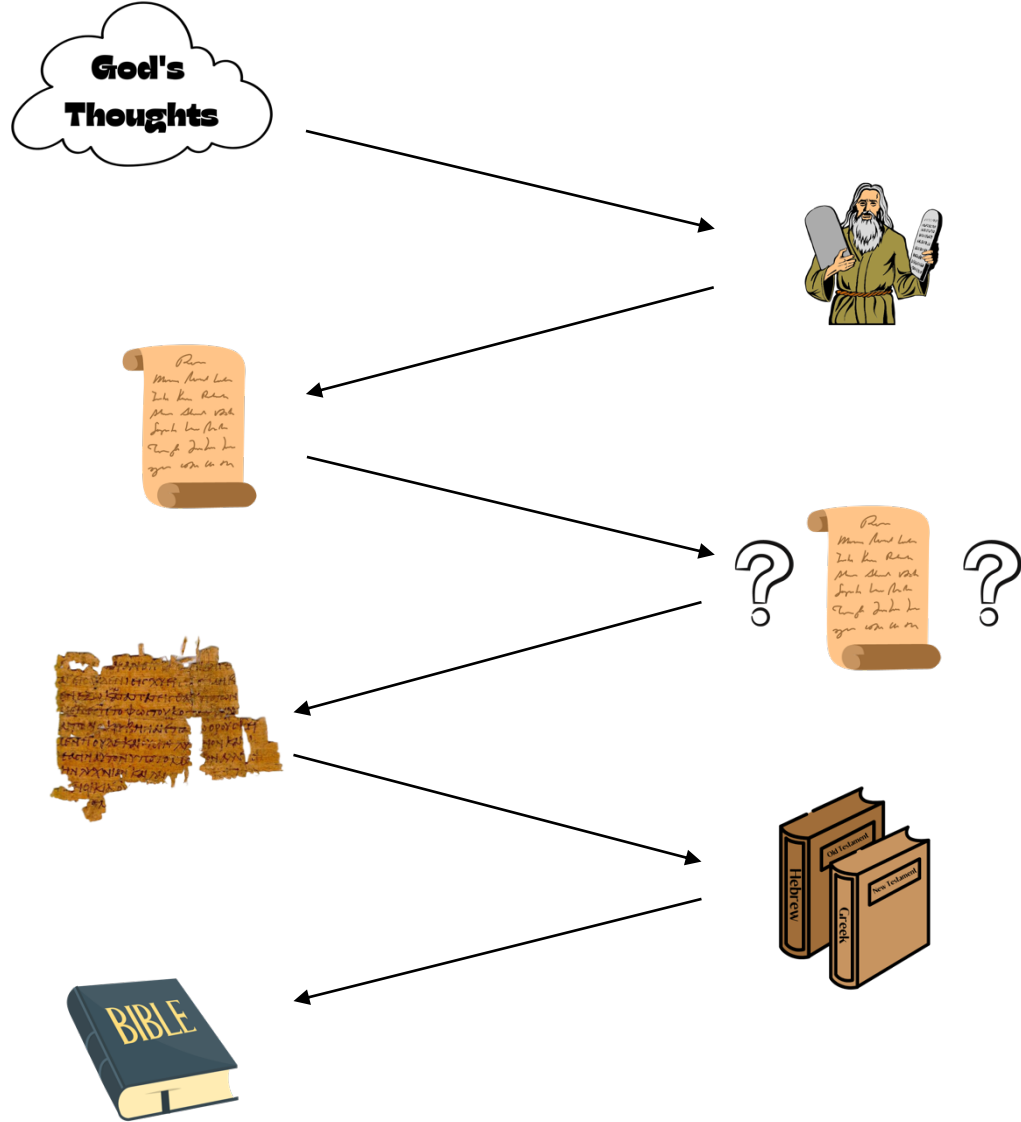


Making Sense of the Bible – Part 5

An overview of Bibliology

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The Big Picture



Step 5: Textual Criticism

1. Definition

- Textual Criticism is the _____ of comparing and evaluating _____ so as to determine the most _____ reading of the _____ autographs

2. Why do we need Textual Criticism? Because of Variants

A. The Old Testament

- The need is _____
- Unity of _____
- Harmony between _____ and _____

B. The New Testament

- The need is _____
- The number of _____
- The number of _____ (mostly in the gospels)

3. Why do Variants Exist?

A. Unintentional Errors (errors of the eye and ears)

- _____
- Wrong _____
- Accidental _____
- Accidental _____
- _____ (errors of the ear)

B. Intentional Errors

- _____
- Attempts to _____
- Historical or Geographical _____
- Combining of _____

4. Deciding Between Variants (external and internal)

A. Consider the Source (external)

- Consider the _____ (chronological)
- Consider the _____ (genealogical or family)
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____

B. Consider the Options (internal)

- Simple or _____?
- Shorter or _____?