

For most people some clarity over this issue of the differing bible versions begins when they come to an Understanding that the 'new' versions do not come from the same manuscripts from which we get the 'Authorized' or King James Version. Almost any Christian you ask thinks the 'modern' bibles are just 'updated' versions of the KJV. This is totally false - they come from manuscripts that have been corrupted by changes over the years to conform them to the beliefs of heretics and false teachers The 'Revised Greek Text' - the underlying text of most 'new' versions and the major influence behind the serious error found in the rest - comes primarily from two manuscripts named Sinaiticus (or Aleph) and Vaticanus (or B). Minor consideration was given to a small group of other manuscripts, but the overall body of the 'Revised Text' comes from these two. Let's look at a few eye-opening facts about 'Aleph' and 'B' that many folks find quite disturbing:

Vaticanus

- It disagrees with the 'Textus Receptus' (from which we get the KJV) nearly 50% of the time!
- It omits Genesis 1:1 thru Genesis 46:28, Psalms 106 - 138, Matthew 16:2 - 3, Titus, 1st and 2nd Timothy, and Hebrews 9:14 thru 13:25. Also large parts of Samuel, Kings, Nehemiah, and all of Revelation!
- Modern technology has proven that it has been altered by at least two different people!
- It has almost 600 readings that cannot be found in any of the other 5,300+ available manuscripts!
- Its Greek 'style' varies greatly from the Koine Greek typical of the New Testament writings!
- It was written on vellum scrolls (made of the skin of animal fetuses) not the papyrus commonly used by the early believers.
- This corrupt manuscript lay dormant and unused for over 11 centuries!
- [It was] 'resurrected' from the vaults of the Vatican in the 15th century to aid in suppressing the Reformation, and released 100 years later as the Jesuit-Rheims bible!
- It adds the Apocryphal books.
- The Vaticanus and Sinaiticus disagree with each other over 3,000 times in the Gospels alone!

Sinaiticus

- The Sinaiticus manuscript was discovered in the mid-1800's, by a man named Tischendorf, in a trash-can in St. Catherine's Monastery near Mt. Sinai. It had been discarded by the monks!
- It disagrees with the Majority Text approx. 9,000 times!
- It has been proven that the manuscript has been erased and 'corrected' by as many as nine or ten people over the years!
- It lay dormant and unused for over 15 centuries!
- It has approx. 1,500 readings that cannot be found in any of the other 5,300+ available manuscripts!
- It omits Exodus, Joshua, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Judges! Also parts of Matthew, Mark, John, Acts, Romans, I John, Genesis, Numbers, and I Chronicles!
- It includes Apocryphal books: 'The Shepherd of Hermas', 'The Epistle of Barnabas', 'Judith', 'Bel and the Dragon', and 'Tobit'.

These manuscripts, both proven to have been altered and corrupted, are not the pure and preserved Word of God promised in Psalms 12:6-7! The alterations to them reflect the heretical beliefs of those who made the changes. They are not just simple mistakes in spelling or copy. They are deliberate alterations to change doctrine. These manuscripts are the foundation upon which nearly every single 'modern' bible is constructed, and they influence the introduction of great error in the others. (NKJV included!) Jesus said a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit! Why feed off the corrupt fruit of the 'new' bible versions when we have the pure and preserved Word of God available in the K.J.V.?

NASB=New American Standard, NIV=New International Version, NKJV= New King James, NRSV= New Revised Standard Ver., NWT= New World Trans., AMP= Amplified Bible, NLI= New Living Trans., RSV= Revised Standard, ASV= American Standard Ver.