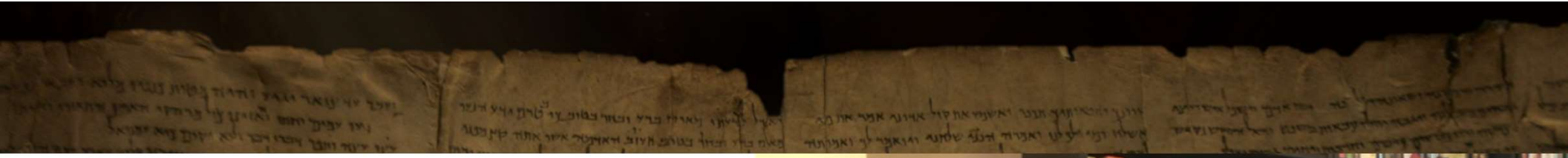
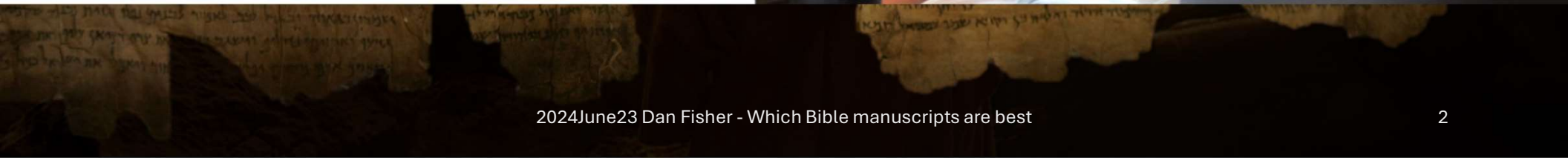


Which Bible manuscripts are the best?



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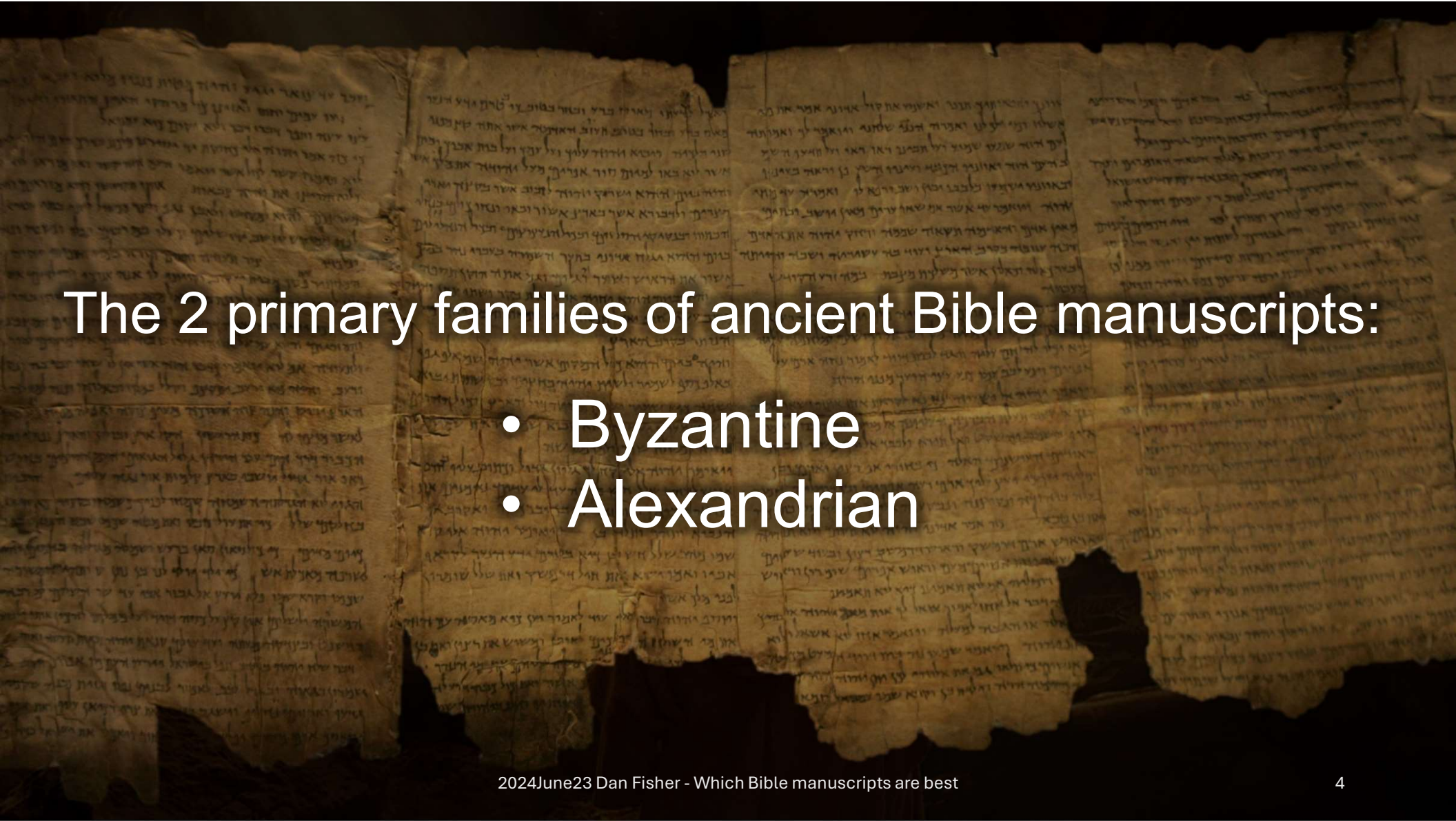
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“Which Manuscript Family is Your English Bible Based Upon?”

<https://pastorbrett.wordpress.com/2013/11/17/why-i-prefer-byzantine-over-alexandrian/>



The 2 primary families of ancient Bible manuscripts:

- Byzantine
- Alexandrian

2 Major Manuscript Families

Byzantine Family

**Over 5,000
manuscripts
(About 95%)**

**Earliest Date:
5th Century**

**Geneva Bible, KJV,
NKJV**

**Closer in Location to
WHERE the NT was
written**

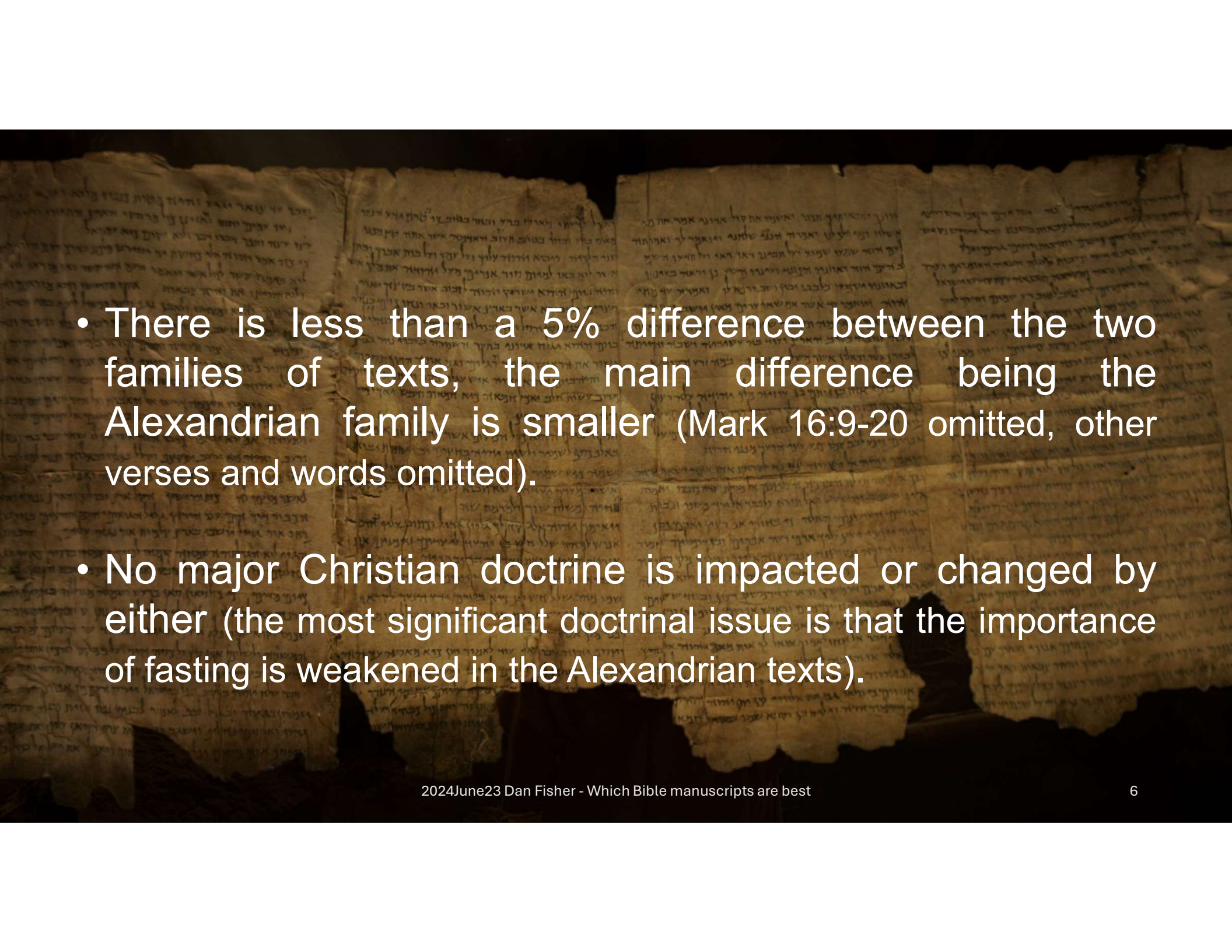
Alexandrian Family

**Less than 200
manuscripts
(About 3-4%)**

**Earliest Date:
2nd Century**

**ESV, NIV, NASB, NLT,
HCSB**

**Closer in Date to
WHEN the NT was
written**

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- There is less than a 5% difference between the two families of texts, the main difference being the Alexandrian family is smaller (Mark 16:9-20 omitted, other verses and words omitted).
 - No major Christian doctrine is impacted or changed by either (the most significant doctrinal issue is that the importance of fasting is weakened in the Alexandrian texts).

What about the Dead Sea scrolls?

- The Dead Sea scrolls are ancient manuscripts discovered between 1947 and 1956 in eleven caves near Khirbet Qumran, on the northwestern shores of the Dead Sea
- Archaeologists have long associated the scrolls with the ancient Jewish sect known as the Essenes dating from the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD
- The Dead Sea Scrolls are not used to translate Scripture – but they can be used to verify it

Dr. Mark Ward, Ph.D.

The Seven Worst Bible Translations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJahf5eC1u4>

The Seven Best Translations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13gzStbU9qs>



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