

Answers About The Bible!

Where is the Bible? *Preservation: 7/6/2014*

John 7:53-8:11, **Omitted by some authorities.** Should be in our Bible! (Look at the context and see why!)
Mark 16:8, A good ending for the book of Mark? **16:9-20**, Omitted in 2 mss. 600 have it! Should be in our Bible!

I. The Promise of Preservation! God's inspired *words* will be available! **The conclusion!**

Psalms 12:6,7, God will preserve His words! **Psalms 119:160, (Psalms 19:7-9, 119:128 & 151)**
Isaiah 29:18 & 30:8, In a book!
Matthew 24:15, The Book of Daniel (*copies*) available in the tribulation.
Matthew 24:35, "... my words shall not pass away!"

II. The Process of Preservation. Accurate, reliable *copies (not the originals!)* multiplied & used by his people!

Deuteronomy 17:18,19, The kings were to make *copies*. David in **Psalm 119** is speaking about *his copy!*
Exodus 32:19 & 34:28, Jeremiah 36:23 & 28,
Daniel 9, Daniel has *copies* of several O.T. books in Babylon! (Jeremiah, Pentateuch, Judges & Samuel & Kings)
Luke 4:17-21, A *copy* of Isaiah in Nazareth called **scripture**.
Acts 15:21, *Copies* of (**God's word**) Moses all over the world!
Galatians 1:2, Paul's epistles *copied* and distributed among *the churches*. (Also: **II Peter 3:15, &16**)

III. The Product of Preservation! Copies of God's *inspired words*, multiplied, available & studied!

Acts 17:1,2, *Copies* of (**God's word**) *the scriptures*, all over the world!
II Timothy 3:15, Timothy from a child, knew **the holy O.T. scriptures** !
I Timothy 5:18, Paul (*or Tim?*) has the books of Deuteronomy (**25:4**) and N.T. book of Matthew (**10:10**)
I Timothy 4:13, **Timothy, give attendance to reading ... (certainly not commentaries!)**
II Timothy 2:15, Timothy is to **study** (a written text) to shew himself approved!
Matthew 22:31, Jesus' view of preservation; God's inspired words could be read at that time!
II Timothy 3:15-17, Paul's view of preservation; Timothy had **the holy scriptures** given by inspiration!
II Peter 1:19-21, Peter's view; We **have** a more sure word of prophecy ... *of the scripture!*

IV. The People of Preservation.

O.T. Romans 3:1,2, *Israel*, (Levites) a special class of *scribes*, **Ezra 7:6, 9, 25 & 28, Jeremiah 36:1-4**, etc.
N.T. I Timothy 3:15, *The Body of Christ*; (Local churches) *prophets*, **Romans 16:26 & I Corinthians 14:37**
The Canon of scripture established during the time of the N.T.
Luke 24:44,45, The O.T. Canon fixed and identified at the time of Christ. (*No Apocrypha*)
I Corinthians 5:9 & Colossians 4:16, Other *uninspired epistles* not included in the N.T.

V. The Place of Preservation. The people +process → product, & *fulfill the promise!* = Faith!

Majority Text: (*vast majority of the manuscripts available (95%) with a uniform witness & testimony*)
Byzantine Empire → **The Byzantine Text type** (*manuscripts from the area of Paul's ministry!*)
Textus Receptus: (*Latin term for the Greek Text of N.T. "commonly received" by the people*).
The Textus Receptus: **The Commonly received text** compiled using **all the collective evidence**.
(The manuscripts, service books, tracts, other writings, and early translated versions combined!)
The Doctrine of Preservation → all the evidence, & **Faith** points to the **KJV** for English speaking people!

All Bibles are not created equal!

The **King James Bible** is based on what is called; The Received Text or “**Textus Receptus**” Greek New Testament. It is the text that was commonly used by the church for 1500 years, and it agrees with **95% of the manuscript evidence**. This was the Bible of *Martin Luther, William Tyndale*, and the protestant reformation.

All of the modern translations are based on a different Greek text (*Westcott & Hort*) of the New Testament, supported by a few older manuscripts. The two passages at the top of the previous page (**John 7:53-8:11 & Mark 16:9-20**) are omitted in this text, and are just two examples of the hundreds of differences between the two lines of manuscripts. This is the text behind the Douay Rheims (Roman Catholic Version), the New World Translation of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and **all the newer versions** published after the Revised Version of 1881.

For more information see the tract entitled; “Is Your Bible the Right One?” Also available is the tract “New Eye Opener” with 200 examples from the New Testament.

New Testament: English Bible Time Line



