

GOD'S WORD
IS TRUE AND
RELIABLE
IT IS

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE
THE BIBLE??

THE BIBLE IS NOT A **BOOK!**

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THE BIBLE??

THE BIBLE IS AN **AMAZING, UNIQUE**
PIECE OF **LITERATURE.**

66 ANCIENT WRITINGS

**DIFFERENT AUTHORS IN DIFFERENT
CULTURES IN DIFFERENT TIMES**

**THREE LANGUAGES: HEBREW,
ARAMAIC, GREEK**

**THREE CONTINENTS: ASIA, AFRICA,
EUROPE**

1500 YEARS

**HUNDREDS OF OFTEN
CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS**

**THOUSANDS OF PROPHECIES, MOST
FULFILLED, NONE WRONG**

**ALL WITH ONE MESSAGE AND ONE
THEME THROUGHOUT**



WHAT EXACTLY IS THE
THE BIBLE??

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S
DIRECTLY INSPIRED
WORD FOR US

INSPIRATION:

GOD SPEAKS **TO** AND **THROUGH**
INDIVIDUAL AUTHORS TO CONVEY HIS
EXACT **WORDS** AND **THOUGHTS** USING
THE INDIVIDUAL'S CULTURE, CONTEXT,
AND **STYLE**.

1 Peter 1:20-21

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative.

1 Peter 1:20-21

No, those prophets were moved
by the Holy Spirit, and
they spoke from God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God
and is useful to teach us what is
true and to make us realize what
is wrong in our lives.

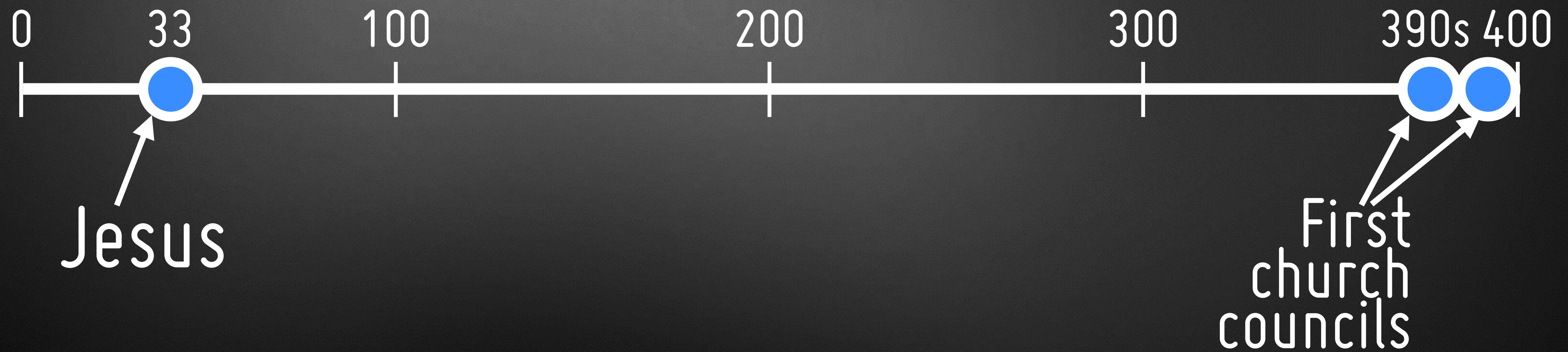
2Timothy3:16-17

It corrects us when we are wrong
and teaches us to do what is right.
God uses it to prepare and equip his
people to do every good work.

WHO DECIDED?

JESUS **AFFIRMED** THE OLD TESTAMENT

WHO DECIDED?



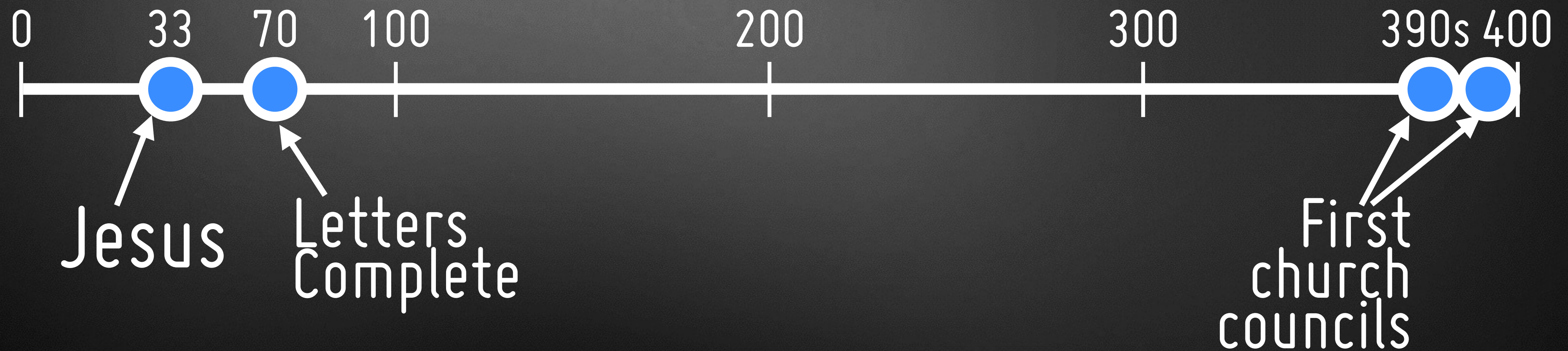
WHO DECIDED?

THE LETTERS OF THE APOSTLES

WHO DECIDED?

ALL WRITTEN BY JESUS'
CONTEMPORARIES

WHO DECIDED?



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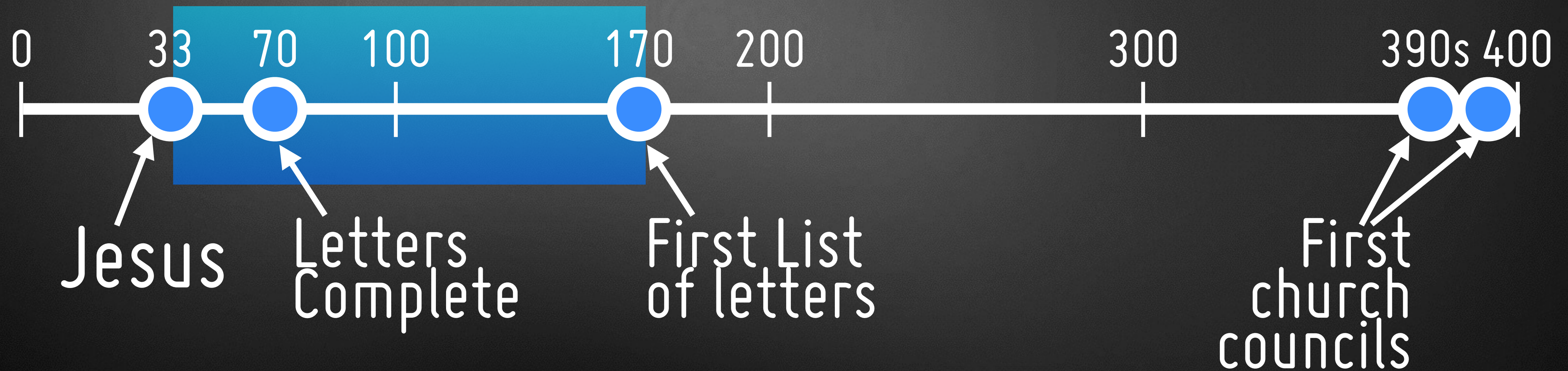
THE CHURCHES CLUNG TO CERTAIN
ONES THAT GOD SPOKE THROUGH

FIRST PUBLISHED
“LIST” OF
LETTERS:

170AD BY MELITO
OF SARDIS



WHO DECIDED?



FIVE CHECKPOINTS:

- 1. DOES IT SPEAK WITH GOD'S AUTHORITY?**
- 2. IS IT WRITTEN BY A MAN OF GOD SPEAKING AS A PROPHET OF GOD?**
- 3. DOES IT HAVE THE AUTHENTIC STAMP OF GOD?**
- 4. DOES IT IMPACT US WITH THE POWER OF GOD?**
- 5. WAS IT ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GOD?**

WHO DECIDED?

THESE COUNCILS DIDN'T **DECLARE**,
THEY **AFFIRMED**.

WHO DECIDED?

THE **HOLY SPIRIT** MOVED THE **CHURCH**
TO ACCEPT THESE WRITINGS.

IS THIS REALLY RELIABLE?

Yes

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THE BAD NEWS:

**WE DO NOT HAVE THE ORIGINAL
MANUSCRIPTS**

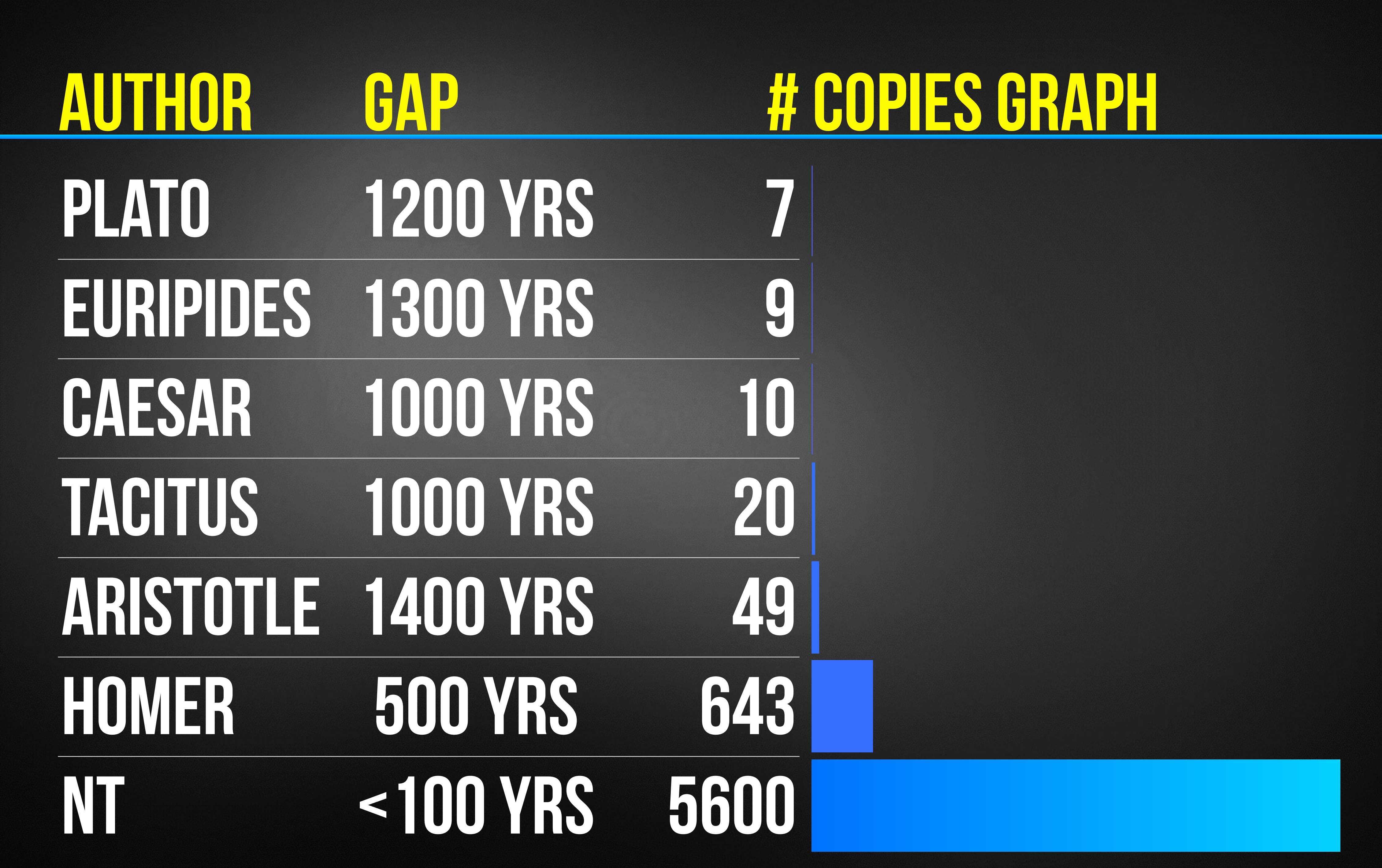
IS THIS REALLY RELIABLE?

THE GOOD NEWS:
GOD **PRESERVED** HIS **WORD** FOR US
WITHOUT **ERROR**

IS THIS REALLY RELIABLE?

MORE **EARLY, ACCURATE** COPIES OF
BIBLE MANUSCRIPTS EXIST THAN
FOR **ANY OTHER** ANCIENT BOOK.

AUTHOR	GAP	#	GAP GRAPH
PLATO	1200 YRS	7	<div></div>
EURIPIDES	1300 YRS	9	<div></div>
CAESAR	1000 YRS	10	<div></div>
TACITUS	1000 YRS	20	<div></div>
ARISTOTLE	1400 YRS	49	<div></div>
HOMER	500 YRS	643	<div></div>
NT	<100 YRS	5600	<div></div>



THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:9-16

How can a young person stay pure?
By obeying your word.

THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:9-16

I have tried hard to find you—
don't let me wander from your
commands.

THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:9-16

I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:9-16

I praise you, O Lord;
teach me your decrees.

I have recited aloud
all the regulations you
have given us.

THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:9-16

I have rejoiced in your laws
as much as in riches.

I will study your commandments
and reflect on your ways.

THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:9-16

I will delight in your decrees
and not forget your word.

THIS SHOULD AMAZE US

Psalm 119:29

Keep me from lying to myself;
give me the privilege of knowing
your instructions.

BONUS: WHICH TRANSLATION IS BEST?

FORMAL

NASB

HCB

ASV

ESV

KJV

DYNAMIC

NIV

GNB

NLT

NCV

CEV

PARAPHRASE

TLB

MSG

**BONUS:
WHICH TRANSLATION IS BEST?**

**THE BEST TRANSLATION IS THE
ONE YOU WILL USE**

KING JAMES ONLY?

**NO BIBLE SCHOLARS AGREE
PRIMITIVE TRANSLATION TECHNIQUES
NOT OUR LANGUAGE**

STEVE'S PICKS

FORMAL TRANSLATION:

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

DYNAMIC TRANSLATION:

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION