



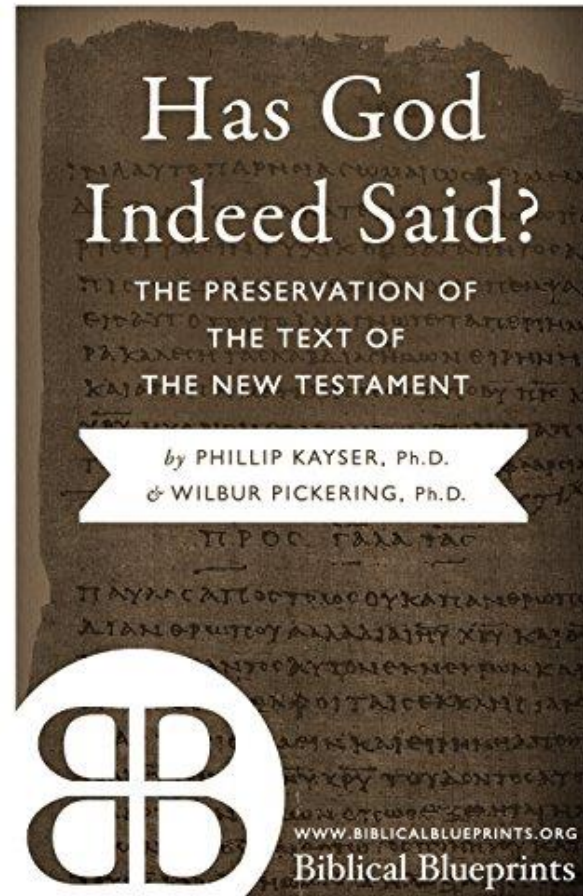
THE BIBLE: INSPIRATION AND PRESERVATION

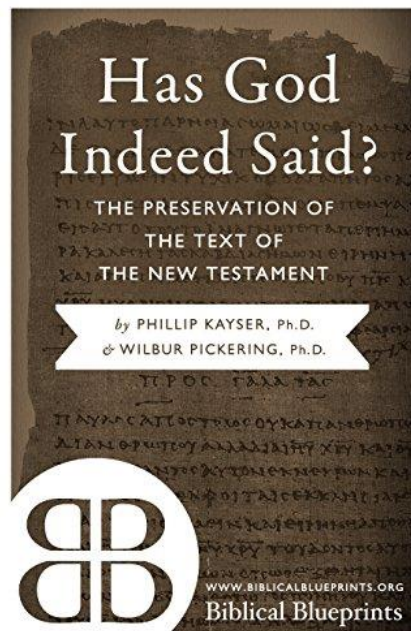
Part 11

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LAST TIME

BASED MOSTLY ON THE BOOK





The following chart (from Floyd Nolan’s book) illustrates the degree of conformity that four types of manuscript (papyri fragments, uncials, cursives and lectionaries) have to either the Majority Text or to Sinaiticus and Vaticanus (the primary text underlying most modern translations).⁸

	Total of manuscripts	Support s&B	Support Majority
Papyri	88	13 (15%)	75 (85%)
Uncials (all caps)	267	9 (3%)	258 (97%)
Cursives	2764	23 (1%)	2741 (99%)
Church lectionaries	2143	0	2143 (100%)
Total	5262		5217 (99%)

MAJORITY TEXT IS INDEED THE “MAJORITY”

FAITHFUL TRANSMISSION

- TBT 1 Timothy 3:14 Ταῦτά σοι γράφω, ἐλπίζων ἐλθεῖν πρὸς σε τάχιον· 15 ἐὰν δὲ βραδύνω, ἵνα εἰδῆς πῶς δεῖ ἐν οἴκῳ Θεοῦ ἀναστρέφεσθαι, ἣτις ἐστὶν ἐκκλησία Θεοῦ ζῶντος, στύλος καὶ ἐδραῖωμα τῆς ἀληθείας.
- KJV 1 Timothy 3:14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.1

THE TRANSMISSION OF THE TEXT WOULD BE DONE FAITHFULLY

- Warnings concerning heretics and corruption
- Rev. 22: 18-19 and 2Pet. 3: 16
- The church would be careful in accurately copying the scriptures
- The heretics with a low view of scriptures would not be careful and would likely introduce readings to support their misconceptions
- “The modern school of eclectic criticism stands in diametric opposition to this presupposition. They presuppose that godly, devout scribes would be motivated to change the text!!! For example, evangelical scholar Gordon Fee says, “For the early Christians it was precisely because the meaning was so important that they exercised a certain amount of freedom in making that meaning clear [ie. by changing words in the text]” (p. 406).”

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THE TOKEN NECESSARY

- TBT 2 Thessalonians 3:17 Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῆ ἐμῆ χειρὶ Παύλου, ὃ ἐστι σημεῖον ἐν πάσῃ ἐπιστολῇ· οὕτω γράφω.
- KJV 2 Thessalonians 3:17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: **so I write**.
- TBT 1 Corinthians 16:21 Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῆ ἐμῆ χειρὶ Παύλου.
- KJV 1 Corinthians 16:21 The salutation of me Paul with **mine own hand**.
- TBT Colossians 4:18 Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῆ ἐμῆ χειρὶ Παύλου. μνημονεύετε μου τῶν δεσμῶν. ἡ χάρις μεθ' ὑμῶν. ἀμήν.
- KJV Colossians 4:18 The salutation **by the hand of me Paul**. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Matt. 23:7; Mk. 12:38; Lk. 1:29, 41, 44; 11:43; 20:46; 1 Cor.
16:21; Col. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17

WE ARE NOT AS MANY

- TBT 2 Corinthians 2:17 οὐ γάρ ἐσμεν ὡς οἱ πολλοί, **καπηλεύοντες** τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ· ἀλλ' ὡς ἐξ εἰλικρινείας, ἀλλ' ὡς ἐκ Θεοῦ, κατενώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐν Χριστῷ λαλοῦμεν.
- KJV 2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as many, which **corrupt** the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.1

JEREMIAH 36

- KJV Jeremiah 36:23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. 24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. (Jer. 36:23 KJV)



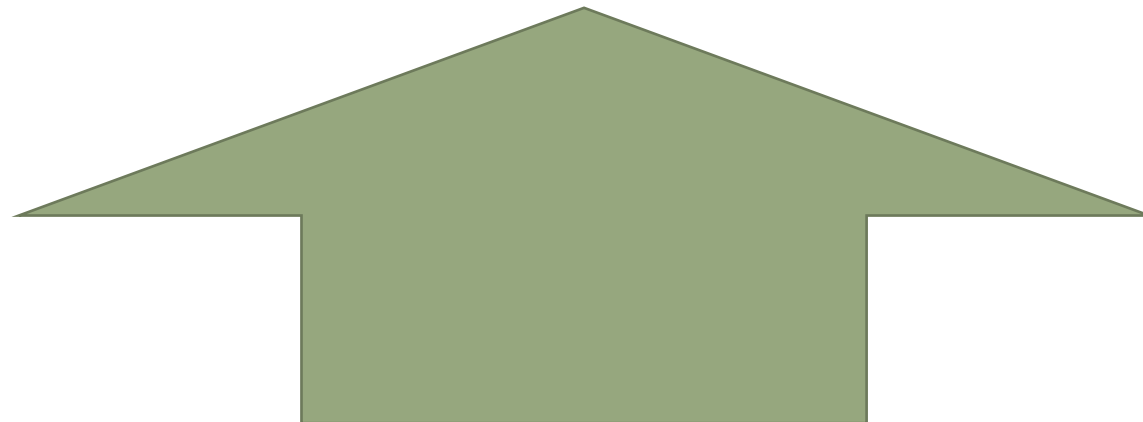
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WARNINGS ABOUT CORRUPTING THE WORD OF GOD

- Deut. 29:29
- Psa. 111:7-8; 119:160
- Isa. 40:8; 59:21
- Dan. 12:4
- Matt. 4:4; 5:17-18
- Mark 13:31
- Luke 16:17
- Heb. 2:2
- 1Peter 1:25
- Rom. 15:4
- 1Cor. 9:10; 10:11

List taken from “Has God Indeed Said?”

KJV Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Rom. 15:4 KJV)



KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH

- KJV 1 Tim. 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- KJV 2 Tim. 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- KJV Heb. 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

ALL SCRIPTURE

- TBT 2 Timothy 3:16 $\pi\alpha\sigma\alpha$ γραφή θεόπνευστος καὶ ὠφέλιμος πρὸς διδασκαλίαν, πρὸς ἔλεγχον, πρὸς ἐπανόρθωσιν, πρὸς παιδείαν τὴν ἐν δικαιοσύνη.
- KJV 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face, and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.
19 And Joseph saide vnto them, * Feare not: for am I in the place of God?
20 But as for you, yee thought euill against me, but God meant it vnto good, to bring to passe, as it is this day, to save much people aliuē.
21 Now therefore feare yee not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And hee comforted them, and spake kindly vnto them.
22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his fathers house: and Joseph liued an hundred and ten yeeres.
23 And Joseph saide Ephraims children, of the third generation: the children also of Machir, the sonne of Manasse were brought vp vpon Josephs knees.
24 And Joseph saide vnto his brethren, * I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land, vnto the land which hee swaue to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
25 And Joseph tooke an othe of the children of Israel, saying, * God will surely visit you, and ye shall carie my bones from hence.
26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin, in Egypt.

Chap. 45.

1 Heb. to show hearts.



THE SECOND BOOKE OF Moses, called Exodus.

CHAP. I.

The children of Israel after Josephs death do multiply. 2 The more they are oppressed by a new King, the more they multiply. 3 The goodness of the Midwives, in saving the mens children aliuē. 4 Pharaoh commandeth the male children to be cast into the riuer.

NOW these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, euery man & his household, came with Jacob.
2 Reuben, Simeon, Leui, and Iudah,
3 Issachar, Zabulon, and Benjamin,
4 Dan, and Asaphthal, Gad, and Asher.
5 And all the soules that came out

* Gen. 46. 8. Exod. 6. 14.

of the loynes of Jacob, were seventy soules: for Joseph was in Egypt already.
6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.
7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and were exceeding mighty, and the land was filled with them.
8 Now there arose vpon a new King ouer Egypt, which knew not Joseph.
9 And hee said vnto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier then we.
10 Come on, let vs deale wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to passe that when there shall out any warre, they loyne also vnto our enemies, and fight against vs, and get them vp out of the land.
11 Therefore they did set ouer them

1 Heb. 46. 27. Heb. 17. 27.

* Gen. 46. 27. Heb. 17. 27.

CHAP. II.

Moses is borne, 3 and in an arke cast into the riuer. 4 He is found, and brought vp by Pharaohs daughter. 5 Hee slayeth an Egyptian. 6 Hee fleeth into Midian. 7 Hee marryeth Zipporah. 8 Gershom is borne. 9 God respecteth the Hebrewes cry.
AD there went a man of the house of Leui, & tooke to wife a daughter of Pharaoh.
2 And the woman conceived, and bare a sonne:

* Chap. 4. 18. Heb. 11. 24.

burdens: And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.
12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew: and they were grieved because of the children of Israel.
13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serue with rigour.
14 And they made their liues bitter, with hard bondage, in mortar and in bricke, and in all manner of seruice in the felde: all their seruice wherem they made them serue, was with rigour.
15 And the King of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, (of which the name of one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah.)
16 And hee said, when ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them vpon the stools, if it be a sonne, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then shee shall liue.
17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the King of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children aliuē.
18 And the King of Egypt called for the midwives, & said vnto them, why haue ye done this thing, and haue saved the men children aliuē?
19 And the midwives said vnto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women: for they are lively, and are deliuered ere the midwives come in vnto them.
20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied and waxed very mighty.
21 And it came to passe, because the midwives feared God, that hee made them houses.
22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every sonne that is borne, ye shall cast into the riuer, and euery daughter ye shall save aliuē.
12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he stee the Egyptian, and hid him.
13 And when he went out the scabbard, behold, two men of the Hebrews stood together: and hee said to that did the wrong, wherefore stou thee thy fellow?
14 And he said, who made thee prince and a iudge ouer vs: where thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian: And Moses feared, and surely this thing is knowne.

PILLAR AND GROUND

- TBT 1 Timothy 3:15 ἐὰν δὲ βραδύνω, ἵνα εἰδῆς πῶς δεῖ ἐν οἴκῳ Θεοῦ ἀναστρέφεσθαι, ἥτις ἐστὶν ἐκκλησία Θεοῦ ζῶντος, **στύλος καὶ ἐδραῖωμα** τῆς ἀληθείας.
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PROTECTIVE PROVIDENCE

- God has promised to preserve His word – therefore there must be a Godly protection on it.
- (Deut. 29: 29; Psa. 111: 7-8; 119: 160; Isa. 40: 8; 59: 21; Dan. 12: 4; Matt. 4: 4; 5: 17-18; Mark 13: 31; Luke 16: 17; Heb. 2: 2; 1Pet. 1: 25; cf. also Psa. 102: 18; cf. eg. Rom. 15: 4; 1Cor. 9: 10; 10: 11)
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DIONYSIUS (PART 1)

- Dionysius: (bishop of Corinth from 168-176) complained that heretics not only tampered with his writings, they also tampered with the Scriptures. He insisted that the church had received a pure tradition. This contradicts current textual critical theory, which claims that most corruptions had already come into the Ecclesiastical text (as well as the Alexandrian text) by that time. Irenaeus: “True knowledge consists in a very complete tractatio of the Scriptures, which has come down to us by being preserved without falsification” (Massuet’s rendering in footnote 8 page 508.) He was not only concerned about careful transcription of Scripture, but also of his own writings so he put at the close of his treatise: “I adjure you who shall copy out this book, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by his glorious advent when he comes to judge the living and the dead, that you compare what you transcribe, and correct it carefully against this manuscript from which you copy; and also that you transcribe this adjuration and insert it in the copy” 18

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DIONYSIUS (PART 2)

- He vigorously defended the number 666 versus 616 which some scribe had tried to enter into Revelation 13: 18, saying that 666 was found “in all the most approved and ancient copies” and that “those men who saw John face to face” bear witness to it. He warns those who made this single letter change, “there shall be no light punishment upon him who either adds or subtracts anything from the Scripture.” (xxx. 1). Obviously they did not have a light attitude toward textual transcription. And he claims that they still had witnesses to the original text “those men who saw John face to face.” This may include Polycarp, Iraneaus’ mentor. He was a disciple of the apostle John.

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666 or 616 ?

TERTULLIAN (EARLY 200'S)

- Claimed autographs still could be found and compared (“On Prescription Against Heretics”)
- he tells people that if they want to know the exact wording of some other epistles, the original autographs could still be found. He said that Corinthians could be found in Achaia, Philippians and Thessalonians in Macedonia; Ephesians in Asia and Romans in Italy. Therefore, at least five New Testament books had autographs still in existence. Since the church fathers state that the Scriptures of the apostles were read in every church, there must have been hundreds of copies already at this early time.

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