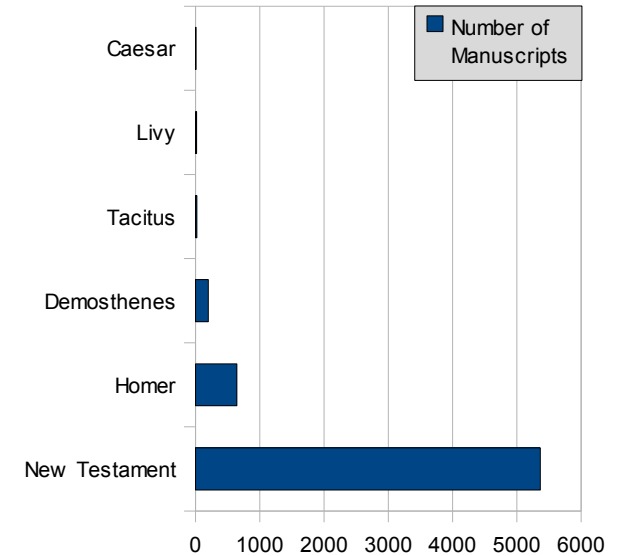


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“In real terms, the New Testament is easily the best attested ancient writing in terms of [1] the sheer number of documents, [2] the time span between events and the document, and [3] the variety of documents available to sustain or contradict it. There is nothing in ancient manuscript evidence to match such textual availability and integrity.” – Zacharias, *Can Man Live Without God?*, p. 162

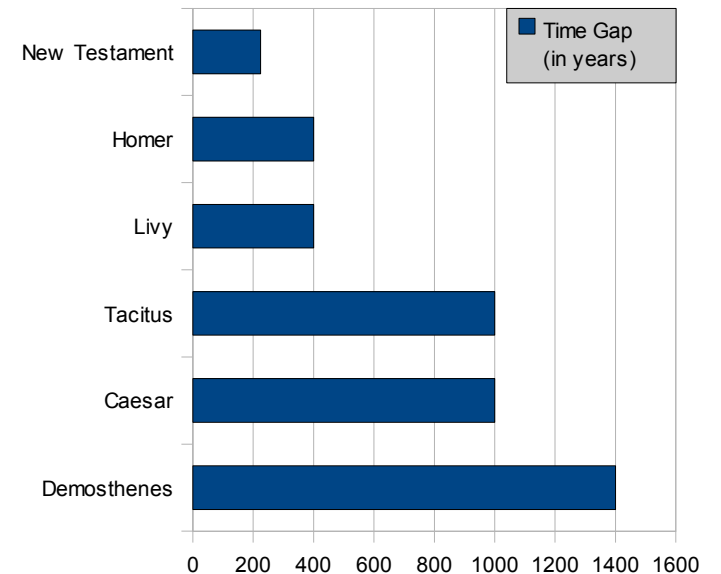
AUTHOR	BOOK	DATE WRITTEN	EARLIEST COPY	+ TIME GAP	* NO. OF COPIES
Homer	<i>Iliad</i>	800 B.C.	c. 400 B.C.	400 years	643
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	480-425 B.C.	c. 900 A.D.	1350 years	8
Thucydides	<i>History</i>	460-400 B.C.	c. 900 A.D.	1300 years	8
Plato		400 B.C.	c. 900 A.D.	1300 years	7
Demosthenes		300 B.C.	c. 1100 A.D.	1400 years	200
Livy	<i>History of Rome</i>	59 B.C. - 17 A.D.	4 th century partial, mostly 10 th century	400 -1000 years	19
Tacitus	<i>Annals</i>	100 A.D.	c. 1100 A.D.	1000 years	20
Pliny Secundus	<i>Natural History</i>	61-113 A.D.	c. 850 A.D.	750 years	7
New Testament		50-100 A.D.	325 A.D.	225 years	5366



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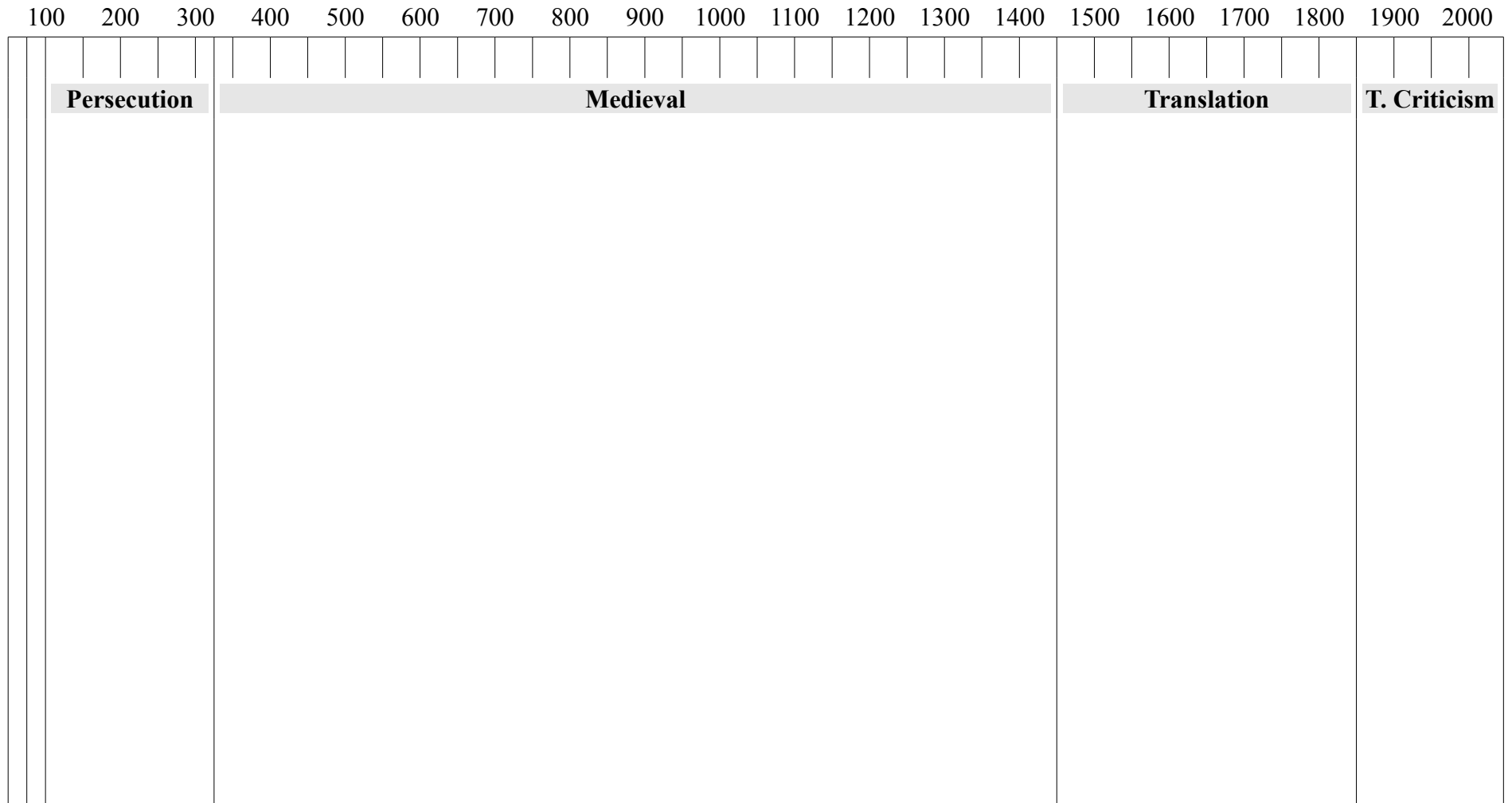
AUTHOR	GOSPELS	ACTS	PAUL'S EPISTLES	GENERAL EPISTLES	REVELATION	TOTAL
Justin Martyr	268	10	43	6	3	330
Irenaeus	1,038	194	499	23	65	1,819
Clement	1,107	44	1,127	207	11	2,406
Origen	9,231	349	7,778	399	165	17,992
Tertullian	3,822	502	2,609	120	205	7,258
Hippolytus	734	42	387	27	188	1,378
Eusebius	3,258	211	1,592	88	27	5,176
TOTALS	19,368	1,352	14,035	870	664	36,289

Source: MacDowell, "The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict", p. 43



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