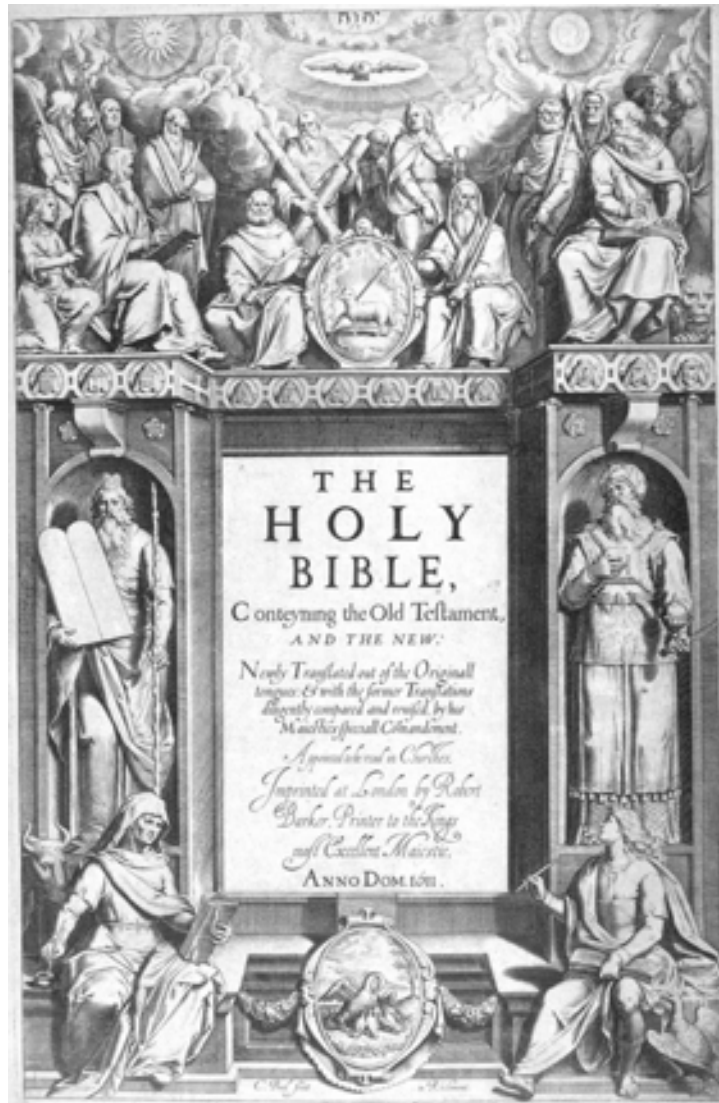


# The Wonderful History of our King James Version of the Bible



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## **DEAR TEACHERS and PARENTS**

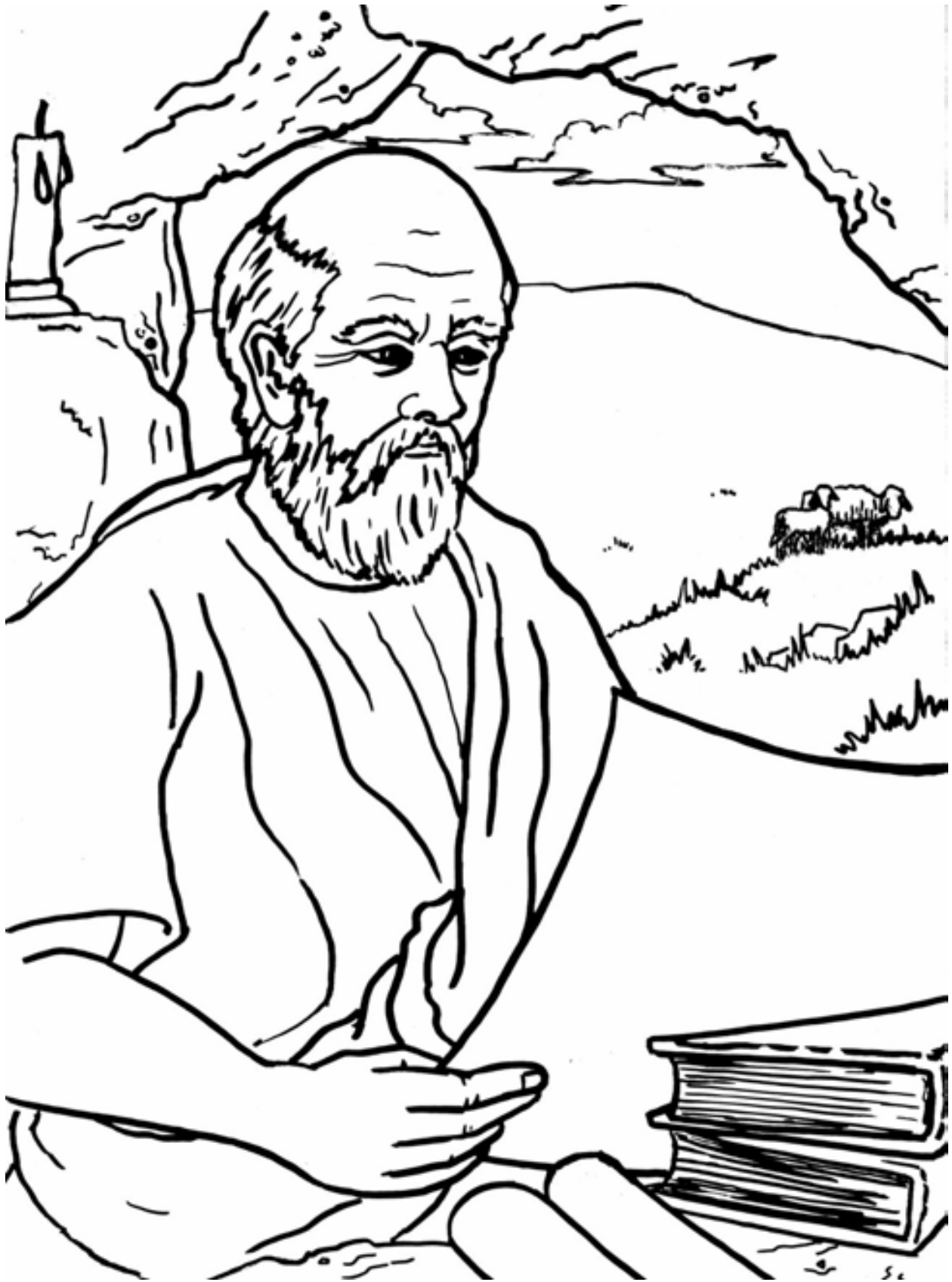
This colouring book highlights some of the most important steps in the history of our English Bible. Our young ones will enjoy listening to you read the stories found in the elementary learning booklet and colouring the appropriate pages. You may also find the extra material in the secondary learning booklet and Peter Hallihan's *The Authorized Version: A wonderful and unfinished history* a source of interesting information.

Most importantly, we hope that your example and counsel will encourage our younger ones to read the Scriptures which are 'able to make [them] wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15).

## **DEAR STUDENTS**

Four hundred years ago, a small group of godly scholars finished translating the Bible into our language. The Lord had helped these translators do an excellent job. Ever since 1611, the Lord has blessed the reading of this trustworthy translation to the hearts and minds of many.

This colouring book tells the story of our Bible in pictures. Your parents or teachers may help you enjoy the story behind each picture. Do your best colouring and make this booklet a keepsake to remind you of our English Bible's four hundredth birthday!



**In AD 405, Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, producing the Vulgate.**



**John Wycliffe was the morning star of the Reformation. In 1388, Wycliffe translated the Latin Vulgate Bible into English, producing the first entire Bible in English.**



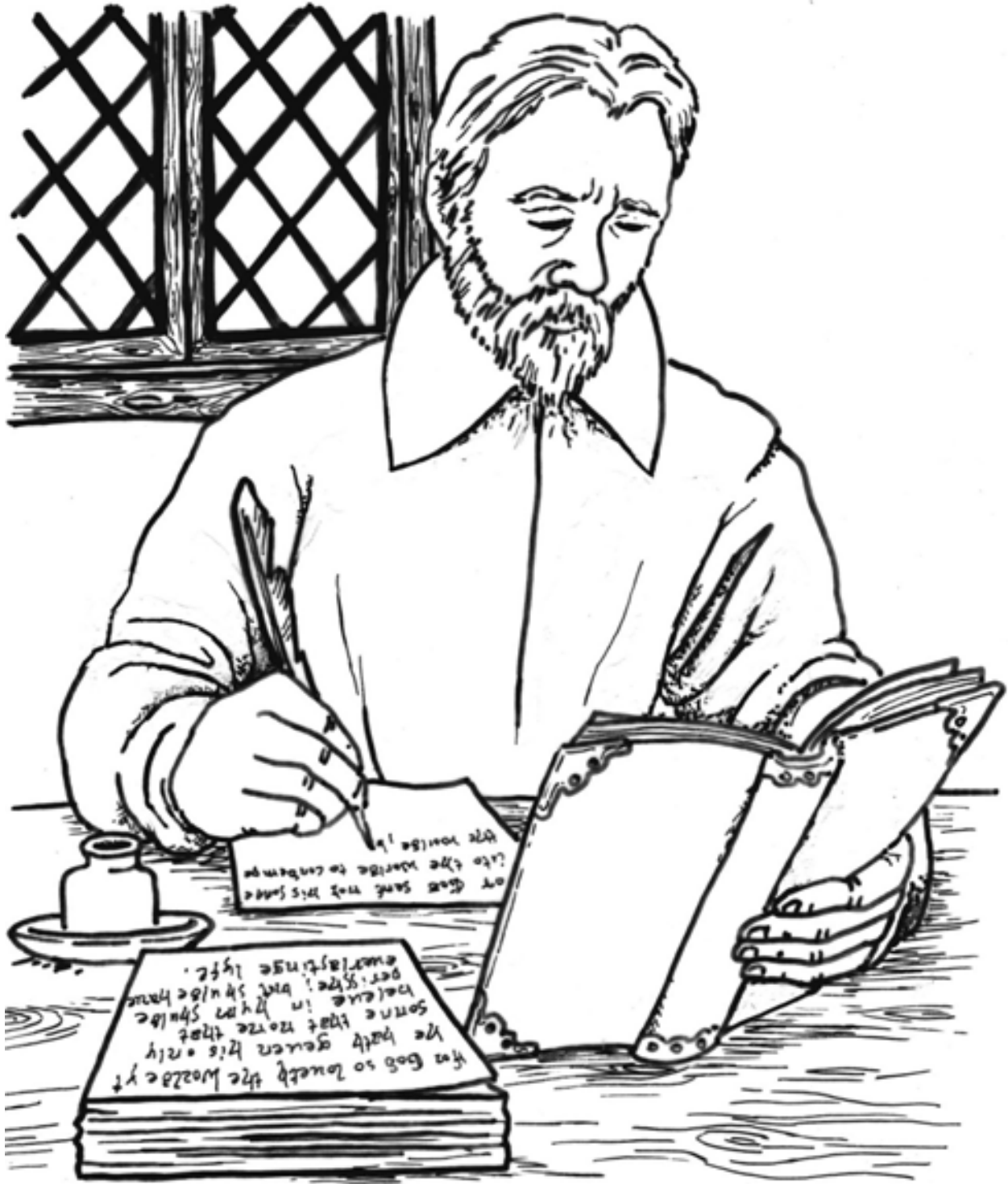
**The Lollards wore red robes as they travelled about, reading Wycliffe's translation to the people.**

**In Reformation times, streets were narrow and filthy.**





**William Tyndale wanted both learned and unlearned people to have the Bible in their own language. He told a priest: *If God spare my life, ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of Scripture than thou dost.***



**Tyndale spent many hours carefully translating the Greek New Testament into English.**



**Authorities burned some of the New Testaments  
Tyndale's friends had smuggled into England.**

**In 1539, the king ordered Bibles to be placed in churches. To keep people from stealing them, the first Bibles were chained to the lecterns.**





**Later, small groups of godly scholars worked together to translate or revise God's Word.**



**During the English Civil War, authorities published a pocket Bible that soldiers could easily carry with them.**