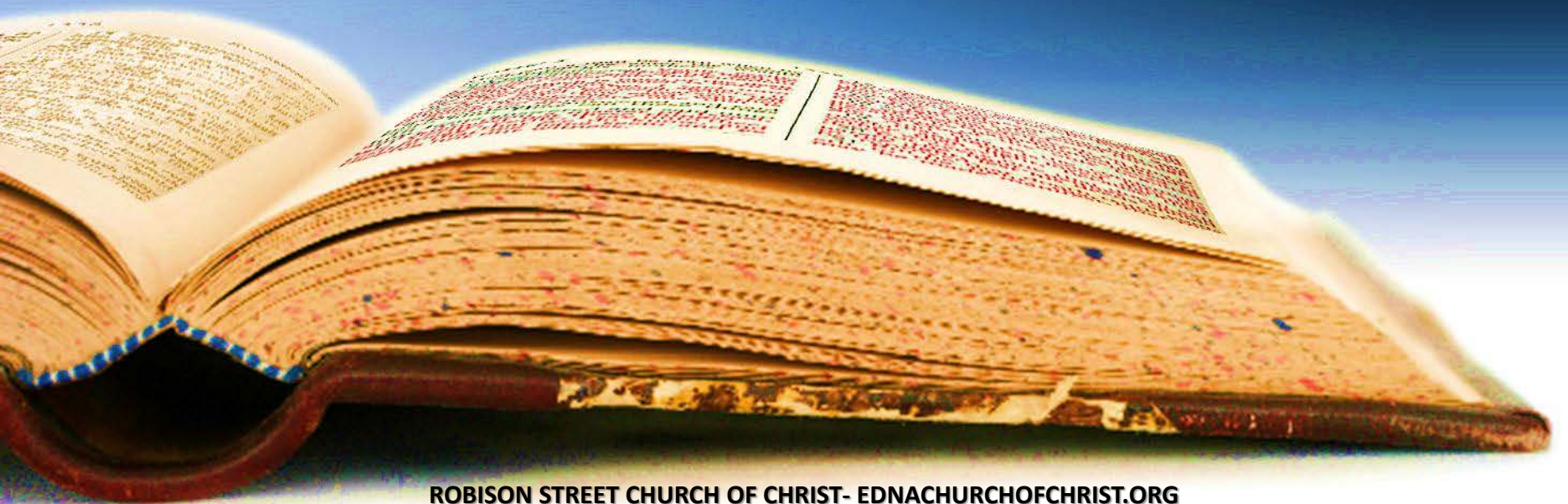


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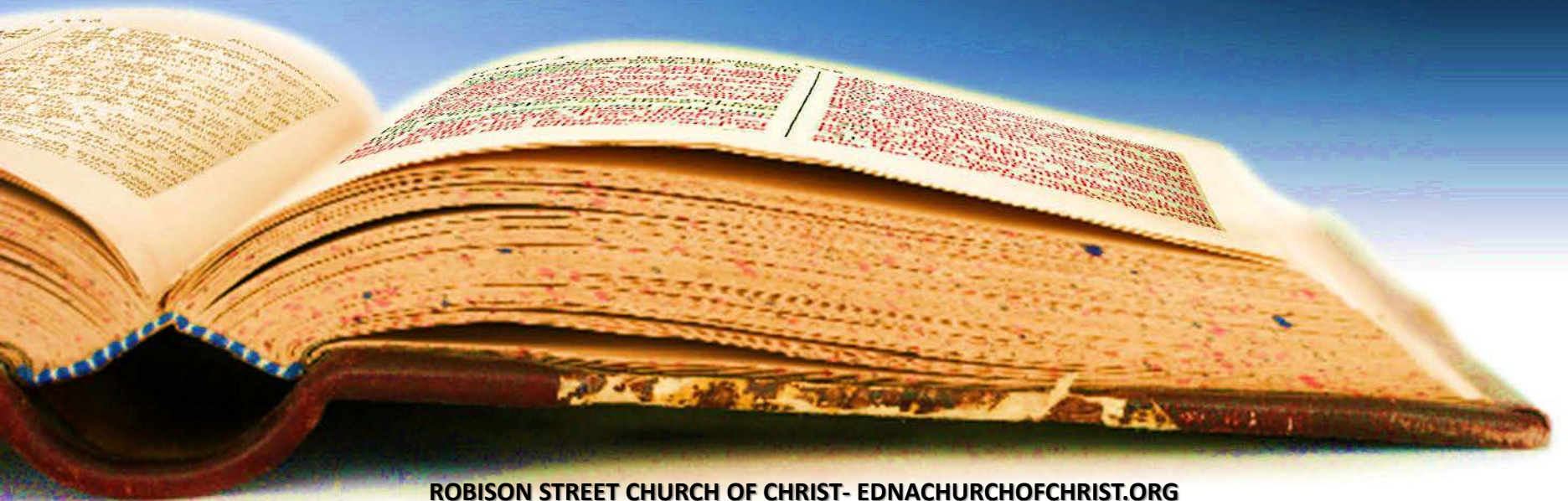
2 Timothy 3:16-17



OVERVIEW

- *Defining Inspiration*
- *Theories of Inspiration*
- *Bible Inspiration*
- *The Bible Is Fully Inspired, Fully Preserved*

**IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD?
THE BIBLE AND INSPIRATION
DEFINING INSPIRATION**



DEFINING INSPIRATION

Inspiration is defined as, “the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative”.

DEFINING INSPIRATION

Theologically speaking, it is defined as, “a divine influence directly and immediately exerted upon the mind or soul”.

DEFINING INSPIRATION

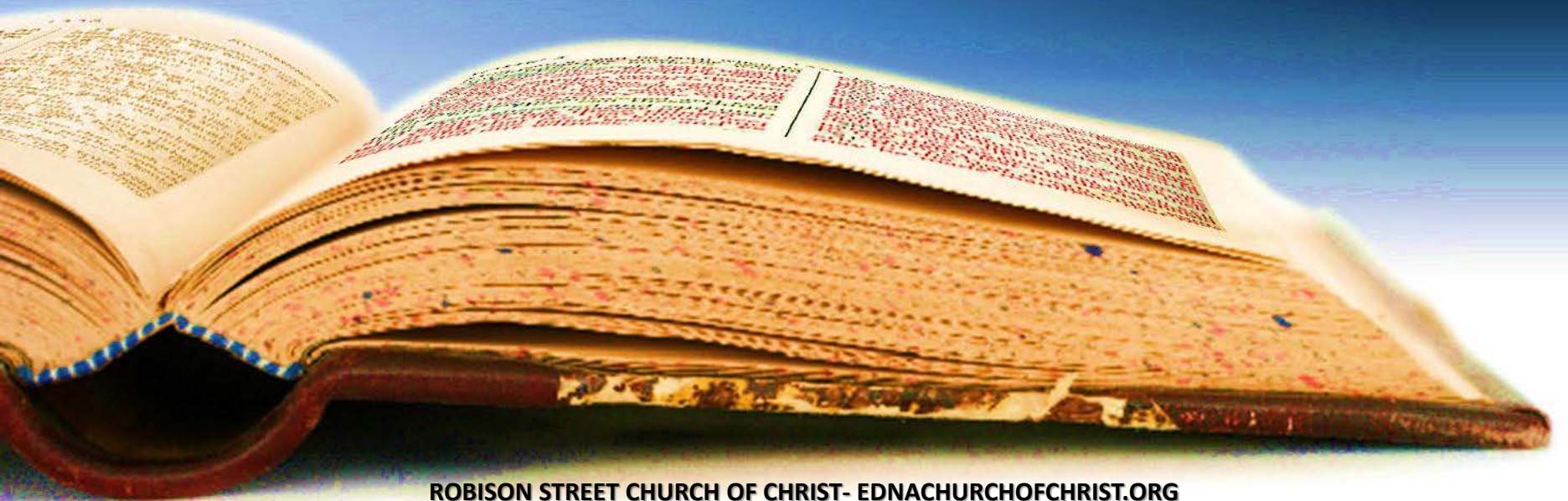
Greek word *theopneustos*

***theos* meaning God**

***pneo*, meaning breathed**

“God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

**IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD?
THE BIBLE AND INSPIRATION
THEORIES OF INSPIRATION**

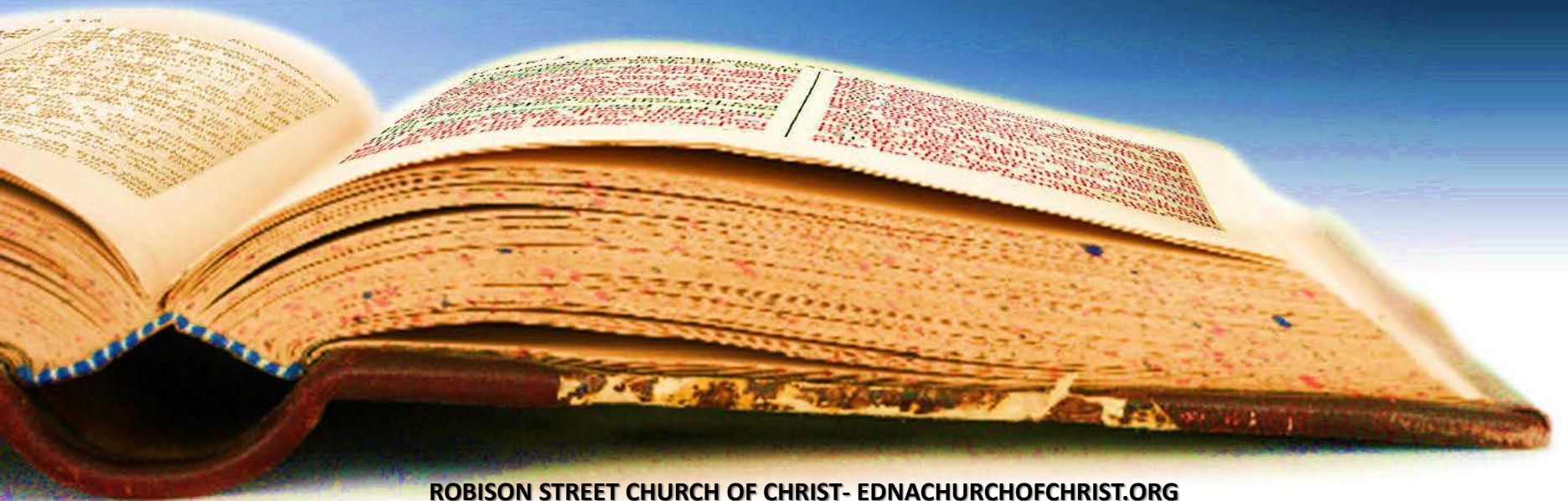


THEORIES OF INSPIRATION

- **Partial Inspiration**
- **Natural Inspiration**
- **Thought Inspiration**
- **Mechanical Inspiration**
- **Verbal-Plenary Inspiration**

**IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD?
THE BIBLE AND INSPIRATION**

BIBLE INSPIRATION



BIBLE INSPIRATION

All inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 5:18; cp. Deu. 25:4; Lk. 10:7)

“For the Greek word in this passage - θεόπνευστος, *theópnēustos* - very distinctly does not mean “inspired of God... The Greek term has, however, nothing to say of *inspiring* or of *inspiration*: it speaks only of a “spiring” or “spiration.”

BIBLE INSPIRATION

All inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 5:18; cp. Deu. 25:4; Lk. 10:7)

What it says of Scripture is, not that it is “breathed into by God” or is the product of the Divine “inbreathing” into its human authors, but that it is breathed out by God, “God-breathed,” the product of the creative breath of God.

BIBLE INSPIRATION

All inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 5:18; cp. Deu. 25:4; Lk. 10:7)

In a word, what is declared by this fundamental passage is simply that the Scriptures are a Divine product, without any indication of how God has operated in producing them (Warefield, "Inspiration," ISBE, III:1473, 1474).

BIBLE INSPIRATION

Men moved by Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

“What he says of it is that it does not come “of private interpretation”; that is, it is not the result of human investigation into the nature of things, the product of its writers' own thinking.

BIBLE INSPIRATION

Men moved by Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

This is as much as to say it is of Divine gift...What is “borne” is taken up by the “bearer,” and conveyed by the “bearer's” power, not its own, to the “bearer's” goal, not its own.

BIBLE INSPIRATION

Men moved by Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

The men who spoke from God are here declared, therefore, to have been taken up by the Holy Spirit and brought by His power to the goal of His choosing.

BIBLE INSPIRATION

Men moved by Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:20-21)

The things which they spoke under this operation of the Spirit were therefore His things, not theirs. And that is the reason which is assigned why “the prophetic word” is so sure” (Warfield, *ISBE*, p.1475).

BIBLE INSPIRATION

The Scriptures:

- Infallible (Psa. 19:7)
- Immutable (Gal. 1:8-9)
- Indestructible (Mt. 24:35)
- All sufficient (2 Pet. 1:3)
- Cannot be broken (Jn. 10:35)

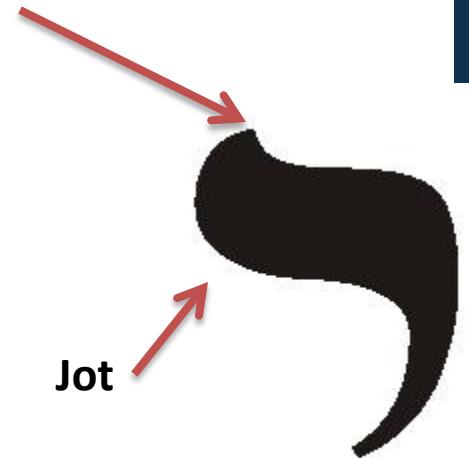
BIBLE INSPIRATION

One Jot or Tittle (Mt. 5:18)

Teit (T)	Cheit (Ch)	Zayin (Z)	Vav (V/O/U)	Hei (H)	Dalet (D)	Gimel (G)	Beit (B/V)	Alef (Silent)
Samekh (S)	Nun (N)	Nun (N)	Mem (M)	Mem (M)	Lamed (L)	Khaf (Kh)	Kaf (K/Kh)	Yod (Y)
Tav (T/S)	Shin (Sh/S)	Reish (R)	Qof (Q)	Tzadei (Tz)	Tzadei (Tz)	Fe (F)	Pei (P/F)	Ayin (Silent)

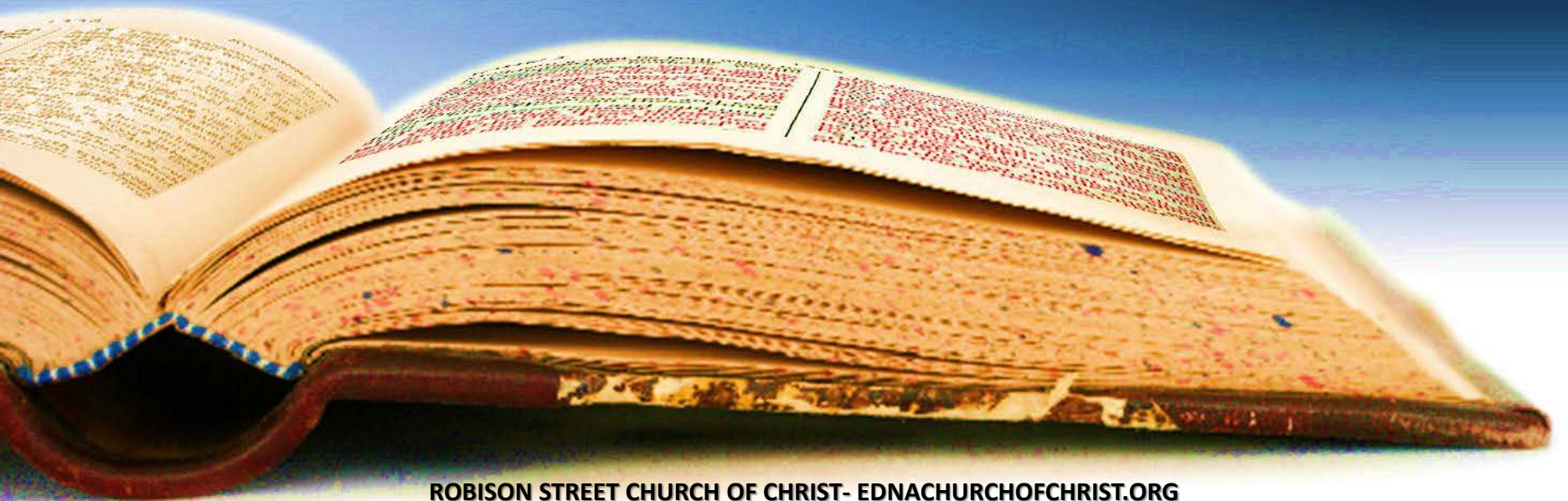
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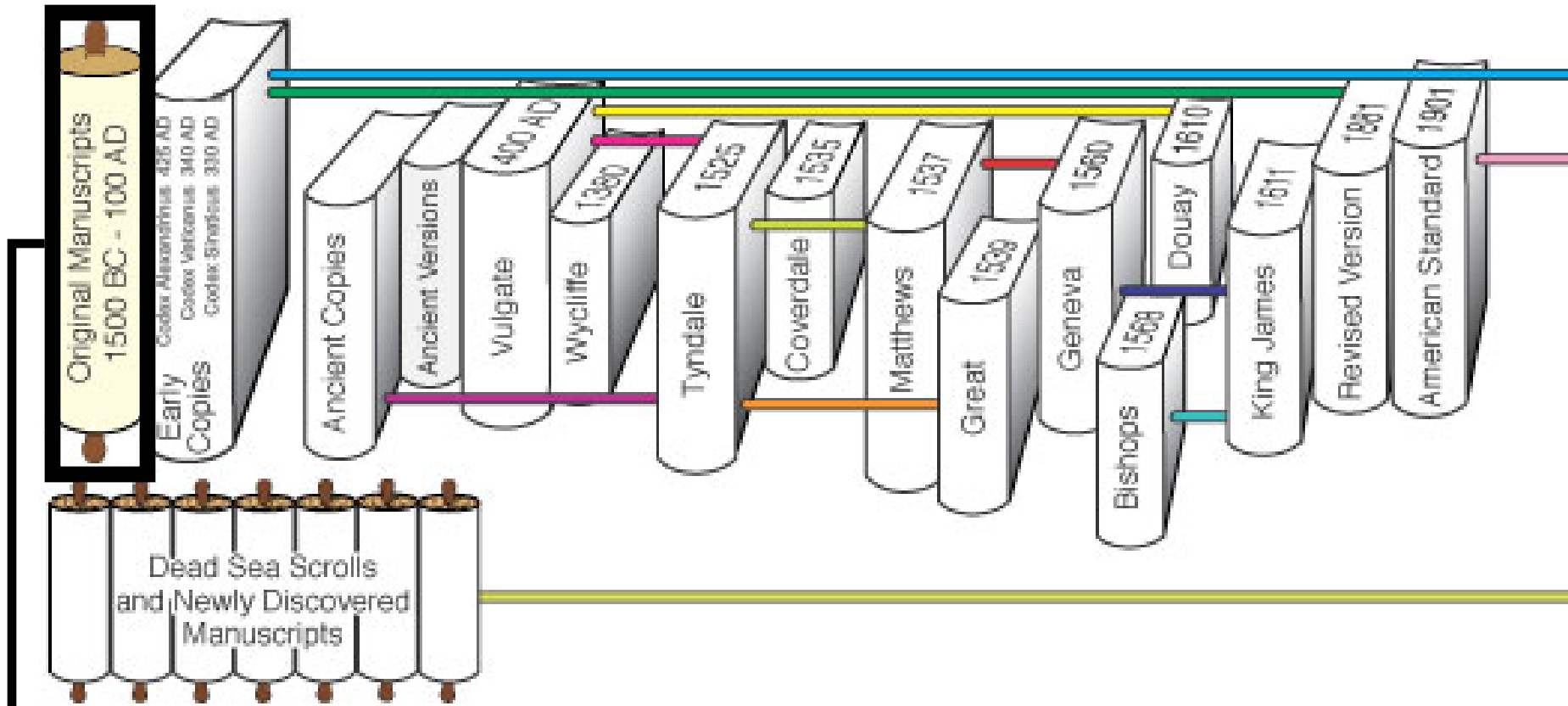
**THE BIBLE IS FULLY INSPIRED, FULLY
PRESERVED**



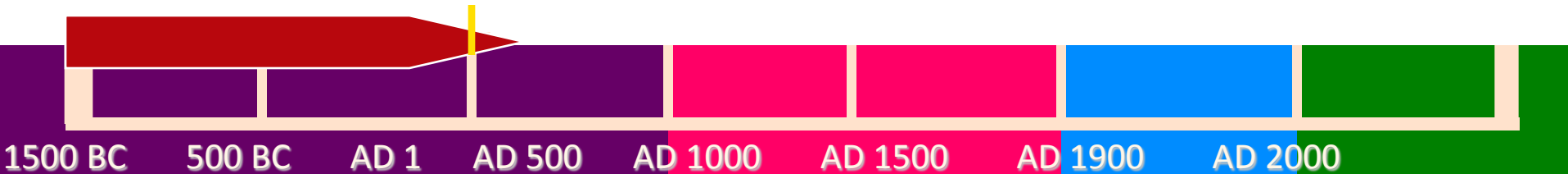
FULLY INSPIRED, FULLY PRESERVED

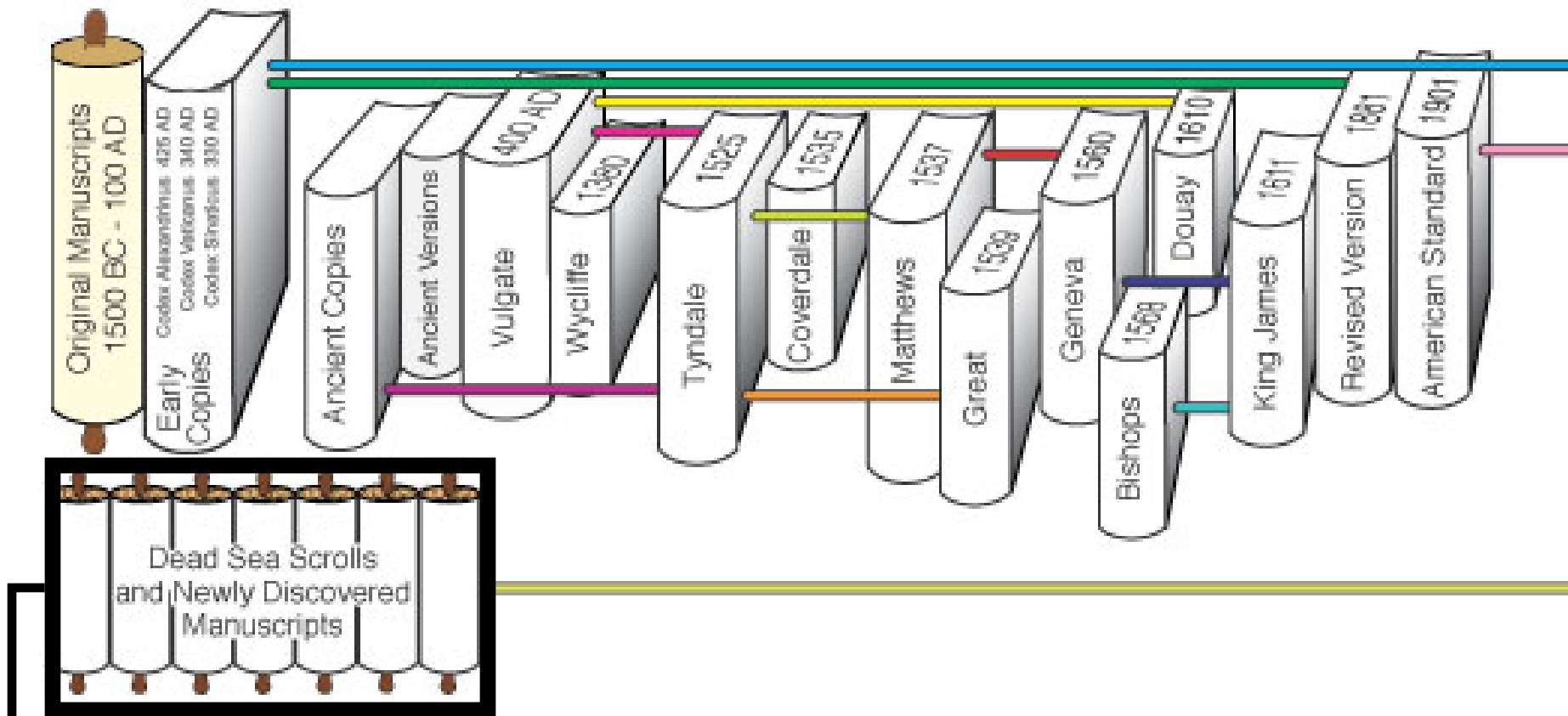
God's word has been preserved:

- O.T. manuscripts meticulously copied**
- Over 5,000 copies of N.T. manuscripts**



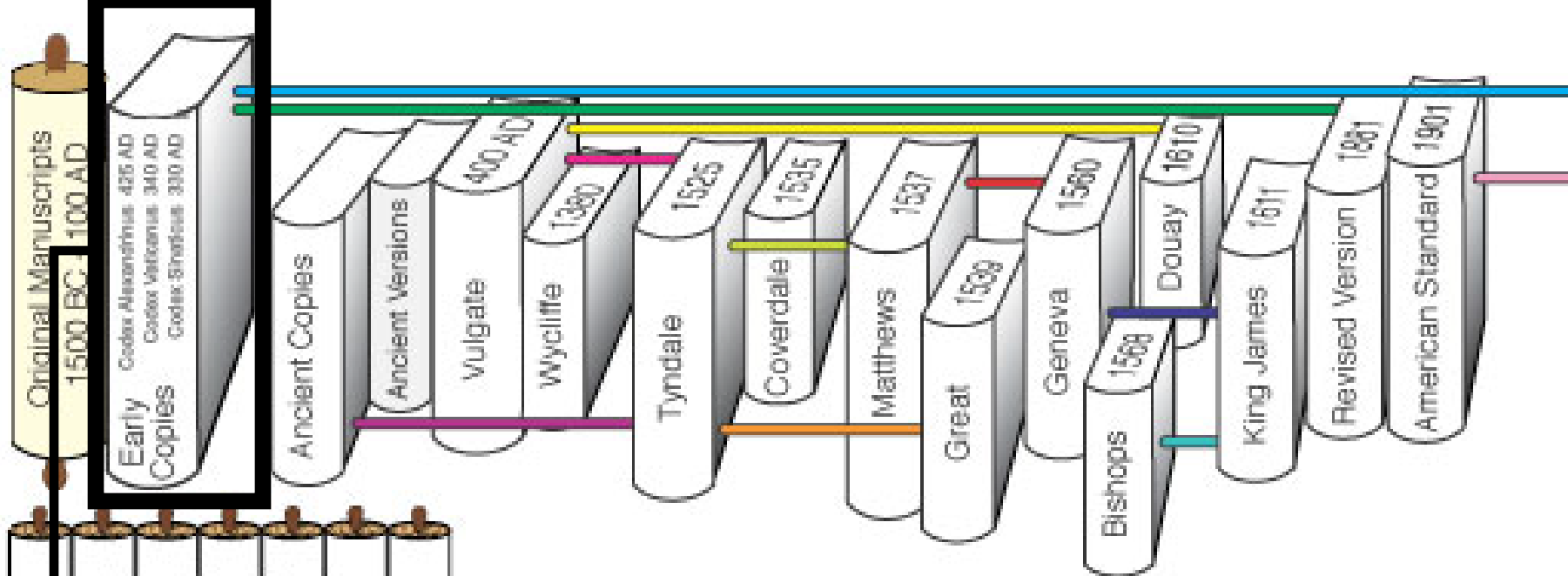
**Original Manuscripts
1500 BC - AD 100**





**Dead Sea Scrolls and Newly
Discovered Manuscripts
Recovered in 1947**





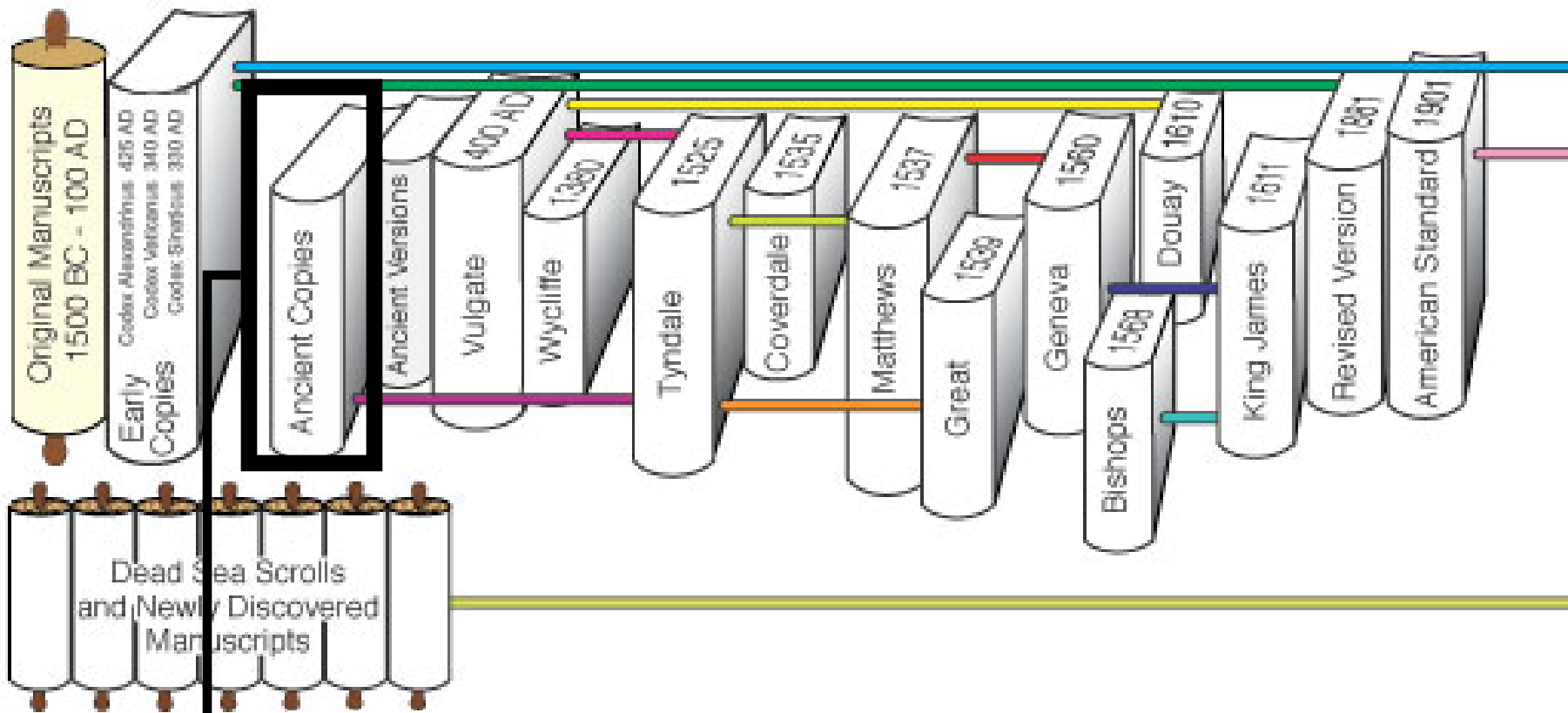
Early Manuscripts

Codex Sinaiticus AD 330

Codex Vaticanus AD 340

Codex Alexandrinus AD 425





Ancient Copies

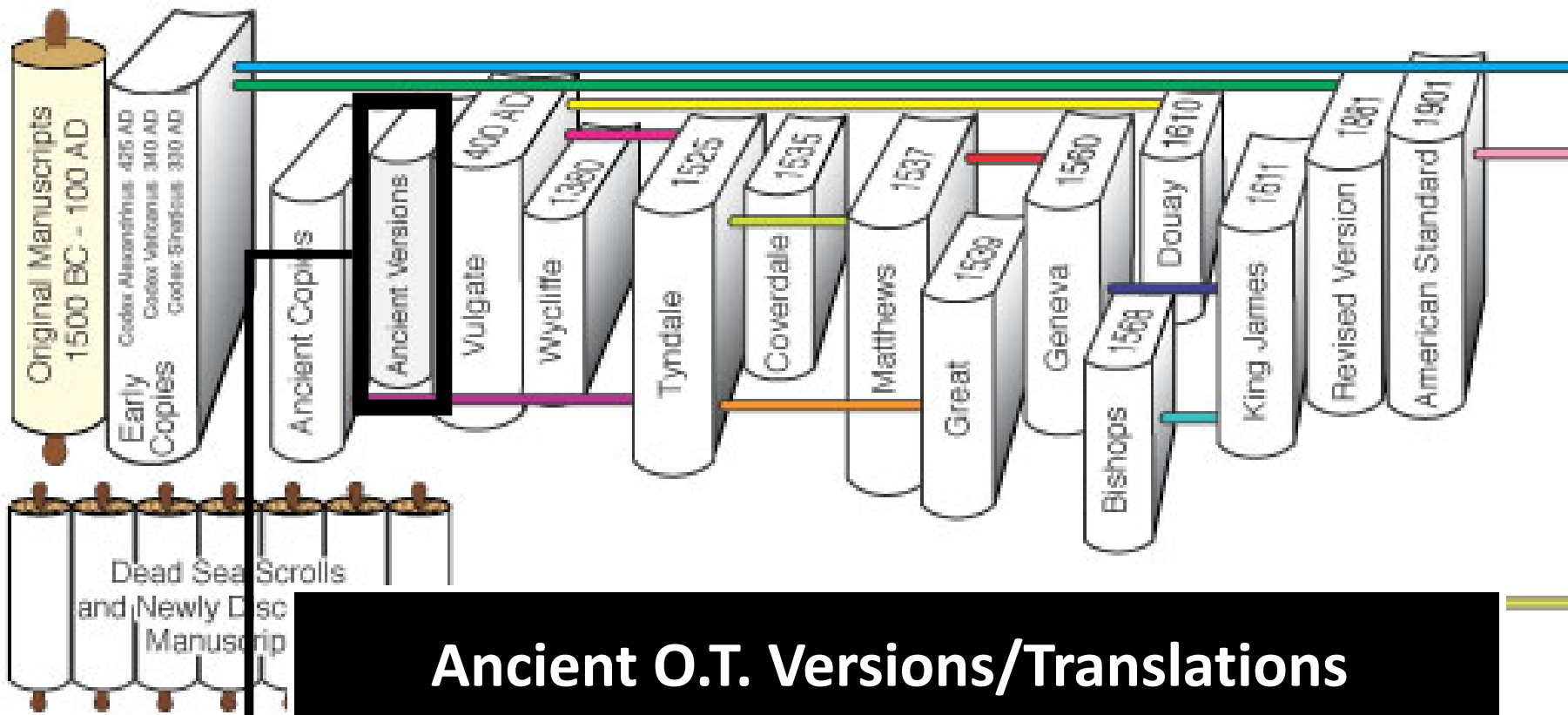
Ephraem Codex – unical recovered 1843-45

Baezae Codex – revealed 1581

280 unicals listed

2800 minuscules listed

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Ancient O.T. Versions/Translations

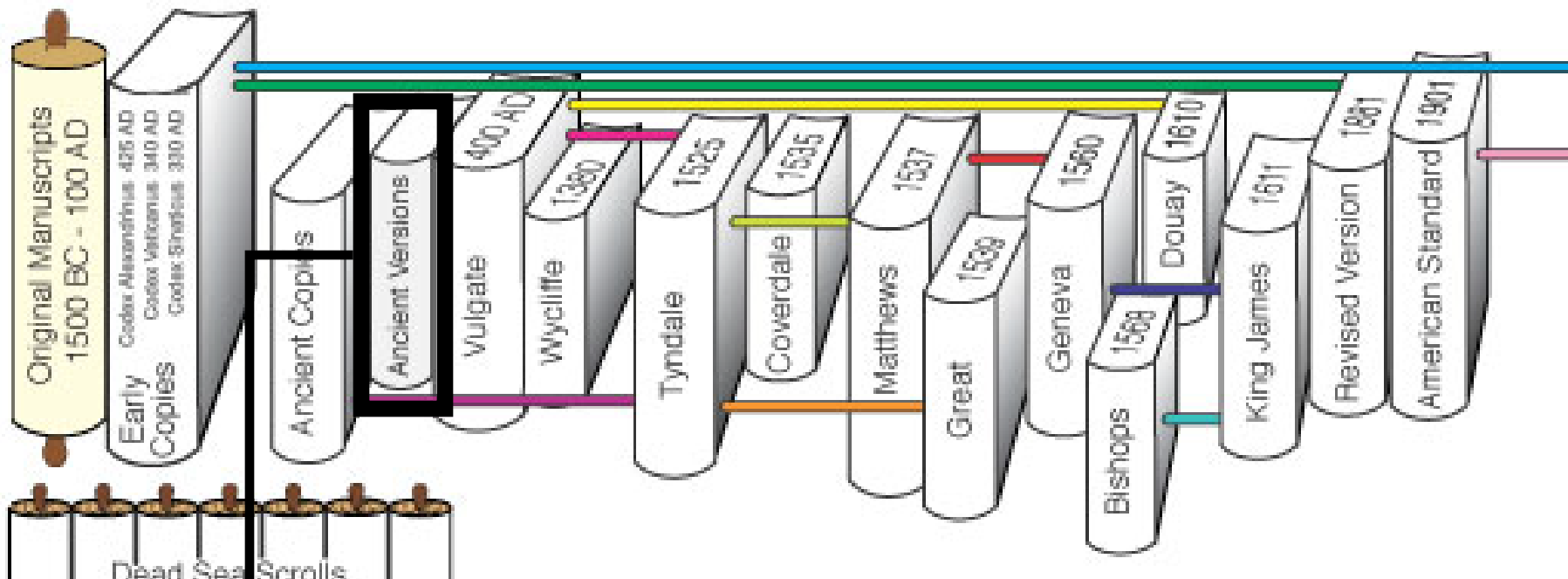
Samaritan Pentateuch – 400 B.C.

Septuagint – 260 B.C.

Syriac Peshitta – 1st century

Aramaic Targums – emerged 5th century

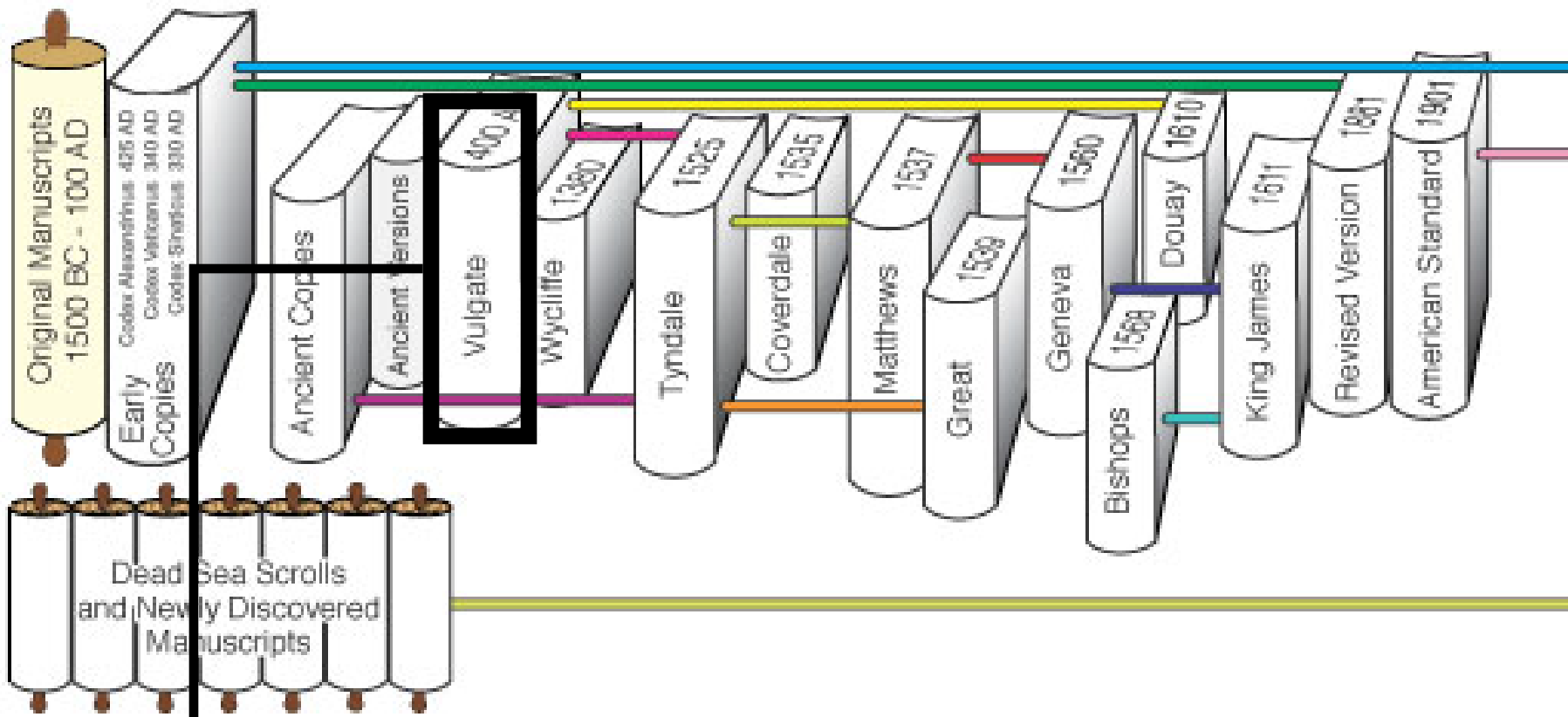
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Ancient N.T. Versions/Translations

Syriac Versions
 Coptic Versions
 Latin Versions

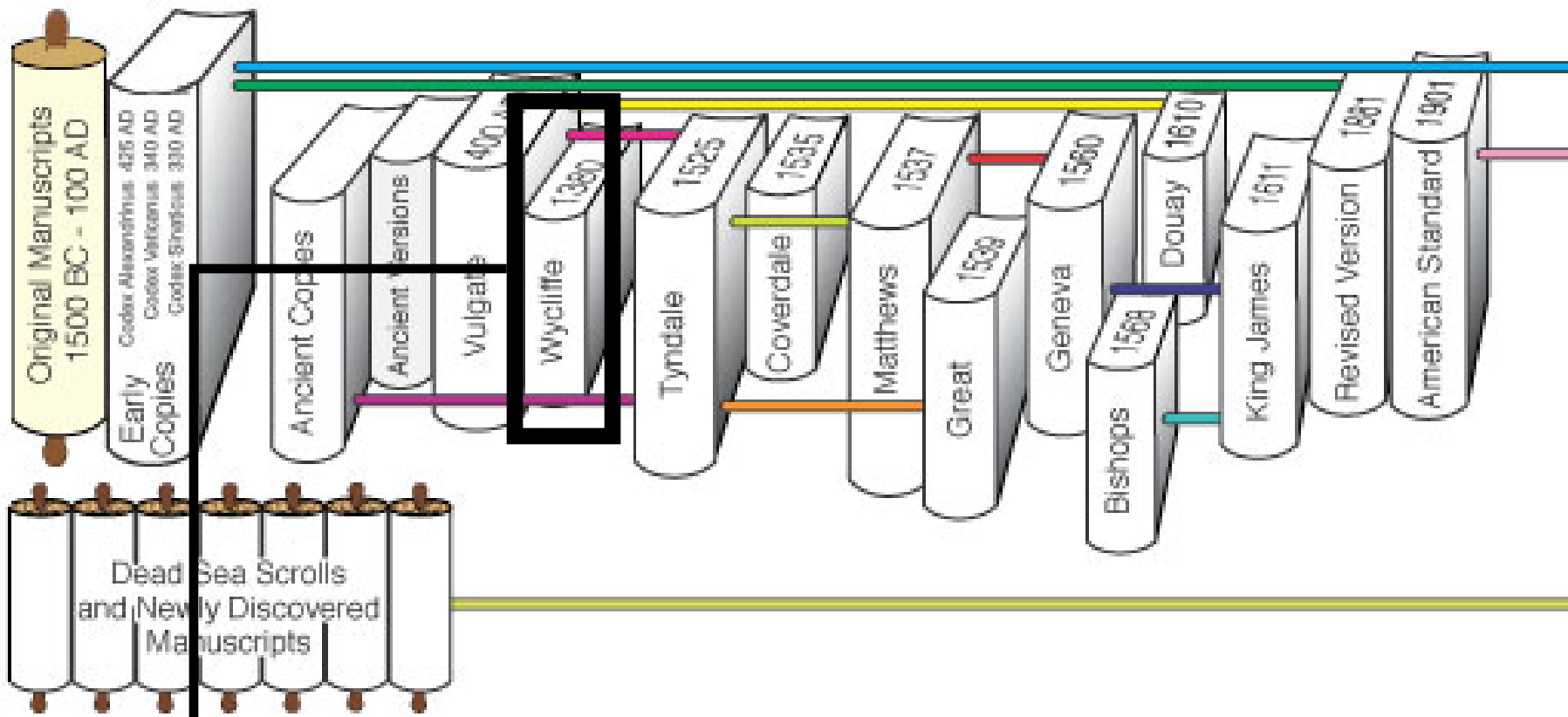




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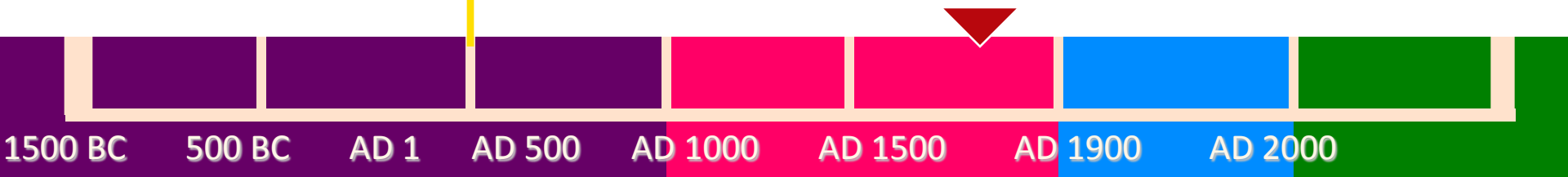
Sources Used: Ancient Greek and Hebrew Manuscripts

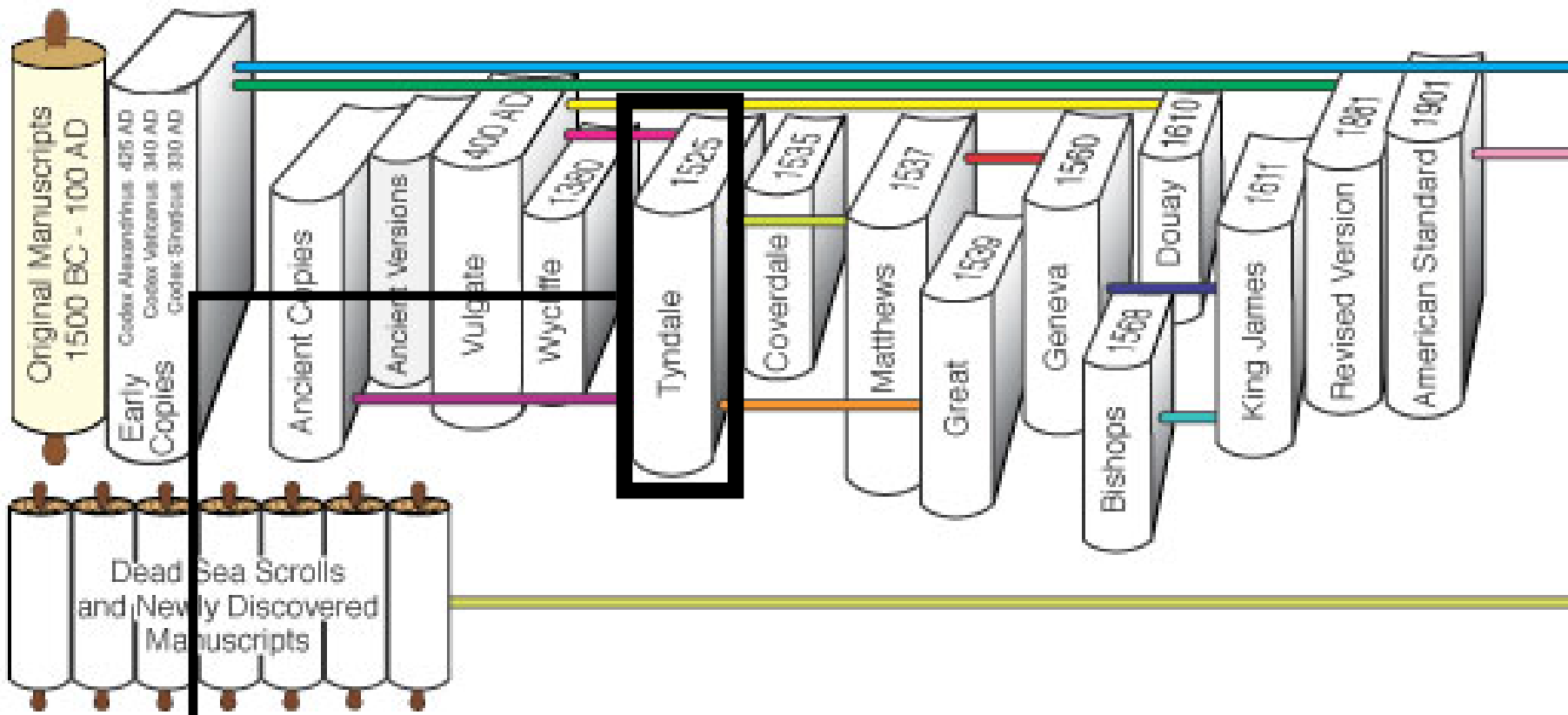




**Wycliffe
AD 1380**

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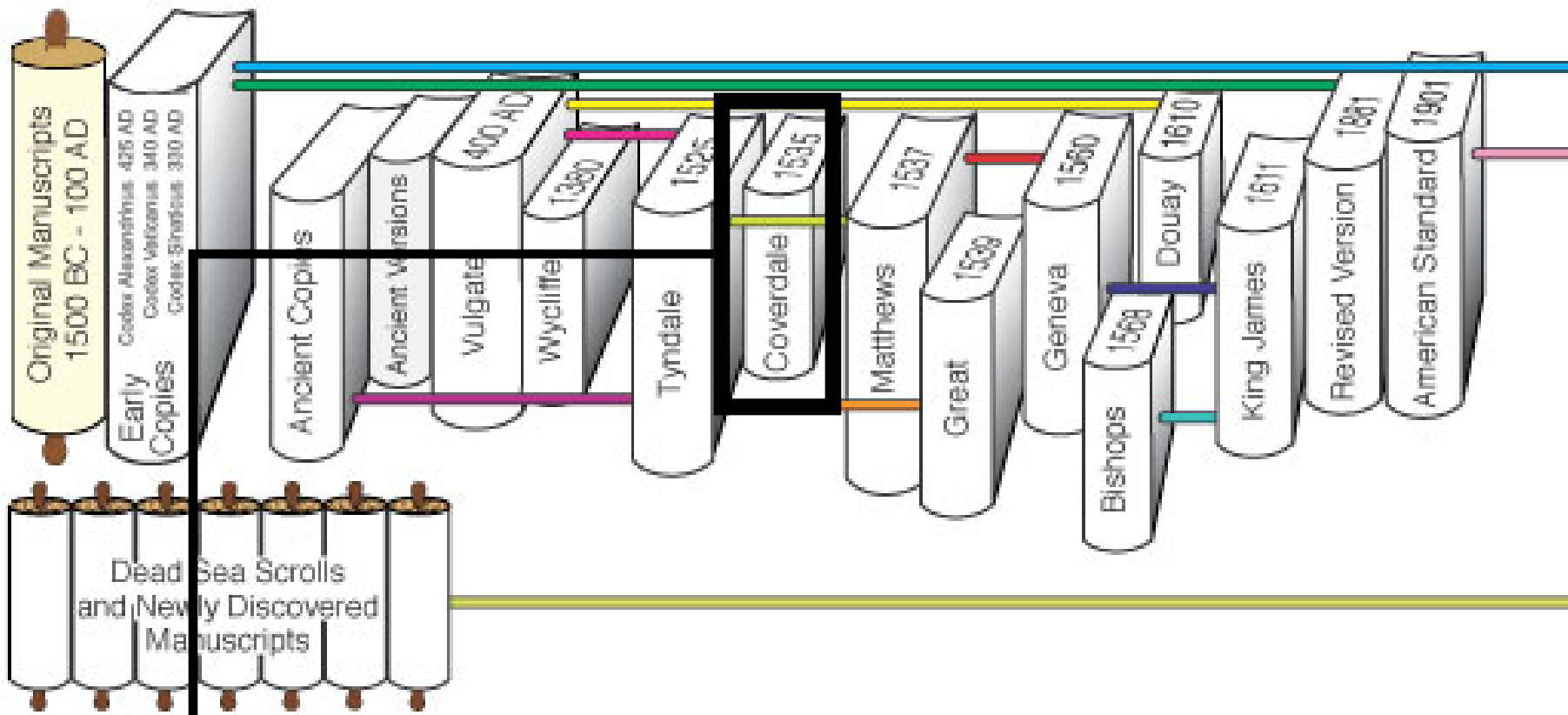




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Greek and Hebrew
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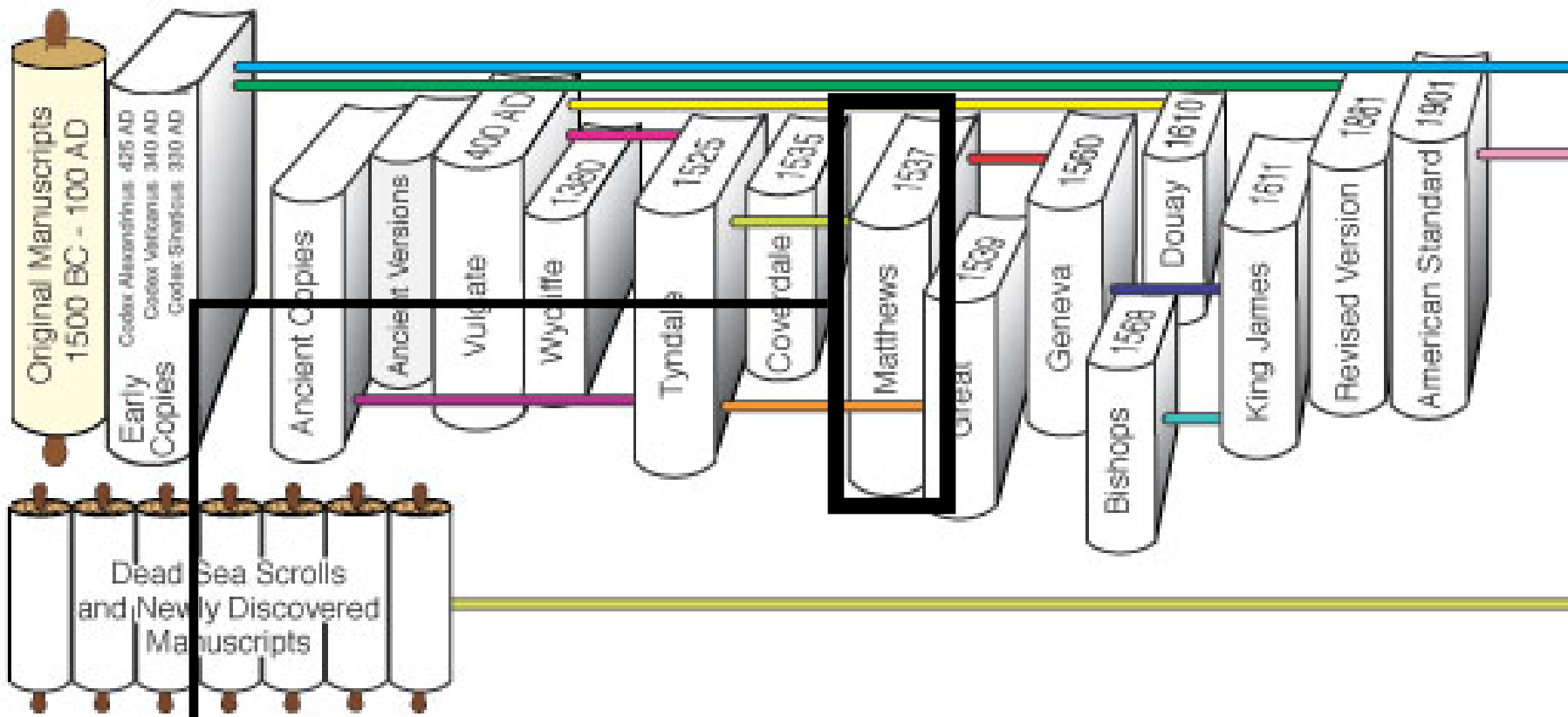
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**Coverdale
AD 1535**

Sources Used: Tyndale

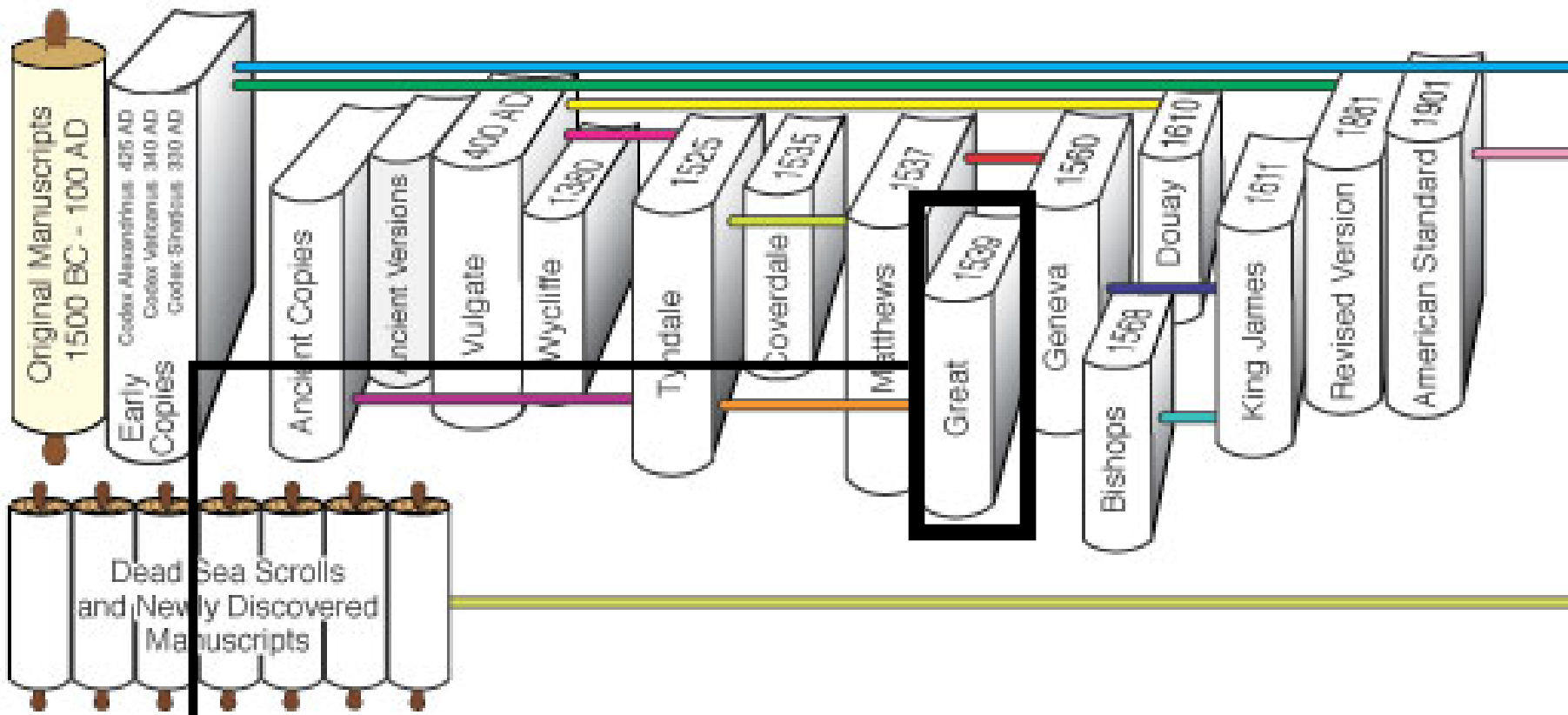




**Matthews
AD 1537**

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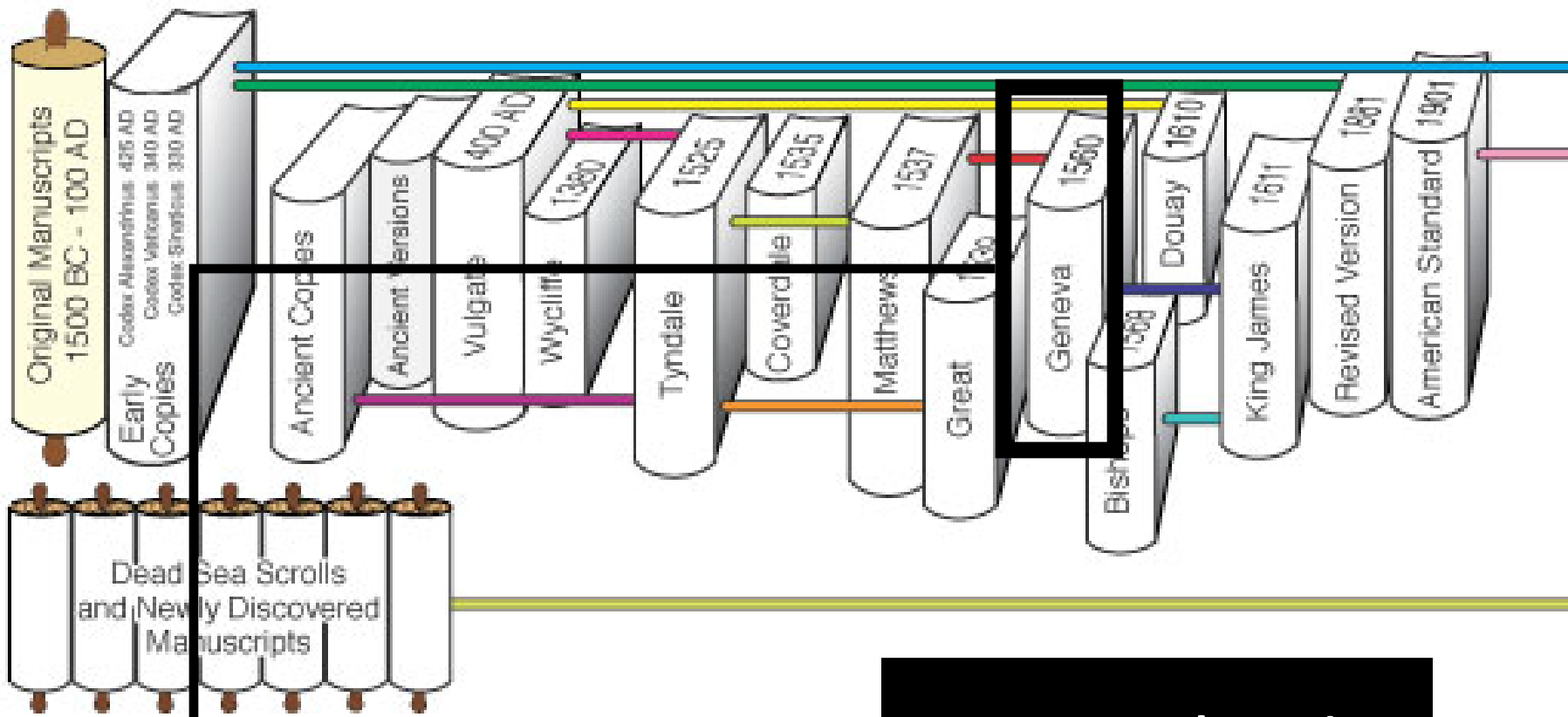




**Great Bible
AD 1539**

Sources Used: Tyndale



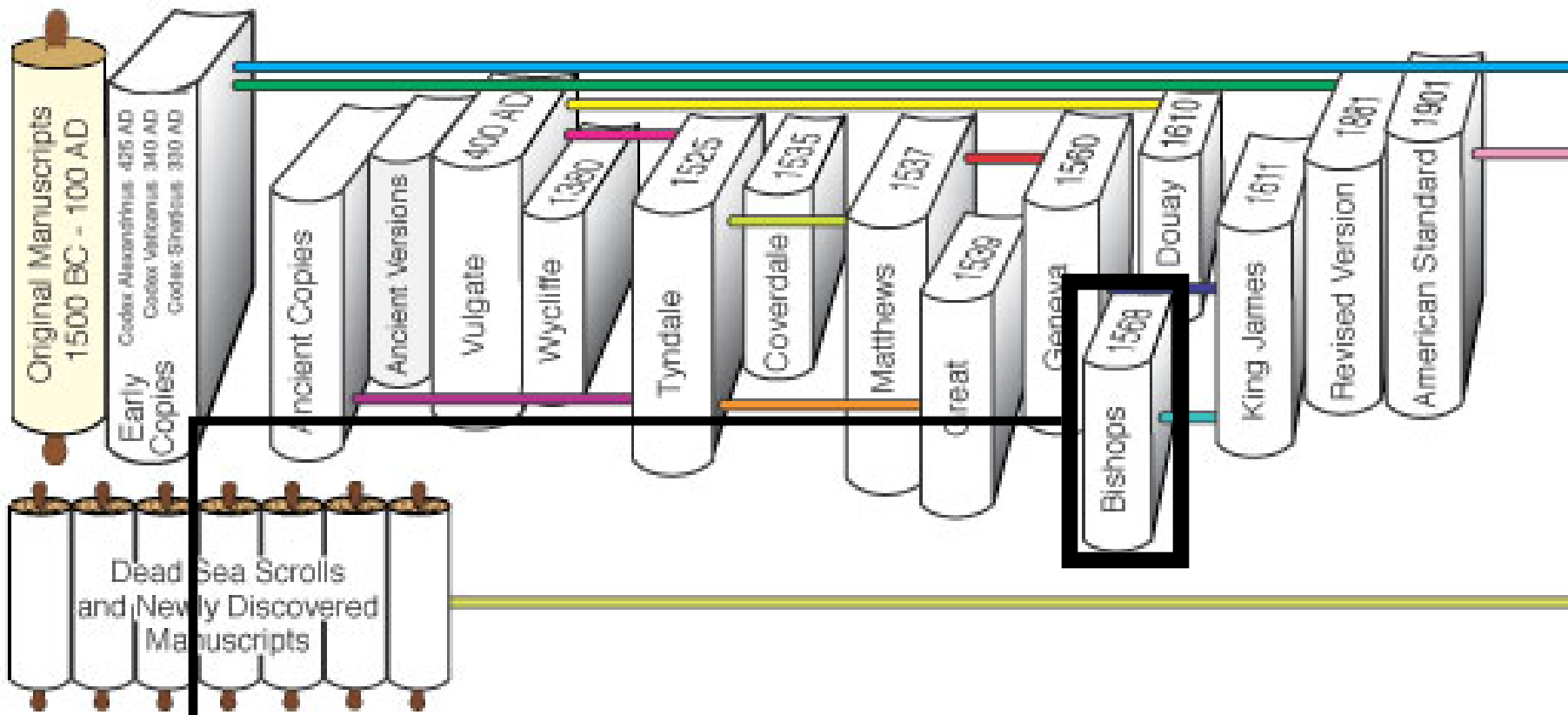


Dead Sea Scrolls
and Newly Discovered
Manuscripts

**Geneva
AD 1560**

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Copies and The Great
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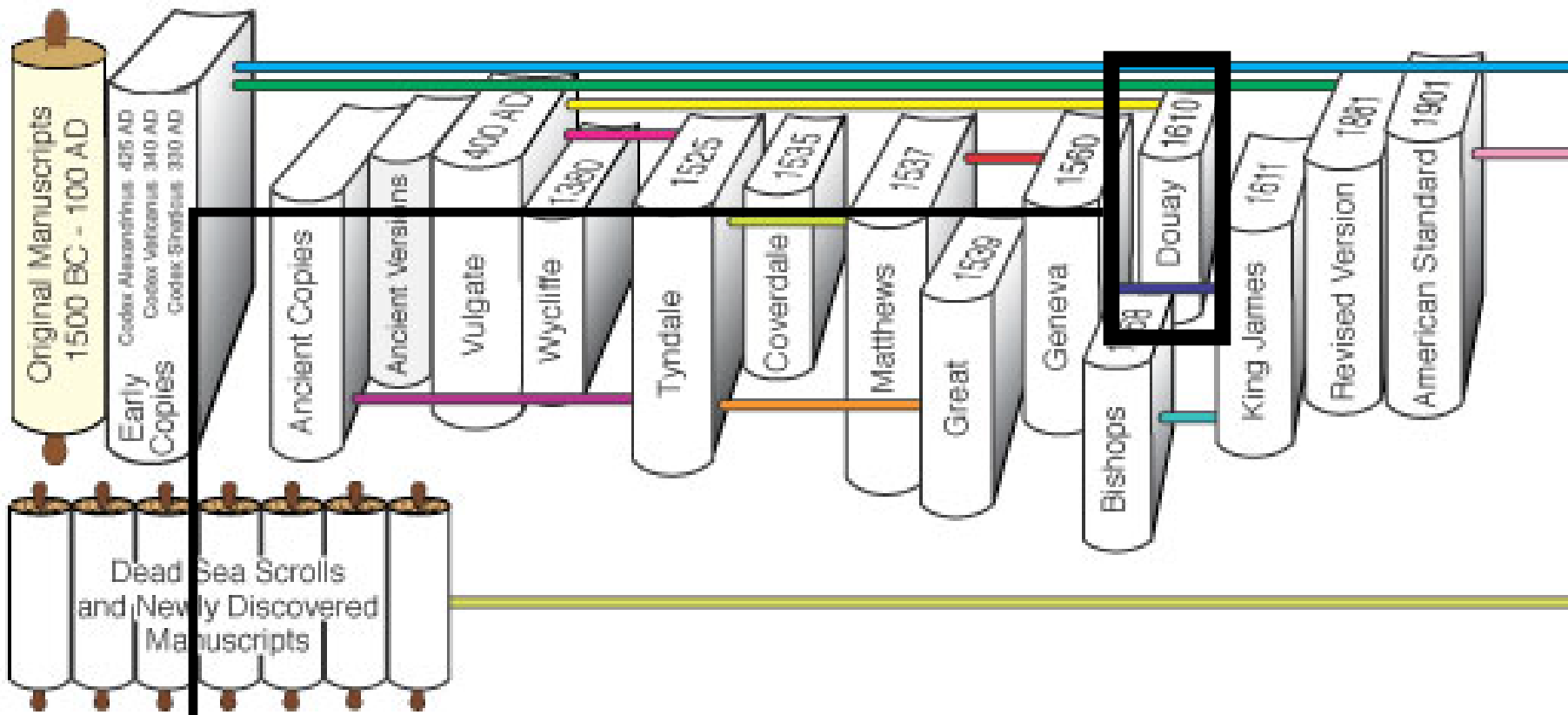




**Bishops
AD 1568**

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Great Bible**

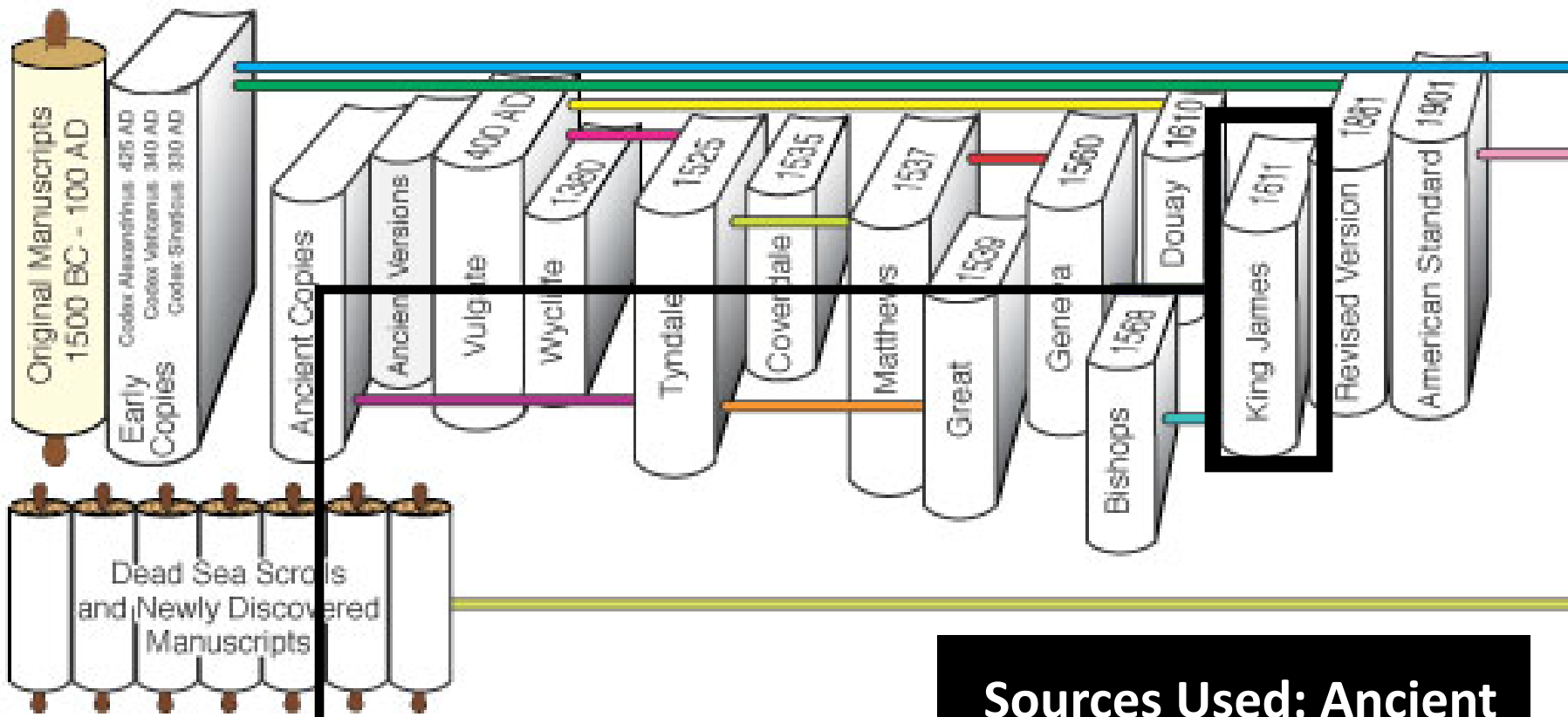




**Douay
AD 1610**

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The Vulgate**

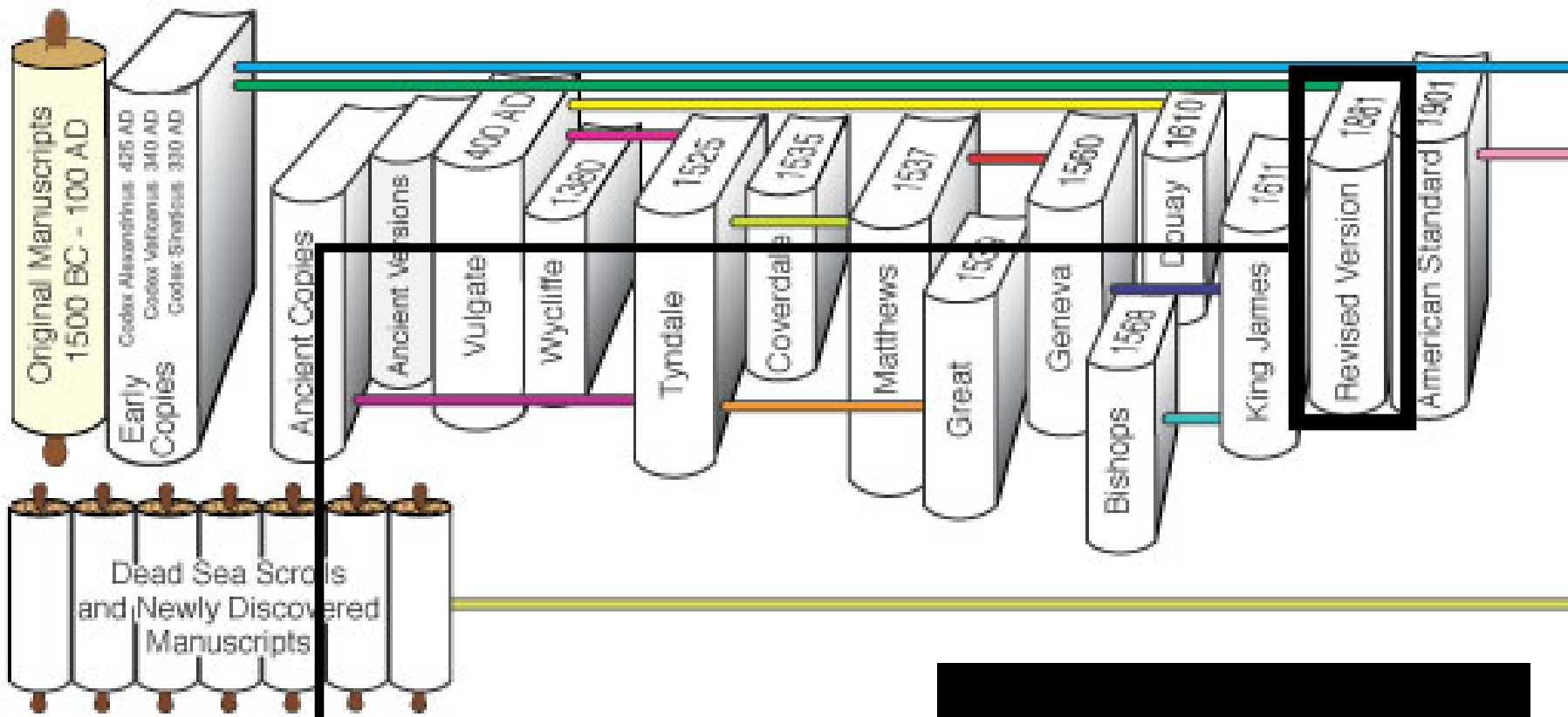




**King James
AD 1611**

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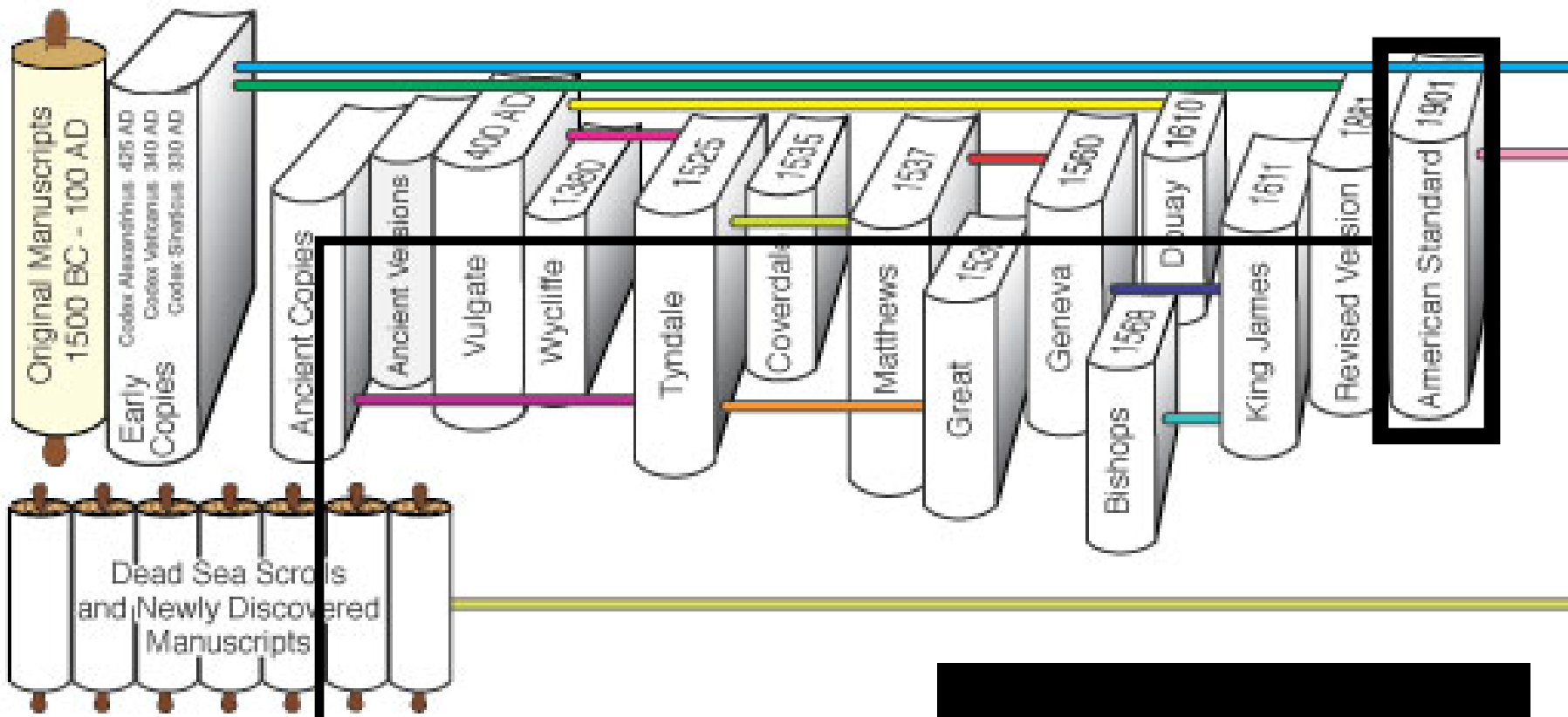




**Revised
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AD 1881**

**Sources Used: Early
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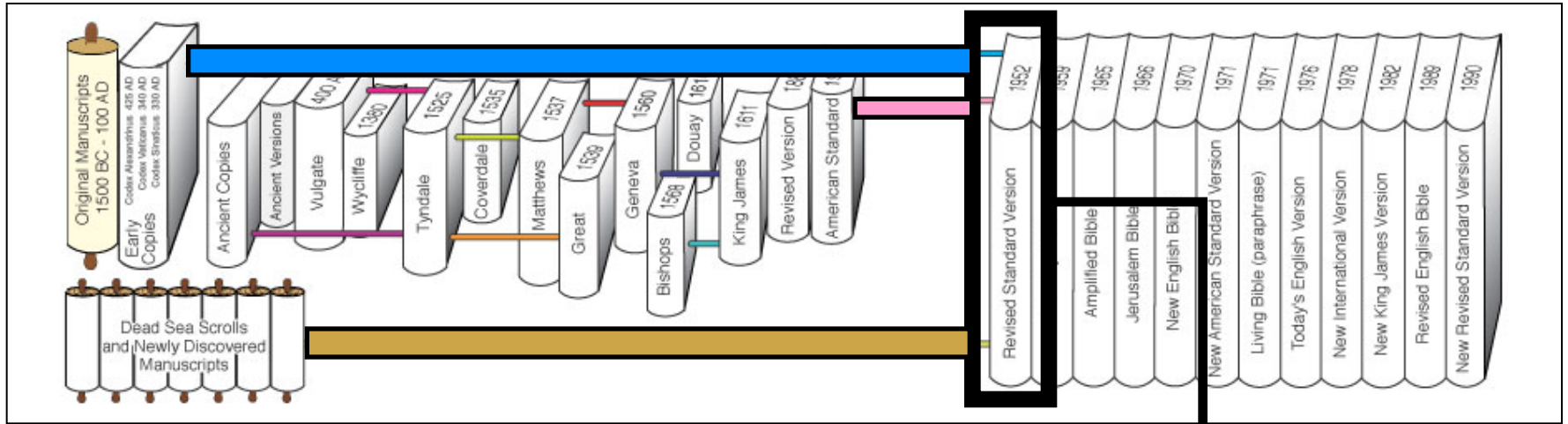




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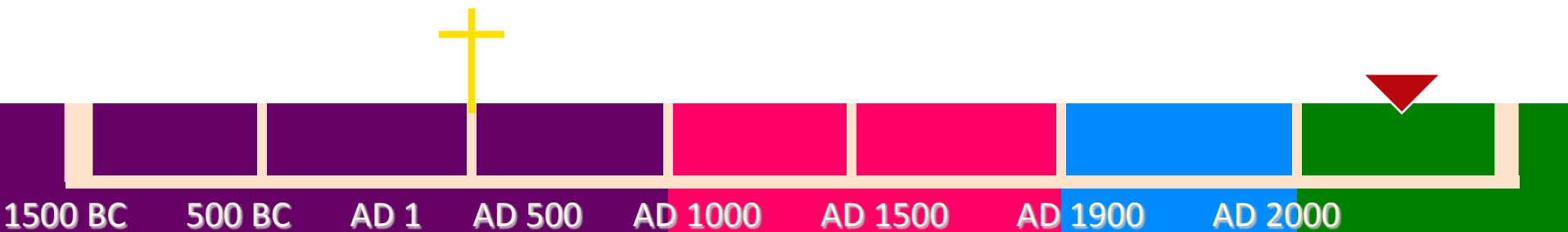
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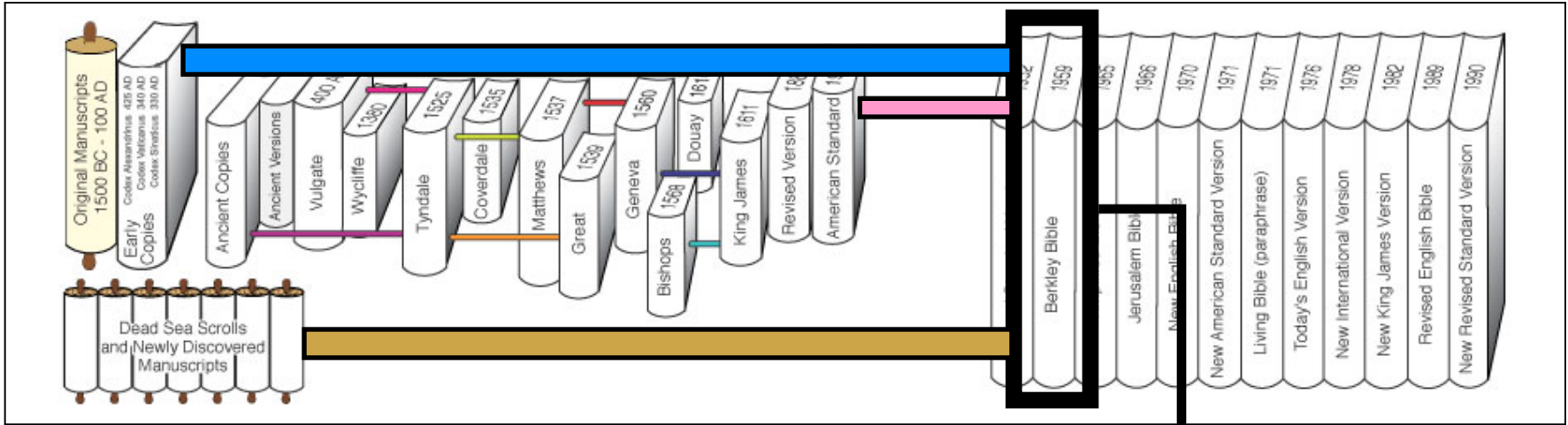




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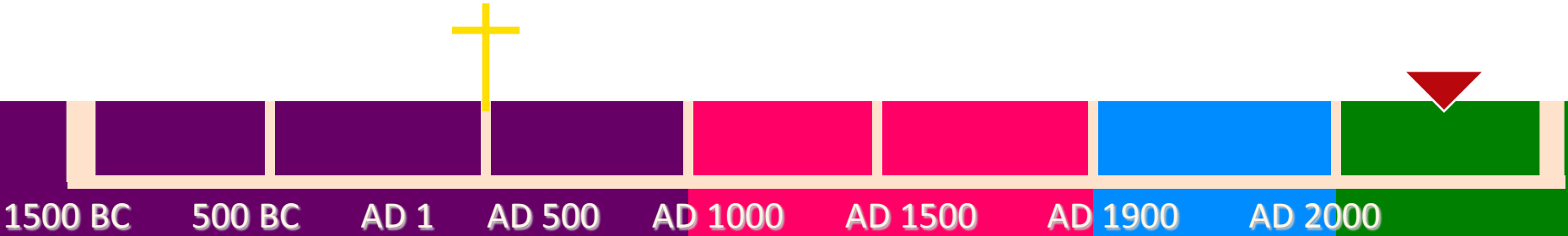
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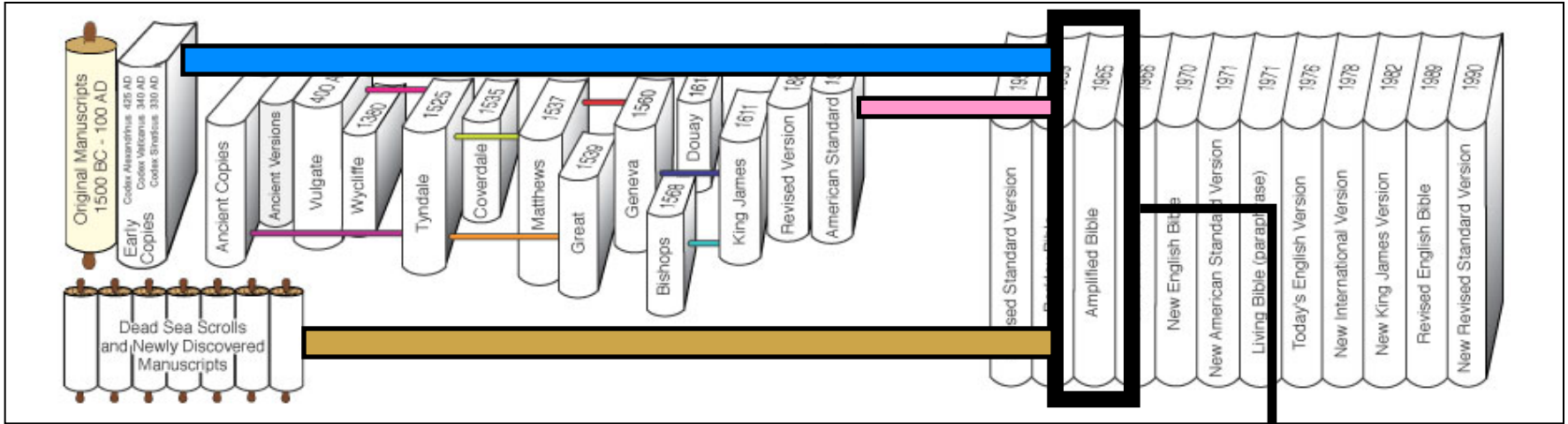




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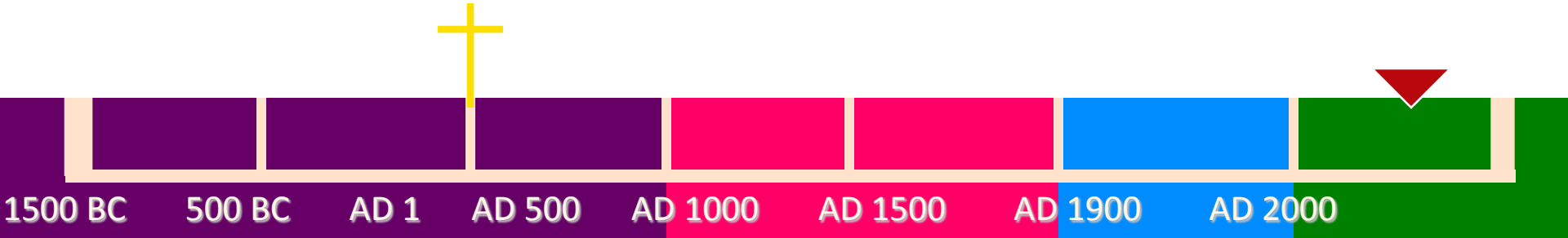
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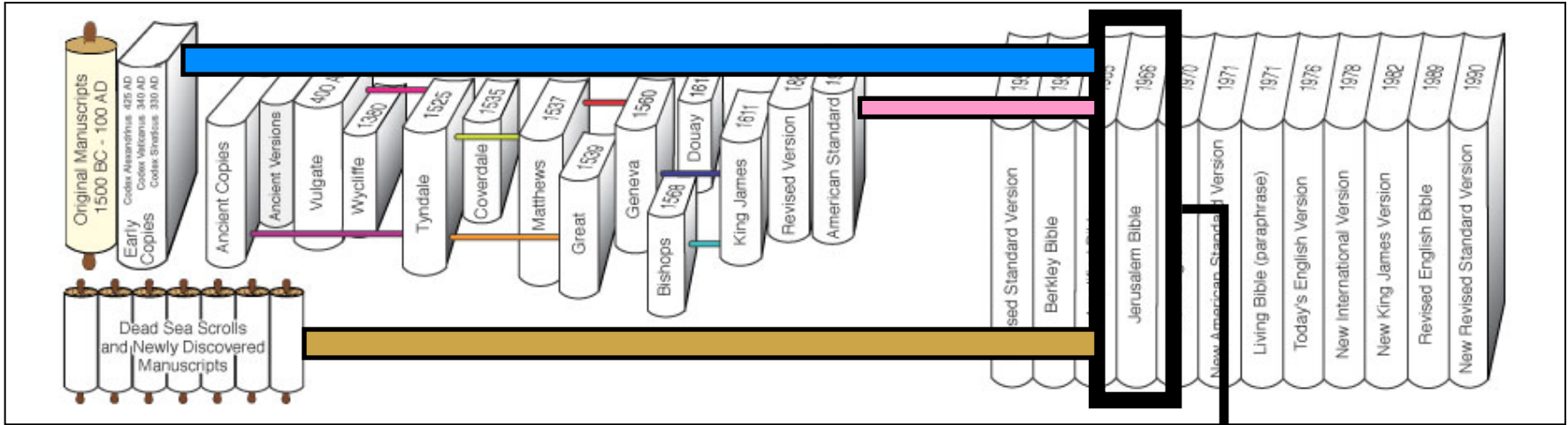




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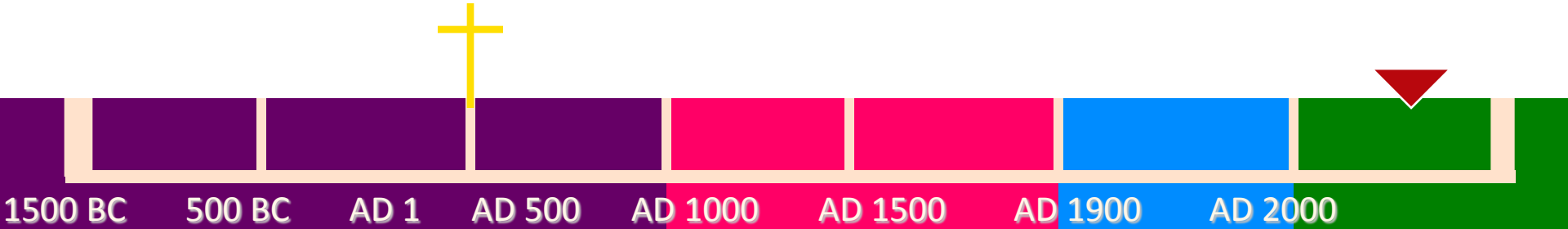
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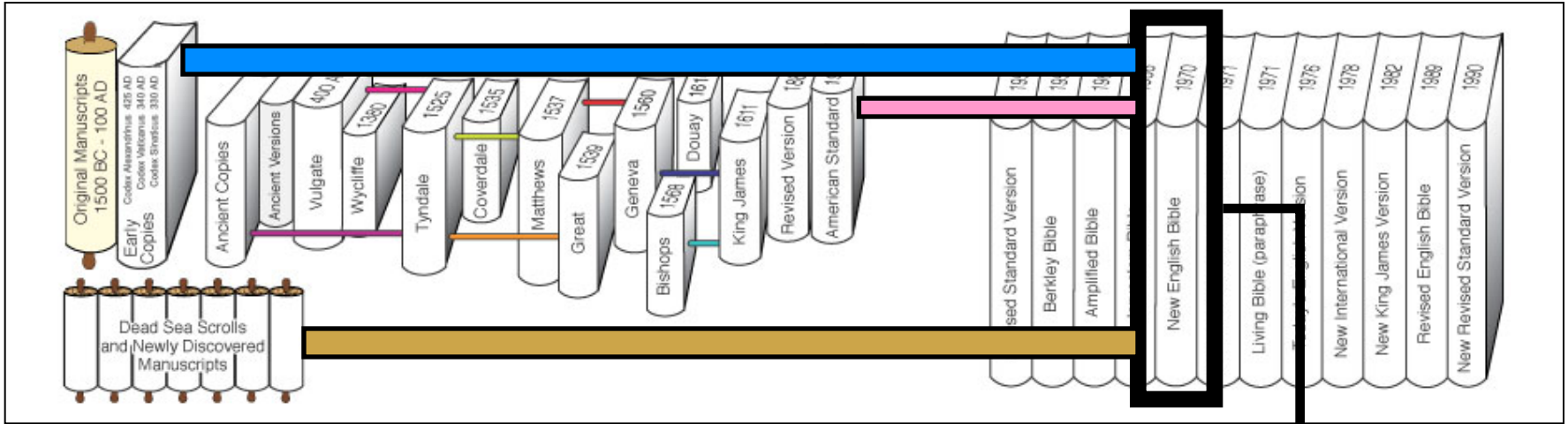




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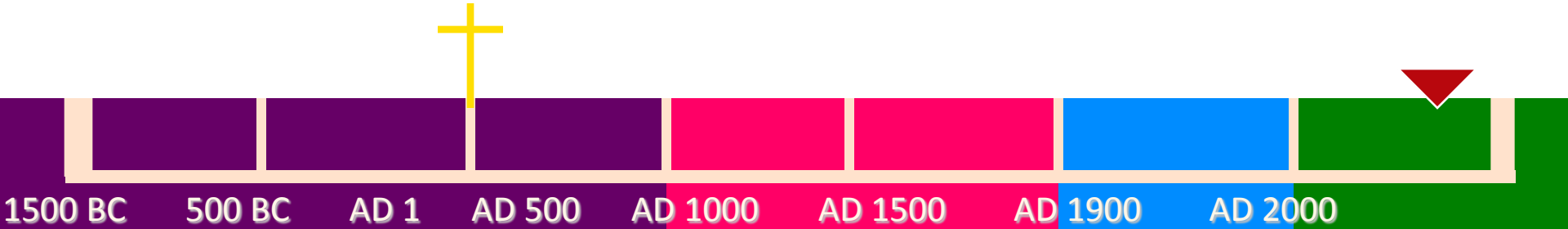
Jerusalem Bible
 Roman Catholic translation, with footnotes
AD 1966

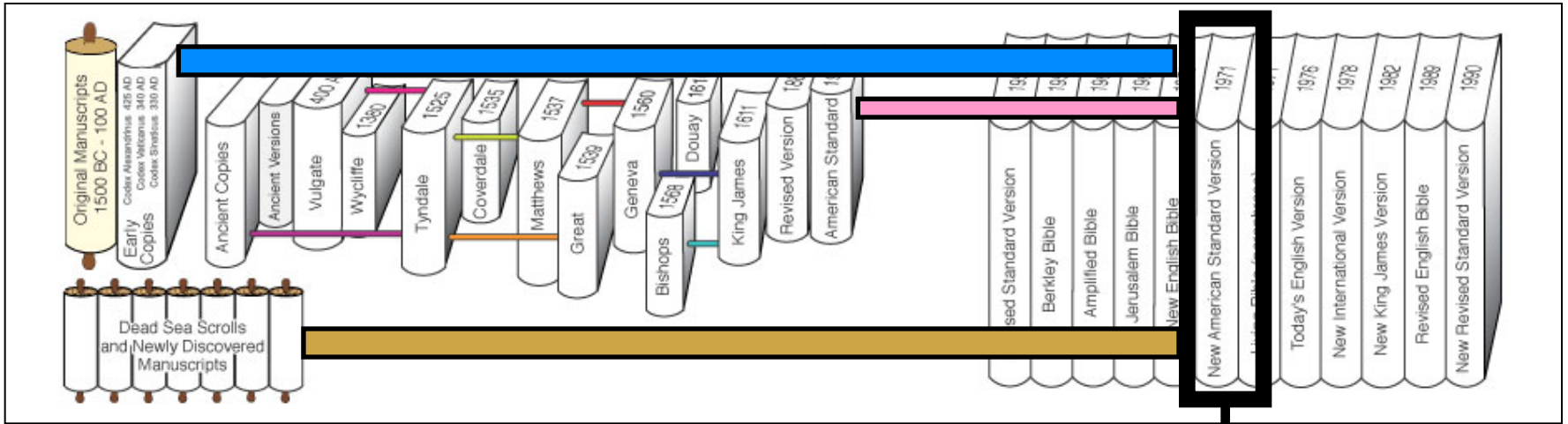




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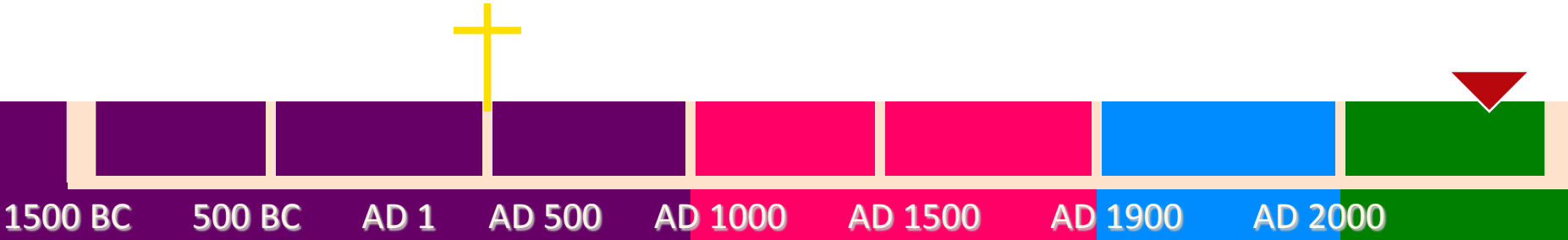
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 British work; more paraphrase than translation
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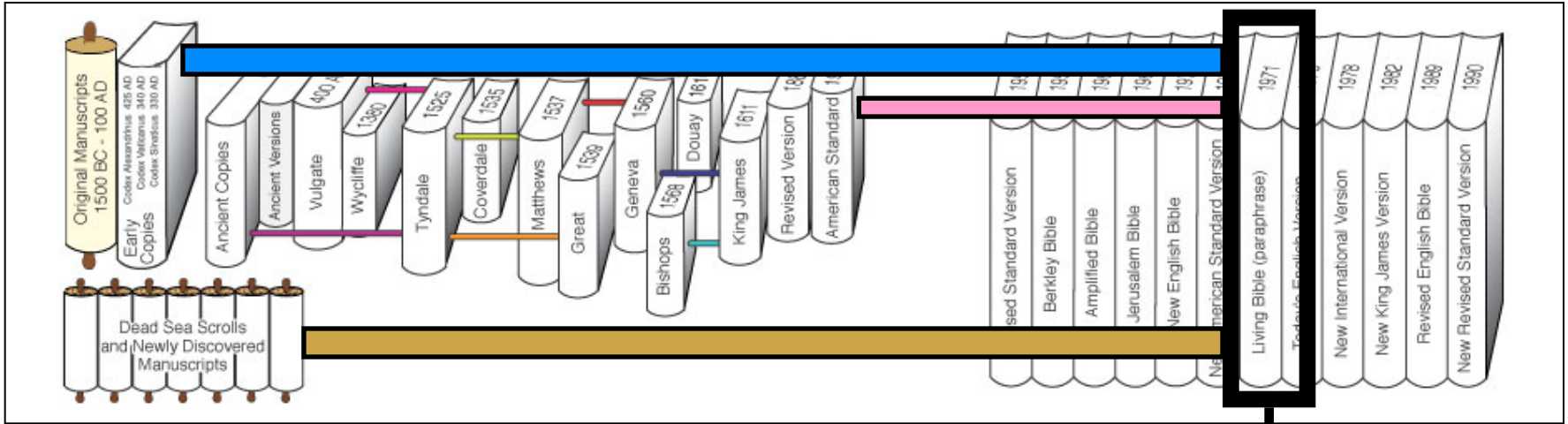




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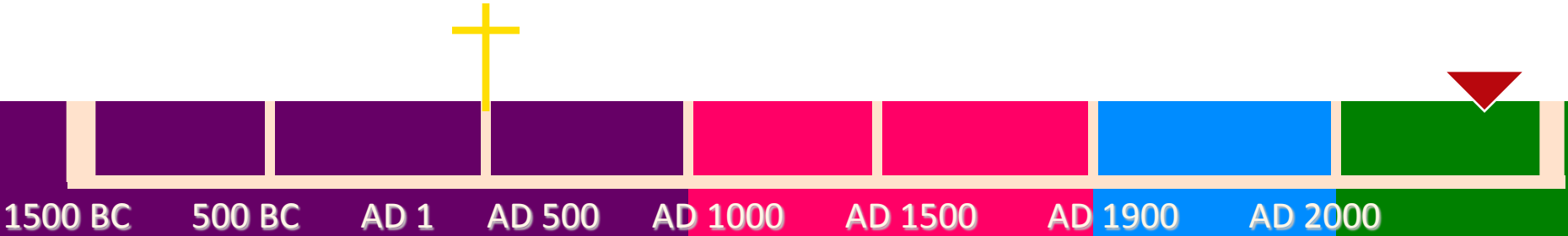
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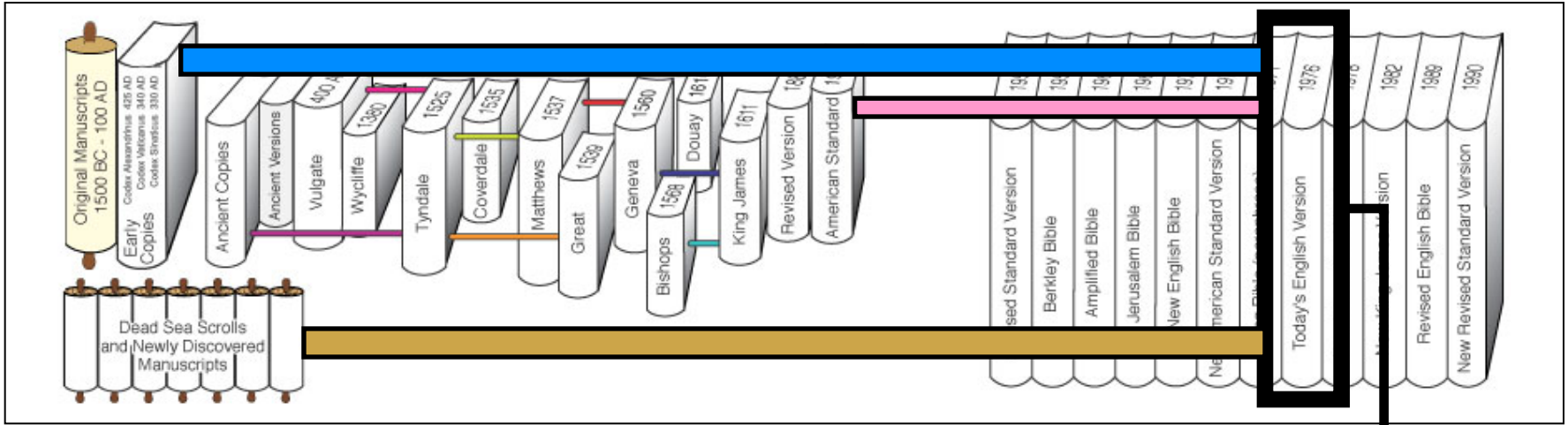




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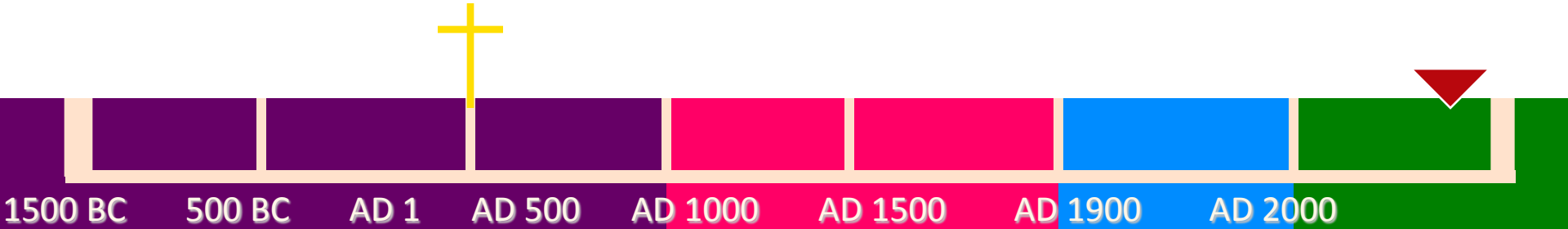
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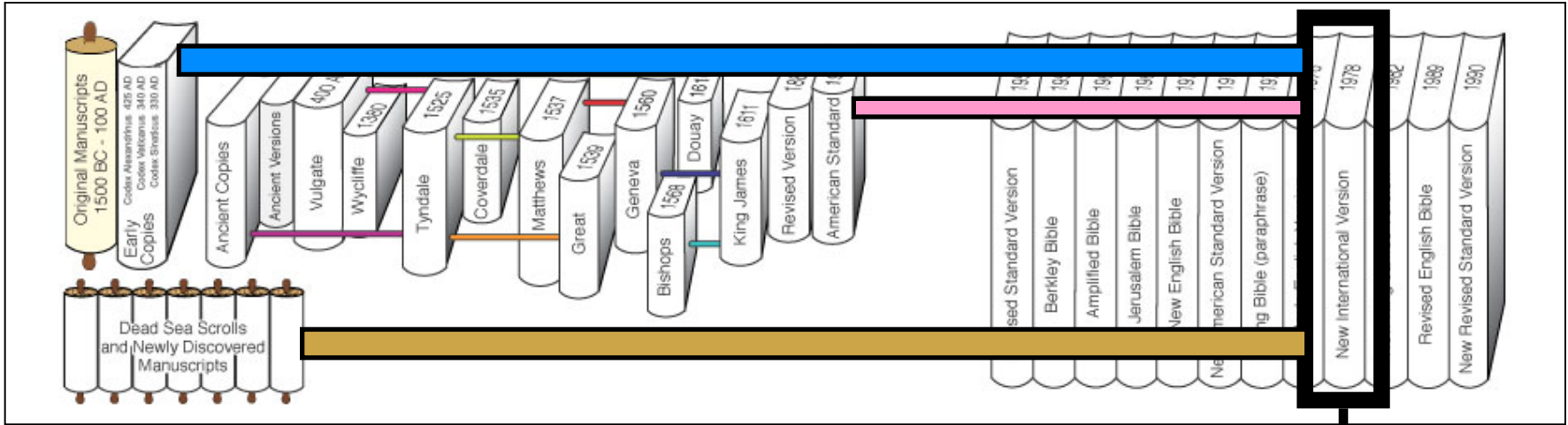




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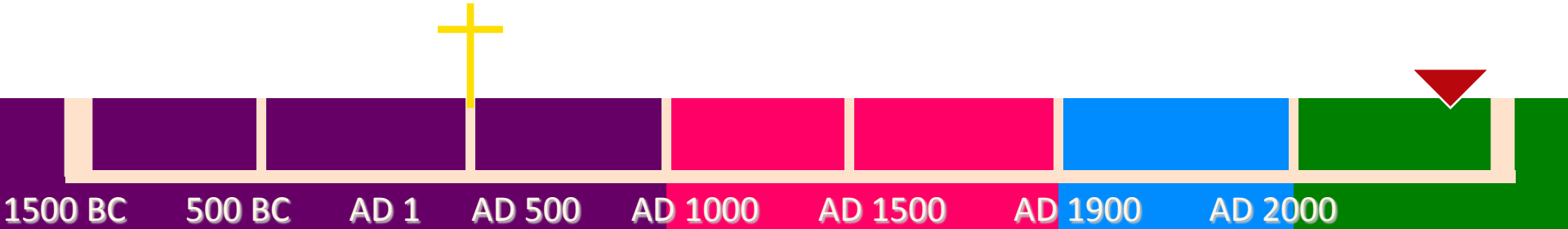
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 AD 1976

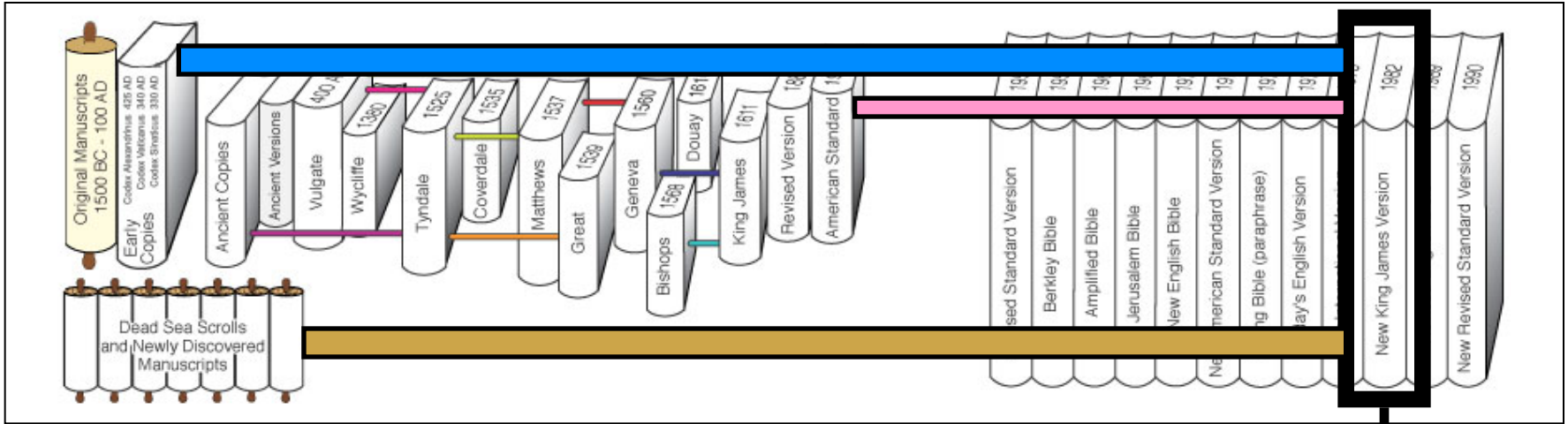




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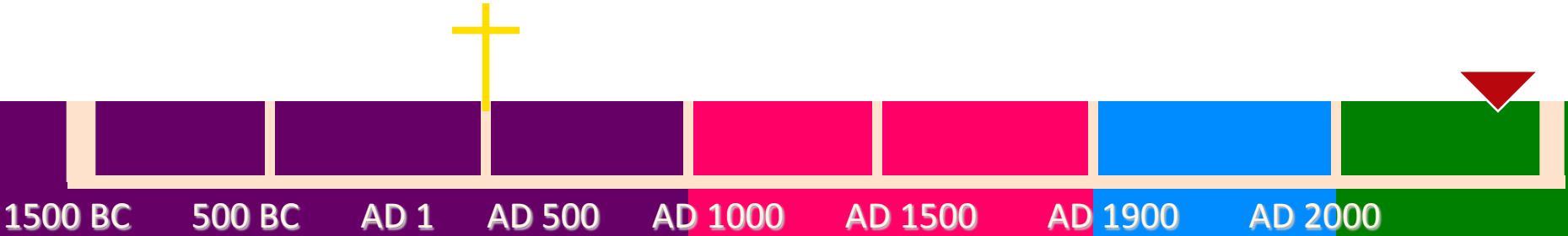
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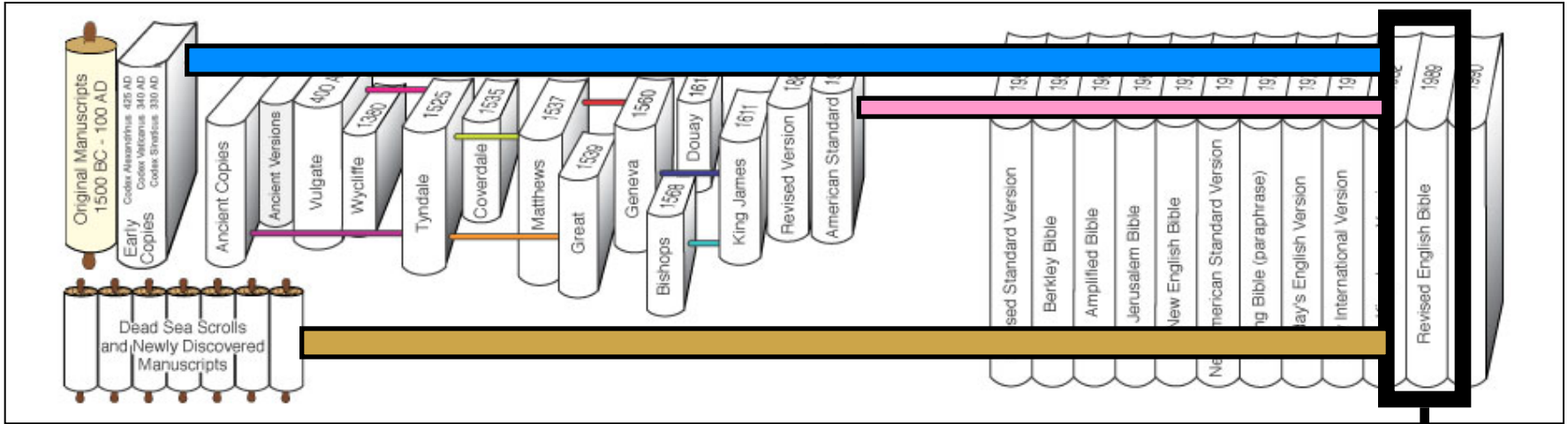




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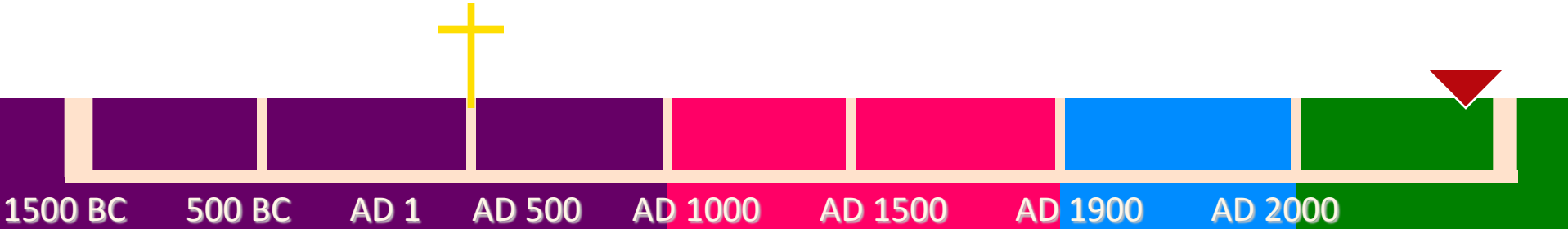
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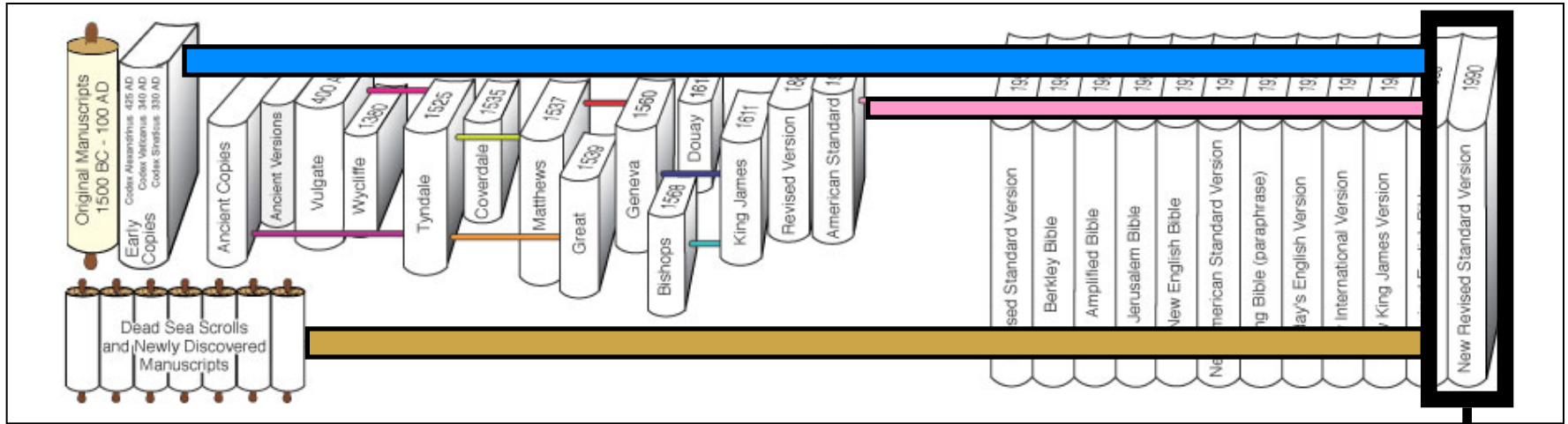




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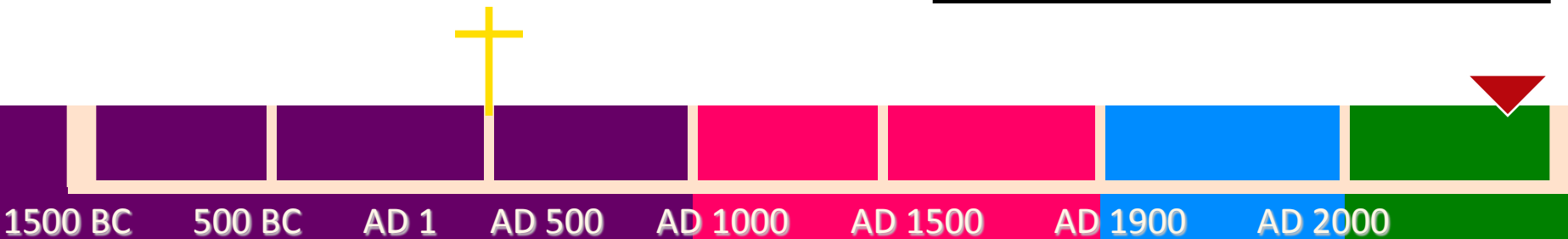
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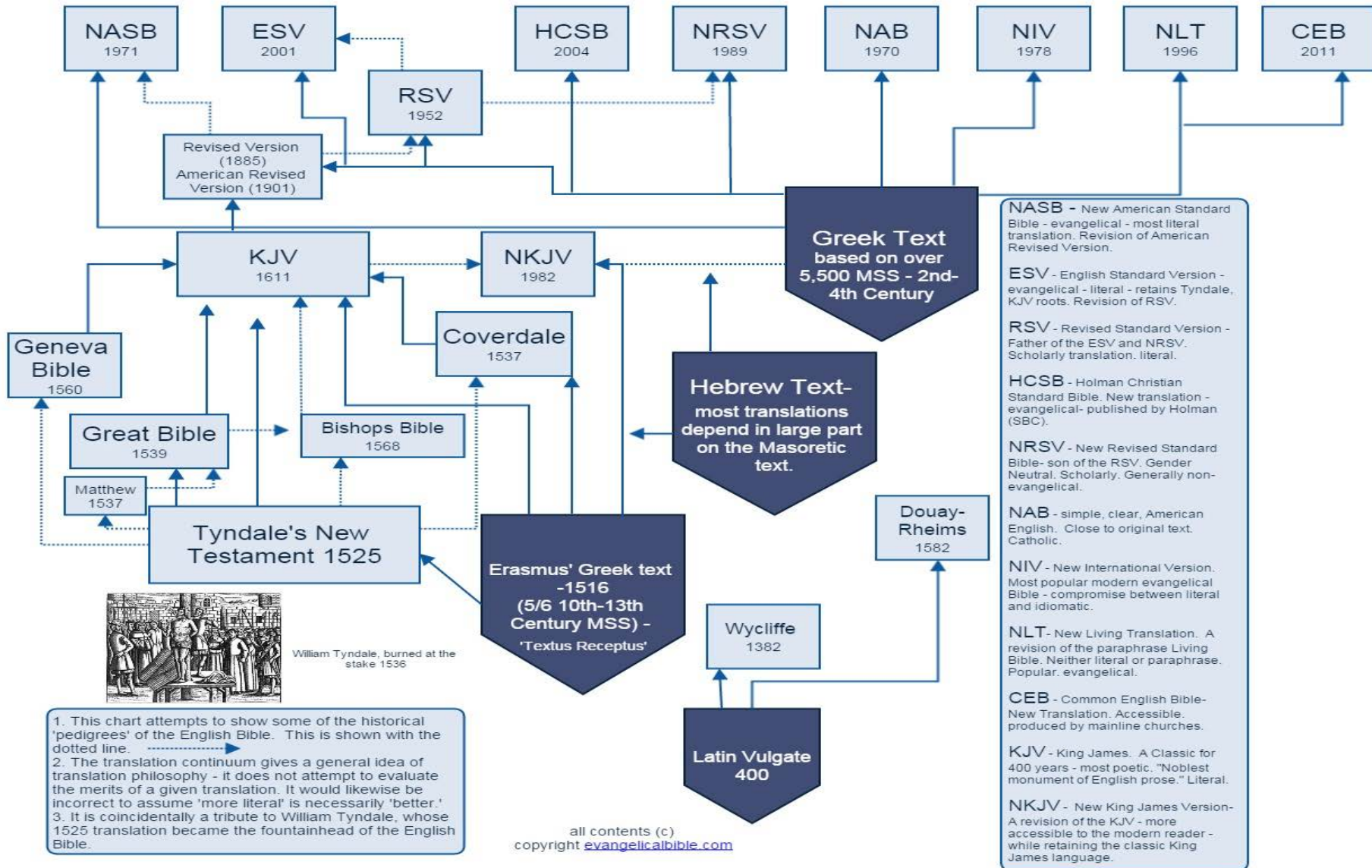
English Bible Overview

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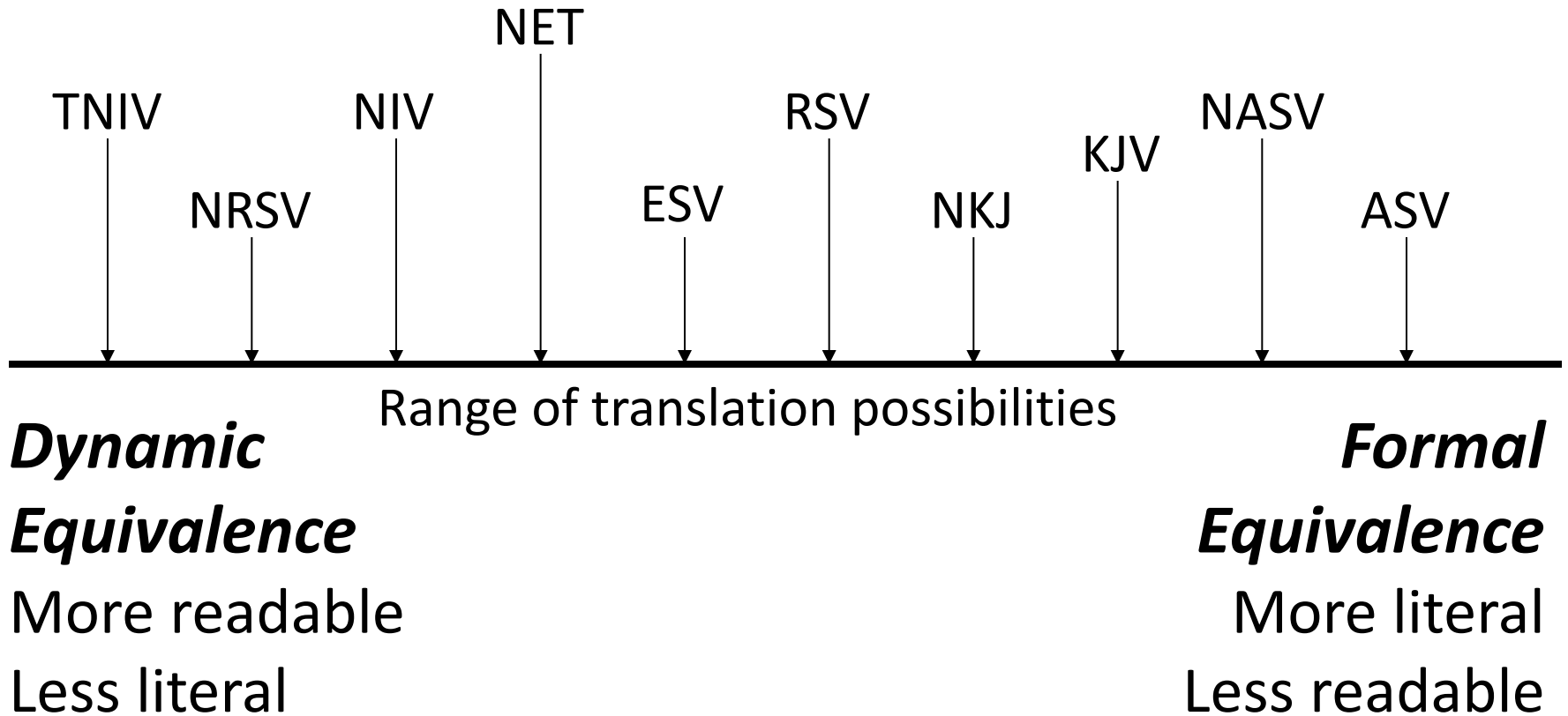


Thought-for-Thought



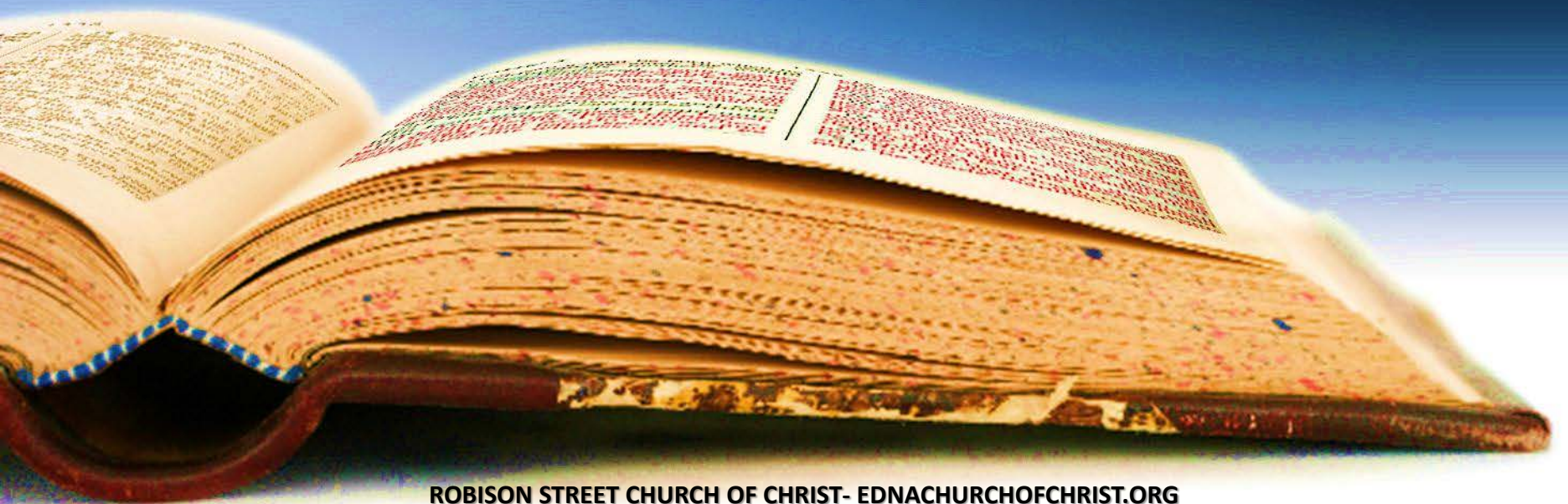
1. This chart attempts to show some of the historical 'pedigrees' of the English Bible. This is shown with the dotted line.
2. The translation continuum gives a general idea of translation philosophy - it does not attempt to evaluate the merits of a given translation. It would likewise be incorrect to assume 'more literal' is necessarily 'better.'
3. It is coincidentally a tribute to William Tyndale, whose 1525 translation became the fountainhead of the English Bible.

A Continuum of Bible Translations



IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD? THE BIBLE AND INSPIRATION

2 Timothy 3:16-17



IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD?

- **LINES OF EVIDENCE**

- ***THE UNITY OF THE BIBLE***
- ***THE PURITY OF BIBLE ETHICS***
- ***THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY***
- ***THE BIBLE'S HISTORIC RELIABILITY***
- ***THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE***

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GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

- ***Hear The Gospel – Romans 10:17***
- ***Believe That Jesus Is The Christ – John 8:24***
- ***Repent Of Sin – Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38***
- ***Confess Christ – Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37***
- ***Baptized – Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16***
- ***Be Faithful – 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10***
 - ***Confess Sin – 1 John 1:9***
 - ***Repent, Pray – Acts 8:22***

