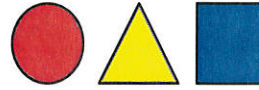


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REVIEW



- Things that are ***different*** are **NOT** the ***same***.
- God promised to **preserve** His **WORDS** – and God **cannot** lie. Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:17-18
- **1 perfect Book** has **more authority** than **many** books that do not say the same thing.



Every Word

VS



Different Words



- The *living* Word and the *written* Word **cannot** be separated!

WEEK 4: ANTIOCH versus EGYPT – the tale of two cities

Consider this – when God establishes patterns in the Bible, pay close attention...



Plowman

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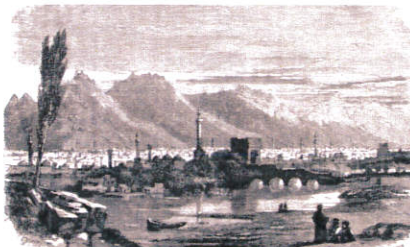


Paul

OR



Peter



Antioch (Queen of the East)

OR



Alexandria (Largest Library)

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1. What the Bible says about **Antioch**, Syria

During the many transitions in the book of Acts, God moved His headquarters from the Jerusalem church to the **new base** of operations in _____ (Syria).

As you read the book of Acts and the entire Bible, there is one thing that you cannot miss – **every** reference to **Antioch** is always positive.

Here are some other key things to note related to **Antioch** (Syria):

- When persecution arose about Stephen, Jews were scattered abroad preaching the word to _____ only. When they got to **Antioch**, some preached the Lord Jesus to the Grecians (**Gentiles**) and a great number of them believed and turned to the Lord. Acts 11:19-21
- The Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to **Antioch** to check it out. Acts 11:22
- When Barnabas saw the grace of God at **Antioch**, he was glad, exhorted them to cleave to the Lord, and God added many believers. Acts 11:23-24
- Barnabas remembered _____'s incredible conversion and testimony (Acts 9:15-16) related to what God had said about the **Gentiles** and so he went to seek Paul and when he found him brought him to **Antioch**. Acts 11:25-26
- With God moving at **Antioch** and Paul and Barnabas teaching the believers there, the disciples were called **Christians** first at **Antioch**. Acts 11:26
- God used the church at **Antioch** to send relief to Jerusalem when needed. Acts 11:27-30
- The church at **Antioch** was the first to send out **missionaries**. Acts 13:1-3
- The church at **Antioch** was home base for the "Apostle to the **Gentiles**" – Paul.
- Paul – of the church at **Antioch** – wrote the **majority** of the New Testament (by Holy Spirit) – including the letters to churches that he had personally helped to plant and strengthen.
- Paul – of the church at **Antioch** – was **personally** connected to Luke, Peter, John, Mark, Matthew, James (the Lord's brother), Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Jude.
- The church at **Antioch** held fast to Paul's writings – and to _____ copies of NT letters.
- The church at **Antioch** would become known as home base for God's **pure words**.

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2. What the Bible says about **Alexandria, EGYPT**

As you read the book of Acts, there is one thing that you cannot miss – **every** reference to **Alexandria, Egypt** is always a negative context.

In addition, it is very important to review what God says in the Bible about **EGYPT**.

- It is a picture of the _____. (Isa 31:1-3; Heb 11:26-27)
- Coming “out of Egypt” is a picture of _____. (Jude 1:5; Col 1:13; Gal 4:3)
- God called His people “_____ of Egypt.” (Hos 11:1) (74 times in KJV; 81 times “out of the land of Egypt”)
 - In Exodus, there are ___ references to God bringing His people “_____ of Egypt.”
 - In Leviticus, ___ times God says, “...*I am the Lord that brought you _____ of the land of Egypt.*” (Lev 11:45; 19:36; 22:33; 23:43; 25:38, 42, 55; 26:13, 45)
- Jacob said in Gen 47:29, “_____ me not, I pray thee in _____”!!!
- Joseph said in Gen 50:23-25, “Carry up my _____ from hence”!!!
- When the Bible talks about someone going INTO Egypt, it is always a _____ move.
 - “And Abram went _____ into Egypt.” Gen 12:10
 - “And the Lord appeared unto him (Isaac) and said, Go not _____ into Egypt.” Gen 26:2
 - “And Joseph was brought _____ to Egypt.” Gen 39:1
 - Other references: Gen 37:25; 42:2,3; 43:15; 45:9,13; 46:3,4; Num 20:15; Deut 10:22; 26:5; Josh 24:4; Isa 30:2, 31:1; 52:4; Acts 7:15,34
- God calls Egypt the “house of _____.” (Ex 20:2)
- Moses calls it the “_____ furnace.” (Deut 4:20)
- In Deut 17:16, God says, Don’t do _____ with them!
- Isaiah 30:1-3 warns, “**Woe** to the rebellious children”...that go down into Egypt for counsel and put their _____ in Egypt...the **trust in Egypt** shall be their confusion!
- Isaiah 31:1 warns, “**Woe** to them that go down to Egypt for _____.”

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THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTION

If there were only 2 English Bibles on the planet and you had to choose **WHICH BIBLE** *solely* on what you have learned from the **BIBLE** today, which Bible would you choose?

Check one: Antioch Bible
 Egypt Bible

3. At the end of the day, there are only ____ lines of English Bibles in the world today.

ANTIOCH line – The Authorized Version (King James Version)

- The majority of all manuscript copies in existence today originated from the copies of Bibles that came from Antioch, Syria.
- When copies of the Antioch Bibles were made, the original copies were discarded.
- There were a lot of copies made.

EGYPT line – all other new English translations

- By far, the minority of all manuscript copies in existence today originated from the copies of Bibles that came from Alexandria, Egypt.
- A couple of old copies of Egypt Bibles were found that had not been used very much – one was found in a trash can and one resides in the Vatican Library.
- Scholars like to call these the “best” because they are the “oldest” even though the majority of existing manuscript copies are from Antioch Bibles.

BIBLE STUDY KEYS FOR TODAY

- If all we had was a Bible, we would come to the conclusion that **Antioch** is _____.
- If all we had was a Bible, we would come to the conclusion that **Egypt** is _____.

2 Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the **simplicity** that is in Christ.

KEY We can either make the Bible issue really hard and complex (as the scholars like to do) or we can make it really simple – the way common people like it.

Mark 12:37 ... And the **common people** heard him gladly.

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TIME TO THINK

Things that are *different* are **NOT** the *same*.

Luke 4:8

What happened to Satan?

<u>KJV</u>	And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan : for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
<u>NIV</u>	Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'**"
<u>NASB</u>	Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
<u>RSV</u>	And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"
<u>NKJV</u>	And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Footnotes: * NU-Text omits <i>Get behind Me, Satan</i> . * NU-Text and M-Text omit <i>For</i> . * Deuteronomy 6:13

- All of these other versions mention it is the devil tempting Jesus and yet they refuse to record his name.
- The enemy moves just as subtly today as he did back in Genesis 3!!!

BEWARE!!

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BEWARE: BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU READ AND WHO YOU TRUST!!!

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Is my Bible really free from errors?

[Genesis 31:46](#); [Ezra 4:8-6:18](#); [7:12-26](#); [Jeremiah 10:11](#); [Daniel 2:4-7:28](#)

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Properly understood, the doctrine of inerrancy--the teaching that the Bible contains no errors--applies only to the original copies of the biblical documents. The original writings came directly from God through human authors.

The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic (cf. [Genesis 31:46](#); [Ezra 4:8-6:18](#); [7:12-26](#); [Jeremiah 10:11](#); [Daniel 2:4-7:28](#)), and the New Testament was penned in Greek. After the Old and New Testament books were written, scribes produced and distributed copies of the original manuscripts. They took painstaking care to craft those copies by hand, long before the days of the printing press.

In God's providence, we no longer have the original documents. They disappeared over time. What we have available now are copies of those original documents--copies produced over a number of centuries. By comparing and analyzing those copies through a process called textual criticism, we are able to determine what the original manuscripts said and where variations crept into the copies. That process has confirmed that God has accurately preserved His Word for us.

The "Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy" correctly notes:

Since God has nowhere promised an inerrant transmission of Scripture, it is necessary to affirm that only the autographic text of the original documents was inspired and to maintain the need of textual criticism as a means of detecting any slips that may have crept into the text in the course of its transmission. The verdict of this science, however, is that the Hebrew and Greek text appears to be amazingly well preserved, so that we are amply justified in affirming...a singular providence of God in this matter and in declaring that the authority of Scripture is in no way jeopardized by the fact that the copies we possess are not entirely error-free...Similarly, no translation is or can be perfect, and all translations are an additional step away from the autograph. Yet the verdict of linguistic science is that English-speaking Christians, at least, are exceedingly well served in these days with a host of excellent translations and have no cause for hesitating to conclude that the true Word of God is within their reach.

While you can't handle the original documents today, you can have confidence that most English Bibles faithfully represent what was contained in those documents. God has providentially preserved His Word for subsequent generations despite the best efforts of many of His enemies to eliminate it.