

Hobby Lobby Family Owns One of The Oldest Bibles in the World

Christian-owned arts and crafts store chain wants to tell an old, old story—the Bible's. 

Hobby Lobby, owned by the Green family, who are longtime Pentecostals, has been buying rare Bibles to include in a proposed National Bible Museum, which would tell an interactive history of the Bible. The Oklahoma-based company has been collecting Hebrew scrolls, medieval manuscripts, biblical papyri and an assortment of Bibles and rare books, including the extremely rare *Codex Climaci Rescriptus*, a sixth-century Bible that is considered one of the earliest-known near-complete Bibles in the world.

“We feel it is important to give others the opportunity to experience biblical history without traveling around the world, and the museum will bring this history together in one location,” Hobby Lobby President Steve Green said.

The museum also would examine the persecution the Bible has endured, he added. Tentative plans call for a 300,000-square-foot facility to be located in a major metropolitan area, possibly in Dallas.