

**COMPARISON OF OLD TESTAMENT TEXTS
HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE - CLASS ONE**

CORRECT HEBREW TEXT

1. Over 1700 Manuscripts.
 - A. Daniel Bombarb published his 1st edition at Venice, Italy (1516/1517). It was called the "First Rabbinic Bible".
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 - B. Daniel Bombarb, 2nd edition (1524/1525) was edited by Ben Chayyim & called the "2nd Rabbinic Bible" & also known as the "Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text".

(1) This was the standard Masoretic Text for the next 400 years. This was the only text anyone translated from.
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 - C. The King James Bible of 1611 is based on this text.
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 - D. Rudolf Kittel's 1906 & 1912 editions, "Biblica Hebraica" are based on this 'Masoretic Text'.

CORRUPT HEBREW TEXT

1. Codex Vaticanus (B): Codex Sinaiticus (Aleph): Leningrad Manuscript (B19a or L) dated 1008 A.D.
 - A. Westcott & Hort of 1881. (Greek N.T.)
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 - B. Nestle-Aland (1898-1979). There were 26 editions in the space of 81 yrs. A new edition every 3.1 yrs. They followed the Westcott & Hort and 3 other additions of their day.
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 - C. Rudolf Kittel published 2 editions of "Biblica Hebraica", one in 1906 & one in 1912. He used the Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text, the same as the KJT.

NOTE - The Ben Asher Text followed the Leningrad MS & a few other inferior text. This was a corrupt text.
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 - D. In 1937 Rudolf Kittel disregarded the Masoretic Text & used the Leningrad & a few inferior copies. This edition is known as (Biblica Hebraica: Kittel) or BHK.
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 - E. In 1967/77, a revision of Kittel's Biblica Hebraica which is called the "Biblica Hebraica Stuttgartensia". This Stuttgart (German) Bible was based on the Ben Asher Text. This was published at Stuttgart, Germany; therefore, the name. The abbreviation is BHS.
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 - F. Both the BHK & BHS have about 15 to 20 suggested changes in the Heb. text placed in the footnotes on each page. This is about 20,000 to 30,000 suggested changes throughout the Old Testament.
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 - G. ASV (1901), NASV(1960), NIV (1973), NKJV (1982) & the Amplified Bible (1962). All these & other new versions & paraphrases use the above as a basis for their versions.
NOTE - The preface of the NKJ say they followed the Stuttgart edition.