

Church History Literacy

John Wyclif and the 1300's

Lesson 48

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The 1300's
were a
turbulent time

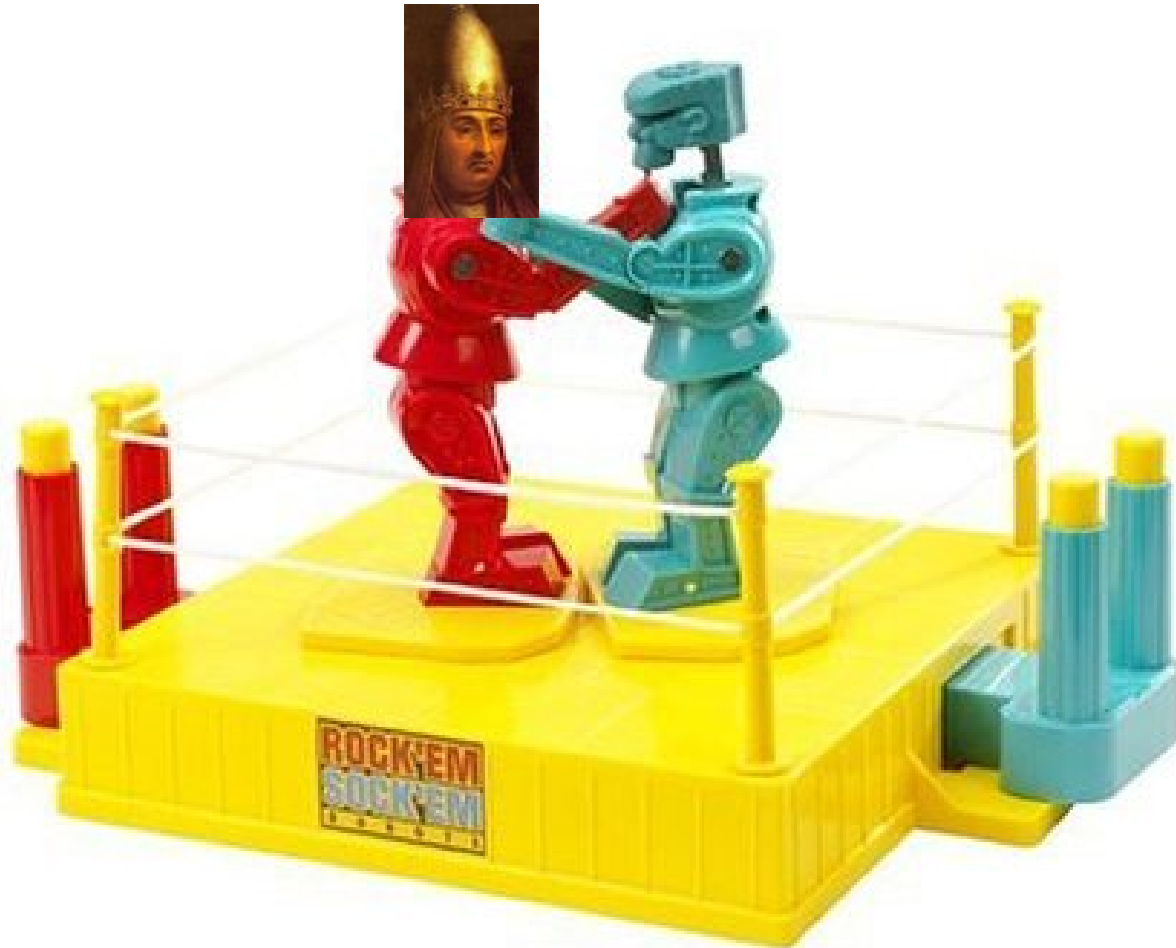


The Church
and State
were in a
power struggle

In this corner ...



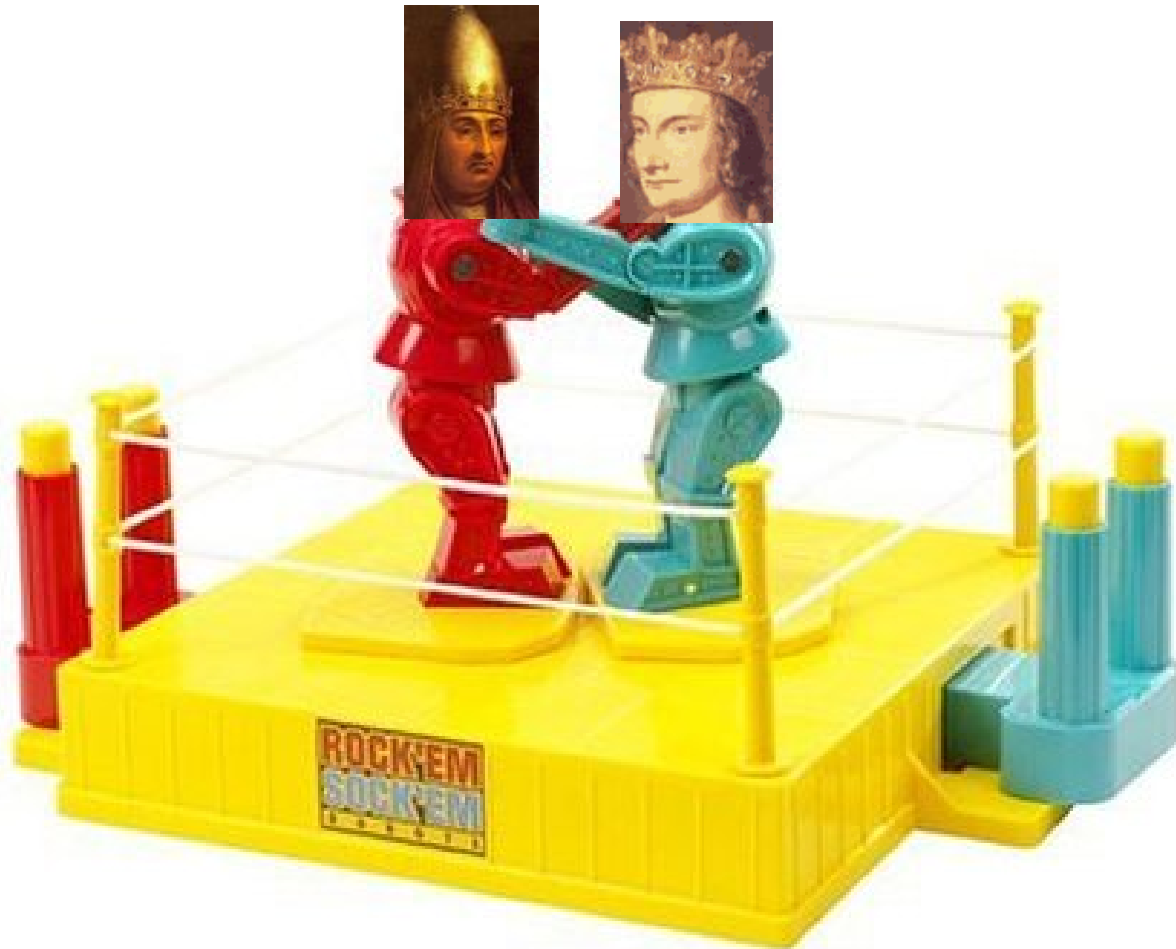
In this corner ...



Pope Boniface VIII
Rome



In this corner ...



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King Philip IV
France





I'm taxing the clergy!



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Clergy can't pay taxes without my ok.

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Most of the time



I'm arresting a bishop!



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The King has NO authority over the church.



The Pope is a crook!



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I'm excommunicating the
King of France



A rogue band captures
Pope Boniface



Pope
Boniface dies
at age 86



Pope
Benedict XI
lasts 8
months



A French Man
is Elected
Pope!

Pope Clement V

From 1309 - 1377 the Papacy moves from Rome to Avignon

Avignon

A topographical map of Europe and the Mediterranean region. Two red dots mark the locations of Avignon and Rome. Avignon is located on the southern coast of France, and Rome is located in central Italy. The map shows the Mediterranean Sea to the south and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. The terrain is color-coded by elevation, with green for lowlands and brown/yellow for higher elevations.

Rome





Corruption in the church



**FÓR
SALE**



Church offices



Church offices

Relics / hats



Church offices

Relics / hats

Penance



Church offices

Relics / hats

Penance

Eucharist



The result: Unfit
clergy and
cynical laity



The Knights
Templar were
destroyed



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The Black Death



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Painful swellings

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Painful swellings

High Fever

The Black Death

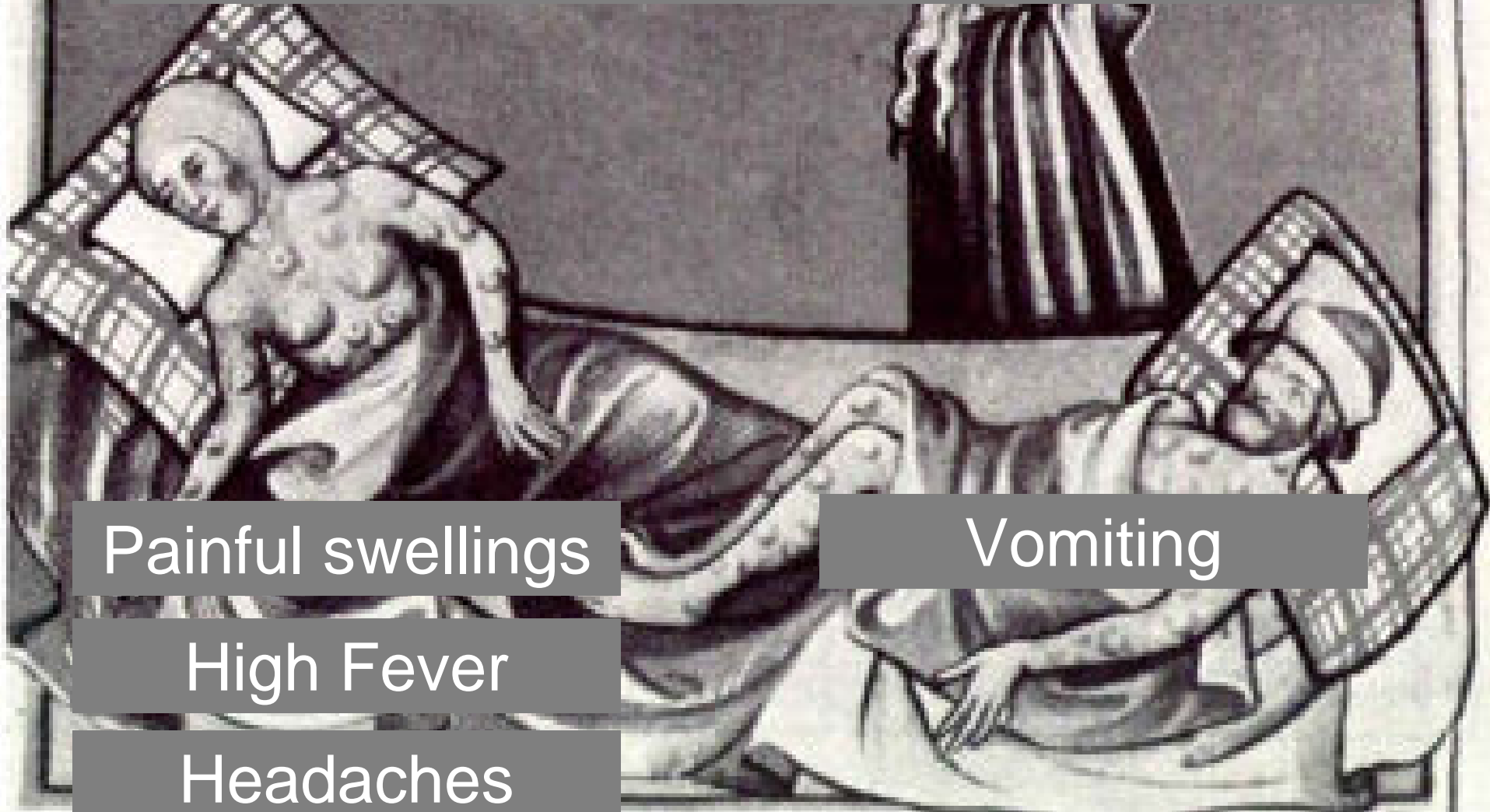


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Dead <7 days

1347

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1350



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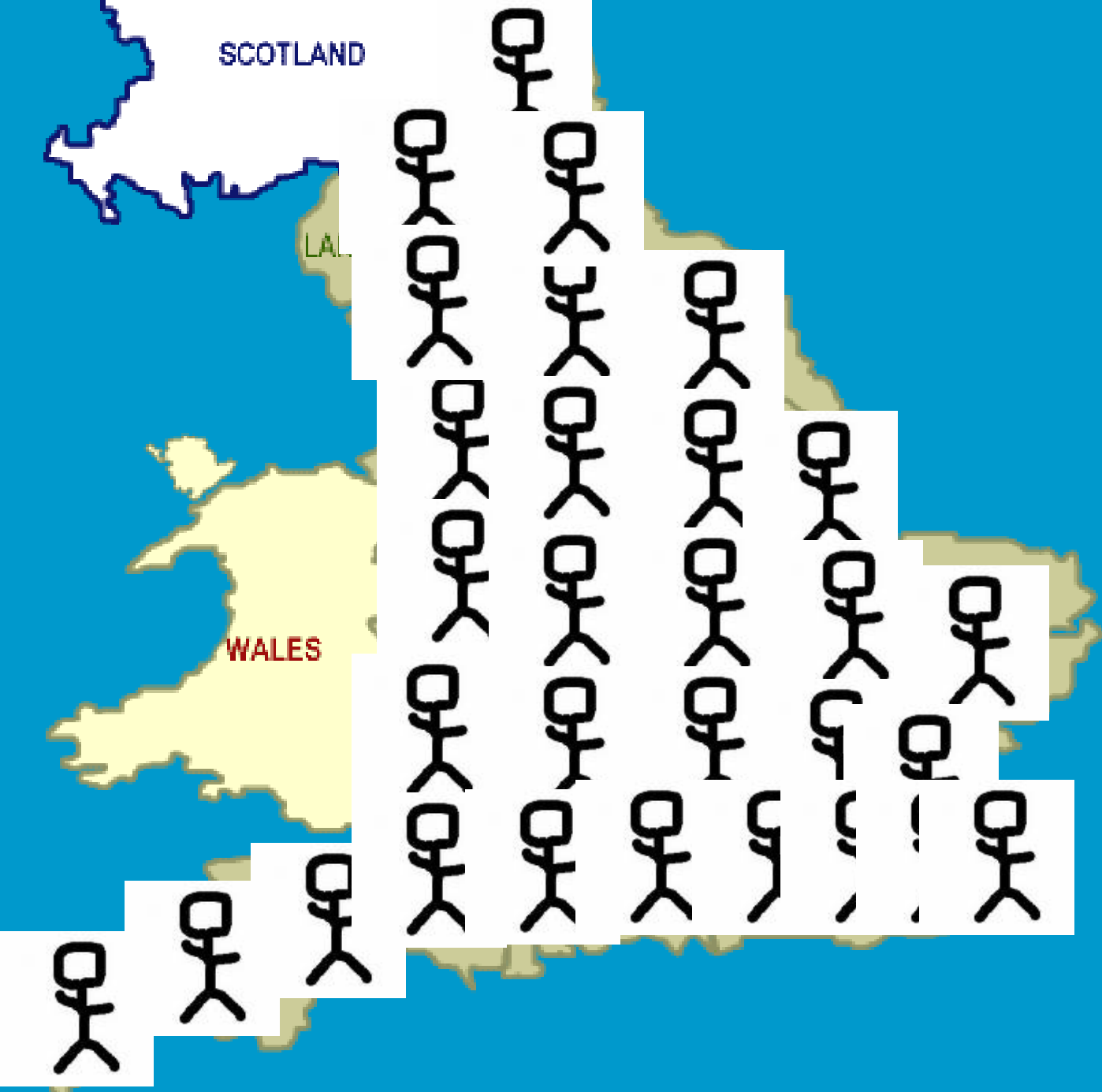
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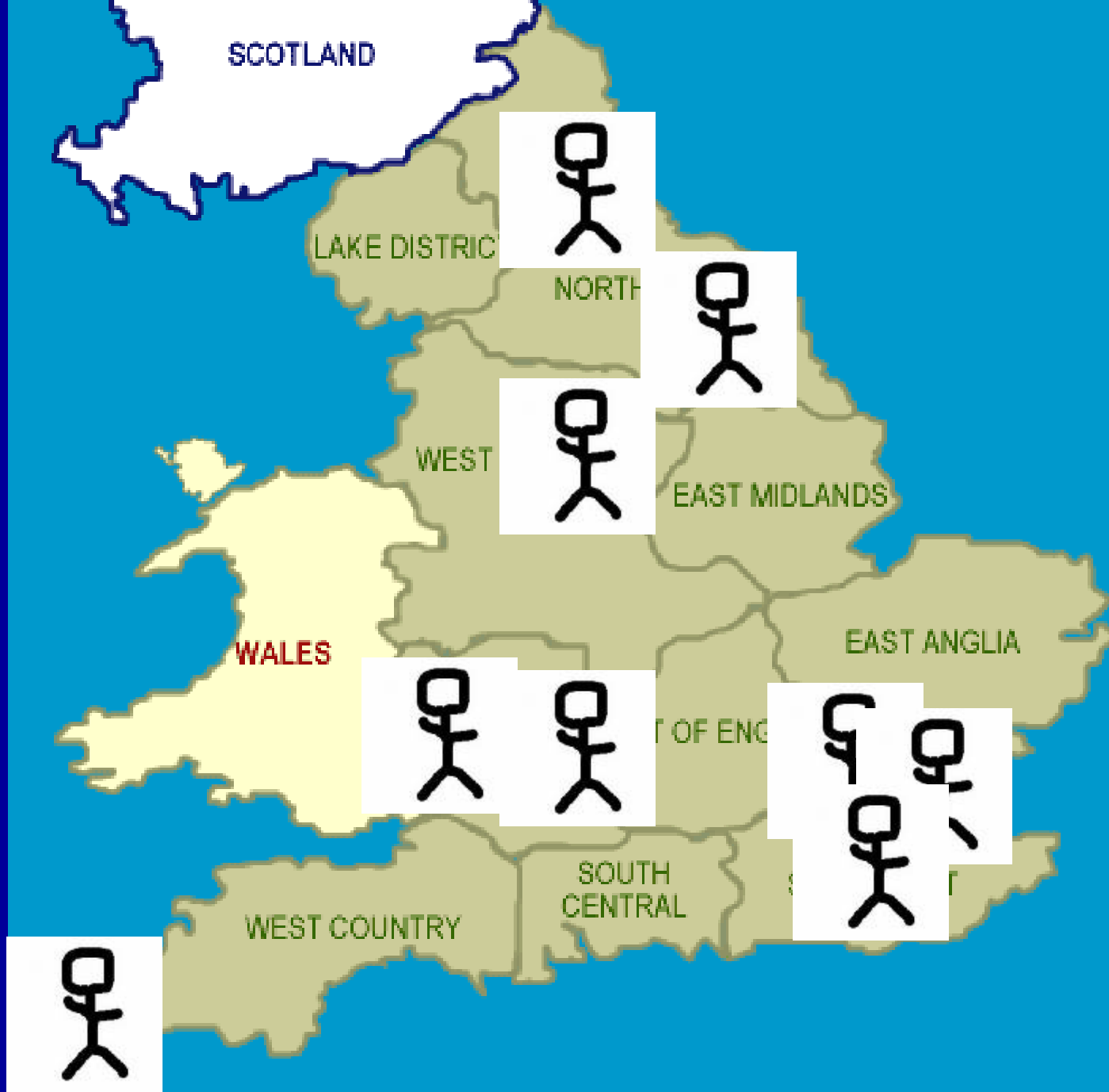


SCOTLAND

L.A.

WALES





SCOTLAND

LAKE DISTRICT

NORTH

WEST

EAST MIDLANDS

WALES

EAST ANGLIA

SOUTH OF ENGLAND

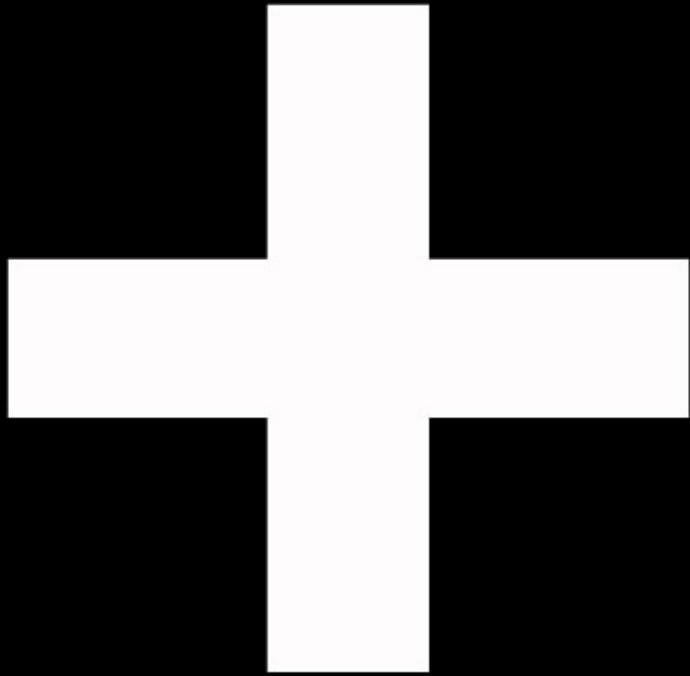
SOUTH CENTRAL

WEST COUNTRY

Negative

Positive

The Crisis brought out the best and worst in the world and the church



Last Rites?



Last Rites?



Nursing Care?



The Wrath of God?





The Jews?



Self-
flagellators



In the midst of
the corruption
came John
Wyclif

Master of Balliol College, Oxford





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anti-papal



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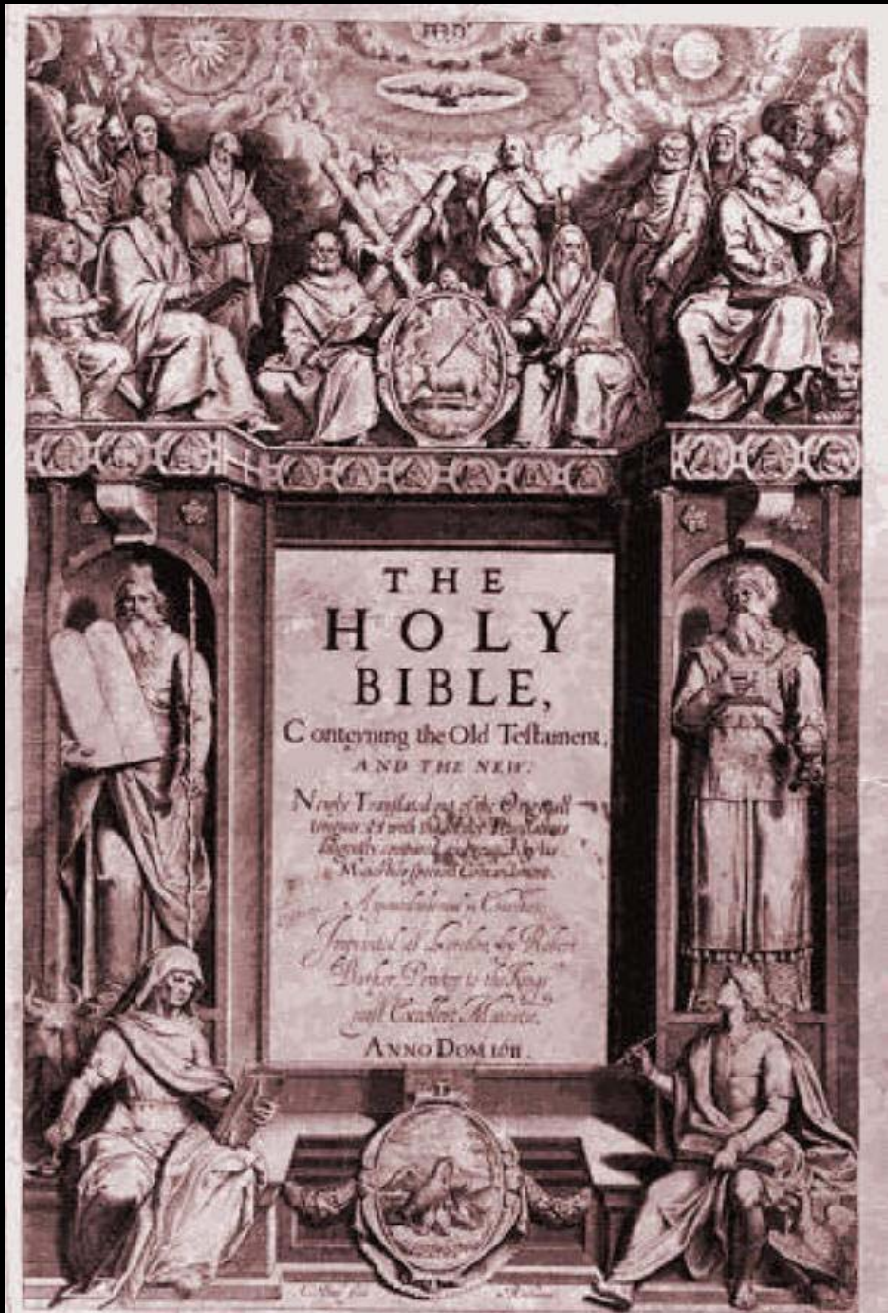
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Pope Gregory XI: “a horrible devil” a “lasting
heretic”

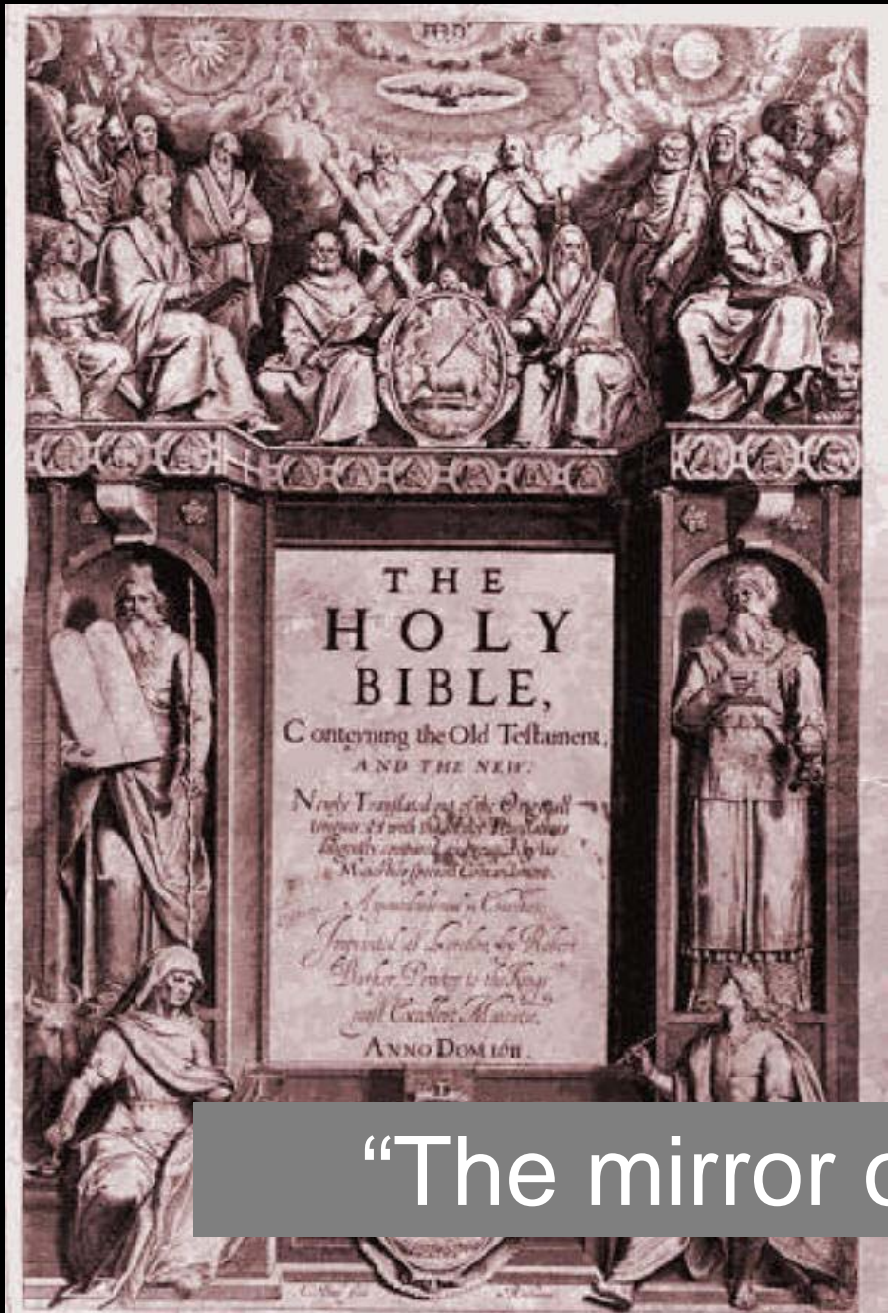


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Obey popes only in so far as they follow
Christ and act in accordance with Scripture

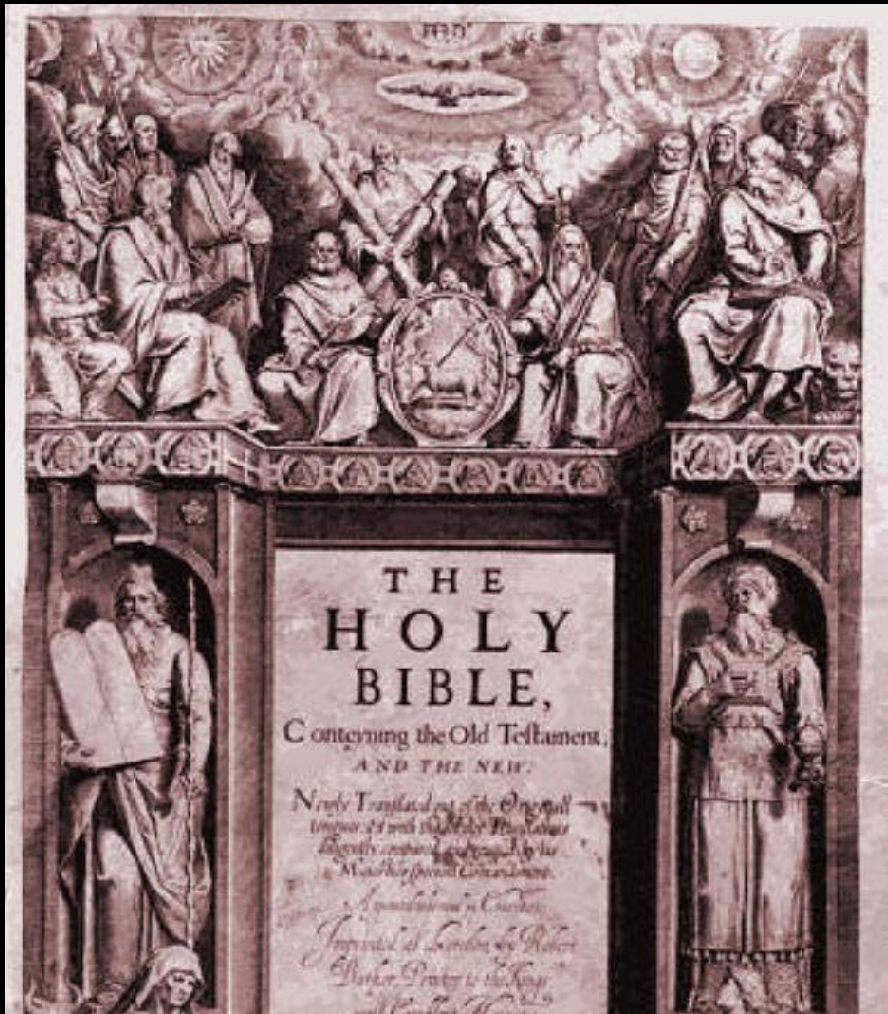


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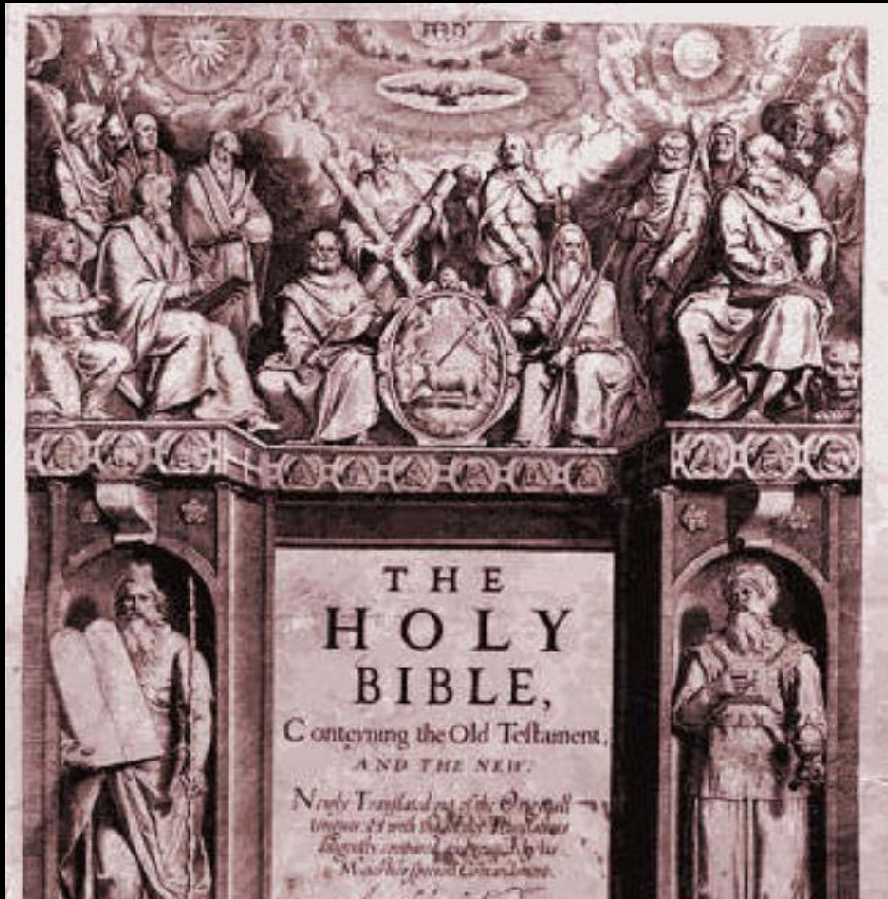
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“The mirror of eternal truth”



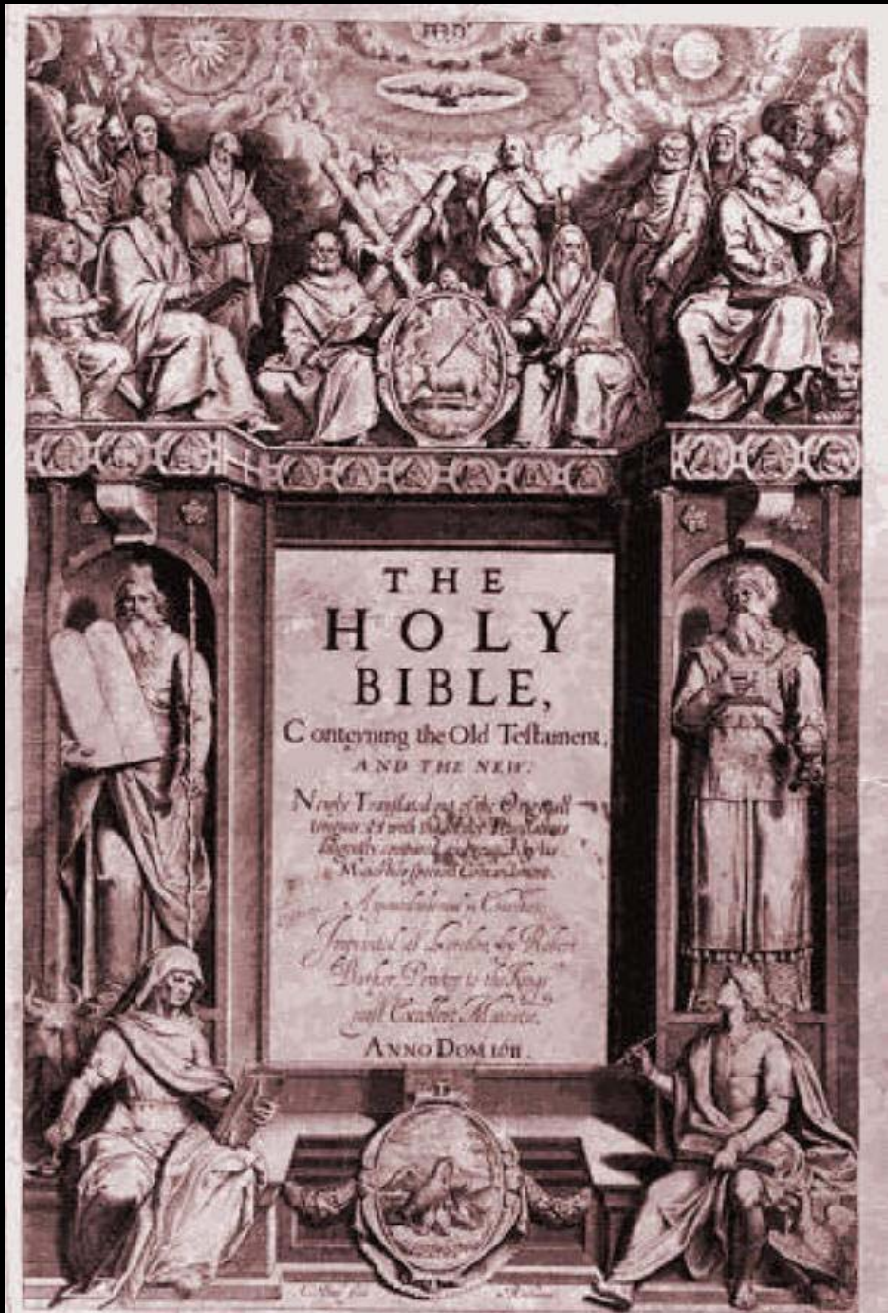
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“God’s Word pure and simple” must be
taught and alone determine the articles of
faith



Wyclif was strongly pro-Bible

“The New Testament is of full authority, and open to the understanding of simple men, as to the points that be most needful to salvation”



Wyclif
believed
everyone had
the right to
examine the
scriptures



Wyclif on Preaching



Wyclif on Preaching

“The end of preaching ... profit to
the souls of the people”



Wyclif on the Eucharist

The influence of Wyclif

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HUGE

Points for Home

- Life has strange turns, But God is in control

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“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

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“The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.” (Psalm 11)

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“In all things God works for the good of those who love him.” (Romans 8:28)

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“How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”
(Romans 10:14)

Points for Home

- Intelligible preaching is important!

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)