

John Wycliffe - 1384

advocated translation of the Bible into the common vernacular. According to tradition, Wycliffe is said to have completed a translation direct from the Vulgate into Middle English – a version now known as Wycliffe's Bible. While it is probable that he personally translated the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, it is possible he translated the entire New Testament.

Jan Huss - 1415

"Lord Jesus, it is for thee that I patiently endure this cruel death. I pray thee to have mercy on my enemies."

Early in his monastic career, Martin Luther, rummaging through the stacks of a library, happened upon a volume of sermons by John Huss, the Bohemian who had been condemned as a heretic. "I was overwhelmed with astonishment," Luther later wrote. "I could not understand for what cause they had burnt so great a man, who explained the Scriptures with so much gravity and skill."

William Tyndale – 1536

was an English biblical scholar and linguist who became a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation in the years leading up to his execution. He is well known as a translator of the Bible into English, and was influenced by the works of prominent Protestant Reformers such as Martin Luther.

Tyndale's last words before being strangled and burned at the stake in 1536 were, 'Oh Lord, open the King of England's eyes,' said George.

Hugh Latimer and Nicolas Ridley were named among the

284 people listed in Foxes book of martyrs were killed for heresy during the reformation.

Biggest problems with “the BOOK”

1. It was elevated above the pope and church tradition
2. it was made available to the common man in their own language
3. It was the final authority!