

The MT, the LXX, and the NT have all become corrupted to some extent in the course of transmission, though the MT and the NT text have been far less corrupted than the LXX. All our manuscripts today are copies of copies of copies of copies of the originals which we do not have. But we believe that many of the extant manuscripts are a close approximation to the original autographs, and God has permitted a few transcriptional errors to come in so that we may realize that we must compare Scripture with Scripture and not hang too much weight on any one verse taken by itself.

Every evangelical student who examines the matter carefully will come to the conclusion that the MT is a very close approximation to the original, though in a few places it may be corrected in the light of the LXX; also in the NT we have a very close approximation to the original. The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the original manuscripts of the MT and of the NT so as to keep them from error, and He has providentially preserved the manuscripts to a very great extent. There is no reason to believe that the Holy Spirit prefers the LXX to the MT.