

# Reliability of the New Testament

AUTHOR	BOOK	DATE WRITTEN	EARLIEST COPIES	TIME GAP	# COPIES
Homer	Iliad	800 BC	c. 400 BC	c. 400 yrs.	643
Herodotus	History	480-425 BC	c. AD 900	c. 1,350 yrs.	8
Thucydides	History	460-400 BC	c. AD 900	c. 1,300 yrs.	8
Plato		400 BC	c. AD 900	c. 1,300 yrs.	7
Demosthenes		300 BC	c. AD 1100	c. 1,400 yrs.	200
Caesar	Gallic Wars	100-44 BC	c. AD 900	c. 1,000 yrs.	10
Livy	History of Rome	59 BC – AD 17	4 <sup>th</sup> cent. (partial) Mostly 10 <sup>th</sup> cent.	c. 400 yrs. c. 1,000 yrs.	1 -partial 19 -copies
Tacitus	Annals	AD 100	c. AD 1100	c. 1,000 yrs.	20
Pliny Secundus	Natural History	AD 61 -113	c. AD 850	c. 750 yrs.	7
New Testament		AD 50-100	c. 114 (fragments) c. 200 (books) c. 250 (most of NT) c. 325 (complete NT)	+50 yrs. 100 yrs. 150 yrs. 225 yrs.	5366