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# 1. The Bible Controversy

## A. The Critics' Claims

- “It has been translated thousands of times”
- “It’s message has evolved for generations”
- “It has been corrupted through the centuries”
- “It was constructed by politicians with agendas”
- “Books were excluded to present a planned message”
- “It was written centuries later based on oral tradition”
- “It was shaped and edited by religious leaders”



# 1. The Bible Controversy

## A. The Critics' Claims

- “It is just a collection of made-up stories”
- “It is a book of superstition and myth”
- “It is only meant to be a set of parables live by”
- “It is not meant to be taken as fact or history”
- “It is just people’s musings about the unknown”
- “It should not be taken seriously”



# 1. The Bible Controversy

## B. The Bible's Claims

1) It is to be Taken as Factual & Historical (“true truth”)

*1 John 1:1–2*

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us*



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## ***2 Peter 1:16–18***

***For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.***



# 1. The Bible Controversy

## B. The Bible's Claims

### 2) It is God's Factual Message to Us

*2 Peter 1:19–21*

*you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

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## ***2 Timothy 3:15–17***

***from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God***



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# 1. The Bible Controversy

## C. Two Primary Questions to Address

1) Is What We Have What Was Written?

→ This week

2) Is What They Wrote God's Message?

→ Next week



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## 2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?

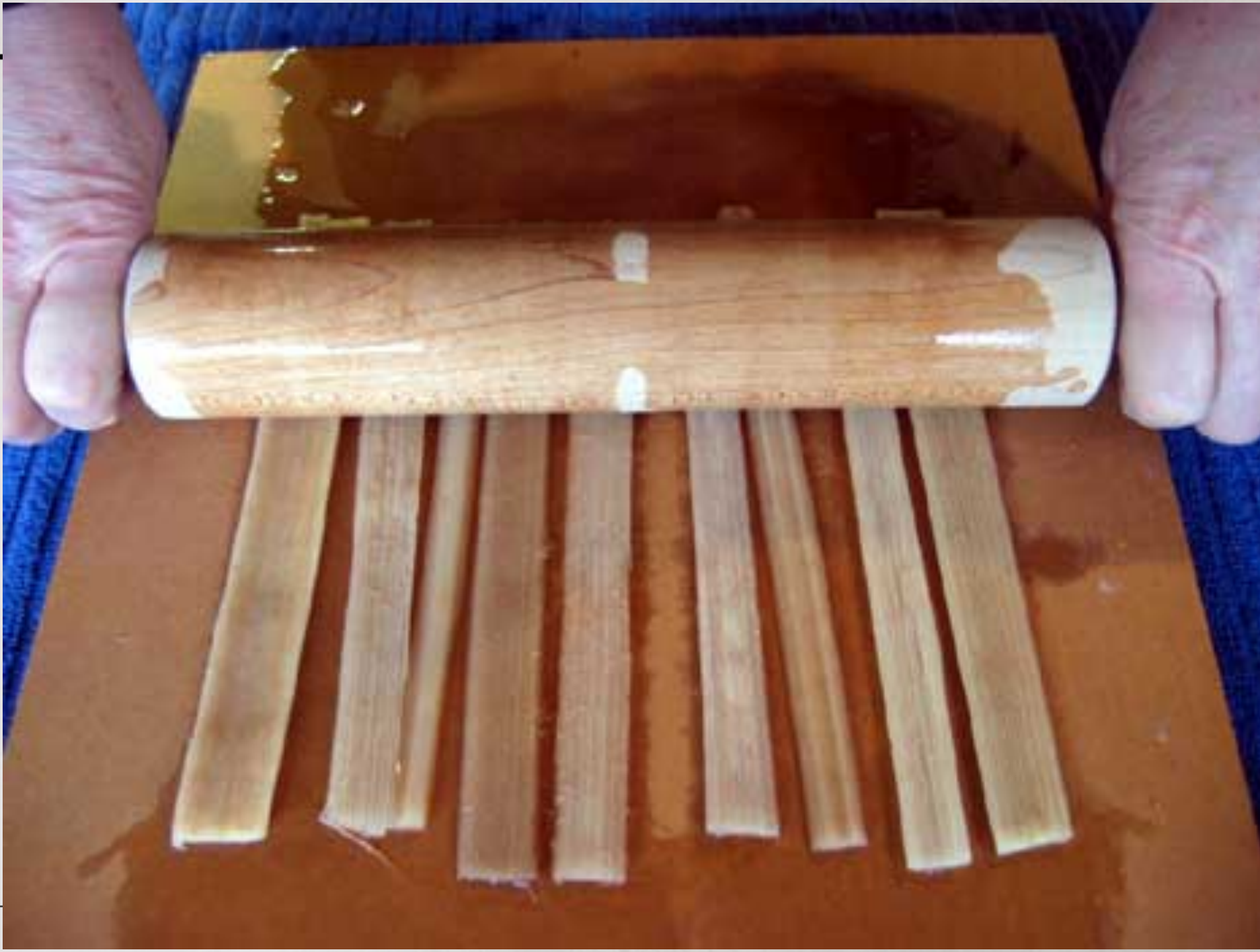
### A. The Challenge

#### 1) All Ancient “Paper” Wears Out







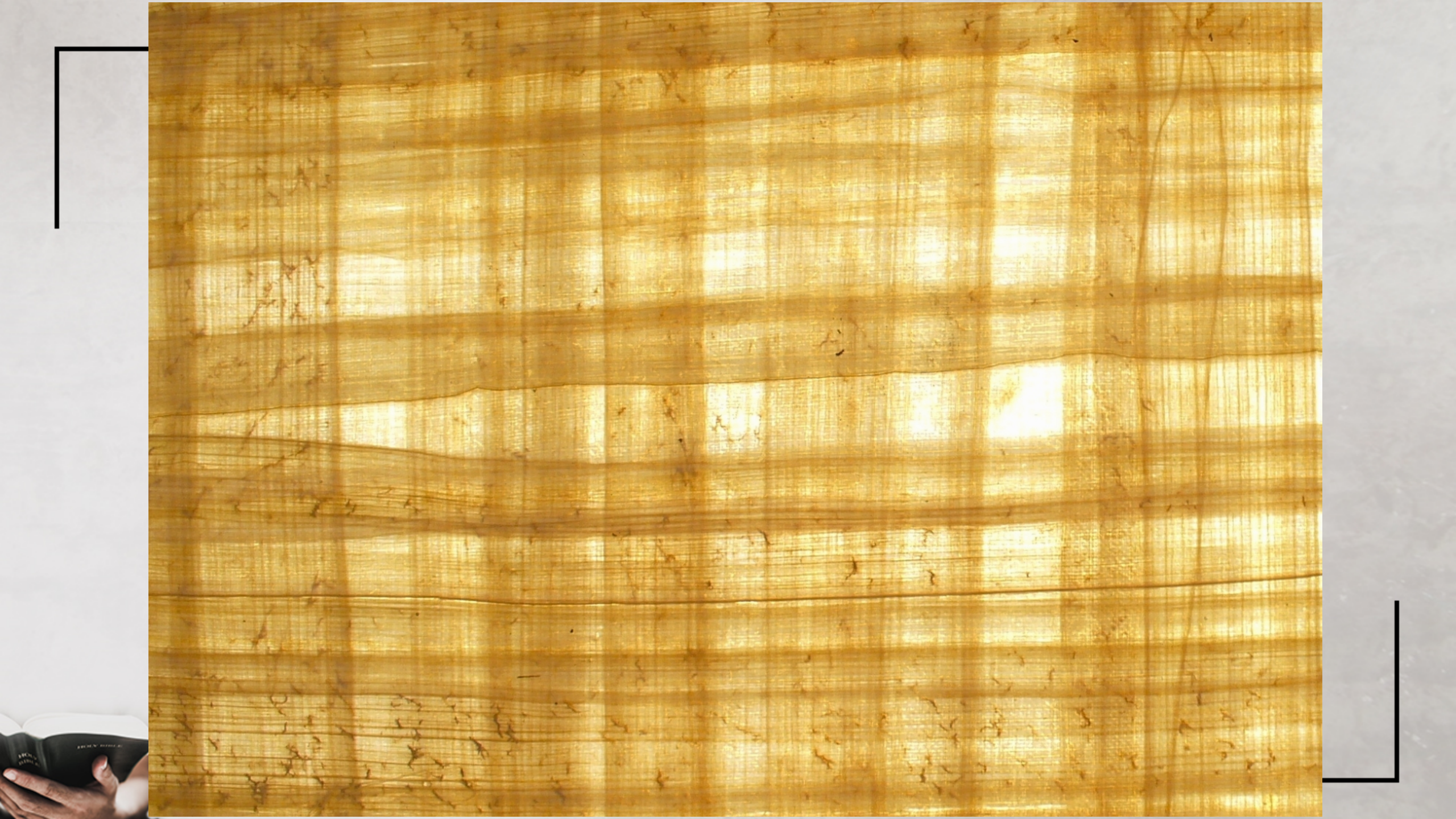






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## **2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?**

### **A. The Challenge**

- 1) All Ancient “Paper” Wears Out**
- 2) No Ancient “Book” Still Has “Originals”**
- 3) There were No Ancient Copy Machines**
- 4) There were Human Copying Errors**
- 5) Copies were Done on Ancient Paper**



## **2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?**

### **B. The Result**

- 1) There are No Originals of Any Bible Book**
- 2) Many of the Copies Have Deteriorated**



## 2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?

### C. The Hope

#### 1) Very Old Copies

- Closest to the Original
- Less Time for Compounding Copy Errors

#### 2) Many Old Copies

- More to Compare Differences (“variants”)
- Better Ability to Reconstruct “Original”



## 2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?

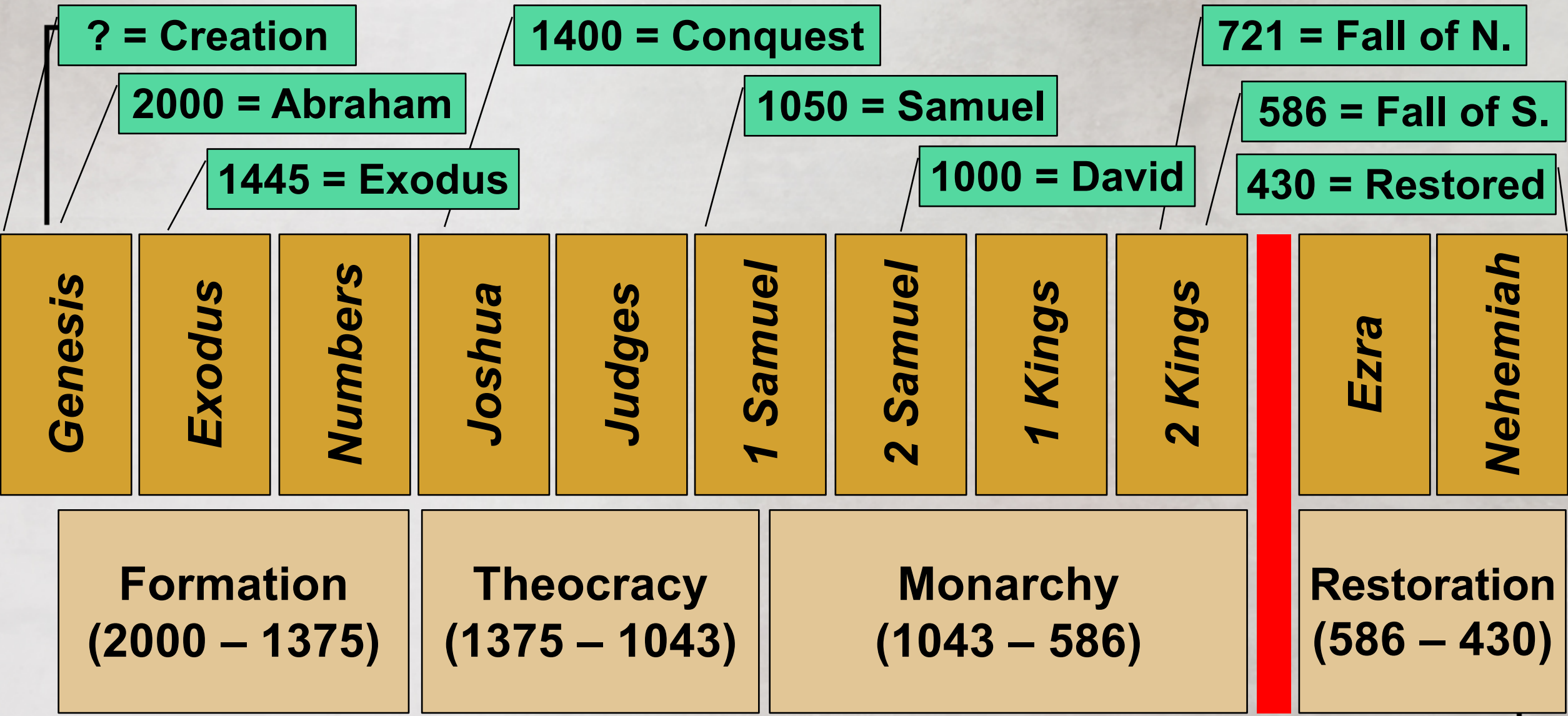
### D. The Biblical Advantage

1) Old Testament (*written from 1445 BC to 430 BC*)



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1 Kings

2 Kings

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Joel

Isa

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Nah

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430

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## **2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?**

### **D. The Biblical Advantage**

#### **1) Old Testament (*written from 1445 BC to 430 BC*)**

- **Professional Human Copy “Machines”**
  - **Scribes with Meticulous Rules**
- **An Impressive Set Of Old Copies**
  - **Fragments from 600 BC**
  - **Dead Sea Scroll from 250 BC**
  - **Major Greek Translation in 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent. BC**  
(Fragments from 2<sup>nd</sup> Cent. AD)
- **Ancient Copies Religiously Preserved**

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## 2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?

### D. The Biblical Advantage

2) New Testament (*written from AD 45 to 95*)



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<b>Early</b>	<b>Galatians</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>General</b>		
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	<b>2 Thess</b>	<b>51</b>					
<b>Major</b>	<b>1 Cor</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>Hebrews</b>			
	<b>2 Cor</b>	<b>55</b>					
<b>Prison</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>56</b>				<b>65</b>	<b>1 Peter</b>
	<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>61</b>				<b>65</b>	<b>2 Peter</b>
	<b>Colossians</b>	<b>61</b>				<b>67</b>	<b>Jude</b>
	<b>Philemon</b>	<b>61</b>				<b>68</b>	<b>1 John</b>
<b>Pastoral</b>	<b>Philippians</b>	<b>62</b>				<b>85</b>	<b>2 John</b>
	<b>1 Timothy</b>	<b>63</b>			<b>90</b>	<b>3 John</b>	
	<b>Titus</b>	<b>63</b>			<b>90</b>	<b>Revelation</b>	
	<b>2 Timothy</b>	<b>64</b>			<b>95</b>	<b>Prophecy</b>	

## 2. Is Our Bible What The Authors Wrote?

### D. The Biblical Advantage

#### 2) New Testament (*written from AD 45 to 95*)

- A Huge Number of Old Copies
  - More than Any Other Ancient Book
  - Over 5,000 in Greek
  - Thousands in Other Languages
- A Lot of Very Old Copies (Small Gap)
  - Closer to the Date of the Original than Any Other
  - Fragments to Early 2<sup>nd</sup> & Possibly 1<sup>st</sup> Century



# 3. The Dead Sea Scrolls

## A. Importance

### 1) DSS Closed the Time Gap

- From Original Writings to Existing Copies

### 2) DSS Confirmed Accuracy of Later Copies

- Trusted Masoretic Texts Vindicated

-- Jewish Scholars of the 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Century







# OT Original Autographs

**DSS = MT = ESV**

**LXX**

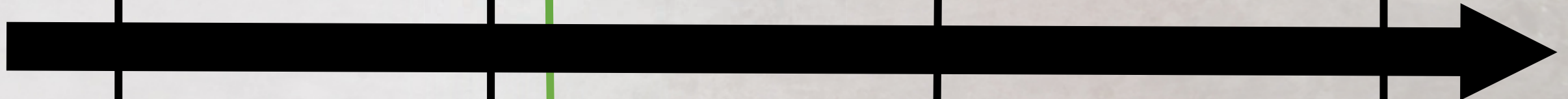
**1445 to  
430 BC**

**200  
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**200  
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900**

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2009**



# OT Original Autographs

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**ESV**

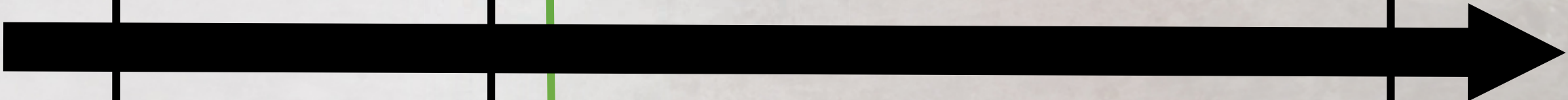
**LXX**

**200  
BC**

**1400 to  
400 BC**

**200  
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**AD  
2009**



# 3. The Dead Sea Scrolls

## B. The History



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Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Qumran

En Gedi

Dead Sea

Jordan

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# What Year Where the DSS Found?

- A. 1835
- B. 1902
- C. 1947
- D. 1956



# C. 1947

- The first scrolls found in Cave 1 were discovered by a Bedouin shepherd boy in the early part of 1947.
- More scrolls in Cave 2 were found in February of 1952.
- More scrolls in Cave 3 were found in March of 1952.



How many caves were discovered at Qumran with scrolls in them?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 9
- D. 12



## D. 12 Caves

- There were 25 caves found at Qumran, but only 12 contained scrolls.
- Important and similar scrolls were found during this same period in nearby places like Masada, Murabba'at, and Nahal Hever.
  - These mss are also meant by the designation “Dead Sea Scrolls”.



What languages were the scrolls written in?

- A. Hebrew
- B. Aramaic
- C. Greek
- D. All of the above



## D. All of the Above?

- A Majority in Hebrew
- Some Aramaic
- A few in Greek = LXX (in caves 4 & 7)



Were the manuscripts found all biblical manuscripts?

- No.
  - There are several other documents including commentaries and documents relating to the community life.





How many of the OT books were found among the DSS?

- A. 15 of 39
- B. 29 of 39
- C. 38 of 39
- D. 39 of 39



## C. 38 of the 39 OT books

- Only the book of Esther was not definitively represented by the discoveries.
- Lots of speculations as to why...
  - “Small book, there but didn’t survive”
  - “Male community, they didn’t like it”
  - “They didn’t like no mention of God’s name”
- Recent Research claims there is an Esther Fragment



Where any NT books found in the DSS discoveries?

- Some suggest that Cave 7 fragments copies of...
  - Mark
  - Romans
  - James
  - 1 Timothy
  - Acts
  - 1 Timothy
  - Acts
  - Acts
  - 1 Timothy
  - 2 Peter
- No Data About Jesus!



Though all the books were fragmentary, which book was most complete?

- A. Genesis
- B. Isaiah
- C. Psalms
- D. Jeremiah



## B. Isaiah

- All 66 chapters were preserved on one scroll (though some pages are missing the bottom few lines).
- Completely Refuted Liberal Views of the Assembly of Isaiah (and other books)







# DEAD SEA ROLLS

Dead Sea Scrolls  
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## The Dead Sea

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The Dead Sea Scrolls



Of which book were the most copies found?

- A. Genesis
- B. Isaiah
- C. Psalms
- D. Jeremiah



## B. Psalms

- There are more copies of Psalms than any other book by far.
- Of all the copies there are three extra Psalms found.
- The most famous and interesting is Psalm 151 because of its presence in the LXX.



# Psalm 151 (LXX & DSS)

***1) I was small among my brothers and youngest in my father's house: I tended my father's sheep. 2) My hands formed a musical instrument and my fingers tuned a psaltery. 3) And who shall tell my Lord? The Lord himself, he himself hear. 4) He sent forth his angel, and took me from my fathers' sheep, and he anointed me with the oil of his anointing. 5) My brothers were handsome and tall; but the Lord did not take pleasure in them. 6) I went forth to meet the Philistine; and he cursed me by his idols. 7) But I drew his own sword, and beheaded him, and removed reproach from the Children of Israel.***

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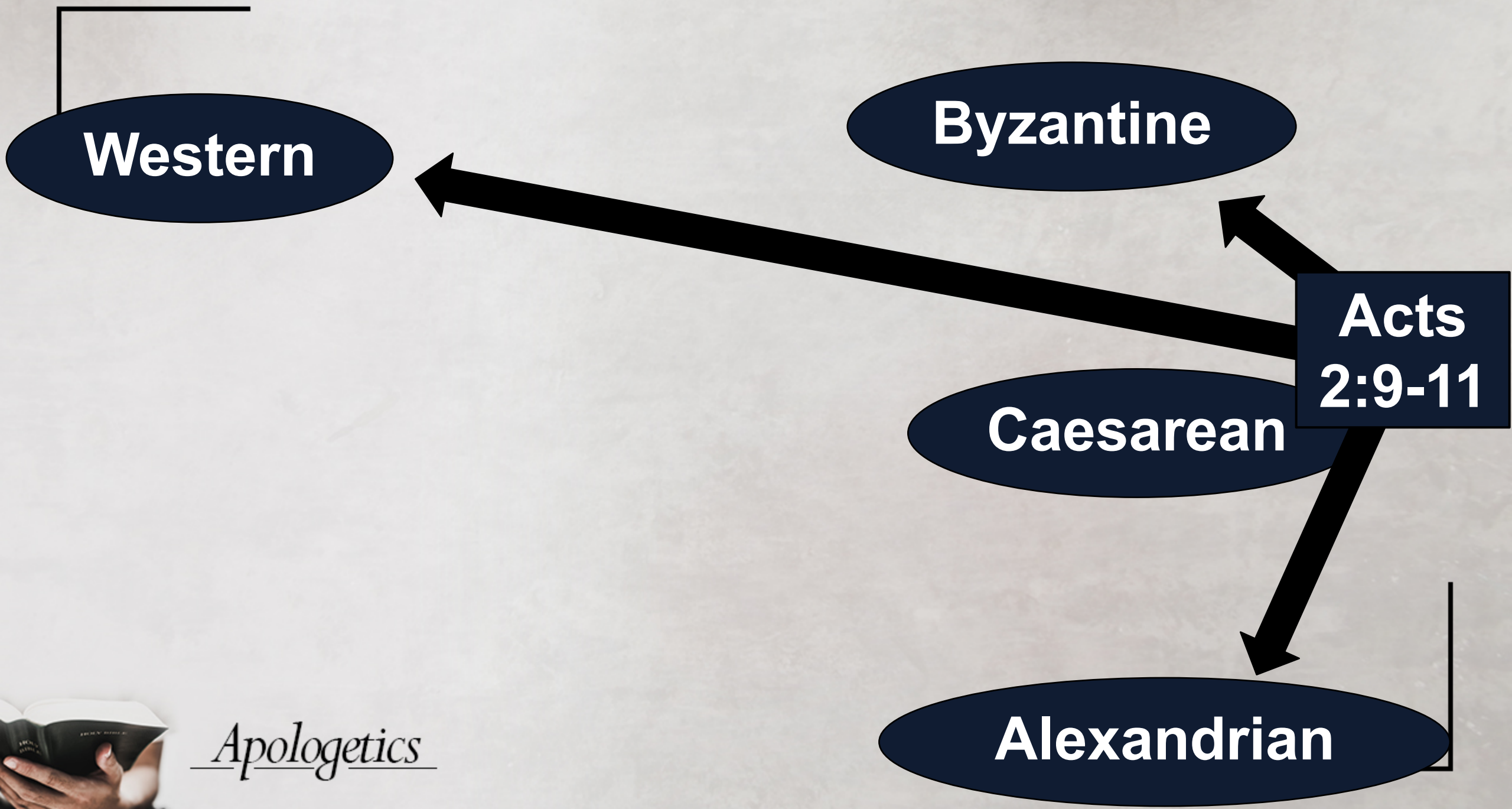


## 4. New Testament Documents

### A. Explosion of NT Copies

- MSS Characteristics Emerge Geographically







**Italy**: Florence, Rome, Naples, Bari, Messina, Palermo, Sicily, Valletta, MALTA

**YUGOSLAVIA**: Belgrade, Sarajevo, Split, Dobrovnik, Skopje, Tirane, ALBANIA

**BULGARIA**: Sofia, Thessalonikj

**TURKEY**: Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Adana

**SYRIA**: Aleppo

**LEBANON**: Beirut, Nicosia, CYPRUS

**ISRAEL**: Tel Aviv-Yafo, Jerusalem

**JORDAN**: Amman

**SAUDI ARABIA**

**EGYPT**: Alexandria, Cairo, Suez

**TUNISIA**: Bizerte, Annaba, Safaqis

**LIBYA**: Tripoli, Banghāzi

**Seas**: Adriatic Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea

**Rivers**: Danube, Nile

**Other**: Corsica, Sardinia, Rhodes, Crete

A topographical map of the Mediterranean region, showing the Mediterranean Sea, Adriatic Sea, Aegean Sea, and Black Sea. The map includes labels for various countries and cities. Four dark blue oval callouts are overlaid on the map, each containing a name in white text. The callouts are positioned as follows: 'Western' in the upper left over Italy; 'Byzantine' in the upper right over the Balkans; 'Caesarean' in the lower right over the eastern Mediterranean coast; and 'Alexandrian' in the lower center over the northern coast of Africa.

**Western**

**Byzantine**

**Caesarean**

**Alexandrian**

## 4. New Testament Documents

### B. Loss of Earliest Copies

- MSS Don't Deteriorate Evenly  
(Climate)





A topographical map of the Mediterranean region, showing countries like Italy, Greece, Turkey, and others. Four dark blue ovals with white text are overlaid on the map, pointing to different areas: 'Western' in the west, 'Byzantine' in the north, 'Caesarean' in the east, and 'Alexandrian' in the south.

**Western**

**Byzantine**

**Caesarean**

**Alexandrian**

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**Western**

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## **4. New Testament Documents**

### **C. Other Languages Dominate in Regions**

- **One Region Continues to Need Greek MSS**



A topographical map of the Mediterranean region, showing parts of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. The map is overlaid with several callout boxes. The boxes are: 1. A dark blue oval containing the word 'Western' in white. 2. A dark red rounded rectangle containing the text 'Greek to Latin' in white. 3. A dark blue oval containing the word 'Byzantine' in white. 4. A dark red rounded rectangle containing the text 'Greek continues' in white. 5. A dark blue oval containing the word 'Caesarean' in white. 6. A dark red rounded rectangle containing the text 'Greek to Syriac AKA "Peshitta"' in white. 7. A dark blue oval containing the word 'Alexandrian' in white. 8. A dark red rounded rectangle containing the text 'Greek to Coptic' in white. The map shows major cities like Rome, Athens, Alexandria, and Jerusalem, and bodies of water like the Adriatic, Aegean, and Mediterranean Seas.

**Western**

Greek to Latin

**Byzantine**

Greek continues

**Caesarean**

Greek to Syriac  
AKA "Peshitta"

Greek to Coptic

**Alexandrian**

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**Western**

**Byzantine**

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**Western**

**Latin**

**Byzantine + More Greek Mss**

**Caesarean**

**Syriac**

**Alexandrian**

**Coptic**

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**Western**

**Byzantine**

**Caesarean**

**Alexandrian**



## 4. New Testament Documents

### D. Observed Characteristics in Text Families

#### 1) Alexandrian

- *Oldest Discovered Copies*
- *Absent Obvious Additions & Conflations*

#### 2) Caesarean

- *The Least Unique*
- *Mostly Gospel & Acts*



## 4. New Testament Documents

### D. Observed Characteristics in Text Families

#### 3) Western

- *More Harmonizations*
- *Some Paraphrasing*

#### 4) Byzantine

- *Most Polished Readings*
- *Variants Not Quoted by Early Preaching*



## **5. Textual Criticism**

### **A. Definition**

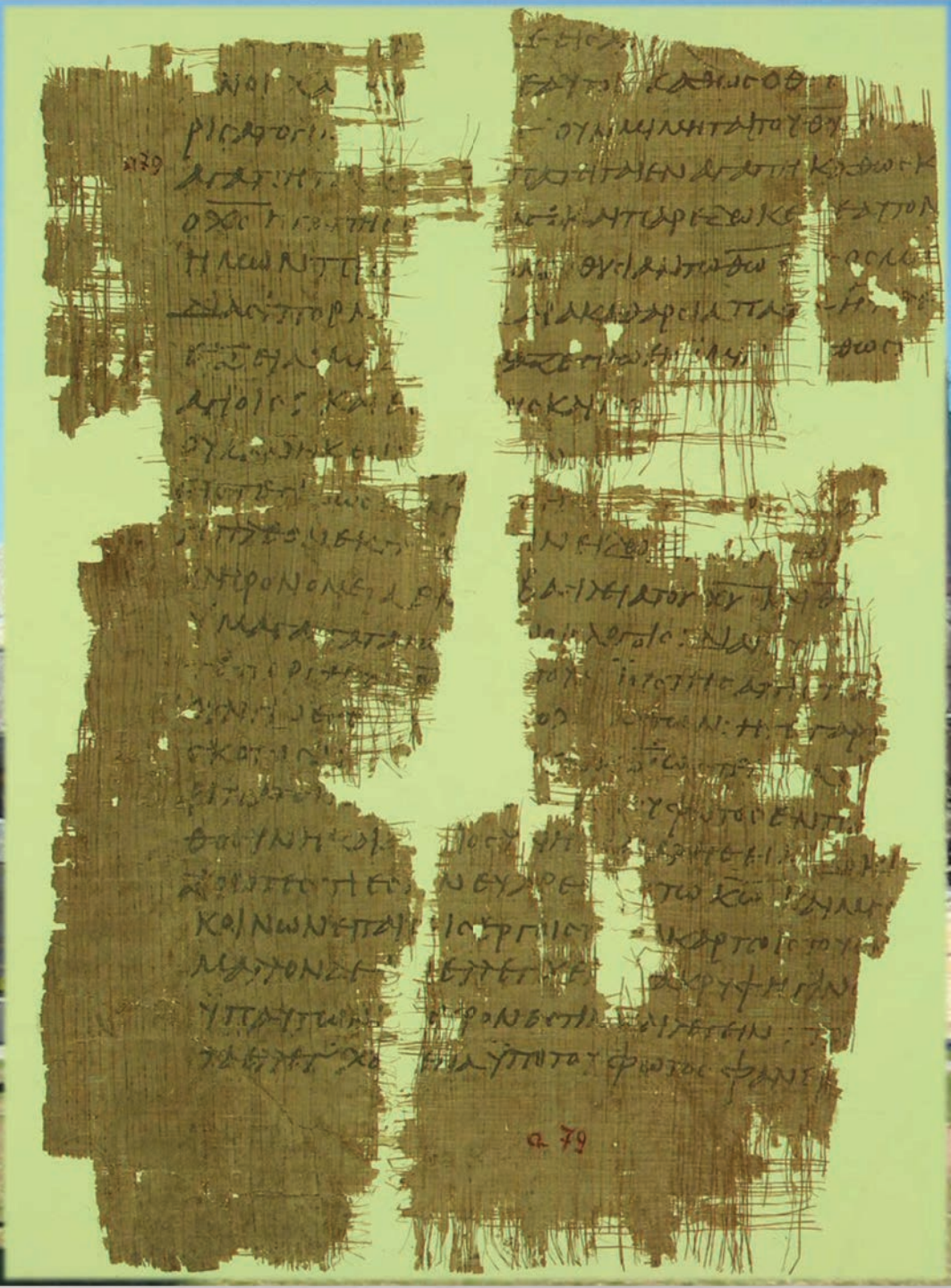
**“The work of comparing & evaluating ancient copies of the Bible to determine the most accurate reading of the original wording.”**

### **B. Every Reason for Confidence in this Work**

- So Many Very Old Copies**
- Complete Transparency in the Field**

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## 5. Textual Criticism

### C. The Popular Conspiracies Are Nonsense

- Example: *The Davinci Code*



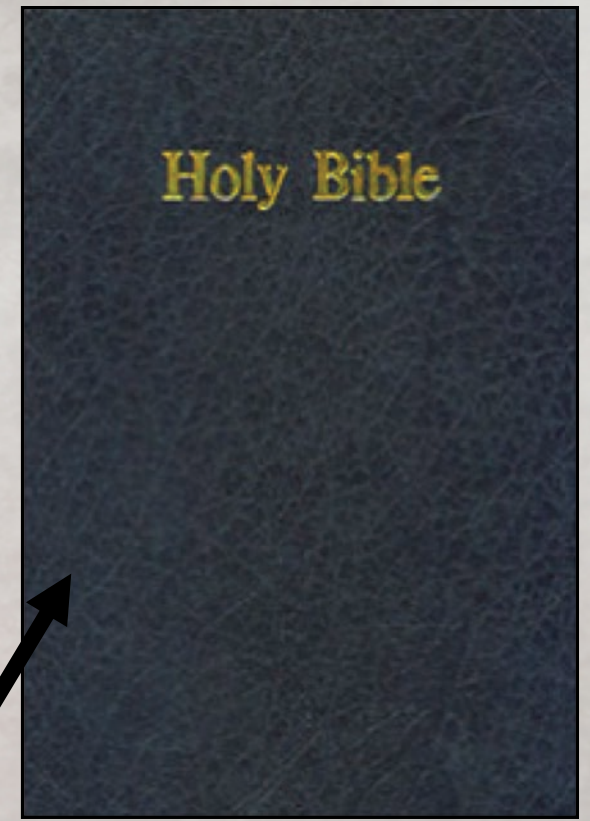
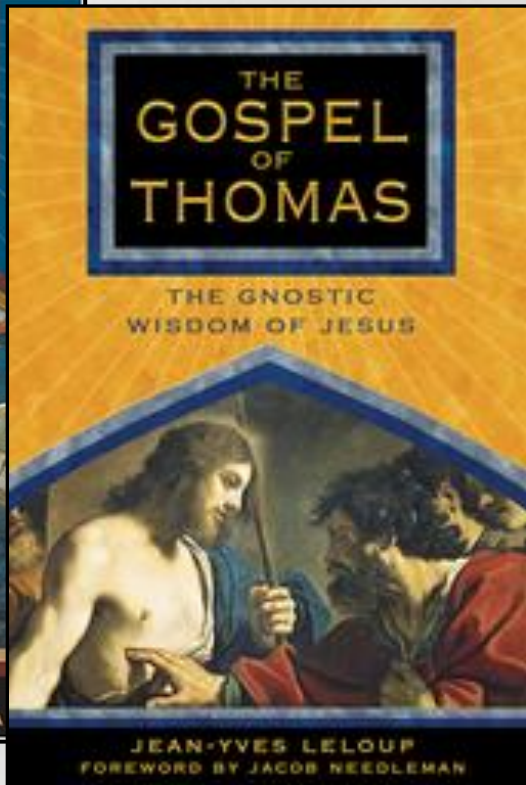
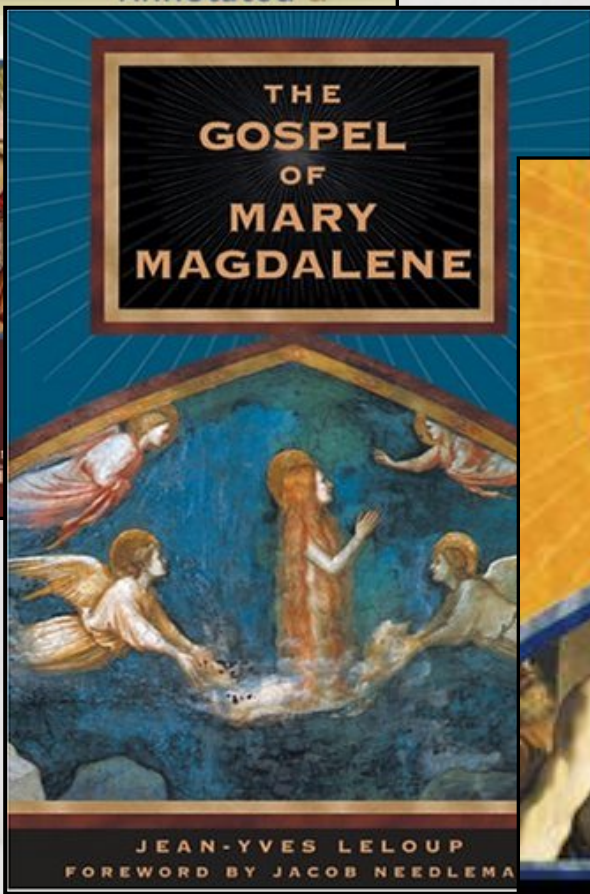
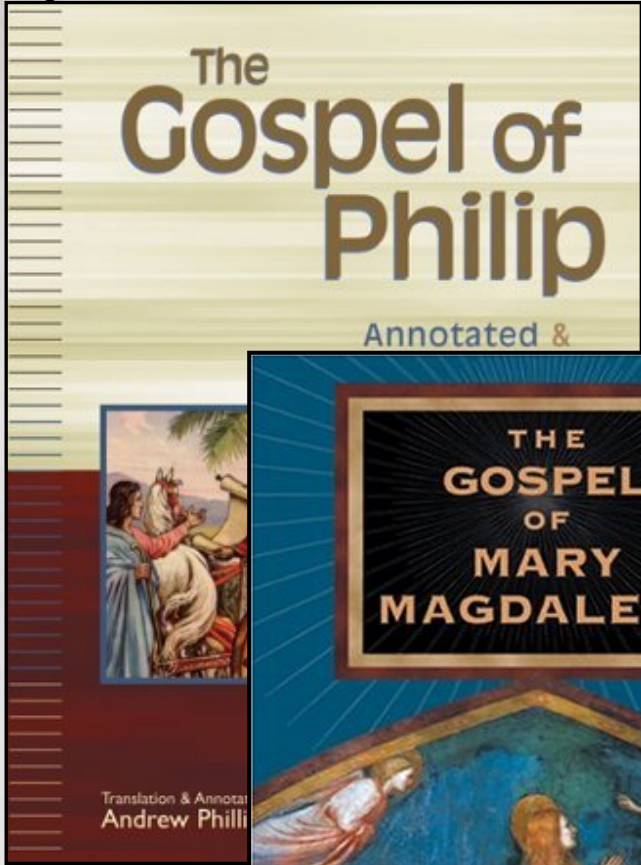
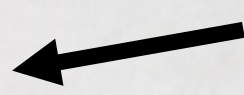
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The Original Followers of Jesus (**The “Gnostics”**) said Jesus was a Married-with-Children, Goddess Worshipping, 100% Human Rabbi



**You Can**

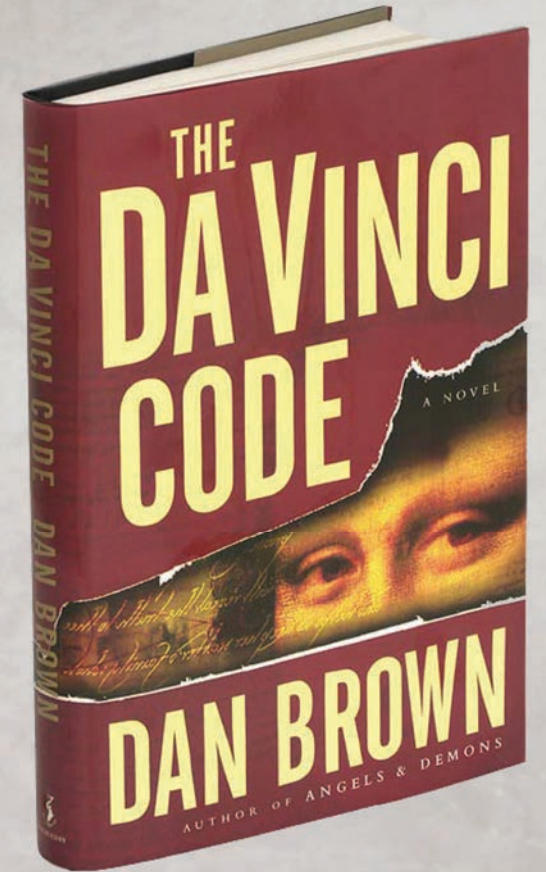
**Trust These**



**You Cannot Trust This**



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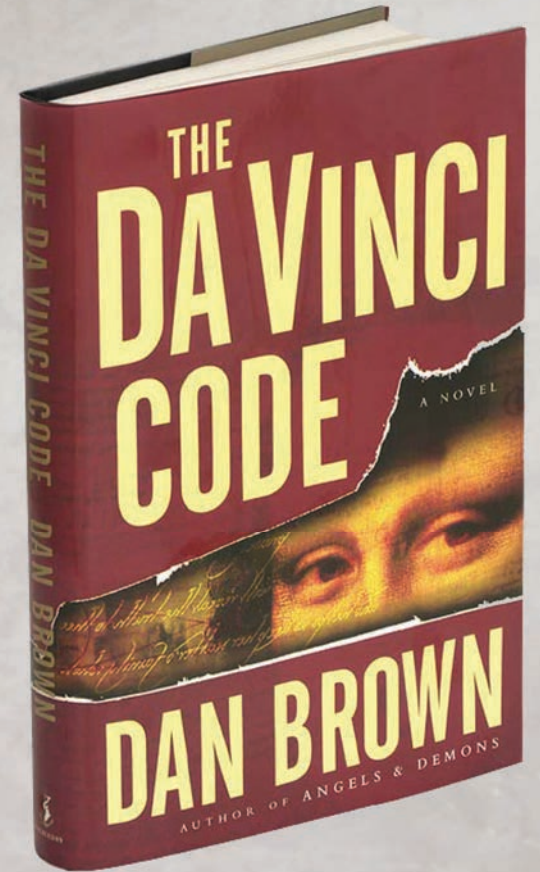


(p.234) ***“Constantine commissioned and financed a new Bible,***

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**Remember...**

***“All Descriptions  
of Documents  
in This Novel are True”***

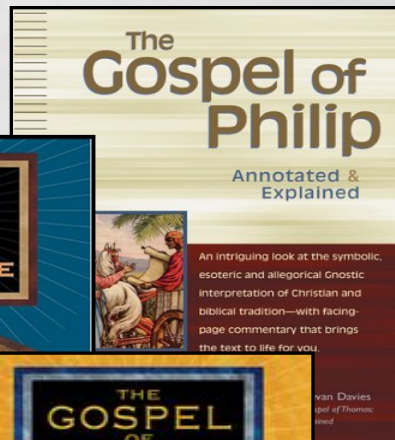
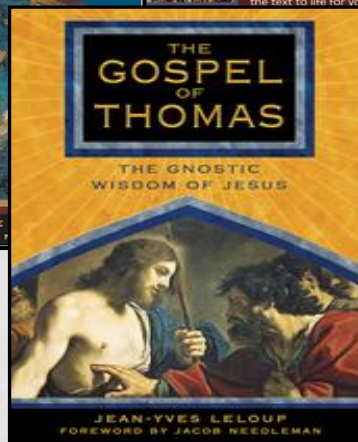
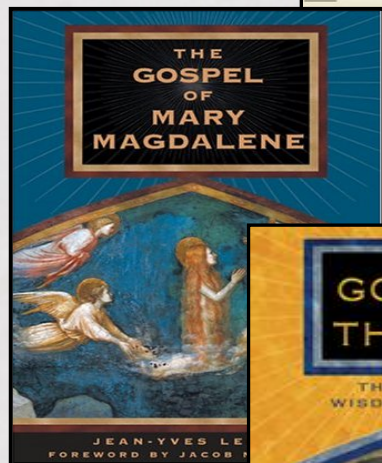


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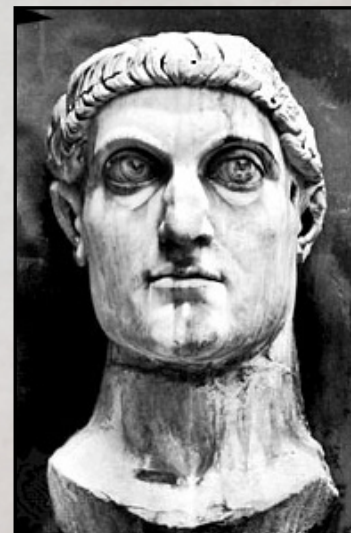
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Jesus



Constantine



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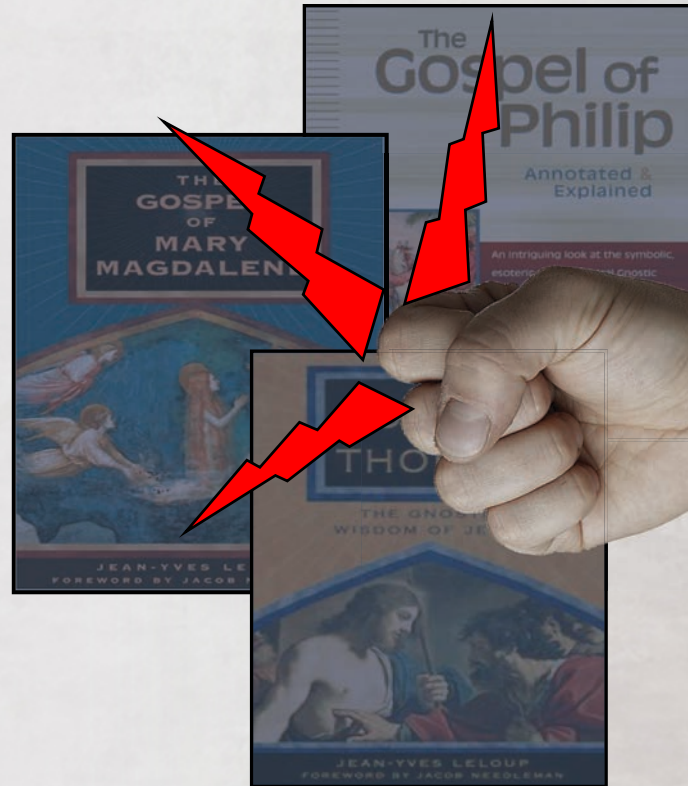
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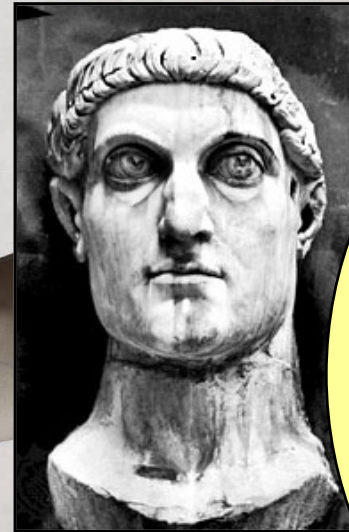


(Before Constantine)

**the Real Jesus**

*Just a Human  
Rabbi*

Constantine



(After Constantine)

**the Phony Jesus**

*a Savior from  
Heaven*

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AD 325

# Who is Constantine?

*The Claim...*

(p.231) ***“The Bible, as we know it today, was collated by the pagan Roman emperor Constantine the Great.”***



(p.232) ***“I thought Constantine was a Christian,” Sophie said.***

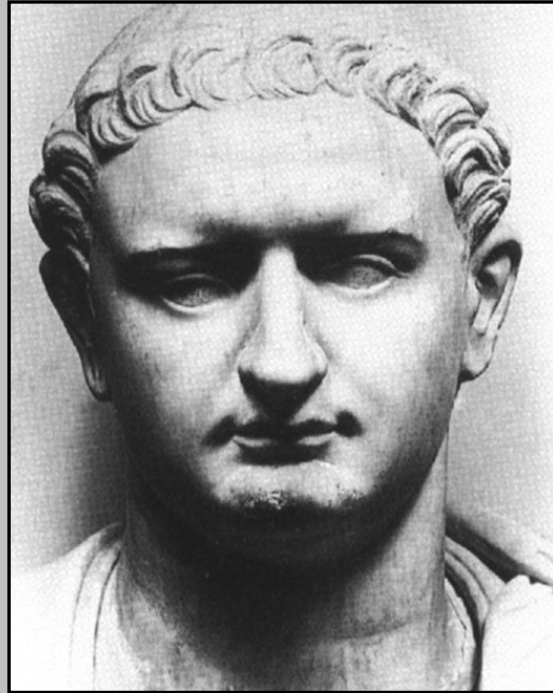
***“Hardly,” Teabing scoffed. “He was a lifelong pagan who was baptized on his deathbed, too weak to protest.”***

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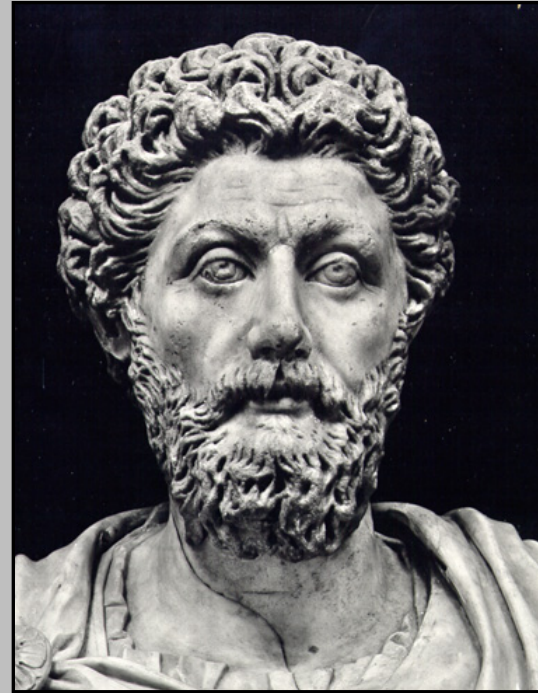
# *His Anti-Christian Predecessors...*



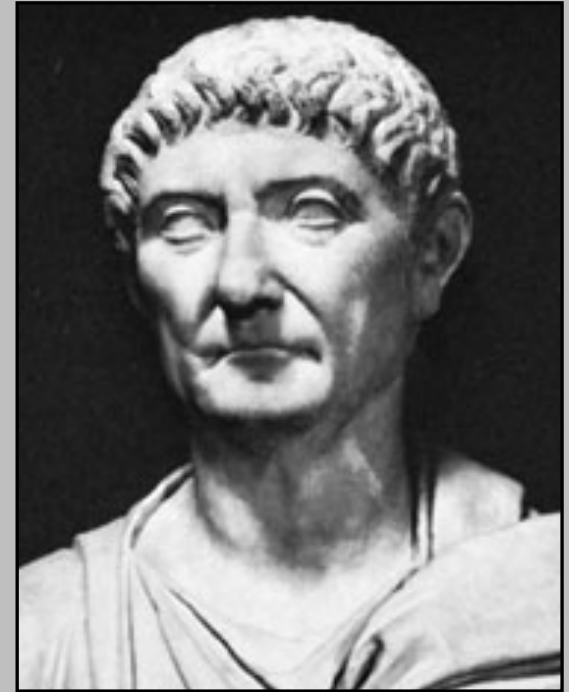
*Nero*



*Domitian*



*Marcus  
Aurelius*



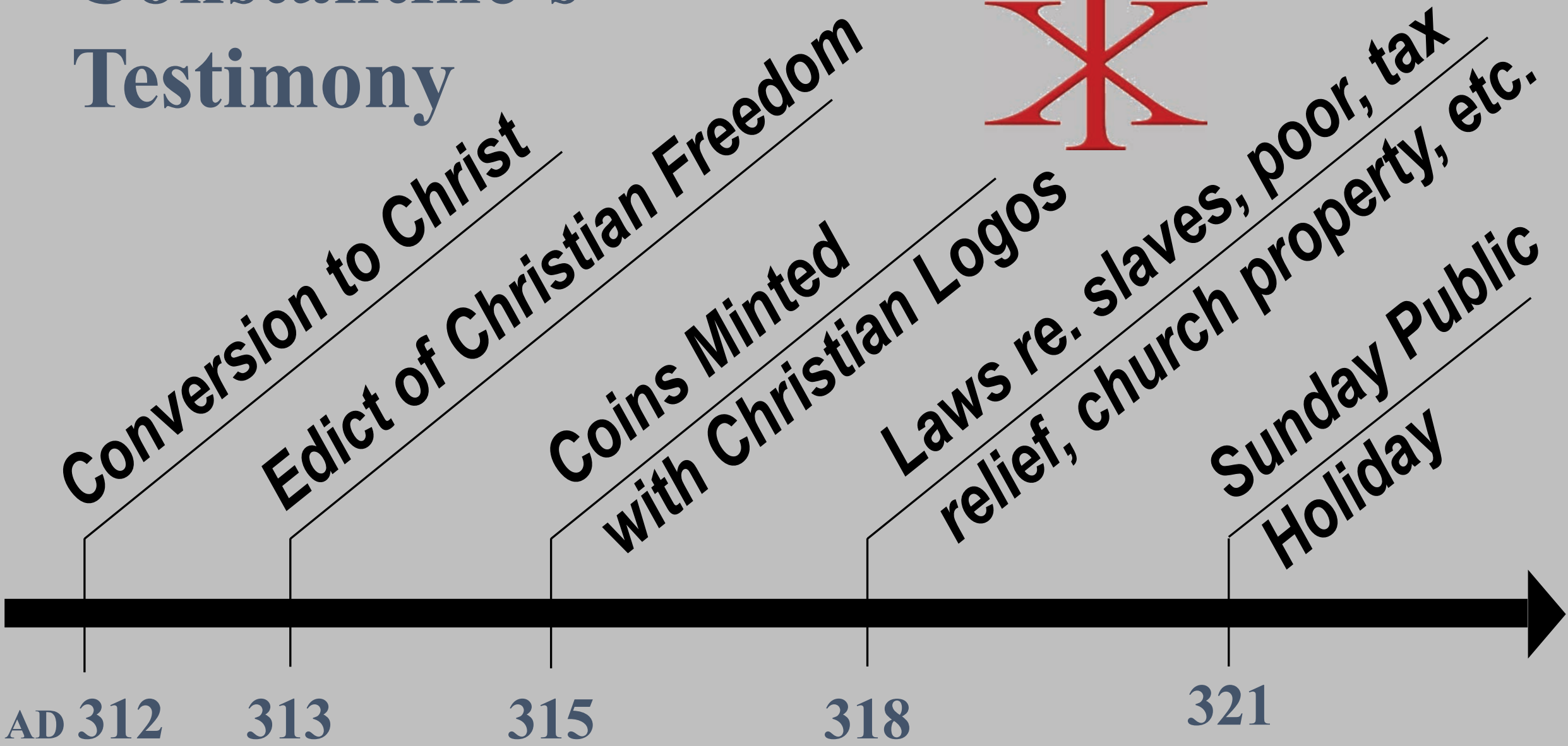
*Diocletian*

# A Profound Conversion (AD 312)



*Outnumbered at the Battle for the Milvian Bridge*

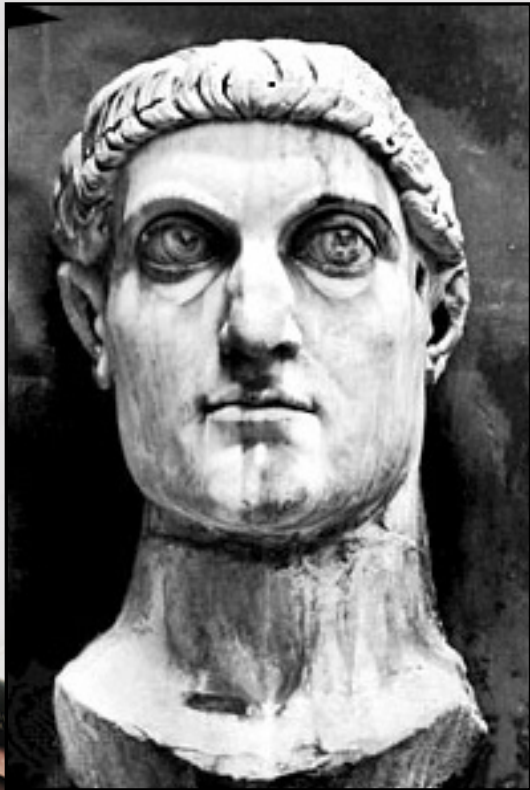
# Constantine's Testimony





# Constantine's Own Words

***“For while the people of God, whose fellow-servant I am, are thus divided amongst themselves by an unreasonable and pernicious spirit of contention, how is it possible that I shall be able to maintain tranquility of mind?”***



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# *What About the Council of Nicaea?*

✠ **AD 325**

✠ **Constantine's Desire for Unity**

✠ **Focused on the Theological Hot Topic of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century**

✠ **Nothing to Do with Books of the Bible**



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## *The DVC: The Nicene Council Met...*

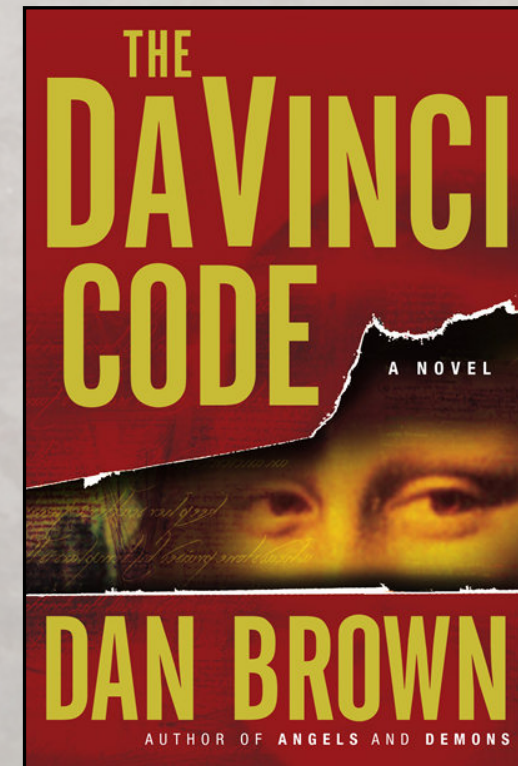
✠ ***By Order of a Pagan Emperor Seeking to Consolidate Power & Masculinize the World***

✠ ***To Stamp Out the Real Story of a Married, Goddess-Worshipping, 100% Human Rabbi Named Jesus***

✠ ***To Invent the “Son of God” Myth***

✠ ***To Create a New Bible***

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# *The Facts...*

- ✠ *A Trouble Making Pastor named Arius of Alexandria*
- ✠ *“Jesus Was God, but His Divinity was ‘Similar’ to the Father’s, Not ‘the Same’ as the Father’s”*
- ✠ *“There was a Time when Jesus Did Not Exist”*



*Arius*



# *The Facts...*

- ✠ *The Council met not to settle “IF” Jesus is God, but “HOW” Jesus is God*
- ✠ *The Council concluded that Arius' view was unbiblical*
- ✠ *Of the Approximately 300 pastors, only 2 voted for Arius' theological view*

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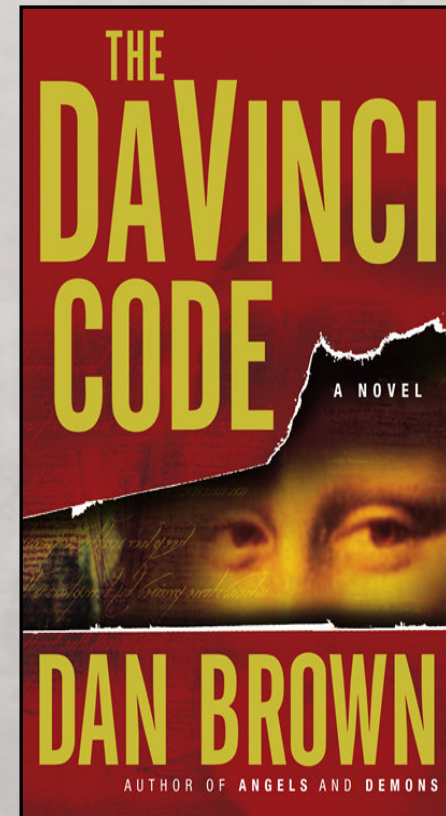
## ***Compare the DVC Claim...***

***(p.233) [Sophie regarding the Council of Nicaea]***

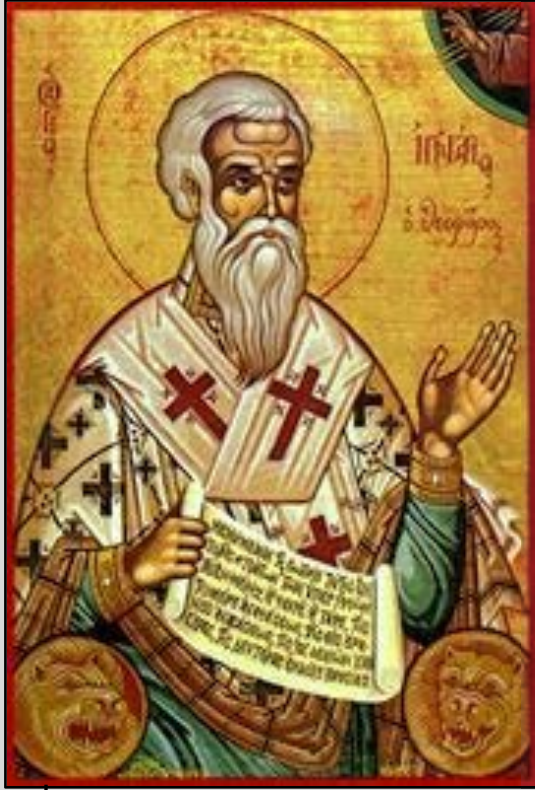
***"Hold on. You're saying Jesus' divinity was the result of a vote?"***

***"A relatively close vote at that," Teabing added. "Nonetheless, establishing Christ's divinity was critical to the further unification of the roman empire."***

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# No Pre/Post Nicene Change re: Christ



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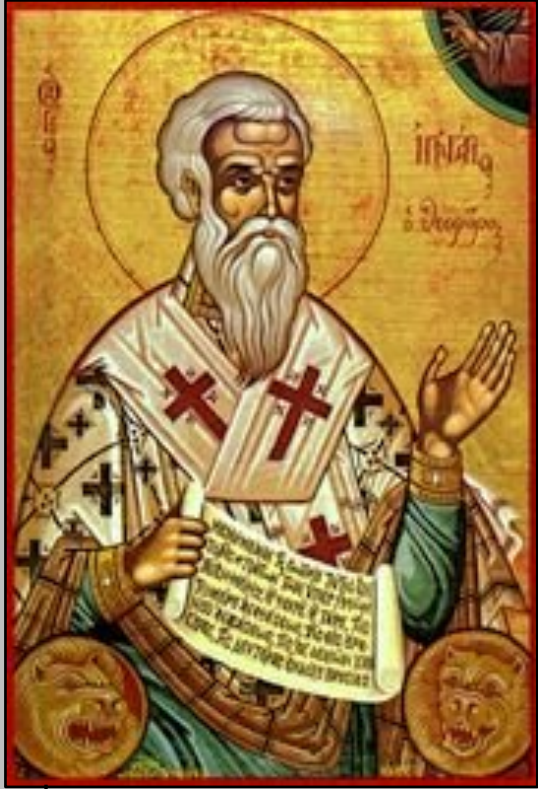
***“Jesus Christ... was truly crucified and died in the sight of beings of heaven and earth and the underworld, who was also truly raised from the dead.”***

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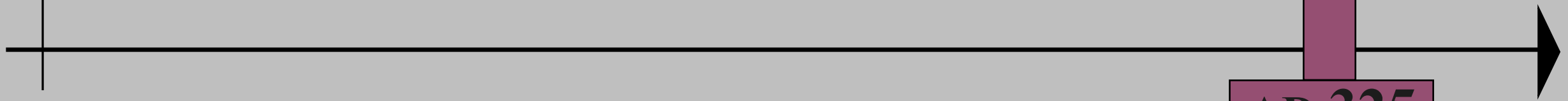


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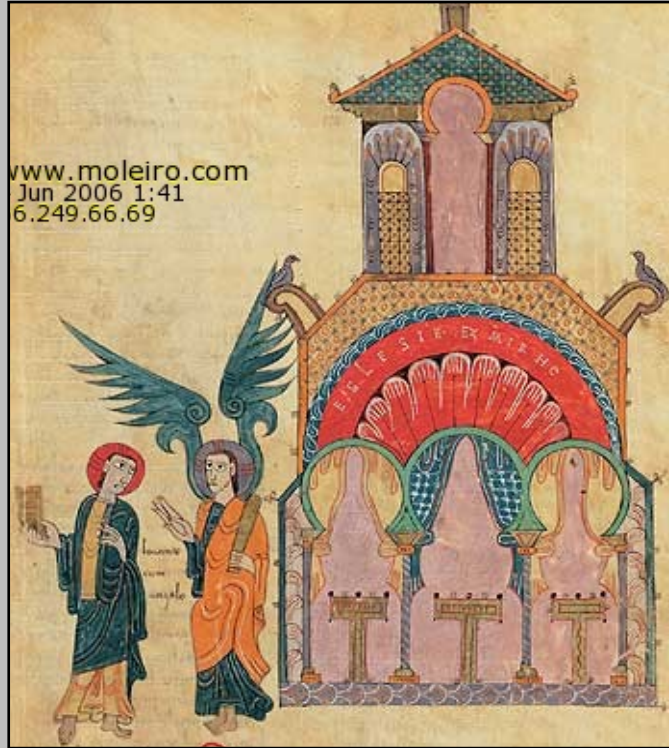
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***“We know in truth... the Son, suffering as he suffered, dying as he died, and risen on the third day, and abiding at the right hand of the Father, and coming to judge the living and the dead.”***

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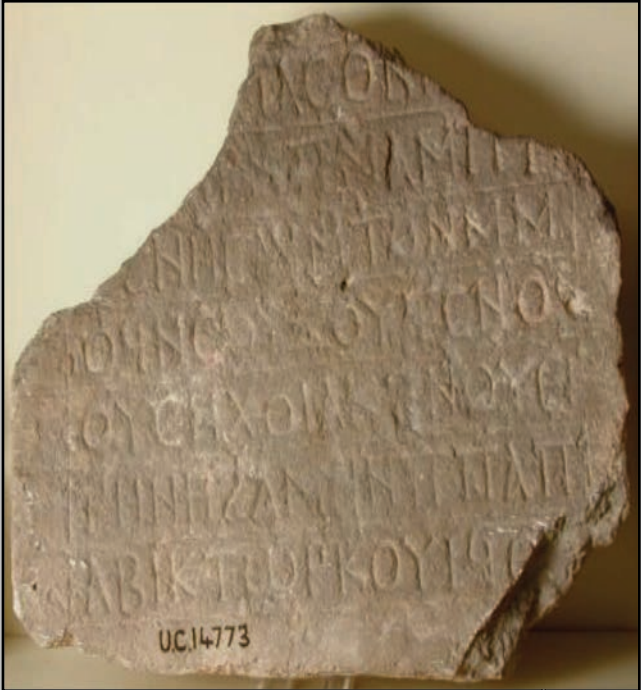
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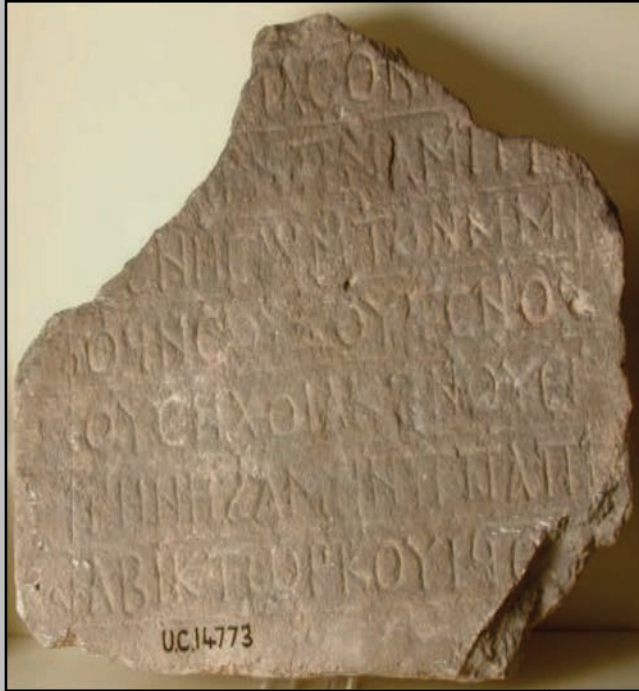
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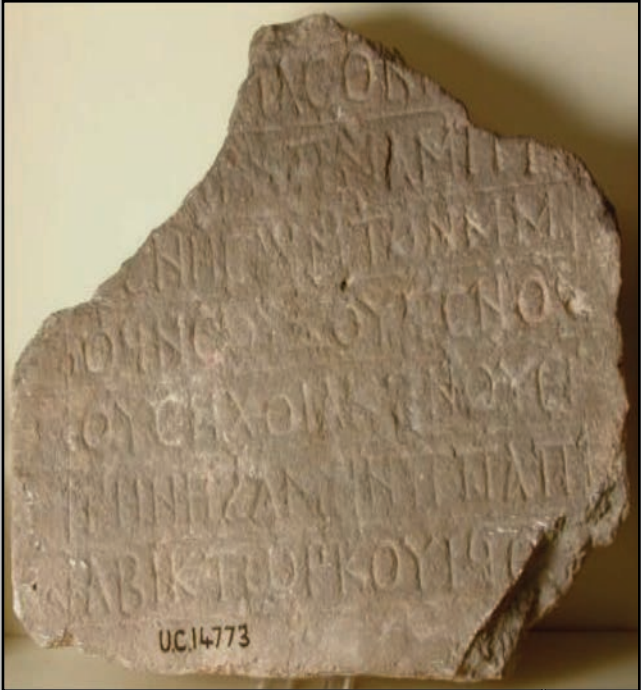
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***“I believe in God the  
Father Almighty, and  
in his only begotten  
Son, Our Lord Jesus  
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# *No Pre/Post Nicene Change re: Christ*



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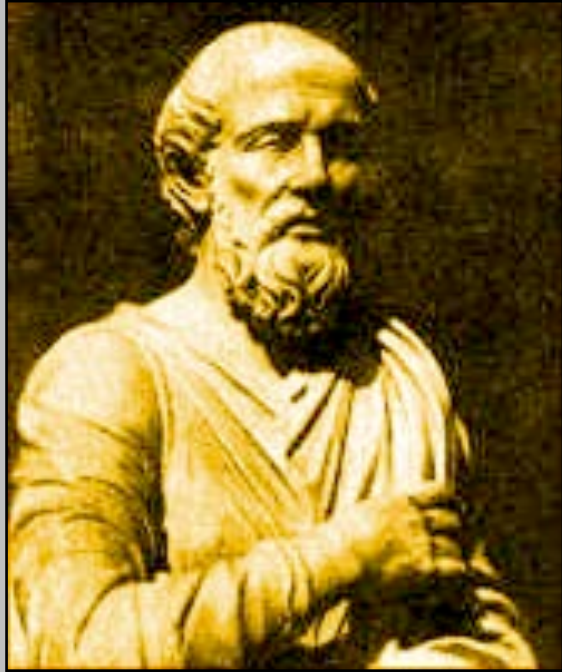
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**“Jesus, the Son of God,  
who was begotten by the  
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under Pontius Pilate, and  
died and rose the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.”**

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*The Nicene Creed*



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**“Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father as only begotten, that is from the essence of the Father, God from God...**

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*The Nicene Creed*

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***"...Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not created, of the same essence as the Father, through whom all things came into being."***

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*The Nicene Creed*





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**Irenaeus**



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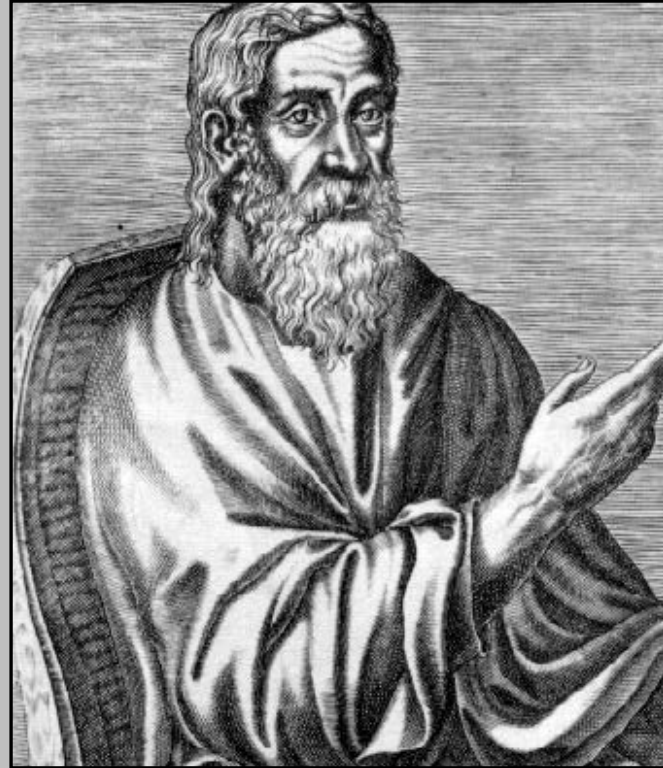


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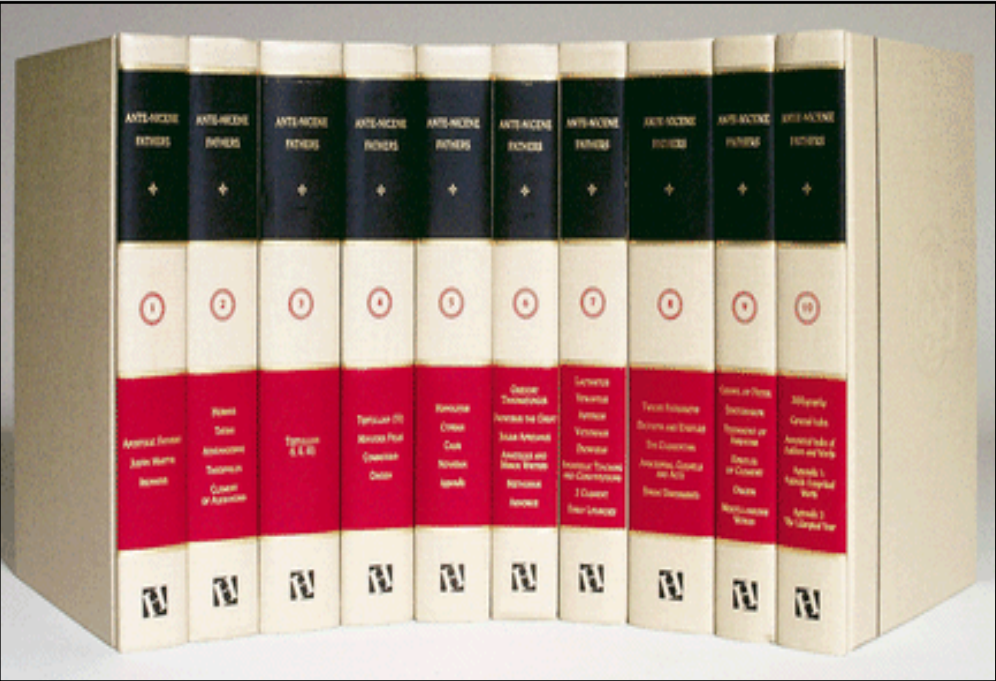
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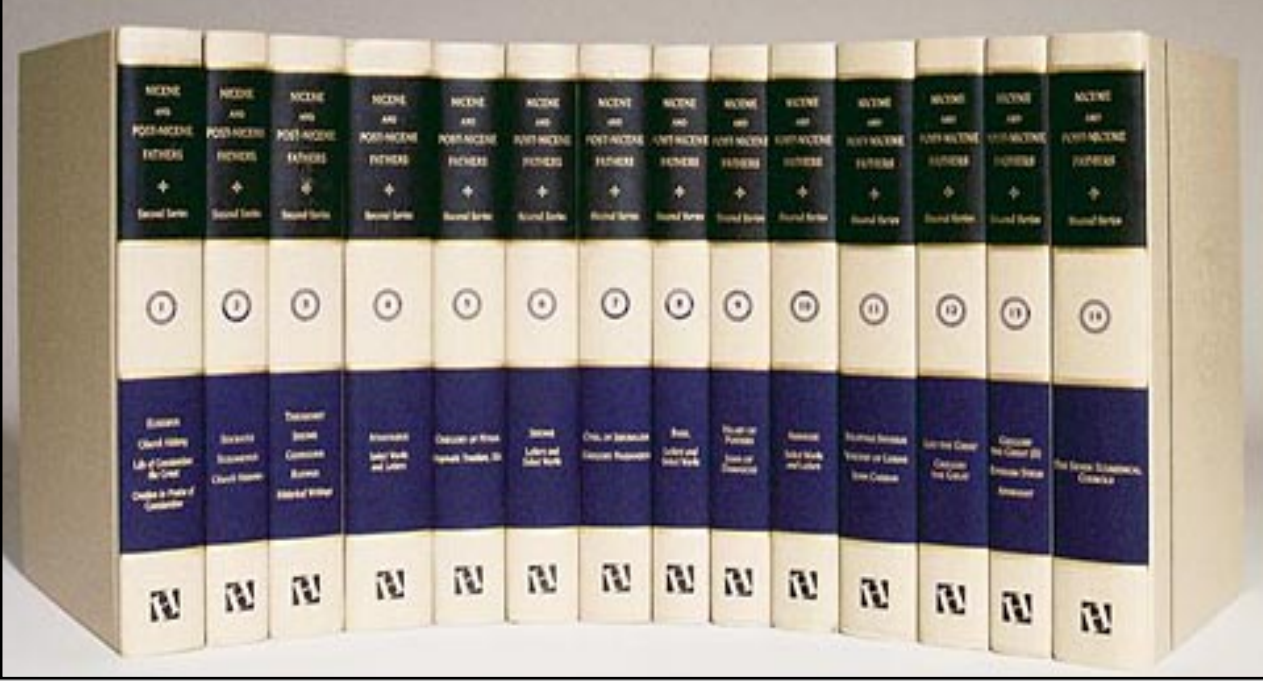


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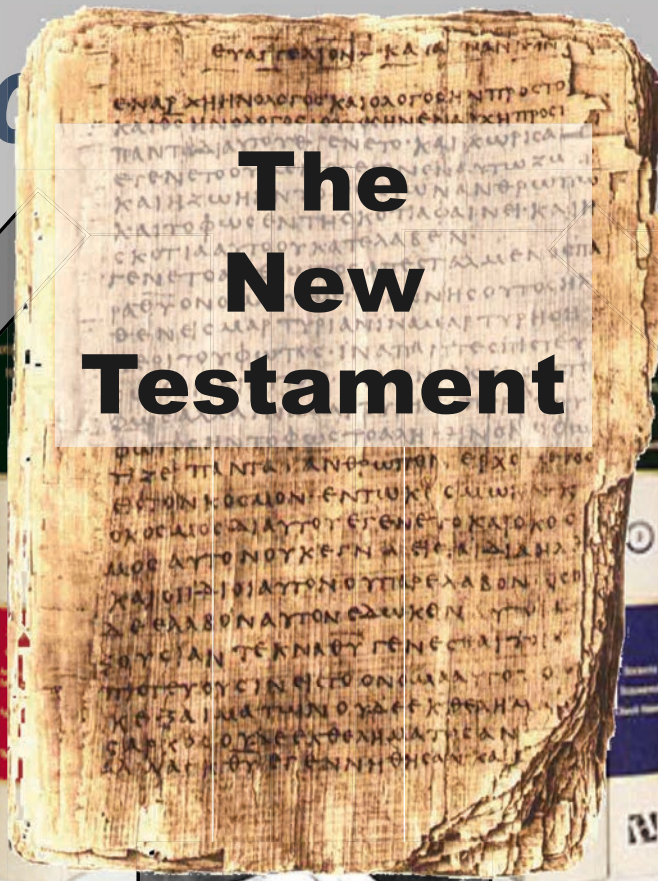
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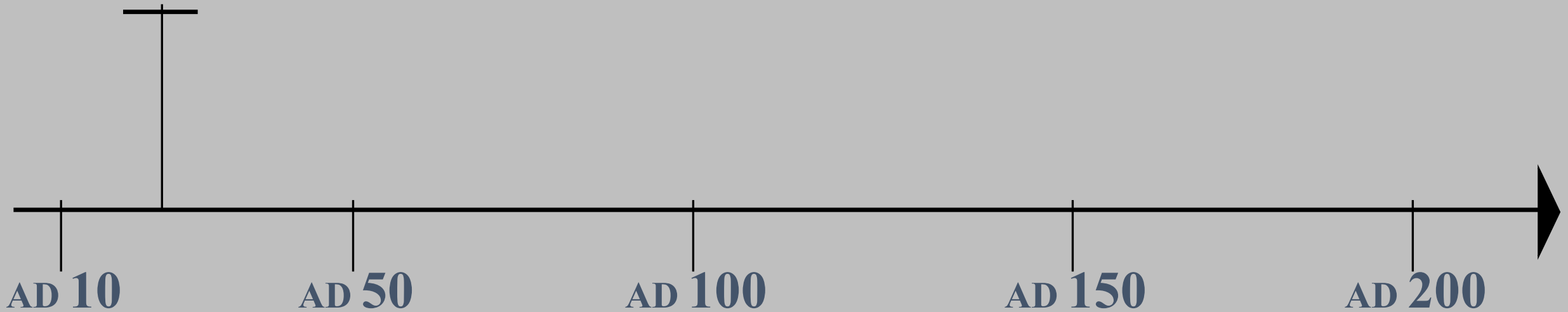






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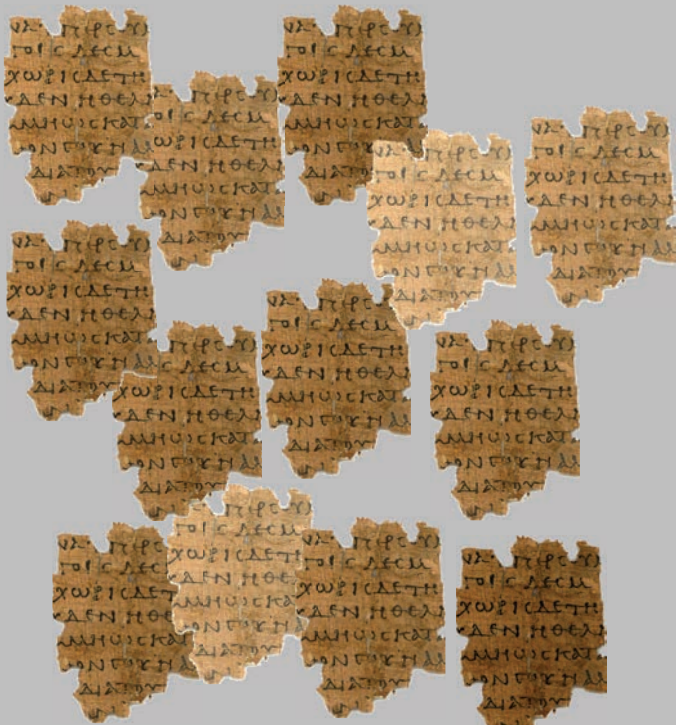
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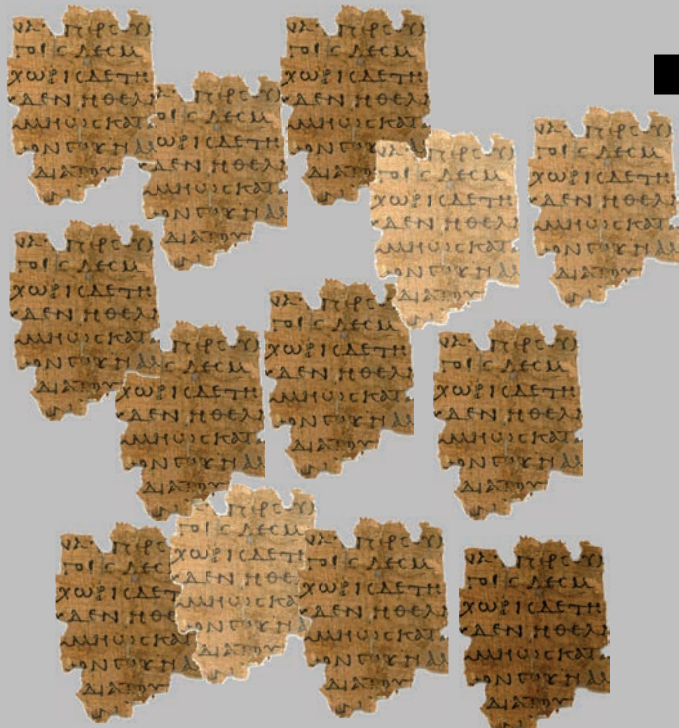
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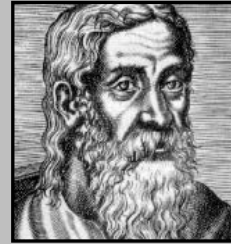


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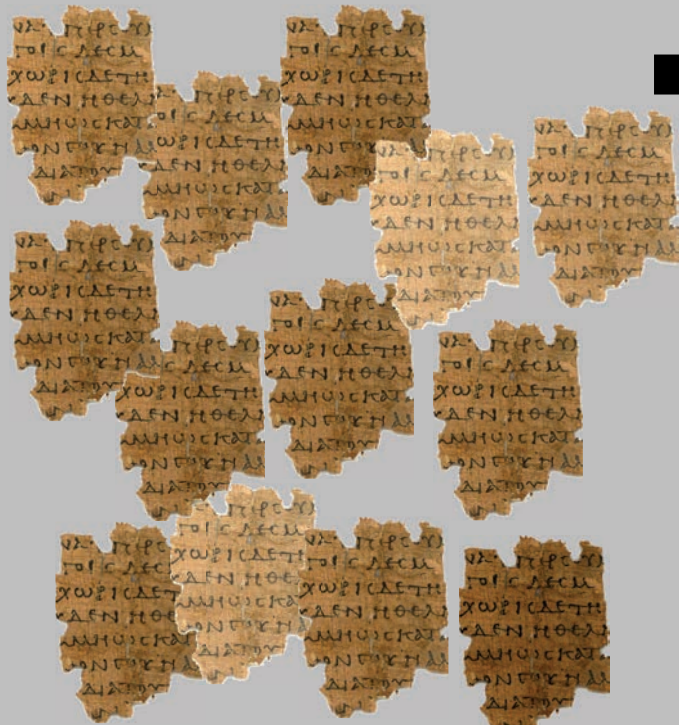
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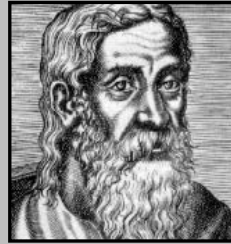


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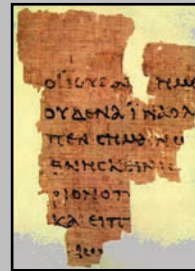
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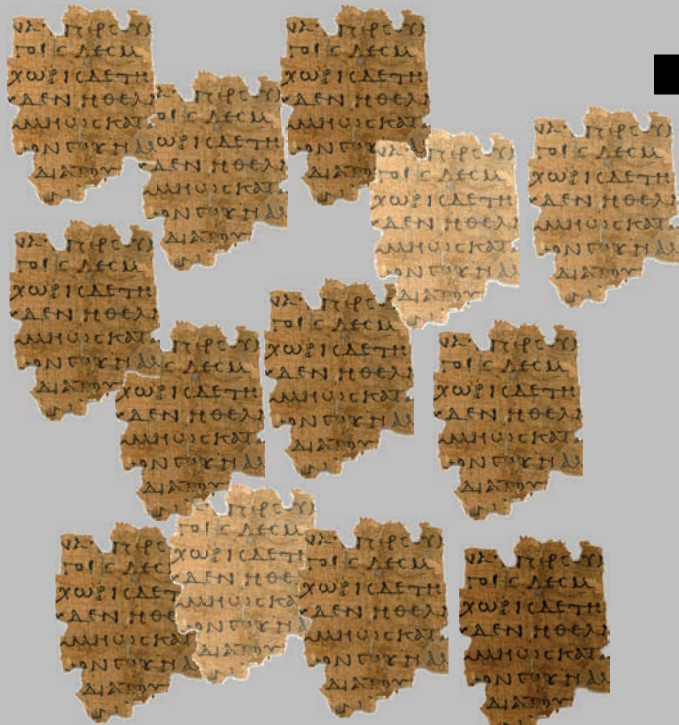
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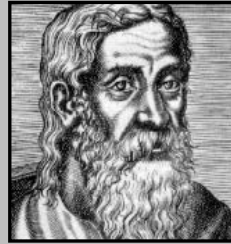


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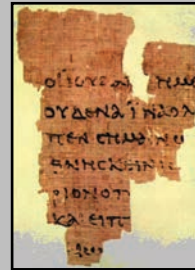
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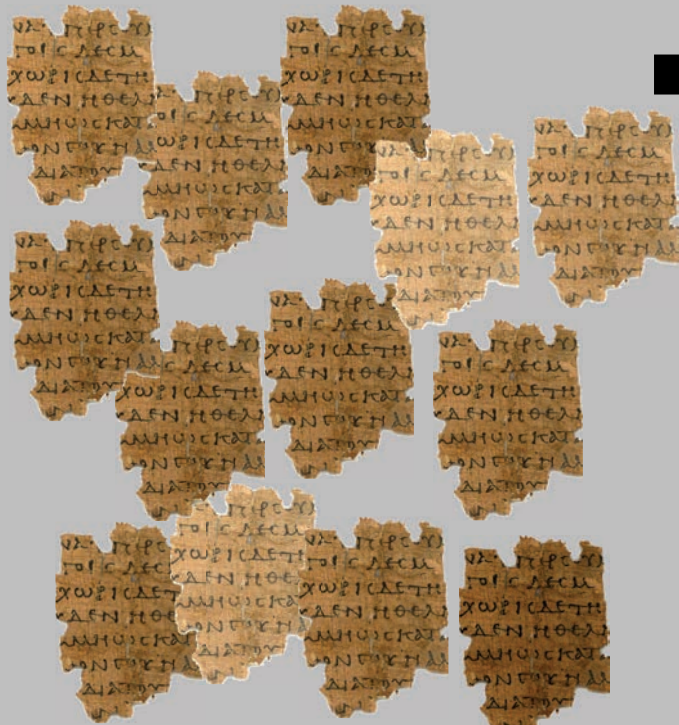
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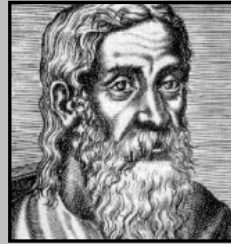


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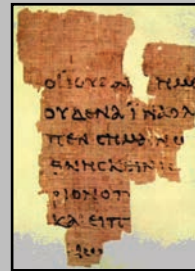
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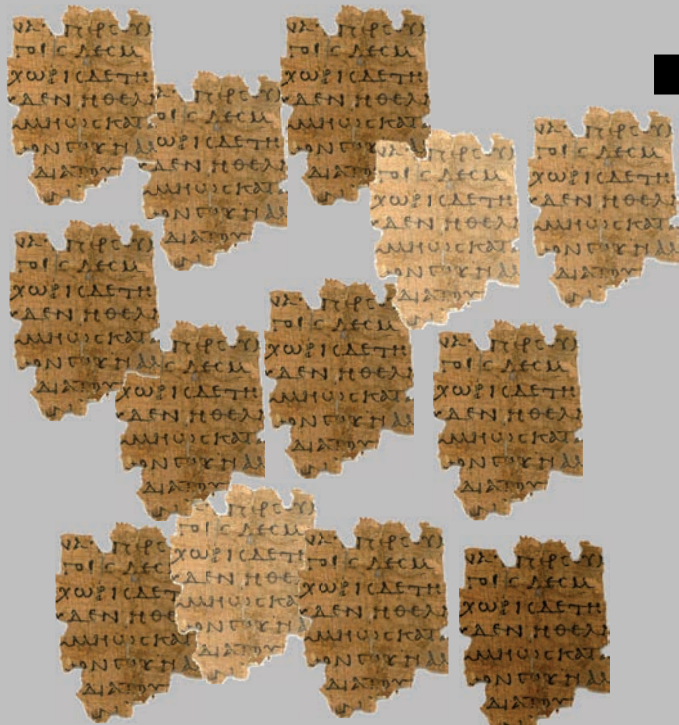
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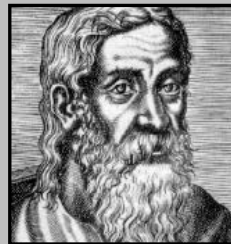


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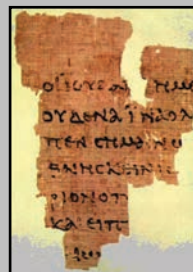
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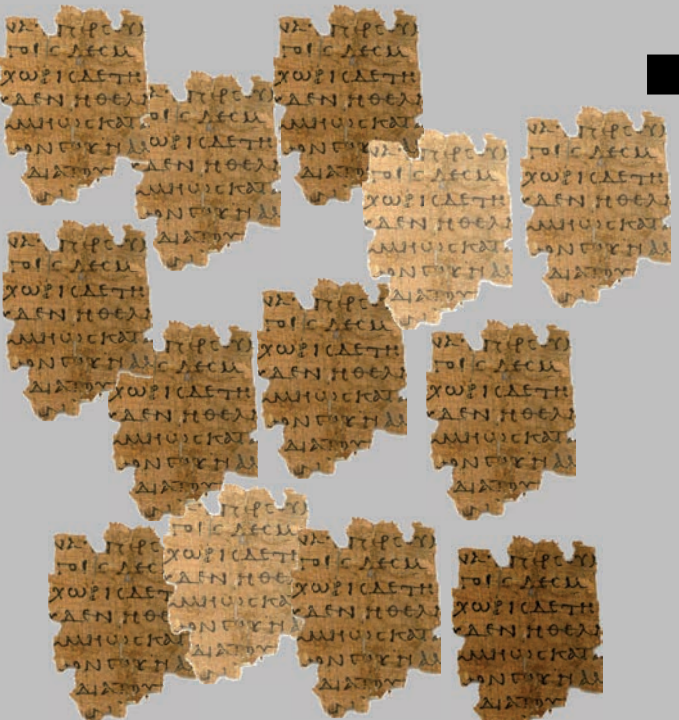
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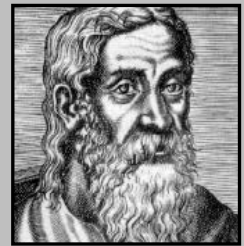


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Other Gnostic books (& rebuttals) begin to be written and circulated

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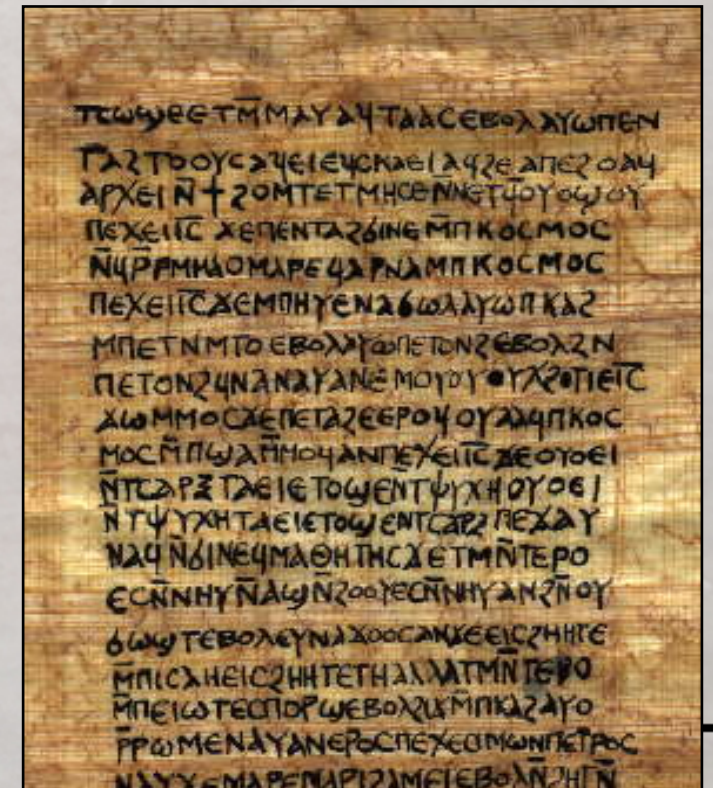
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# What About These Gnostic Writings?

- ✠ *The Gnostic Gospels were written after the generation of eye-witnesses*
- ✠ *The Gnostic Gospels were falsely ascribed to those who didn't write them*
- ✠ *The Gnostics Gospels are inconsistent with OT & NT*
- ✠ *Very Few Gnostic Texts Claimed to be Gospel*



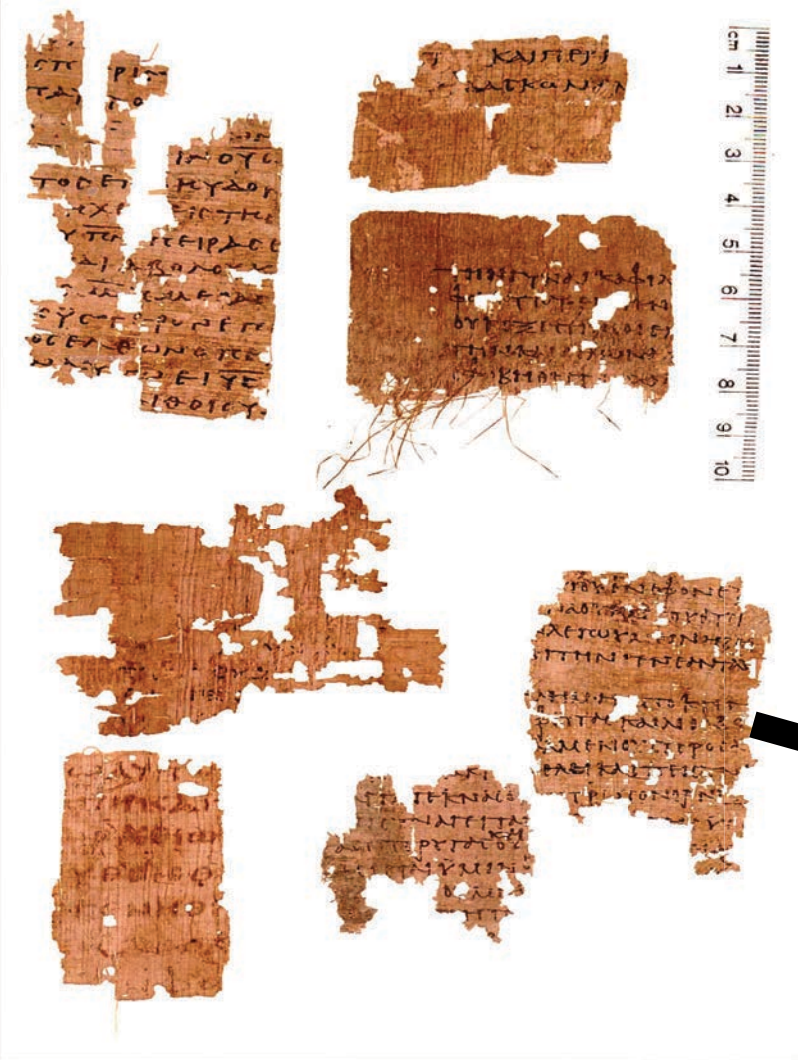
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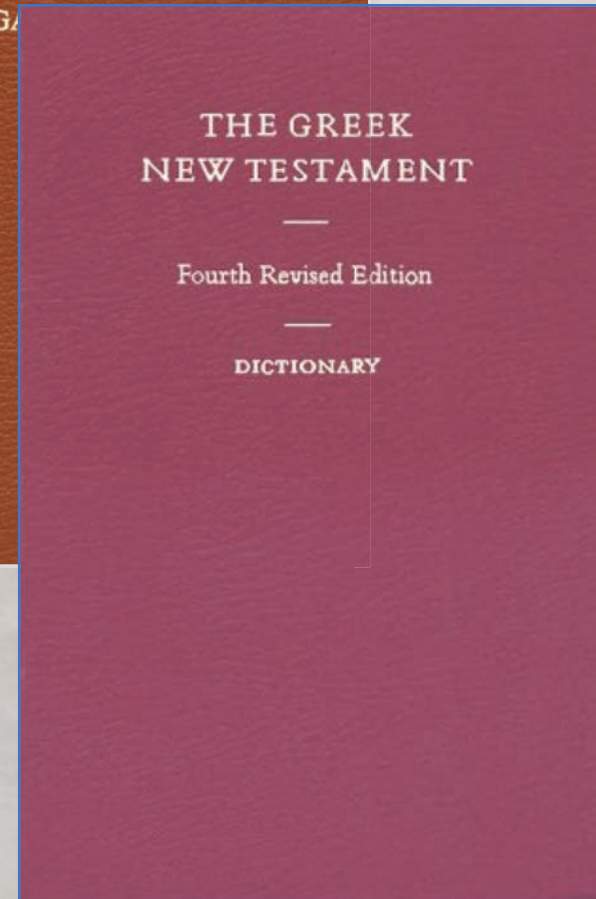
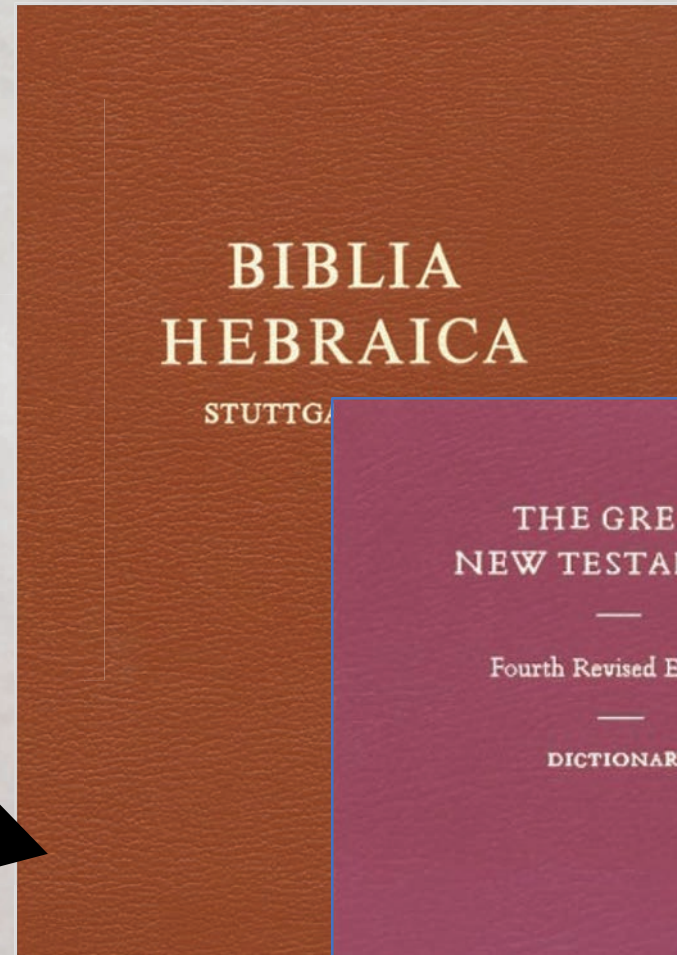
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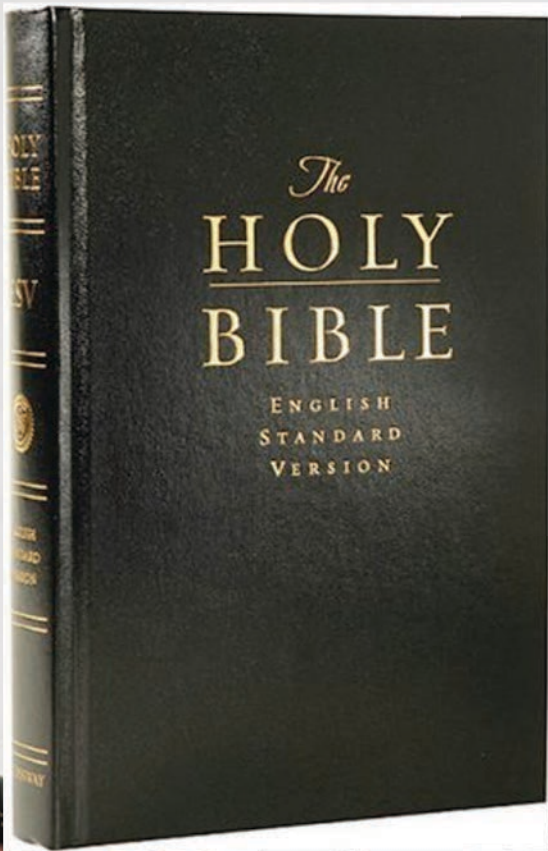




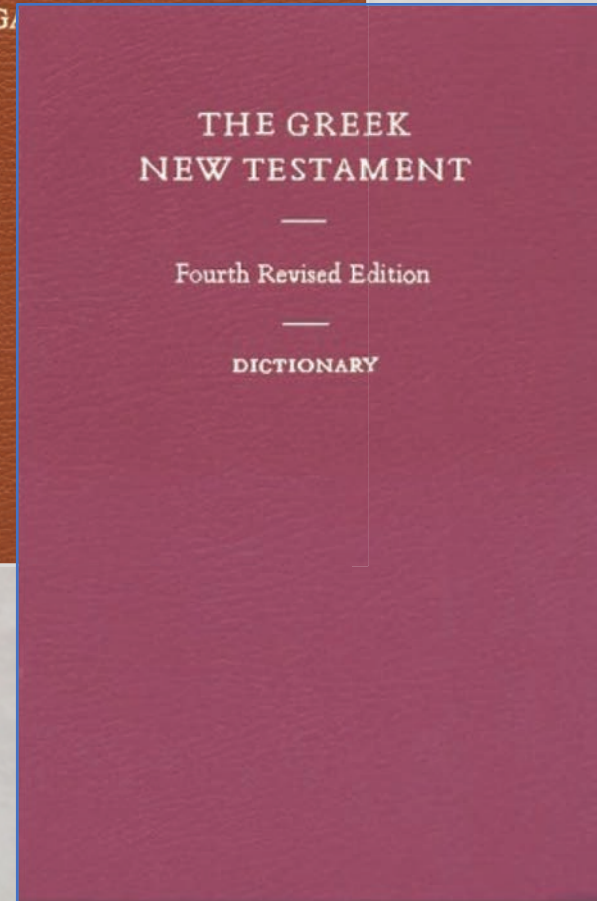
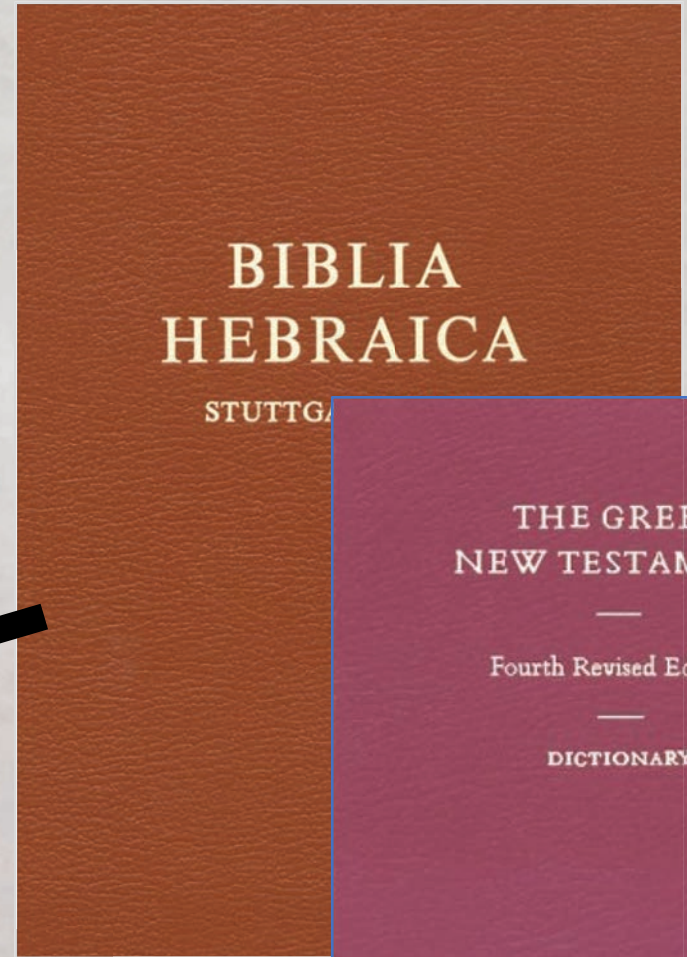
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