

The Path of Preservation

Essentials To Understanding the Path of Preservation

1. The promise of preservation is fulfilled in COPIES and TRANSLATIONS of the pure text not in the original writings
 - God could have chosen to preserve the original writings just as he preserved the clothes and shoes of the children of Israel for 40 years (Deu 29:5), and made them available to all men everywhere somehow, but he didn't
 - God could have chosen to make Hebrew and Greek world languages (Dan 1:4; Zep 3:9) for the entire course of human history, or given every person the gift of tongues to understand these languages, but he didn't (1 Cor 13:8)
 - A translation can be inspired (Gen 42:18-20,23; Mark 15:34; Acts 21:40-22:21; Rom 4:3; Heb 10:5-7)
2. Textual perversion is as old as textual preservation (Gen 3:1-5; Jer 23:36; 2 Cor 2:17; 2 The 2:2; 3:17; Rev 22:18-19), and occurs more from WITHIN than from without
 - False Christs- not just Myung Sung Moon and David Koresh, but the Papacy
 - False Religions- not just Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, but Mormonism and Catholicism
 - False Scripture- not just the Koran and the Book of Mormon, but "Holy Bibles"

The Path of Preservation- The Two Text Lines

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Text Line 2

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One of these text lines is the PRESERVED line and the other the PERVERTED line

The Path of Preservation- A Tale of Two Cities

Antioch

- A COMMERCIAL city
- LITERAL interpretation of scripture
- Associated with one of the first DEACONS of the church (Acts 6:5)
- The site of a prominent and influential CHURCH (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3; 15:35) composed of PROPHETS and TEACHERS (Acts 13:1)
- Associated with those who were first called CHRISTIANS (Acts 11:26)
- Associated with SPREADING the gospel (Acts 13:1-3; 14:26-28)
- Associated with JERUSALEM (Acts 11:22,27)

Alexandria

- A PHILOSOPHICAL city
- ALLEGORICAL interpretation of scripture
- Associated with one of the first DISPUTERS of the church (Acts 6:9)
- The site of a prominent and influential SCHOOL (no CHURCH mentioned) composed of PHILOSOPHERS and TEXTUAL CRITICS
- Associated with a man who was eloquent and mighty in the scriptures, but ignorant of the simplest of truth (Acts 18:24-26)
- Associated with SUPPRESSING the gospel (Acts 27:6)
- Associated with ROME (Acts 27:6; 28:11,14)

TEXT	KING JAMES BIBLE	NKJV	NIV	NASB
Matt 1:25	And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son : and he called his name JESUS.	and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son . And he called His name JESUS.	But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son . And he gave him the name Jesus.	and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son ; and he called His name Jesus.
Matt 6:13	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.	And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'	And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <i><For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.></i> '
Matt 19:29	And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife , or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.	And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.	And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.	And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

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Matt 23:14	Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.	Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.	OMITTED	< <i>"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows' houses, even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you shall receive greater condemnation."></i>
Luke 1:28	And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.	And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"	The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."	And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."
Luke 4:4	And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.	But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.' "	Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"	And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

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1 Cor 9:27	But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.	But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.	No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.	but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.
Col 1:24	Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:	I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ , for the sake of His body, which is the church,	Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions , for the sake of his body, which is the church.	Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions .
Jam 5:16	Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.	Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.	Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.	Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

1 THE TWO CITIES

Dr. Jack Moorman, who spent many years in researching the question of Bible versions, has stated that the transmission of the Greek text of the New Testament is essentially a "tale of two cities", viz., Antioch and Alexandria. Dr. Moorman writes: "Just as surely as the King James text was woven into the spiritual life of Antioch in Syria, so was the modern version text in Alexandria. Today a person must decide whether he is more comfortable with a Bible whose roots go back to one or the other of these two cities...certainly Antioch has by far the most glorious heritage."

ANTIOCH: Here was the springboard for the Gentile church. It became the center for Gentile Christians just as Jerusalem was for the Jews. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Antioch was the center for the outreach of the apostle Paul and his missionary journeys. Many of the disciples also visited Antioch. Antioch was the 'heartbeat' of Christianity.

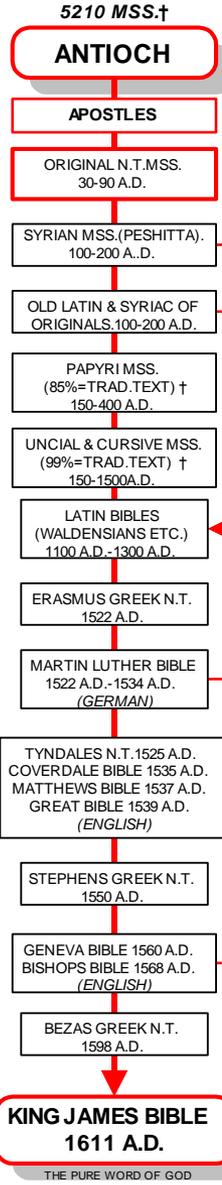
ALEXANDRIA: The place where most of the modern texts and translations originated, had no such glory. It is true, however, that Alexandria became a center of intellectualism. Such men as Clement and Origen were active in this area. It was also noted as a place where every deviant sect was represented. Religious corruption and false doctrines were prevalent including Gnosticism, Arianism, pagan philosophy, etc. Alexandria was the place where the intellectuals of Christianity were attracted.

2 THE TWO ESSENTIALS

Since God has inspired His Word has He also preserved His Word? Has He preserved it for every generation? The Westminster Confession (1646) states: "The Scriptures were immediately inspired of God and under His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages." The Bible has the final say in the matter: "The words of the Lord are pure words... Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." (Psalm 12: 6,7). If we accept the Inspiration of Scripture we must also accept that every word has been and will be Preserved through the ages in the church. Both together are essential doctrines.

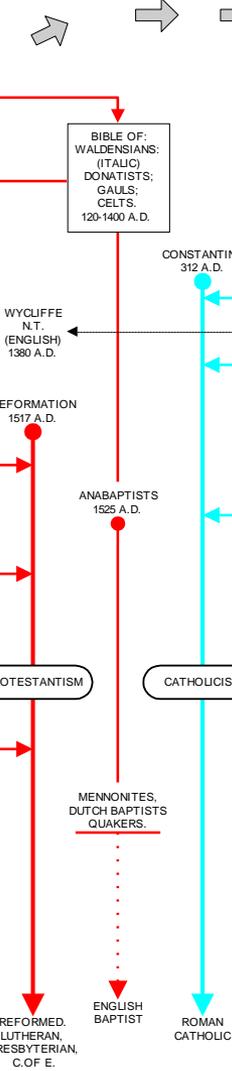
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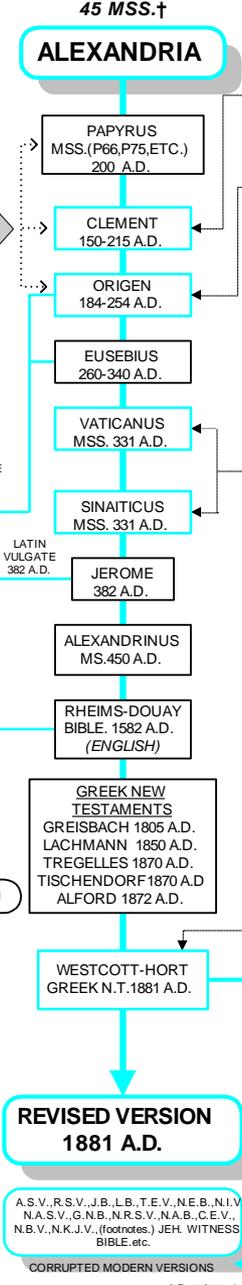


PROVIDENTIAL PRESERVATION OF THE TEXT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

CORRUPTION OF THE SCRIPTURES (Gnosticism, Arianism, pagan philosophy)



ALEXANDRIAN TEXT LINE



3 THE TWO HERETICS*

CLEMENT: He accepted Greek philosophy and the Apocrypha as divinely authoritative. He was head of the catechetical school at Alexandria, and believed that salvation could be obtained through various means including baptism, faith and works, faith alone etc.

ORIGEN: He also became head of the catechetical school. A man of superior intellect he however denied the Bible's historicity, eternal punishment, the Holy Spirit's eternality, salvation by grace etc. He was given to the allegorizing of scripture.

* Data from: "Final Authority" by William P. Grady.

4 THE TWO FALSE WITNESSES **

Discarded and hidden for 1500 years, these two corrupted manuscripts form the basis of all MODERN VERSIONS. They disagree with each other in over 3000 places in the Gospels alone. It is the VATICAN MSS. (which include the Apocrypha) that the translators mostly relied upon. Both had their roots in Alexandria and show the influence of Origen.

** Data from H.C.Hoskier's "Codex B and its Allies".

A total of 43 other manuscripts indicate some support for this text compared to 520 which support the Traditional Text. †

John W. Burgon states: "These are two of the least trustworthy documents in existence..." ("Revision Revised")

5 THE TWO APOSTATE REVISIONISTS

Westcott and Hort: Both were apostates. Westcott did not accept: Genesis 1-3; Bodily resurrection of Christ; Miracles and literal coming of Christ; Was partial to Romish ways. Hort did not accept the infallibility of Scripture. He also favored Darwin's theory of evolution. Both men did not believe in eternal punishment or the vicarious atonement. (Data from "Life&Letters", 1896, 1903.)

6 CHANGES COMPARED WITH THE TRAD. TEXT*

GREEK WORDS: Added=306, Omitted=2987
VERSES: Omitted = 20

* Data from E.W.Fowler's "Evaluating Versions of the NT".

Note: Most of these changes originate in the W-H text and most have been carried into the modern versions.

† Data from Jack Moorman's "Forever Settled."

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