

PART ONE: KNOWING THE BIBLE

CHAPTER 4 WHEN WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN?

The different books that make up the Bible were written at **different times and times** in the history of humanity. **The total process lasted about 15 centuries** or so.

It seems that the first texts of the **Old Testament** were written around the fifteenth century BC (about 1,500 years before Jesus was born). All the books of the Old Testament were completed and finished about two hundred years before the coming of Christ.

We know the names of some of the authors who wrote books of the Old Testament (Isaiah, Jeremiah...). Other authors remain anonymous. Some books are written by a single author, others were written collaboratively. Even some books are the result of ancient texts grouped together and collected later.

The **New Testament** was written in its entirety in the first century after Christ. The first books are more or less from the 40s. The last book, the Apocalypse of St. John, was written sometime between 90 and 100 AD. We know the names of virtually all the authors of the books of the New Testament.

