

**Do You Have The  
Word of God?**

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preach unto you. 1Pet.1:25

1. The Word of God is Inspired
2. The Word of God is Preserved
3. The Gospel determines where to find God's Word.

# The Word of God is Inspired

But the word of the Lord.....

1Pet.1:25a

# INSPIRATION

God breathed forth His words through the human authors of the bible by the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that they composed and recorded without error His message to mankind in the words of the original writings.

# God's Word is Inspired

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16-17

# The Word of the Lord

- Jn 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you , *they* are spirit and *they* are life.
- Jn 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words.....
- 1Cor2:13 Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;.....

# The How of Inspiration

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation

For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2Pet. 1:20-21

# The Result of Inspiration

The Holy Scriptures in their original autographs are completely trustworthy and free from all error in all parts, because God cannot make a mistake.

# Providential Preservation

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“ If the scriptures have not been preserved then the doctrine of Inspiration is a purely academic matter with no relevance for us today. If we do not have the inspired words or do not know precisely which they be, then the doctrine of Inspiration is inapplicable.” Pickering

# Preservation of God's Word

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. Ps. 12:6-7

# Preservation of God's Word

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Ps. 119:89

# Preservation of God's Word

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Mt. 5:17-18

# Preservation of God's Word

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Mt.24:35

# Preservation of God's Word

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Mt. 4:4

“There exists no reason for supposing that the Divine Agent, who in the first instance thus gave to mankind the Scriptures of the Truth, straightway abdicated His office; took no further care of His work; abandoned those precious writings to their fate...but...that all down the ages the sacred writings must needs have been God’s peculiar care; that the church under Him has watched over them with intelligence and skill; has recognized which copies exhibit a fabricated, which an honestly transcribed text; has generally sanctioned the one, and generally disallowed the other.” Burgon

# “The Declaration of the Gospel”

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“The text found in the majority of the biblical manuscripts is the providentially preserved text. This to must be true because if God has preserved the Scriptures down through the ages for the salvation of man and the edification and comfort of His church, then He must have preserved them not secretly in holes and caves, but in a public way in the usage of His church.” Hills

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly..... Acts 6:7

But the word of God grew and multiplied. Acts 12:24

So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. Acts 19:20

# THE STREAM OF TRANSMISSION

## Extant Greek Manuscripts

5,255 known manuscripts containing all or part the Greek N.T.

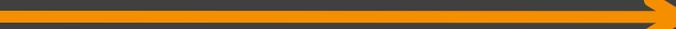
1. Papyri - 88
2. Uncials- 267
3. Cusives-2764
4. Lectionaries-2143

<u>TR</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>#WH/TR</u>	<u>%WH/</u>
Papyri 85%	88	13/75	15%/
Uncials 97%	267	9/258	3%/
Cursives 99%	2764	23/2741	1%/
Lectionaries <u>100%</u>	<u>2143</u>	<u>0/2143</u>	<u>0%/</u>
<u>Totals:</u>	5255	45/5210	1%/

# Traditional, Majority Text

Byzantine  
5210 Greek Mss.  
99%

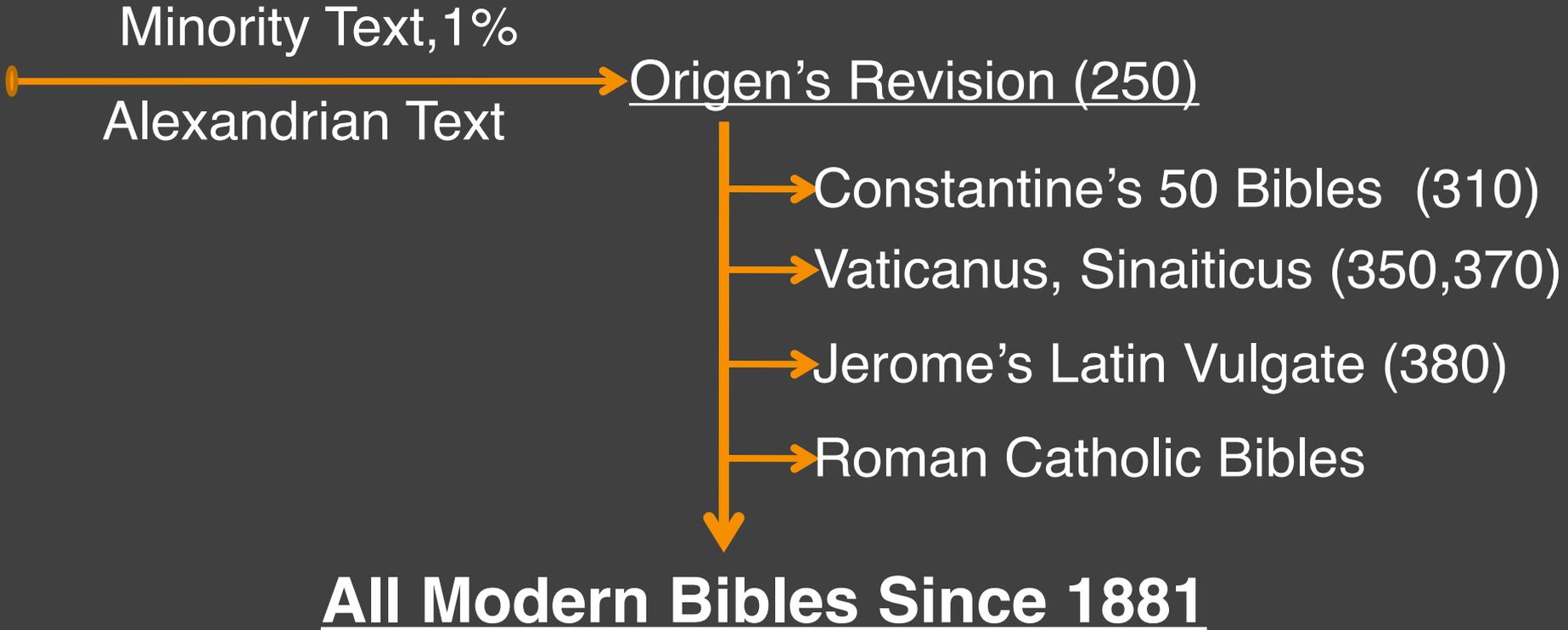
- Erasmus Gk N.T. (1516)  
*Textus Receptus*
- Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text O.T. (1524-1525)
- Tyndale's Bible (1525)
- Coverdale's Bible (1535)
- Mathew's Bible (1537)
- Taverner's Bible (1539)
- Great Bible (1539)
- Geneva Bible (1557)
- Bishop's Bible (1568)



# King James Bible (1611)

Autographs---Majority Text---*Textus Receptus*---KJV

Traditional, Majority, Byzantine Text, 99% → KJV 1611



# Vaticanus, B

- Written around 350-370 A.D.
- Vatican Library since 1481, known 1858
- Zealously guarded by Vatican
- Most of O.T. and N.T. except Pauline Pastoral Epistles, Hebrews 9:14-- , and Revelation.
- The Epistle to Barnabas, Apocrypha
- Scholars refer to it as “the best text”, “most trustworthy”, “a remarkably pure text”
- Alexandria, Egypt *Kenyon*

# Sinaiticus, Aleph

- Written about 350-370 A.D.
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- Tischendorf, Monastery St. Cathrine, 1844, Septuagint O.T., 1859 N.T.
- Apocryphal writings, Epistle of Barnabas, Shepherd of Hermes
- Scribe's annotation after Esther, prepared from very old ms. by Pamphilus, his copy from Origen
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- Alexandria, Egypt

# Evaluation of Vaticanus

- In comparison to Textus Receptus: In the four Gospels; *B* is found to omit at least 2,877 words, to add 536, to substitute 935, to transpose 2,098 and to modify 1,132—for a total of 7,578 words that have in some way been altered. Moorman, Forever Settled p.113
- Dr. Martin declares ,”*B* exhibits numerous places where the scribe has written the same word or phrase twice in succession.” Gipp 72 p.
- Dr. J Smythe states “From one end to the other, the whole manuscript has been traveled over by the pen of some...scribe of about the tenth century. Ibid

# Evaluation of Sinaiticus

- ***Sinaiticus*** in the four Gospels alone omitted 3,455 words, added 839, substituted 1,114, transposed 2,299, modified 1265— for a total of 8,972 words.
- Burgon says, “ Codex Sinaiticus abounds with errors of the eye and pen to an extent not indeed unparalleled, but happily rather unusual in documents of first-rate importance.’ On many occasions 10, 20, 30, 40 words are dropped through very carelessness. Letters and words, even whole sentences, are frequently written twice over, or begun and immediately cancelled; while that gross blunder, whereby a clause is omitted because it happens to end in the same words as the clause preceding, occurs no less than 115 times in the New Testament.’ Fuller T/F p.77

# Vaticanus & Sinaiticus

*“There are over 3,000 real differences between Aleph and B in the Gospels alone.”*

Hoskier

*“It is in fact easier to find two consecutive verses in which these two MSS differ, than two consecutive verses in which they entirely agree”*

Burgon

# Vaticanus & Sinaiticus

•“We cannot admit for a moment that the Received Text which, by the admission of its enemies themselves, has led the true people of God for centuries, can be whipped into fragments and set aside for a manuscript found in an out-of-the-way monastery, and for another of the same family which has lain, for man knows not how long, upon a shelf in the library of the Pope’s palace.” Moorman, Forever Settled p.277

# Modern Greek New Testament

Westcott & Hort 1871



Eberhard Nestle 1898



Erwin Nestle 1927



Nestle Aland Gk. Text 1952



UBS 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Ed. 1975, 1993

## Last Twelve Verses Gospel of Mark

Footnote p.1612, 16:9-20 Ryrie NASB 1995

These verses do not appear in two of the most trustworthy mss. of the NT, though they are part of many other mss. and versions. If they are not part of the genuine text of Mark, the abrupt ending at verse 8 is probably because the original closing verses were lost. The doubtful genuineness of verses 9-20 make it unwise to build a doctrine or base an experience on them (esp.vv.16-18)

## Last Twelve Verses Gospel of Mark

NIV Study Bible Zond. 1985 p.1530 16:9-20  
Serious doubt exists as to whether these verses belong to the Gospel of Mark. They are absent from important early manuscripts and display certain peculiarities of vocabulary, style and theological content that are unlike the rest of Mark. His Gospel probably ended at 16:8, or its original ending has been lost.

Between vs 8 & 9, (the earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20.

## Last Twelve Verses Gospel of Mark

Thomas Nelson NKJV p.902 16:20--  
Verses 9-20 are bracketed in the NU-Text as not original. They are lacking in Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, although nearly all other manuscripts of Mark contain them.

## Last Twelve Verses Gospel of Mark

Ancient evidence favorable to Mark 16:9-20: They are found in all Greek manuscripts except *Aleph* and *B* and in all the Latin manuscripts except *k*. All the Syriac versions contain these verses, with the exception of the Sinaitic Syriac, and so also does the Bohairic version. And, even more important, they were quoted as Scripture by early Church Fathers who lived one hundred and fifty years before *B* and *Aleph* were written, namely, Justin Martyr(c.150), Tatian(175), Irenaeus(180), and Hyppolytus(200). Hills, pp. 161,162.

I am utterly disinclined to believe , So grossly improbable does it seem – that at the end of 1800 years 995 copies out of every thousand, suppose, will prove untrustworthy; and that the one, two, three, four or five which remain, whose contents were till yesterday as good as unknown, will be found to have retained the secret of what the Holy Spirit originally inspired”  
Burgon

American Standard Version  
 The Alternate Translation Bible  
 The Amplified Bible  
 Analytical-Literal Translation  
 The Authentic New Testament  
 The Better Life Bible  
 The Basic Bible  
 The Bible in Living English  
 Bible in World Wide English  
 The Centenary Translation of the New Testament  
 Christian Community Bible  
 The Common Bible  
 The Common Edition: New Testament  
 The Complete Bible: An American Translation  
 Concordant Version  
 Confraternity Version  
 Contemporary English Version  
 Darby's Bible  
 Easy-to-Read Version  
 The Emphasized Bible  
 English Standard Version  
 Extreme New Testament  
 God's Living Word  
 God's New Covenant  
 God's Word to the Nations  
 Good as New: A Radical Retelling of the Scriptures  
 Good News for Modern Man  
 Good News Bible / Today's English Version

Holman Christian Standard Bible  
 The Holy Bible: A Translation from the Latin Vulgate  
 The Holy Bible: An Improved Edition  
 The Holy Bible in Modern English  
 The Holy Bible in the Language of Today  
 The Holy Bible, the Berkeley Version in Modern English  
 The Holy Bible: The Net Bible  
 International Children's Bible  
 International Standard Version  
 The Jerusalem Bible  
 Living Bible  
 The Message  
 Modern American English Vernacular  
 Modern Language Bible  
 Bible: James Moffat Translation  
 New American Bible  
 New American Standard Bible  
 New Century Version  
 The New Covenant  
 New English Bible  
 New Evangelical Translation  
 New International Reader's Version  
 New International Version  
 New International Version Inclusive Language Edition  
 New Jerusalem Bible  
 New Living Translation  
 New Revised Standard Bible

New Testament in Modern English  
 The New Testament: A Modern American Bible  
 The New Testament: A New Translation  
 The New Testament: An Expanded Translation  
 The New Testament: An Understandable Version  
 The New Testament in Modern Speech  
 The New Testament of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
 A New Translation of the Bible  
 New World Translation  
 The Original Bible Project  
 Orthodox Study Bible  
 Postmodern Bible  
 Recovery Version  
 The Revised English Bible  
 Revised Standard Version  
 Revised Version  
 The Riverside New Testament  
 The Schocken Bible  
 The Simple English Bible  
 Spoken English New Testament  
 The Twentieth Century New Testament  
 Today's English New Testament  
 Today's New International Version  
 World English Bible  
 The New Testament in the Language of the People  
 Young's Literal Translation of the Bible  
 Revised Young's Literal Translation  
 The Westminster Version of the Sacred Scriptures

The King James Version



Antioch

99%

Alexandria

1%

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