

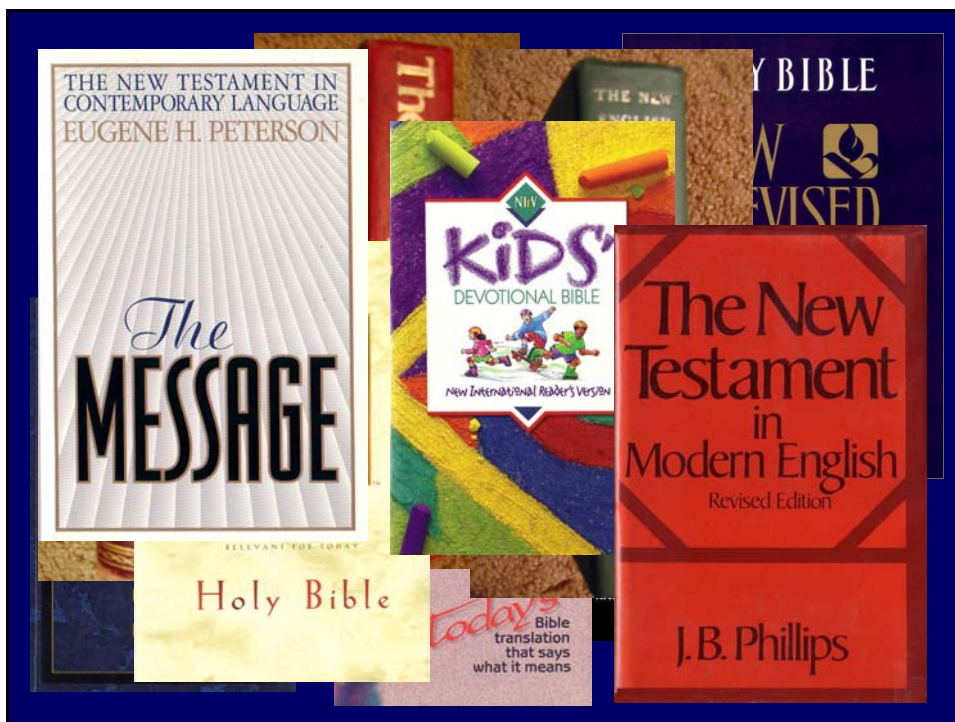


## Why We Hold to the King James Bible

### Reason #1

The King James Bible has *the right Greek text*

All of the translations of the Protestant Reformation were based on the Same Greek Text



## 1 Timothy 3:16

All of the modern versions remove the word **GOD** in this verse, because the modern Greek text removes it

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Tim. 3:16)

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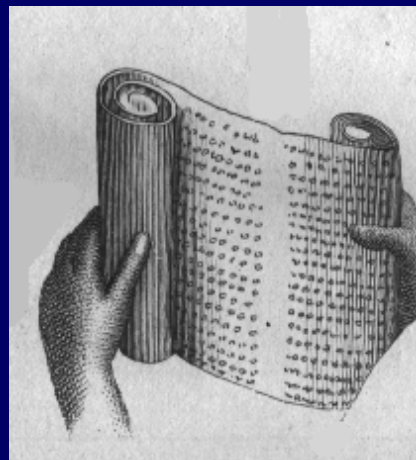
**The KJV Greek text was the one that was  
preserved among God’s people through  
the centuries**

## Four Periods of Church History

1. Apostolic: *giving of the Bible*
2. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> centuries: *corruption of the Bible*
3. Dark Ages: *persecution of the Bible*
4. Reformation: *printing of the Bible*

## Four Periods of Church History

### 1. Apostolic: *giving of the Bible*



## The New Testament Was **Written**

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you into all truth:** for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.” *John 16:13*

## The New Testament Was **Completed**

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**” *Jude 3*

## The New Testament Was Received

“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and **they have received them**, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.”

*John 17:8*

## The New Testament Was Received

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, **ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” *1*

*Thess. 2:13*

All of this must be accepted by  
FAITH!

**“But without faith it is impossible  
to please him...”** *Hebrews 11:6*

**“Now faith is the substance of things  
hoped for, the evidence of things not  
seen.”** *Hebrews 11:1*

### The New Testament Was Attacked

PAUL’S TESTIMONY: “For we are NOT  
AS MANY WHICH CORRUPT THE  
WORD OF GOD...” *2 Cor. 2:17*

PETER’S TESTIMONY: “...in which are  
some things hard to be understood, WHICH  
THEY THAT ARE UNLEARNED AND  
UNSTABLE WREST, AS THEY DO ALSO  
THE OTHER SCRIPTURES...” *2 Pet. 3:16*



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### 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries: *corruption of the Bible*

“In the age in which the [Latin] Vulgate was formed, the church was infested with Origenists and Arians; an affinity between any manuscript and that version consequently conveyed some suspicion that its text was corrupted.” --*Frederick Nolan*

“...the worst corruptions to which the New Testament has ever been subjected, originated within a hundred years after it was composed.”  
–*Frederick Scrivener (1813-1891)*

## The Scriptures were mutilated and shortened

“Marcion and his followers have betaken themselves to mutilating the Scriptures. ... They assert that these alone are authentic which they themselves have shortened.”  
–*Irenaeus (150 A.D.)*

## The Scriptures were added to

Many spurious writings appeared:

- *The Gospel of Thomas*
- *The Gospel of Nicodemus*
- *The Gospel of Barnabas*

## The School in Alexandria

A school was established in about 150 A.D. in Alexandria, Egypt, by Pantaenus. It mixed Christianity with pagan philosophy



## The School in Alexandria

**CLEMENT** led the school from 190 to 202 A.D.

- He intermingled Christianity with pagan philosophy
- He was one of the fathers of purgatory
- He taught that most men would eventually be saved

## ORIGEN 185-254 A.D.

**This Egyptian laid the foundation for the modern versions by introducing textual changes**

- He denied the perfect inspiration of Scripture
- He taught baptismal regeneration
- He believed in purgatory
- He believed the Holy Spirit was a created being
- He believed that even Satan would be saved



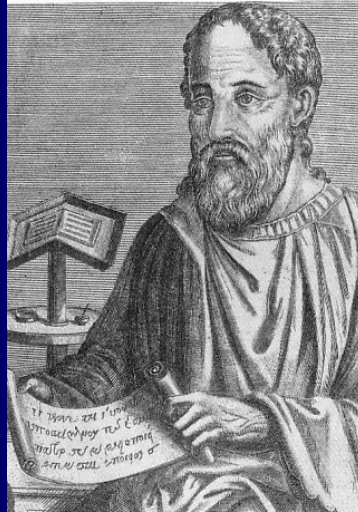
## Origen 185-254 A.D.

- He believed that men's souls are pre-existent
- He believed the stars and planets have souls
- He believed Jesus was created and is not eternally God
- He spiritualized the Bible saying, "The Scriptures have little use to those who understand them literally."



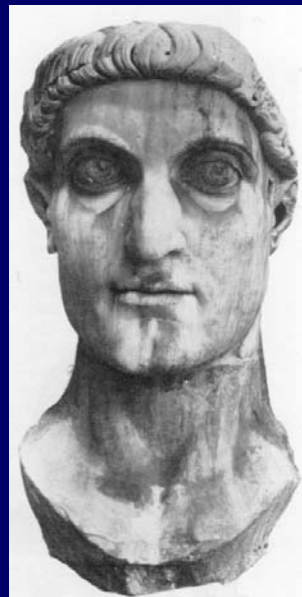
## EUSEBIUS 270-340 A.D.

- He collected the writings of Origen and promoted his false teachings



## Eusebius 270-340 A.D.

- He produced Greek Bibles for Constantine, the father of church statism



## Eusebius 270-340 A.D.



- Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are thought to be two of these

**“It is quite possible that Aleph and B are two of these fifty.” A.T. Robertson**

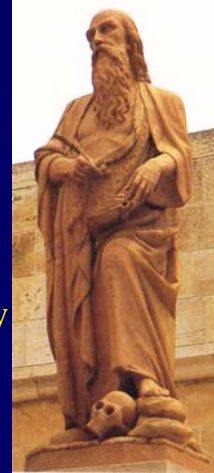
**The modern Greek text is called  
“The Alexandrian Text”**

**The Greek manuscripts that support  
the modern versions are called  
“Alexandrian,” because they came  
from Alexandria, Egypt**

JEROME 340-420 A.D.

**He used the Eusebius-Origen text to create the Catholic Latin Vulgate**

- He promoted veneration of bones and holy relics
- He promoted prayers to the dead
- He taught that Mary is a perpetual virgin
- He promoted infant baptism
- He justified the death penalty for “heretics”



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### **3. Dark Ages: *persecution of the Bible***



## Bibles Were Burned



Countless Bibles  
Were Destroyed,  
including most of the  
Waldensian Scriptures





## Men who translated the Bible were persecuted – i.e., John Wycliffe



## Rome burned Wycliffe's bones!



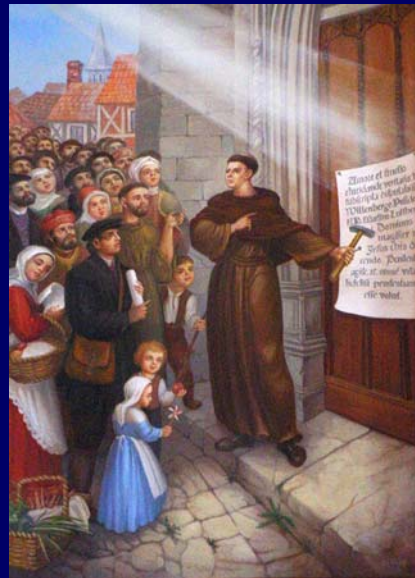
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During the Middle Ages  
the Alexandrian text  
was used by Rome but  
rejected by others

- We have more than five thousand Greek manuscripts from this period, and the vast majority are the Received Text
- The Waldenses used the Received Text

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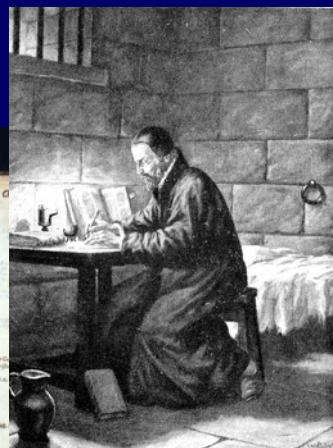
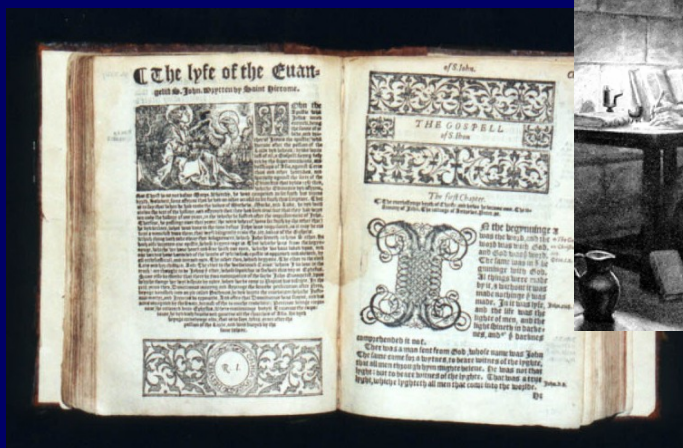
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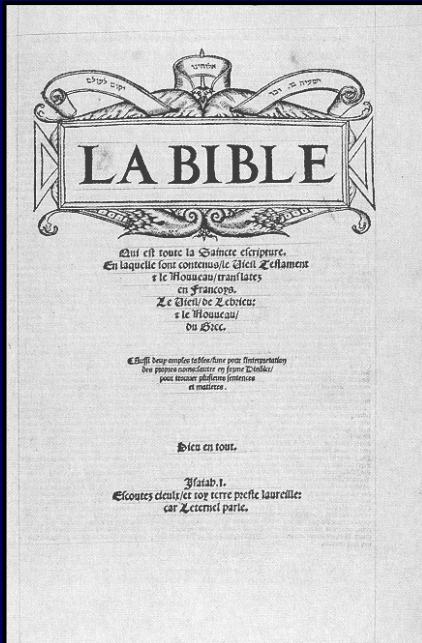
## Erasmus Greek N.T., 1516



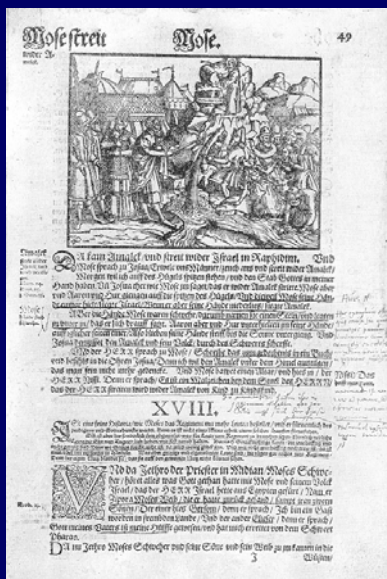
## Tyndale English N.T., 1524

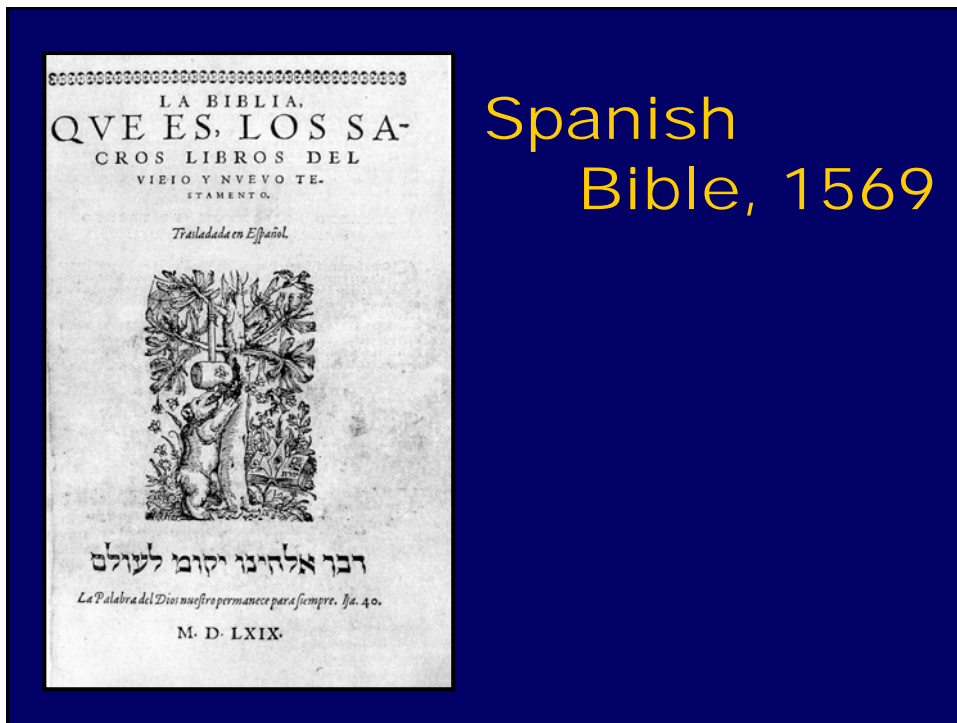


# French Bible, 1528

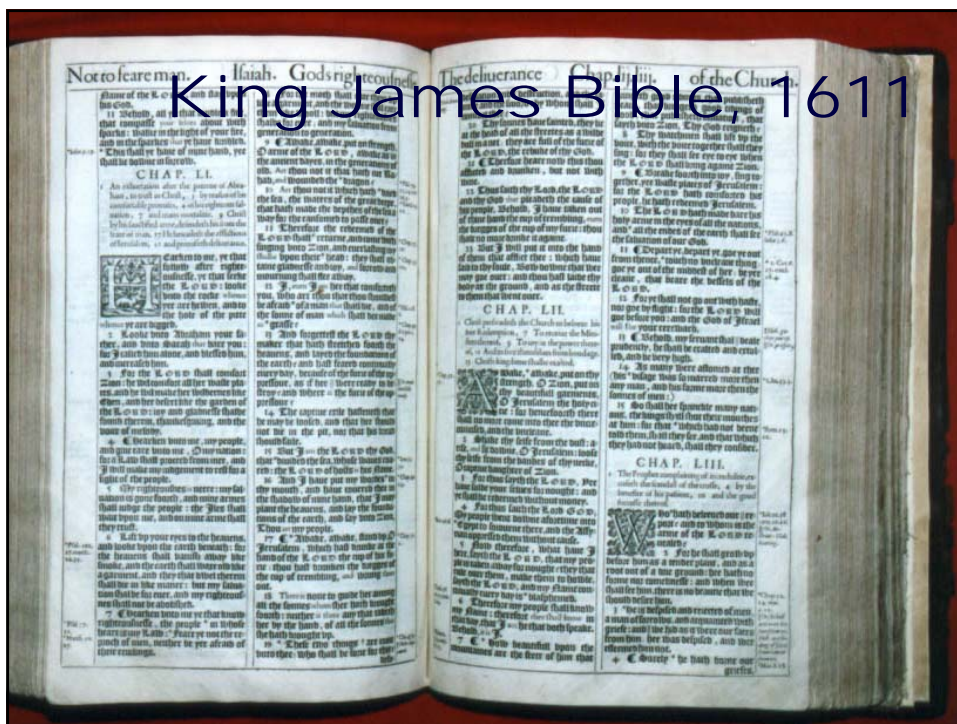


# German Bible, 1534





# Spanish Bible, 1569



# King James Bible, 1611

## God's People Believed They Had the Preserved Scriptures

“The Old Testament in Hebrew . . . and the New Testament in Greek . . . *being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and providence kept pure in all ages*, are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them.” *Westminster Confession, 1648*

## Protestant Confession of Faith, London, 1679

“And by the holy scriptures we understand, the canonical books of the old and new testament, *as they are now translated into our English mother-tongue, of which there hath never been any doubt of their verity and authority, in the protestant churches of Christ to this day.*”

Even modern textual critics  
admit this

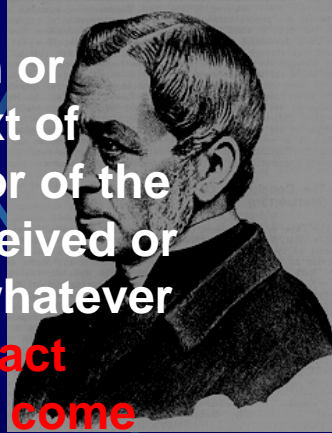
“It is undisputed that from the 16th to the 18th century orthodoxy’s doctrine of verbal inspiration assumed ... [the] **Received Text ... they regarded it as the ‘original text.’** ... it was regarded as preserving even to the last detail the inspired and infallible word of God Himself.” *Kurt Aland, 1987*

TESTIMONY OF  
JOHN BURGON  
(spent 30 years  
tracing the history  
of the Bible;  
collated 150 Greek  
manuscripts &  
collected 86,000  
quotations; more  
than 4,000 of them  
were from writers  
who died before  
the year 400 A.D.)



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“Call this text **Erasmian** or **Complutensian**, the text of **Stephens**, or of **Beza**, or of the **Elzevirs**, call it the **Received** or the **Traditional**, or by whatever name you please--**the fact remains that a text has come down to us which is attested by a general consensus of ancient Copies, ancient Fathers, and ancient Versions.**”



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## CONCLUSION

God has promised to preserve His  
Word

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” *Matthew 5:18*