

One Bible, One Story

New Testament Survey

The Unity of the Bible

- A. God's Unified Revelation in One Bible
 - Heb 1:1-2
 - Mark 1:14, 15
 - Col 1:20
- B. Prophecy and Fulfillment
 - Jesus born of virgin – Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18; Luke 1:26-35
 - Jesus born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2; Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4-7
- C. Typology

A Definition for Typology:

A *type* is an event, person, or institution in the OT that manifests in some way God's purposes and plans and that points in some way to the full revelation of God's purposes and plans in the person of Jesus Christ/the Kingdom of God.

- D. Jesus Christ as Fulfillment and Culmination of God's purposes
 - Matt 5:17-20
 - Rom 10:4
 - 1 Cor 15:3-4
 - 2 Cor 1:20

The Reliability of the Bible

- A. Popular attitudes about the Bible's reliability often sound a lot like the following!

The Bible has noble poetry in it; and some clever fables; and some blood-drenched history; and a wealth of obscenity; and upwards of a thousand lies.

— Mark Twain, *Letters from the Earth*

- B. The reality, especially, for the New Testament, is quite different.

There is no body of ancient literature in the world which enjoys such a wealth of good textual attestation as the New Testament.

— Bruce M. Metzger, *The Text of the NT*

It may reassure you to know that seven-eighths of the time, the different text-types agree on a reading. If obvious mistakes like skipping a line are left out, only one-sixtieth of the readings are in doubt. . . . No major doctrine of our faith is in doubt because of textual variants.

The Transmission of the New Testament

- A. Need to Preserve Apostolic Witness
- B. Oral Transmission and the Dates of NT Writings
- C. Copies Invariably Contained Errors
 - Sight Errors
 - Hearing Errors
 - Intentional Changes
- D. Studying Understanding Ancient NT Manuscripts
 - 1. No original manuscript of the Greek NT are extant (existing and known).
 - 2. Extant copies differ (of over 5,700 mss., no two agree in all particulars).
 - 3. Necessity and Scope of NT Textual Criticism

Summary of the Transmission of Scripture¹

First stage: inspiration

divine author → biblical author → original text of OT and NT

Second stage: transmission

original text (autographs) → copies (manuscripts) → critical editions of OT/NT

Third stage: translation and interpretation

critical edition → translation committees → modern readers

The Biblical Canon

- A. The Concept of Canon
 - 1. OT Precedent for Canon
 - 2. Use of the OT by the NT
- B. The Early Church's Recognition of the Canon
 - 1. Apostolic Authorship of Canonical Writings
 - 2. Orthodox Faith and Rejection of Spurious Writings
 - 3. Universal Acceptance of Canonical Books
 - 4. The (Overlooked) Role of the Holy Spirit and Divine Authorship/Inspiration

¹J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays, *Grasping God's Word* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005), 151.