two concordances, a 1609 **Psalter**, and a 1608 **Book of Common Prayer**. See also 1595 Geneva Bible above.* [A 220.52 G3281](#)

Book of Common Prayer. 1608 [Printed in London]. *This worship guide authored by the Church of England also includes the Psalter and the Psalms of David. This copy is bound in the 1608 Geneva Bible.* [A 220.52 G3281](#)

Robert F. Herry. **Concordances. 1608** [Printed in London]. *"Two right profitable and fruitful concordances...the first containing the interpretation of the Hebrew, Chaldean, Greek, and Latin words and names...and the second comprehending all such other principal words and matters..." This copy is bound in the 1608 Geneva Bible.* [A 220.52 G3281](#)

Whole Book of the Psalms. 1609 [Printed in London]. *The Psalter functioned as the "song book" for the churches. This copy is bound in the 1608 Geneva Bible.*
[A 220.52 G3281](#)

* **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1611.** [Original leaves - printed in London]. *These loose leaves are from a first large folio edition of the King James Version published in 1611. Five include the following texts: Genesis 43:28 to 44:20; Ezekiel 36:25 to 37:11; Matthew 7:17 to 8:17; II Thessalonians 1:1 to 2:5; and Hebrews 9:13 to 10:11. A sixth framed leaf includes the text from II Kings 11. A seventh leaf, containing John 10:37 to 12:36, is included in the Royal Monument of English Literature: the King James Bible, 1611-2011.* [A 220.52 B814R](#)

Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1611. *This copy is a photographic facsimile edition, providing an exact replica of the original 1611 King James first edition.* [A 220.52 K54H3](#) See comments about the 1617 copy below.

* **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1613.** [Printed in London] *This copy is a first black letter quarto edition published one year after the first quarto edition of the King James, a Roman letter version, was printed in 1612. This edition is called a*

*“he” Bible because of the “he” reading in Ruth 3:15. Bound in this volume are a two concordance, a **Book of Common Prayer** and a 1614 **Psalter**. A 220.52 K533*

Book of Common Prayer. 1613? [Printed in London]. *This worship guide authored by the Church of England also includes the Psalter and the Psalms of David. This copy is bound in the 1613 King James Bible. A 220.52 K533*

Robert F. Herry. **Concordances. 1613** [Printed in London]. *“Two right profitable and fruitful concordances...the first containing the interpretation of the Hebrew, Chaldean, Greek, and Latin words and names...and the second comprehending all such other principal words and matters...” This copy is bound in the 1613 King James Bible. A 220.52 K533*

Whole Book of the Psalms. 1614 [Printed in London]. *The Psalter functioned as the “song book” for the churches. This copy is bound in the 1613 King James Bible. A 220.52 K533*

* **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1617.** [Printed in London] *This copy, the third edition of the 1611 King James Bible, is a large folio lectern printed by Robert Barker in London, the publisher of the first edition. With a few variations, it is essentially what a first edition looks like. This edition is called a “She” Bible because of the “she” instead of the “he” reading in Ruth 3:15. A 220.52 K531*

* **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1629** [Printed in Cambridge, England]. *This copy of the King James Bible is the first Cambridge printing, completed by Thomas and John Buck and Roger Daniel, printers to the University of Cambridge. Done by unknown scholars at Cambridge, this is the first significant revision of the 1611 edition, correcting errors of the 1611 and subsequent printings that perpetuated them or created new ones. A 220.52 K534*

Bible. Geneva Bible. 1640. [One original leaf – printing location not known] *The text on these two pages is from John 6:69 – 8:20. This edition of the Geneva Bible, called the Geneva-Stafford Bible, was the first to eliminate the inclusion of the Apocrypha. See comments about the 1608 copy above. A 220.52 G3283*

Desiderius Erasmus. **Colloguia. 1643.** *This copy of Erasmus’ Colloquies, first published in 1518, was printed in Amsterdam. These were written by Erasmus as examples of discourse for his students. Some have said that these discourses, once collected and printed, were so profound that it is not a stretch to say they helped speed the Reformation. A 879.7 E65C*

Bible. Eliot Bible. 1660-1663. [One original leaf- printed in Cambridge, Massachusetts]. *This Bible translated into the Natick dialect of the east coast Algonquin Indians was the first Bible printed in America. This page is from a copy in Cambridge, Massachusetts, by Samuel Green and Marmaduke Johnson*

between 1660 and 1663. The printing was done at what is now the site of Harvard University, near Boston. The text from the Bible on these two pages is from Ezekiel 25:1 to 27:12. [A 224.4 B282E](#)

* **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1762.** [Printed in Cambridge, England]. Often called the "Cambridge Standard Edition," this copy represents the thorough revision of the King James undertaken by Dr. F. S. Parris, scholar at the University of Cambridge. Though carefully done and influential in the making of the King James version of today, the 1762 edition became foundational to the 1769 Blayney "Oxford Standard Edition," which is the edition of the King James version that most people read today when acquiring a King James Bible. Copies of the 1762 Parris Bible are extremely rare because most copies were burned in a fire before they could be circulated. The Parris and Blayney versions together set the standard for the modern Bibles of today. [A 220.52 K535](#)

* **Bible. Aitken Bible. 1781.** [One original leaf- printed in Philadelphia]. This printing of the King James Version, called the "Bible of the Revolution," was the first English Bible printed in America. This page is from a copy printed in Philadelphia in 1782, Robert Aitken's first and only edition of the first English Bible printed in America. The page measures about 6 inches by 4 inches, making the Bible small enough to fit into the pocket of a Continental Army soldier. The text from the King James Version on these two pages is from I Corinthians 7:1 to 8:7. [A 220.52 A311](#)

Bible. Aitken Bible. 1782. This is a facsimile reproduction of the first English Bible printed in America. See comments for the Aitken Bible leaf from 1781 above. [A 220.52 A3112](#)

John Foxe. **New and Complete Book of Martyrs. 1794.** [printed in New York] This copy of the Book of Martyrs, a revised, updated, and expanded version published by Paul Wright in the late 18th century in 2 volumes, was printed in New York in 1794. The work includes the addition of details about 18th-century Catholic persecution of Protestants. Wright claimed that "next to your Bible this book will be the most valuable legacy you can leave your children." [A 272 F795N](#)

* **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1798.** [Printed in Philadelphia.] This is the first hot-pressed edition of the Bible printed in America and distributed by subscription. The Library copy is a folio-size lectern Bible. [A 220.52 K532](#)

Bible. Kings James Authorized Bible. 1807 [Printed in New York] This copy of the King James Bible New Testament, published during the time of the presidency of Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809), was printed in New York in 1807 by Duyckinck and Mesier. [A225.52 B56](#)

Thomas Jefferson. **The Jefferson Bible: the life and morals of Jesus of Nazareth. 1820 [1904].**

The Centennial Library copy of the Jefferson "Bible" is a photographic reproduction of the original cut-and-paste version created by Jefferson. It was first published by an act of the United States Congress in 1904. For many years copies of this publication were given to incoming members of Congress.

A 226 J45L3

Thomas Jefferson. **The Jefferson Bible: the life and morals of Jesus of Nazareth. 1820 [1904, 2011]**

This Jefferson Bible, Smithsonian Edition, is an exact facsimile photographic reproduction, published in color in its complete form, based on the original copy in the Smithsonian collections. A 226 J45L4

Matthew Henry. **Bible. King James Authorized Bible. 1828. An exposition of the Old and New Testament: wherein each chapter is summed up in its contents; the sacred text inserted at large.** [Printed in Philadelphia]

This copy of Matthew Henry's verse by verse commentary on the Old and New Testaments is the first America edition published in 6 volumes in Philadelphia in 1828 by Barrington and Haswell. A 220.7 H523E

Bible. Kings James Authorized Bible. 1829. [Printed in New York]

This copy of the Bible, published by the American Bible Society 13 years after its founding, was printed during the presidency of Andrew Jackson (1829-1837).

A 220.52 B582

Bible. English. Webster. 1833 [1987]

This copy of the "Webster Bible" is a facsimile of the original, printed in 1987, and it represents the first time that Webster's version of the King James Bible was published in the 20th century. A 220.52 W377

Bible. Kings James Authorized Bible. 1833, with commentary and critical notes by Adam Clarke. [Printed in New York]

This copy of the King James Version of the Bible is volume 5 (volume 1 of the New Testament) of a 6-volume edition, with extensive commentary and critical notes, printed in New York beginning in 1832. This edition was published for the Methodist Episcopal Church. The commentary and notes are by Adam Clarke, an Irish Methodist minister, who lived from 1762 to 1832. A 225.7 C597N

Bible. German. Luther. 1844 [printed in New York]

This copy of the German Bible, published by the American Bible Society, is representative of many foreign language Bible distributed by the Society. It was printed in New York in 1844 during the presidency of John Tyler (1841-1845), who came to office after the untimely death of President William Henry Harrison. The text of this Bible is taken from Martin Luther's Bible translation completed in

the 16th century. *[to be cataloged]* **See an original Luther 1529 German Bible leaf above.**

Bible. King James Authorized. 1860. English version of the polyglot Bible. [printed in Philadelphia]
This copy of the Bible is a thick, pocket-sized edition of the King James Version printed in Philadelphia in 1860, one year prior to the beginning of the Civil War. There is no evidence of what the other languages or versions of the original polyglott [multi-language] Bible were. Only the English version is included. On the flyleaf is the following handwritten inscription: "Presented to A. B. Stephens By her affectionate Son Samuel. Christmas, 1860 Norristown."
A220.52 P782

Bible. King James Authorized Bible. New Testament. 1862. [printed in New York]
This copy of the New Testament, published by the American Tract Society, was printed in New York in 1862 during the Civil War. The Society initiated efforts to distribute religious literature and Bibles to the Union Army during the war.
A 225.52 A513N

Bible. Revised Version. 1881. [Printed in Cambridge, England]
*This copy of the Revised Version of the New Testament (or English Revised Version) is a presentation copy from the American Committee of Revision given in 1881 to those who had provided donations for the expense of the translation and publishing work of the Revised Version. *[to be cataloged]**

Bible. American Standard Version. 1901. [Printed in Camden, New Jersey]
*This copy of the American Standard Version of the Bible (or the American Standard Edition of the English Revised Version) is typical of those published by the American Revision Committee in 1901. **A 220.52 A575***