

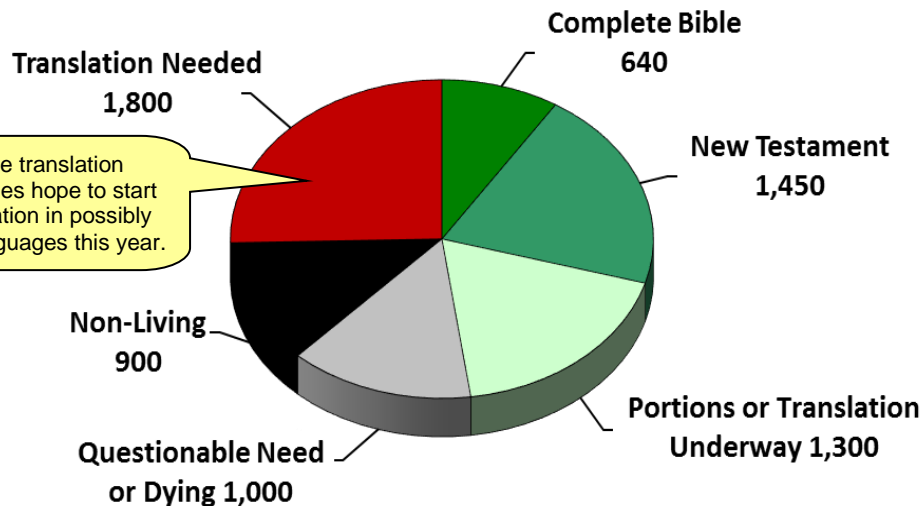
Bible Translation Status

1. Overall Task

Estimated total languages in the world	7,100
Non-Living languages	-900
Questionable translation need or dying languages	-1,000
Estimated total languages needing translation	5,200

2. Current Status

About 640 languages have a complete Bible. Another 1,450 languages have a New Testament and about 1,300 additional languages have some Scripture portions or translation has recently started.



Bible translation ministries hope to start translation in possibly 150 languages this year.

3. Availability

Never before has the Bible been more available to more people. Faith Comes By Hearing now has the New Testament available in audio format in over 1,220 languages online and totally free. See: www.bible.is

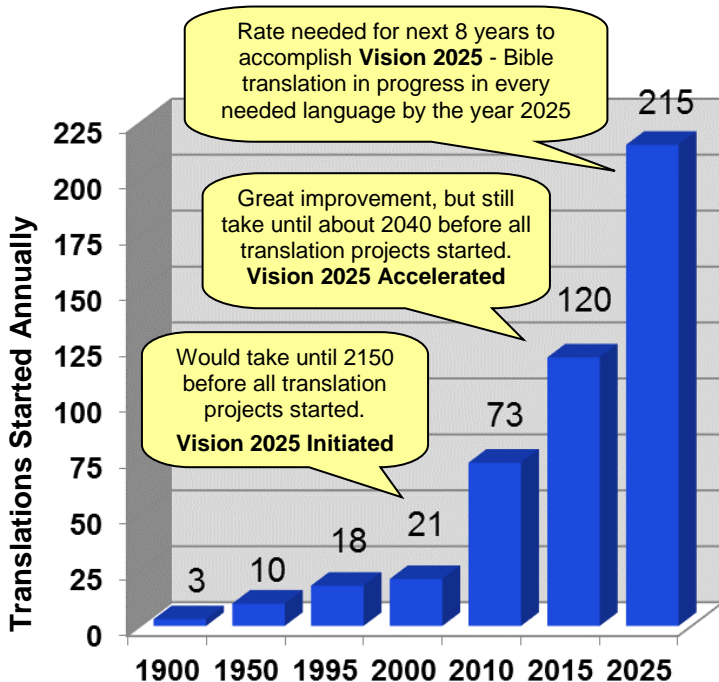
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4. Vision 2025

In the late 1990s Bible translators figured that at the then current rate of starting new translations it would not be until 2150 that work would have started in every language needing Bible translation. Translation ministries set a goal of starting translation in all languages by 2025. Better technology, improved use and training of national translators, and crowd-sourcing have brought the timeframe down to about 2035. Bible translators are still hoping to reach the 2025 goal.

5. Old Testament Importance

A great many languages still need the Old Testament translated. Researchers are realizing that among many unreached people groups the OT is critical to a full understanding of the Gospel and God's plan of redemption. One researcher commented "It is extremely difficult to make disciples without the Old Testament Scriptures explaining the character of God."



Rate needed for next 8 years to accomplish **Vision 2025** - Bible translation in progress in every needed language by the year 2025

Great improvement, but still take until about 2040 before all translation projects started. **Vision 2025 Accelerated**

Would take until 2150 before all translation projects started. **Vision 2025 Initiated**

6. In This Generation?

A full Bible translation takes anywhere from 10 to 20 years or more. At the current rate of starting new translations, the task might be finished around 2055-2060. If Vision 2025 succeeds in starting translation in all languages by 2025, then possibly the task of Bible translation could be completed by around 2040-2045. Of course there will always be need for ongoing revisions.