# The Men and The Manuscripts

# PART II--The Men & The Manuscripts

The Word of God was being altered even in Paul's day. Just because a manuscript of antiquity (old) is found doesn't give credibility to its reliability.

*2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word,* ***nor by letter as from us****, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

**FACT # 1** THAT MOST DO NOT KNOW----The King James Bible's origin is not from the same manuscripts as modern Bible Translations....

**FACT # 2** THAT MOST DO NOT KNOW---The beliefs held by the men and women responsible for the modern versions verses the beliefs of the King James Translators....

**FACT # 3** THAT MOST DO NOT KNOW OR ARE NOT TOLD---There are no original manuscripts around today...They are all copies of copies of copies etc....

* The majority of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew (some in Aramaic) while the New Testament was written in Greek....

* The King James translators used the Verbal or Formal Translation Technique while the modern translators relied on the dynamic equivalence....

**Verbal/Formal Technique**---This is a word-for-word method in translating that tries to make the words in the Hebrew or Greek equal to the words in English...

**Dynamic Equivalence**---meaning rather than literal word for word translation is emphasized...Therefore translators add, change and subtract from what is there. Another word for this is paraphrasing.

## The Manuscripts Of Modern Versions

### THE MODERN VERSION HEBREW TEXT

*Modern versions use Kittel's Biblia Hebraica Hebrew text that has 15 to 20 suggested changes in the Hebrew text placed in the footnotes on each page. This would equate to between 20,000 and 30,000 changes in the Old Testament. **This is a far cry from Matthew 5:18 and the promise Jesus made.** This text began using the text of the KJV (Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text) but switched to the corrupt Ben Asher Masoretic text due to the fact it was **older.**...**One will constantly hear that "Older is better" but this just isn't the case....THE REASON WHY THESE OLDER MANUSCRIPTS ARE**

**BEING FOUND WITH VERY LITTLE WEAR IS BECAUSE THE EARLY TRANSLATORS KNEW THEY WERE CORRUPT AND DID NOT USE THEM...**

The NIV also uses the Septuagint (which is a falsified manuscript that consists of the Hebrew text translated to Greek...The claim is that the original apostles had access to this Greek text (of the Old Testament) which is false) The NIV also refers to the Vulgate, the Juxta Hebraica, the Syriac Peshitta etc. Basically, with all of the manuscripts differing one from the other, man becomes the final authority and the final rendering is based on majority opinion. (Remember the translation technique used...Not word for word...)..The same thing transpires today. Men and women search versions until they find the verse that fits into their opinion of how that verse should be translated.

**When someone proclaims, "The original Hebrew/Greek says", one must then ask which Hebrew/Greek text they are referring to. If someone has a corrupt Hebrew/Greek text and use that to correct the Word of God, then the correction is corrupt as well.

## THE MODERN VERSION GREEK TEXT

The new versions follow the Nestle/Aland Greek New Testament, 26th edition. In eighty one years, there is a different edition of this Greek New Testament every 3.1 years. God's Word is constantly changing..(sarcasm)

This text is named after Eberhard Nestle, a German, and Kurt Aland also a German. Their committee consisted of Kurt Aland (an unbeliever), Matthew Black (an unbeliever), Carlo M. Marini (a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church), Burce Metzger (compiled the Readers Digest Bible) and Alan Wigren. No wonder they chose Westcott & Hort's text. They didn't believe the Bible either.

This text was based on the text of two men named Westcott & Hort (we will discuss them in detail later as they did not believe Biblical truths) as well as 3 other editions of his day. Westcott and Hort based their text off of two corrupt manuscripts:

**1) Vaticanus**: Was found stored in the Vatican library. (Catholic Church). This manuscript was unknown to the world of textual criticism until the year 1475 when it was officially catalogued in the Vatican library. Dean Burgon was allowed to view photographic slides of the manuscripts and discovered that on many occasions within the manuscript up to 40 words are dropped through very carelessly.

**2) Sinaiticus**: Was found by a man named Tischendorf in a waste basket in St. Catherine's Monastery. They were getting ready to burn it to keep warm for the winter. Tischendorf stated that this text contained 15,000 changes made by contemporary or later hands. Does this sound like the care that was given to the text the KJV was translated from? This manuscript also contains **1,460** peculiar readings not found in any manuscript on earth.

**These two manuscripts contradict one another in over 3,000 places in the Gospels alone! Yet both are used as foundations for the modern "Word of God".**

These manuscripts can be traced back to Alexandria, Egypt. In the few references to Alexandria, Egypt in the Bible we find that it was the Alexandrians that assist in the stoning of Stephen (Acts 6:9), and her sole representative of the ministry, Apollos, arrives in ignorance (Acts 18:25) and departs in arrogance (1 Cor. 6:12).Remember in the last study what God says about Egypt. The only other reference to Alexandrians are in Acts 27:6 & 11 and these designate the city of ownership for the two ships employed in transporting Paul to his martyrdom--and one of these sunk! (From Dr. Willian Grady's book **Final Authority**.) Alexandria was the Egyptian Sodom of its time. Sin abounded with prostitution and homosexuality being rampant. The leading school of Alexandria produced such reprobates as Origin and Clement. This school was steeped in Greek philosophy. Clement and Origin mixed Greek philosophy with Christianity forming Gnosticism. (We will cover these men shortly that are responsible for the foundations of today's Bibles)

***God commanded to never use Egypt for anything and especially His Word (Jer. 44:26; Isa. 30:1-3; Isa. 31:1)**

**God says his words will stand and not those from Egypt...(Jer. 44:28)**

**God called His Son OUT of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob OUT of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel OUT of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones OUT of Egypt (Exodus 13). The first book of the Bible begins with God (Genesis 1:1) and ends with "a coffin in Egypt". (Genesis 50:26)**

**SO WHY WOULD GOD USE EGYPT TO PRESERVE HIS WORD BASED ON HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS EGYPT?**

Yet people are stumbling over themselves to replace the KJV with these modern apostate versions.

# The Manuscripts of the KJV

## THE KJV HEBREW TEXT

The KJV is derived from the Traditional Hebrew Masoretic Old Testament Text. The word, "Masoretic," is from the Hebrew masar ("to hand down"). It means to hand down from person to person. This specific text used was the **Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text**.

This is important because the Jews were named by God to be the guardians of the Old Testament. See Romans 3:1-2.

**The Jews did not take this task lightly. These are a few of the rules that had to be followed before copying the Scriptures:**

1) The parchment must be made from the skin of clean animals; must be prepared by a Jew only, and the skins must be fastened together by strings taken from clean animals.

2) Each column must have no less than 48 no more than 60 lines.

3) The ink must be of no other color than black, and it must be prepared according to a special recipe.

4) No word nor letter could be written from memory; the scribe must have an authentic copy before him, and he must read and pronounce aloud each word before writing it.

5) He must reverently wipe his pen each time before writing the word for "God"

6) The revision of a roll must be made within 30 days after the work was finished; otherwise it was worthless. One mistake on a sheet condemned the sheet; if three mistakes were found on any page, the entire manuscript was condemned...

This text was reverenced as being God's Holy Word and they truly believed that every jot and title was inspired.

**THE KJV GREEK TEXT**

The Traditional Received Text, or the Byzantine Text, or the Syrian text, or the Textus Receptus. Westcott & Hort actually changed the Textus Receptus in 5, 604 places and 1,952 of those places are complete omissions.

Of the 5,255 manuscripts that we have available today, 99% of them agree with the Textus Receptus and not the Westcott & Hort text or Nestle/Aland 26th Edition-type Greek Text. Of the 88 papyrus fragment manuscripts , 85% agree with the Textus Receptus while only 13% agree with the corrupt manuscripts. Of the 258 Uncial Manuscripts (Greek manuscripts written in capital letters which run together) available, 97 % agree with the Textus Receptus while only 3% agree with the corrupt manuscripts. Of the 2,764 Cursive Manuscripts (minuscules/written in long hand, or cursive), only 1% support the corrupt texts while 99% agree with the Textus Receptus. Of the 2,143 Lectionary Manuscripts (Scripture in the Greek and Latin Bibles, that were read in the churches on certain days), all 100% of them agree with the Received Text.

This is the text the King James Translators held to be the Word of God in the New Testament.....While many state that Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were not available to the

KJV Translators, this is not true due to the fact they could both be found represented in the Latin Vulgate.

This is the text that the church held as being the Word of God for over 1800 years before Westcott and Hort. This text also can be traced back to Antioch. What is so significant about this?

1) The native inhabitants of Antioch descended from Shem through Aram (Gen. 10:22) The Jews originate from Shem. God used the Shemites of Asia to preserve His Word and they are prophesied of by Noah (Gen. 9:26)

2) They were first called Christians in Antioch. (Acts 11:26)

3) The church was firmly established fundamentally at Antioch. It was a preaching church (Acts 11:20,23), a witnessing church (Acts 11:21,24), a teaching church (Acts 11:26; 13:1), a serving church (Acts 11:26), a giving church (Acts 11:29), a praying church (Acts 13:2-3) and a missionary church (Acts 13:3-4).

The Textus Receptus can be traced back to this location while modern scholars choose to believe that God would allow gnostics, Catholics and non-believers to preserve His Word.

**Thus we have 2 mentalities:**

**The Alexandrian Mentality**: "The Bible is not perfect and can be improved on."

**The Antiochan Mentality**: "The Bible is perfect and cannot be improved on."

Egypt is a type of the world or the old life of a Christian. Antioch is a type of new life in Christ. Which one do you believe God would use to preserve His Word?

# THE MEN BEHIND THE MODERN VERSIONS

Would you choose a convicted child molester to watch over your children? Would you choose a convicted burglar to guard your most valuable possessions? Then why would anyone trust ungodly men to keep and protect the Word of God?

## The men of Alexandria Egypt (Responsible for preserving the Word of God?)

**Philo**----Established the theological school at Alexandria. He began gnosticism, or combining Greek philosophy with Christianity. Philo taught that much like philosophy, the Bible was to be taken symbolically/allegorically and not literally. This opened the Bible up to opinions instead of literal translations.

**Clement**----Was a huge proponent of Plato who supported socialism, selective breeding and the kidnapping of children from their parents for a 20 year period of state-controlled values clarification. Clement believed salvation could be obtained many ways: baptism, philosophy, overcoming sensuality, repentance, church membership, faith and works, faith alone through the blood, and all requiring a gradual process. He believed in worshipping nature. In his book The Instructor we find Clement taking a bold, militant stand against laughter, sneezing, hiccups, yawning, sleeping on downy feathers, dying gray hairs, mirrors etc. while not having a single chapter devoted to soul winning. Clement was also a devout gnostic. He also did not take the Bible literally.

**Origin**----Believed the Holy Spirit was a created being. He believed in salvation by works, purgatory and that all spirits would be restored after death, including the devil. He did not believe in a literal account of creation as taught in Genesis but believed Genesis should not be taken literally. Origin believed the actual physical stars had souls and that they too need salvation. He believed Jesus was created by the Father.

## The men behind today's corrupt Greek Text

**Both of the following men were proponents of Plato (homosexual), Aristotle (homosexual), Clement & Origin. They revered these ungodly men. You are known by the company you keep.**

**Brooke Foss Westcott**----He did not believe in the miracles of Jesus Christ. He is quoted again and again as being skeptical of Biblical doctrine and truth. He was involved in the occult. In 1851, he and Dr. Hort founded the Ghostly Guild in an attempt to study ghosts and psychical phenomena. Worshipped the Pope (allegiance was to Rome). He worshipped statues of Mary. Quoted as stating, "I am not able to go as far as you in asserting the absolute infallibility of a canonical writing (The Bible)"...He believed in praying for the dead. He spent much time fighting for animal rights.

**Fenton John Anthony Hort**----He revered the Catholic Church. He believed infant baptism would save a soul. Believed Darwin's book and didn't believe in the literal account of creation found in Genesis. He did not believe in a literal Hell or a literal Devil. He did not believe that Christ's blood could pay for our sins. He thought we must pay for our own thru suffering. He supported communism and despised the free enterprise system.

***DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THESE TWO MEN REVERED THE WORD OF GOD AND TRULY WANTED TO KEEP IT INTACT? WOULD GOD REALLY TRUST THESE MEN TO PRESERVE HIS WORD?***

## The men/women behind the modern revisions

EVERY BIBLE TRANSLATION SINCE 1881 IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION AND THE AMERICAN STANDARD VERSION OF 1901

**Edgar Goodspeed**----He did not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ. He believed Jesus was a social reformer who gave His life as a martyr for a "cause". He did not believe in the miracles of Christ and therefore tried to explain them away.

**Julius Brewer**----He stated that the dates and figures found in the first five books of the Bible turn out to be altogether unreliable.

**Henry Cadbury**----Said that Jesus Christ was a just man who was subject to story telling. He doubted the deity of Christ.

**Walter Bowie**----He stated that the story of Abraham comes down from the ancient times; and how much of it is fact and how much of it is legend, no one can positively tell. He said that the burning bush of Moses just seemed to be on fire because of the glare from the sun.

**Clarence Craig**----Denied the bodily resurrection of Christ. He also stated that God failed to provide any means by which to preserve His Word due to human fallibility.

**Frederick Grant**----Believed in prayers for the dead.

**Willard Sperry**---Felt the Gospel of John was inaccurate concerning the sayings of Jesus.

**William Irwin**---Believed the Jewish prophets exaggerated the position of God in the Bible.

**Millar Burrows**---Said the Bible could not be taken as a whole and in every part concerning divine authority.

**Virginia Mollenkot**---A self professing lesbian. Was consulted as a stylist when compiling the NIV.

**Dr. Don Wilkins**---He was a representative (not a translator) for the NASV committee. After its completion, Dr. Wilkins stated, "I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard Version. I'm afraid I'm in trouble with the Lord...."..He went on to say, "The deletions are absolutely frightening...there are so many...ARe we so naive that we do not suspect Satanic deception in all of this?"

***"But aren't the modern day translators good Godly men?" Some are and some are not. The argument is not the spiritual character and standing in Christ of modern day scholarship. The argument is the path and current content (or lack of) of these corrupt manuscripts that have led to the modern versions. It doesn't matter how close to God modern translators are because if they are using a corrupt and ungodly text, there is nothing they can do to produce a perfect Word of God. The problem is the stance of the ungodly men of the past that have led to the modern versions of today.***

# THE KING JAMES TRANSLATORS

**Lancelot Andrews**---He spoke fluently most of the modern languages of Europe (he was fluent in 15 languages). He was a solid preacher of the Gospel. He was known throughout his community as a great man of prayer. He was such a giving man that it was said that he kept Christmas year round. He was a man of great practical preaching and an ardent opponent of Rome.

**John Overall**---Dr. Overall, due to his extensive knowledge of the quotations of early church fathers, was responsible for the inclusion of 1 John 5:7 in the KJB. The doctrine of the Trinity was included in the KJV due to his efforts. He had an interest in individual souls and was an avid soul winner. He even tried to convert Jesuit Priest Henry Garnet who was caught and hanged for attempting to kill King James in the gunpowder plot.

**William Bedwell**---Wrote a Persian dictionary. He invented a ruler for geometrical purposes. He wrote his own persons lexicon.

**Lawrence Chaderton**---Was fluent in the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew tongues. He was a powerful preacher and was such a great speaker that people would listen to him for hours and when he quit they would urge him to continue on.

**Thomas Harrison**---A Greek and Hebrew professor who was the examiner for Greek and Hebrew professors.

**John Reynolds**----He hated Roman Catholicism. He loathed the Catholic doctrine.

**Richard Kilby**---During his day, he heard a preacher teaching on why a certain word should have been translated differently than the KJB Translators did. He gave 3 reasons. After his completion, he was approached by Dr. Kilby and told 13 more reasons why it was translated the way it was.

**Henry Saville**---Was the personal Greek and mathematical tutor to Queen Elizabeth when she was a child.