



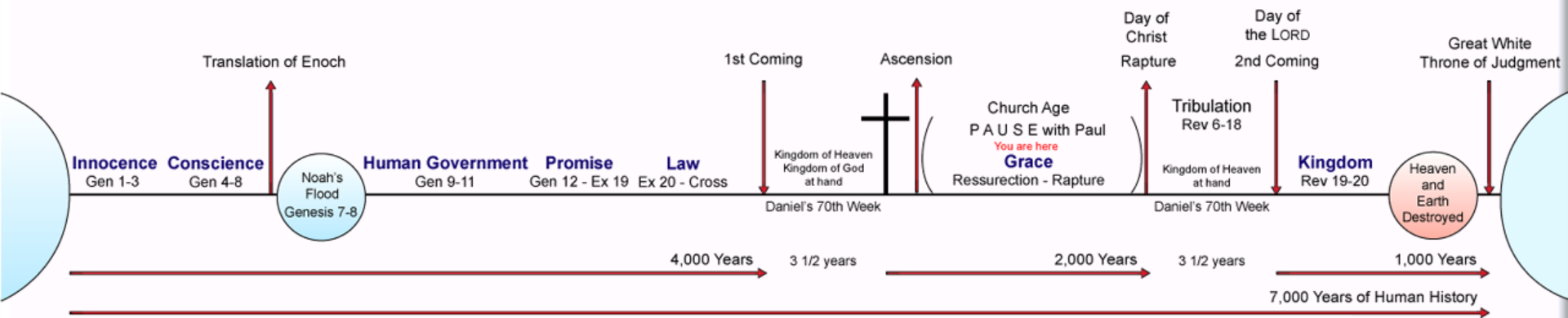
Overview of the Bible

Dispensations of the Holy Scriptures

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15

Old Testament

New Testament



The Canon of Scripture

The word “canon” means “a reed or measuring rod; that which measures.”

The Bible is the means by which we measure and judge all things. In the day of judgment the Bible will be used as the measuring rod

- John 12:48, Daniel 7:9-10, Revelation 20:11-15

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“Believe every word of that book”

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

– Psalm 11:3

See Isaiah 34:16 (John 5:39, Acts 17:11-12).

The Canon of Scripture

The 3 Spiritual Foundations in the Bible:

1. Jesus Christ (Isaiah 28:16, 1 Corinthians 3:11)
2. The Holy Scriptures (Ephesians 2:20)
3. Doctrine (Hebrews 6:1-3)

4. See Daniel 10:21, John 17:17.

The Canon of Scripture

What saith the Scripture?

It is truth (1st Appearance) Daniel 10:21 (John 17:17, Psalm 119:43)

It is magnified above all of God's name (Psalm 138:2)

It is right (Psalm 33:4)

The Scripture cannot be broken, God binds himself to it (John 10:35)

The Scripture must be fulfilled (Mark 14:49, Luke 24:46)

The Scripture will judge you at the last day (John 12:48)

We are to study and rightly divide the Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15)

Don't add or take away from it (Proverbs 30:5-6, Revelation 22:18-19)

You are to live by the Scripture (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:1-3)

The Scripture effectually works in those that believe it (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

It is given by God (2 Peter 1:19-21, 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

God promised to preserve his word (Psalm 12:6-7, Matthew 5:17-18)

The Canon of Scripture

What saith the Scripture continued...

Copies of the Scripture are still the word of God and authoritative (Luke 4:16-21)

The Lord speaks to us through the Scriptures (Matthew 22:29-32 and Mark 12:24-27)

John 5:37-38 Hearing God's voice and his [written] word abiding in you.

The written Scriptures are the word of God (John 10:34-36)

Paul was a Bible Believer (Acts 24:14-16)

Determining The Canon

1 Corinthians 2:5

Your faith shall not stand in the wisdom of men

Science (1 Timothy 6:20) and Philosophy (Colossians 2:8)

but in the power of God.

We understand through faith (Hebrews 11:3)

*Everyone, even the wicked, exercise faith; just not necessarily in the same things.

Determining The Canon

IMPORTANT:

You cannot determine with **ABSOLUTE** certainty the canon of scripture using man's wisdom (Psalm 77:19, John 3:8).

The Bible does say that to the Jews were given the oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2) and their Hebrew Bible matches our Old Testament. They reject the apocryphal writings like all Christians should.

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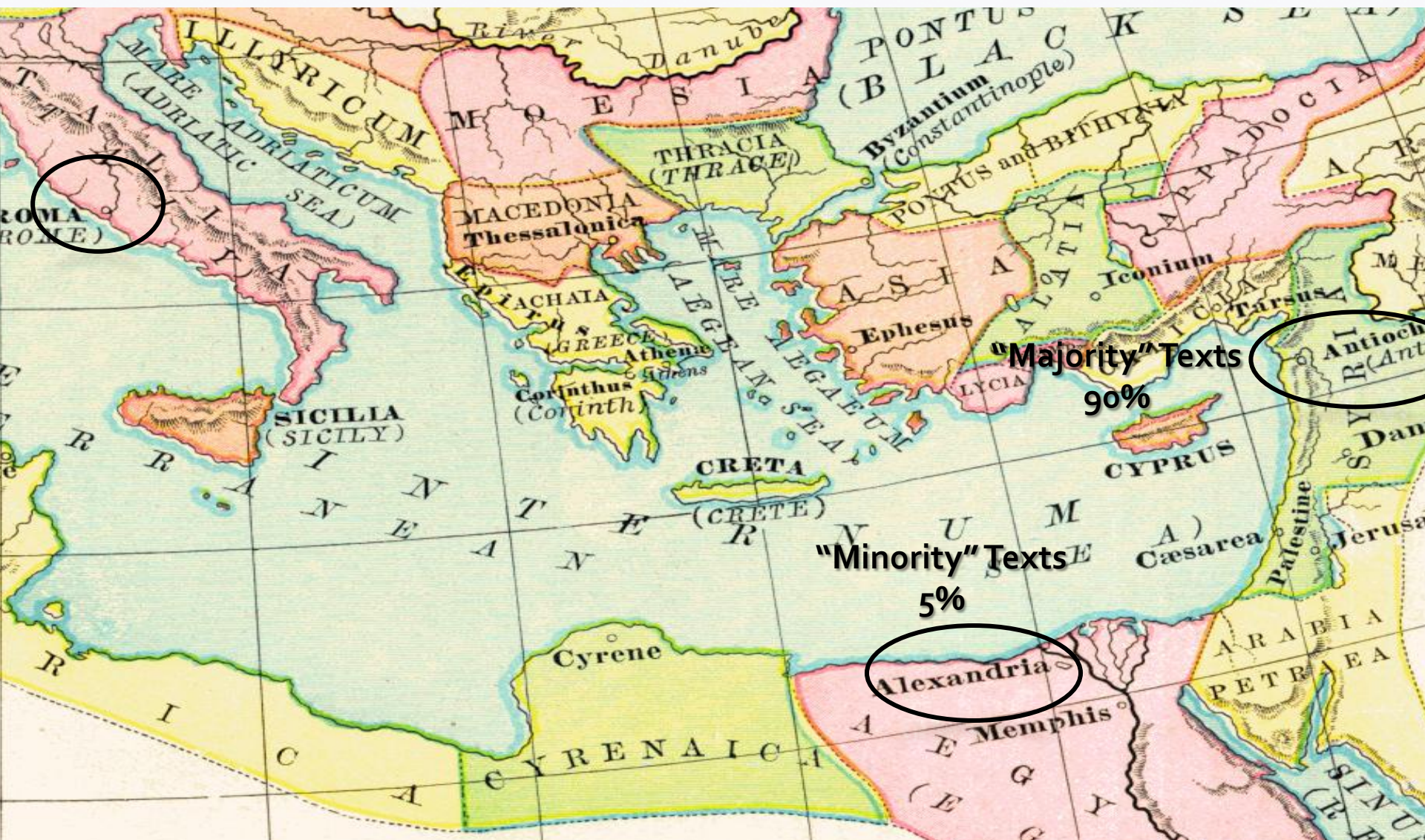
- Jesus authorized the OT canon in Luke 11:51
- NT writers quote extensively from the Old Testament
- The book of Isaiah is a type of the canon of scripture.
- The Holy Ghost testifies of the King James Bible

Determining The Canon

God promised to preserve his word (Psalm 12:6-7). How he did it? NOBODY knows. There is evidence for and against everything under the sun. It is a matter of faith.

Examples of God preserving his word:

- Jeremiah 36, the ten commandments



Rome (Italy)

"Majority" Texts
90%

Alexandria (Egypt)

"Minority" Texts
5%

Luke 2:33	Jesus' father was Joseph
James 5:16	Confess your sins to each other instead of faults
John 3:13	Attacks the omnipresence of Jesus Christ
Matthew 6:13	Robs God of the kingdom, power, and glory
Colossians 1:14	Forgiveness through the blood omitted
Matthew 1:25	Firstborn son removed
2 Timothy 2:15	Command to study and rightly divide the Bible gone
Revelation 22:14	Salvation by works during tribulation altered
1 Peter 2:2	Desiring the word altered, grow up in salvation
2 Corinthians 2:17	changed the whole verse to cover their sin, but still exposed
Luke 4:4, 8	Living by the Bible omitted
1 Timothy 3:16	God not manifest in the flesh
Romans 8:1	Remove half of the verse
Acts 1:3	changed infallible proofs
1 Timothy 6:20	Science changed to knowledge
Romans 13:9	Do not bear false witness removed
Psalms 12:6-7	God's promise to preserve his word gone
Revelation 13:16-17	The Mark of the beast changed from in to on
Isaiah 14:12	Lucifer is the morning star, so is Jesus Revelation 22:16
Psalms 138:2	God exalting his word above his name changed
2 Thessalonians 2:2	Day of Christ changed to the Day of the LORD

Majority Text:

- Over 90% of all Greek Texts match the King James Bible
- All of the non-catholic translations of the Bible (Syriac Peshitta, Old Latin Vulgate, etc) match the Majority Texts and the King James Bible
- Derives its authority from the amount of copies that actually exist today, its usage by Christians from the 1st century up until 2008, and the fruit it bears
- Traces back to Antioch of Syria where they were first called Christians (we will get into this heavily in the second part)

Minority Text:

- Only 5% of all Greek Texts match the modern "bible" versions
- The Vaticanus was found in the Vatican and Sinaiticus was found in a garbage can not being used by any Christian!
- Derives its authority from a mythological "Septuagint" that no one has ever seen, and for which there is no evidence of prior to 200 AD, based on the translation of the heretic universalist, Origen
- Traces back to Alexandria, Egypt (from where God called his people out)

Determining The Canon

The Difference between the Bible Believer and everyone else

The Bible Believer

1. History, scholarship, and tradition are no authority
2. Scriptural quotations are sufficient to resolve the issue
3. Uses Scriptural Terminology and clear positional proof texts
4. God preserved his inspired word

Everyone Else

1. History, scholarship, and tradition are authoritative
2. Scriptural quotations are *not* sufficient to resolve the issue
3. Uses extra-scriptural terminology and no clear positional proof texts
4. Men preserved God's un-inspired word, almost (Bible as is today not wholly inspired, Bible book of men)

*It will always come down to what you do with that Book.

Determining The Canon

There is no such thing as the “originals” or “original autographs.” No one within the last 2000 years has seen an original text.

-Also, you would not know if you had an “original” because it is not going to say original. You would never know beyond any doubt if you actually had the original Isaiah etc.

-2 Sets of the Commandments, Two copies of Jeremiah (the later more was added to it, Jeremiah 36)

There is no unified, uniform, and single Greek text. There are two lines of Bibles: Syriac and Alexandrian lines. So when someone says, The Greek says, they are being misleading.

The term Scripture in the Bible *never* refers to the original autographs.

A Translation from one language to the other can be rightfully called Scripture.