From the Beginning to Present

From generation to generation, the stories of the Bible were passed on verbally. About the time of David, scribes and copyist were writing the old stories down on papyrus in the early Hebrew language.

Hundreds of years went by before the next sweeping change took place. About 400BC, when Alexander the Great conquered the known world, Greek became the popular language of the Mediterranean World. Because of the Greek influence, about 300BC, 70 scholars set out to translate the Scriptures from Hebrew to Greek, when this work was finished it was called the Septuagint. The Septuagint was still in use well into the Middle-Ages in some Eastern churches and in the Greek church.

After the arrival of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the early Church was formed, and with it came countless copies of writings of the leaders of the Church. These letters suffered from copyist mistakes, individual interpretation, and editorial changes. To clarify this, in 367AD, Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria established the order of the 27 New Testament books from a multitude of

writings, rejecting what was considered questionable.

Pope Damasus I, laid the responsibility of translating the Hebrew Old Testament upon the head of Saint Jerome. Saint Jerome not only translated the Old Testament, but went on and revised Athanasius' New Testament, attempting to remove all induced errors. This new Bible was called the Vulgate or the Common Bible. Jerome's Bible would be used by the Western church until the Reformation.

In 1516 Erasmus published a Greek translation of

the New Tes-**Matthew Haney** tament, which was **Biblical History** translated from

> original old Greek writings, not Jerome's Vulgate. From this, Martin Luther compiled a German New Testament translation in 1522. Seventeen years later, Martin Luther finished a German translation of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. When he combined the Old and New Testaments, he created the world's first Vernacular Bible, that is to say, the first Bible which the common lay-reader could read without the assistance of someone schooled in the classical languages.

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In 1535, Miles Coverdale published the first complete English Bible, based on the works of Tyndale (who was executed by the Dutch in 1536), Martin Luther, and Zwingli (a Swiss Reformist). Still, it was not until Queen Elizabeth took the throne, that the English Bible became a permanent fixture in the English speaking churches.

The most widely accepted, and best loved Bible in history, was commissioned by King James, who was enthroned in 1603. King James and his advisors appointed 54 of the finest linguists of their time to translate the Bible, the result was the King lames Bible, and with only one revision (in 1885), it is still being used today.

Iorrison in the Movies

By: Shannon Hodgins **Assistant Editor**

One should definitely be prepared for a very psychadelic experience when going to see the new Oliver Stone movie The Doors. This movie is very true to life when presenting the 60's era of experimentation with drugs and alcohol; even watching it may make you feel just a bit dizzy at times. The lead role is played by Val Kilmer who looks so much like Jim Morrison it will force you to look twice. If you are a Door's fan you will love the soundtrack, which includes much of their original music, including such hits as "Light My Fire," and "Break On Through."

The Doors' actual music is used in all scenes except for

the live concert scenes. In these Kilmer sings, which will fool you because he looks, acts, and sounds like Morrison. Kilmer mimics Morrison's movements, almost to perfection, which makes the story very interesting. The film follows an almost documentary style, showing various aspects of The Door's musical career. The only

drawback was the film's

length, which was enough for two trips to the snack bar.

This film was highly entertaining for a person who loves The Door's music, but would be quite a bore for a person who has no interest in the era of rebellion. For the conservative, wait for video rentals.

3 stars

I have little superstition in me as any man living, but my secret opinion has ever been, and still is, that God Almighty will not give up a people to military destruction, or leave them unsupportedly to perish, who have erneastly and so repeatedly sought to aviod the calamities of war, but every decent method which wisdom could invent.

Neither have I so much of the infidel in me, as to suppose that He has relinquished the government of the world, and given us up to the care of the devils.

-Thomas Paine (From The Crisis.)

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