Hendrick Goltzius Timeline

1558	Hendrick Goltzius born in Mulbracht Germany near the border of the Netherlands
c.1559	Burned in a fire, an accident that permanently damages his right hand
1581	Goltzius family moves to Duisburg
1574-75	Studies engraving and assists Dirck Volkertsz. Coornhert
1576	Goltzius's first dated engraving
1577	Moves to Haarlem with Coornhert
1577-82	Working as engraver and designer of prints for Haarlem and Antwerp publishers
c.1578	Opens his own print publishing business in Haarlem
1579	Marries Margaretha Jansdr., mother of Jacob Matham, who becomes his stepson and student
1580	Engraves Jacques de la Faille and Josina Hamels





1584 Engraves The Venetian Wedding



1585-89 Business flourishes. Many assistants, among them Jacob Matham and Jan Muller

1585-86 Engraves The Massacre of the Innocents but leaves it unfinished



1585-88 Engraves after designs by Bartholomeus Spranger, including *The Wedding* of Cupid and Psyche, inspiring strong Mannerist style in his own work



1587 Engraves The Captain of the Infantry and The Great Standard Bearer



c.1588-89 Experiments with chiaroscuro color woodcut making



1589 Engraves *The Twelve Apostles*. Allows his students to sign their own work.



Jan Muller engraves the *Creation of the World Series*, and Jacob Matham engraves *The Four Seasons*—both based on Goltzius's designs.







Self-portrait, c. 1589, Silverpoint with graphite, with grey and blue-grey wash, on yellow-prepared vellum, British Museum 1895,0915.1020

1590 Engraves The Judgement of Midas.



- Begins incognito journey to Rome. Visits Hamburg, Munich, Venice, Bologna, and Florence.
- Seven-month sojourn in Rome with side visit to Naples. Studies ancient sculpture and Renaissance masters. Returns to Haarlem.



Engraves the *Life of the Virgin* series. His patron, Duke Wilhelm V of Bavaria. awards him a gold chain with a royal portrait medallion



- 1595 Emperor Rudolph II grants him Imperial Privilege (copyright) for six years
- 1597 Engraves the Pietà and Frederik de Vries





1600 Goltzius stops making engravings and starts making paintings

1600 Muller replaces Goltzius as Spranger's engraver





Hendrick Goltzius, Without Bacchus and Ceres, Venus Freezes, 1600-1603, ink and oil on canvas, Philadelphia Museum of Art 1990-100-1



Hendrick Goltzius, Danae, 1603, oil on canvas, Los Angles County Museum of Art M.84.191

1604 Karel van Mander publishes the *Schilder-boeck* (Book of Painting), with glowing biography of Goltzius



Hendrick Goltzius, Self Portrait, 1605, silverpoint on yellow-prepared vellum, British Museum 1854,1113.230



Henrick Goltzius, Susannah and the Elders, 1615, oil on canvas, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston 2000.974

1617 Hendrick Goltzius dies.

1617 Posthumous publication of *The Apollo Belvedere* and *Hercules and Cacus*.

