

# History - Joseph Smith Bible Translation Timeline

Date	Comments	Bible	Revelations	Scribe
June of 1830	Fayette, N.Y. or Harmony, Pa, Joseph begins translation of Genesis	Moses 1		Oliver Cowdery
Between Jun and 21 Oct 1830	Harmony Pa. and Fayette, N.Y.	Moses 2:1-5:43; Gen 1:1-4:18		Oliver Cowdery
21 Oct 1830	Fayette, N.Y.	Moses 5:43-51; Gen 4:18-24		John Whitmer
30 Nov 1830	Fayette, N.Y.	Moses 5:52-6:18; Gen 4:25-5:11		John Whitmer
1 Dec 1830	Fayette, N.Y.	Moses 6:19-52; Gen 5:12-21	D&C 25:6	Emma Smith
Between 1 and 10 Dec 1830	Fayette, N.Y.	Moses 6:52-7:1		John Whitmer
Ca. 10 Dec 1830 to 7 Mar 1831	Fayette, N.Y. and Kirtland Ohio	Moses 7:2-8:30; Gen 5:22-24:41	D&C 35:20	Sidney Rigdon
7 March 1831	Instructed in revelation to stop working on the Old Testament and work on the New Testament		D&C 45:60-62	
8 Mar thru 7 Apr 1831	Kirtland, Ohio.	Matt 1:1-9:1		Sidney Rigdon
Ca. 8 Mar thru 5 Apr 1831	Kirtland, Ohio.	Moses 1-8; Gen 1:1-24:41	D&C 47:1	John Whitmer (copyist)
Between 4 and 7 April 1831	Kirtland, Ohio.	Matt 1:1-9:1		John Whitmer (copyist)
7 Apr - before 19 Jun 1831	Kirtland, Ohio. Probably completed prior to Joseph Smith and other Church leaders departing to Zion (Jackson County, Missouri) on 19 Jun 1831.	Matt 9:2-26:71		Sidney Rigdon
Between 7 Apr and 26 Sep 1831	Kirtland, Ohio.	Matt 9:2-26:1		John Whitmer (copyist)
26 Sep - before 20 Nov 1831	Hiram, Ohio. Written prior to John Whitmer departing Ohio (with Oliver Cowdery) for Jackson County, Missouri, on 20 Nov 1831.	Matt 26:1-Mark 9:1		John Whitmer
Ca. 20 Nov 1831 to 16 Feb 1832	Hiram, Ohio. Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon recieved the Vision (D&C 76) on 16 Feb 1832 while translating John 5:29.	Mark 9:2-John 5:29	D&C 76	Sidney Rigdon
Feb of 1832	Joseph went through a second time to make further revisions and refinements to the translation of New Testament			
Between 16 Feb and 24 Mar 1832	Hiram, Ohio	John 5:30-Rev 11:4		Sidney Rigdon and Scribe A
Between 20 and 31 July 1832	Hiram, Ohio. Fredrick G. Williams began as Joseph Smith's scribe on 20 Jul 1832. On 31 Jul 1832, Joseph wrote: "We finished the translation of the New Testament".	Rev 12:1-22:9		Fredrick G. Williams
Between 20-31 July 1832 and 2 Feb 1833	Hiram and Kirtland, Ohio. Additional revisions to New Testament text. On 2 Feb 1833, Fredrick G. Williams noted: "This day completed the translation and the reviewing of the New Testament".	Matt - Rev		Sidney Rigdon and Fredrick G. Williams
20-31 July 1832-2 July 1833	Hiram and Kirtland, Ohio. On 31 Jul 1832, after znnouncing completion of New Testament, Joseph Smith wrote: "We are making rapid strides in the old book [Old Testament]".	Gen 24:41-Neh 10:30		Fredrick G. Williams
Between late July 1832 and 2 July 1833	Kirtland, Ohio.	Neh 11-Ps 10		Joseph Smith
Between late July 1832 and 2 July 1833	Kirtland, Ohio.	Ps 11-Malachi		Fredrick G. Williams
2 Jul 1833	Further revisions and refinements to the translation of Old Testament complete.			
This chart was adapted from a convenient timeline of the Joseph Smith's New Translation found in:				
<i>Joseph Smith's New Translation</i> by Scott H. Faulring, Kent P. Jackson, and Robert J. Matthews, pages 57–59.				
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