

Central Issue

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

(Revelation 22.18–19 KJV)

Biblical Text & Version

Alexandrian Text Family:

- Represents the oldest of extant, NT Greek manuscripts. Tends to be more choppy in its rendering, and contains many, shorter verse renderings.
- The Alexandrian textual family is considered by many to be the most faithful in preserving the original text of the New Testament. Both Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, along with some significant papyri, contain this text type.

Biblical Text & Version

Byzantine Text Family:

- Represents the large majority of extant, NT Greek manuscripts. Tends to read more smoothly, and contains many longer verses.
- The form of text which is known to have predominated among the Greek-speaking world (Byzantine empire) from at least the fourth century until the invention of printing press in the fifteenth century.

Biblical Text & Version

Byzantine Text Family >> TR >> Majority Text

- Majority Reading: Most of the extant, Greek texts reflect these readings. Some are early, and some are quoted by early church fathers (ie. Long ending of Mark).

Alexandrian Text Family >> Critical Text

- Oldest, Physical Manuscripts: Several manuscripts that represent the oldest known finds. But they represent roughly 30% of extant texts.

Text Examples

“In whom we have redemption
OMIT
the forgiveness of sins.”

“In whom we have redemption
through his blood
even the forgiveness of sins.”

(Colossians 1:14)

Text Examples

“Like newborn infants, desire the pure spiritual milk **OMIT** so that you may grow by it for your salvation”

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk **of the word**, that ye may grow thereby”

(1 Pet. 2:2)

Text Examples

“I tell you the truth, he who believes **OMIT** has everlasting life”

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth **on me** hath everlasting life”

(John 6:47)

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- *Scribes added to the text?*

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- *Scribes deleted from the text?*

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- *Ensemble Text*: Accumulated to represent an empirical, majority reading of extant manuscripts.

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- *Eclectic Text*: Reconstructed to achieve an scholarly approximation of the original manuscripts.

Accusations

Alexandrian-Based, Critical Greek NT:

- In the critical editions of Westcott and Hort, Tischendorf and Nestle-Aland, the *Byzantine tradition is entirely abandoned* and the text is based almost entirely on the two oldest manuscripts, Codex Vaticanus Graecus 1209 and Codex Sinaiticus. Where these two manuscripts differ, Westcott and Hort usually follow Vaticanus.

Grocery List

TP

washer fluid, d-bug

Macin Chez

CFA sauce

fusion-5 blades

Yum-yum

Sub, teriyaki, 12"

Oatmeal, quaker, inst-v-pk

Toilet Paper

Windshield Washer Fluid, Green

Macaroni & Cheese

Chick-fil-A Sauce

Gillette Fusion-5 Shaving Blades

Yum Yum Steak Sauce

Submarine Sandwich (Foot-long)

Quaker Instant Oatmeal, Variety