

Manuscript Evidence for Ancient Writings

| Author | Written | Earliest Copy | Time Span | # Mss. |
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| Caesar | 100-44 B.C. | 900 A.D. | 1,000 yrs | 10 |
| Plato | 427-347 B.C. | 900 A.D. | 1,200 yrs | 7 |
| Thucydides | 460-400 B.C. | 900 A.D. | 1,300 yrs | 8 |
| Tacitus | 100 A.D. | 1100 A.D. | 1,000 yrs | 20 |
| Suetonius | 75-160 A.D. | 950 A.D. | 800 yrs | 8 |
| Homer | 900 B.C. | 400 B.C. | 500 yrs | 643 |
| New Testament | 40-100 A.D. | 125 A.D. | 25-50 yrs | 27,000 |

Additional Information:

- There are 6,000 *Koine* Greek Copies of the New Testament
- There are 21,000 additional copies in other languages
- These 27,000 copies have a 99.5% textual purity (< 0.5% variance!)