

RELATED DOES NOT MEAN IDENTICAL

A family tree is not a photocopy.

FOUR RELATED CATEGORIES

BYZANTINE	broad manuscript tradition
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MAJORITY TEXT	edited Greek text
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TEXTUS RECEPTUS	family of printed editions
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KING JAMES VERSION	English translation
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The labels overlap in history. They are not four names for one exact text.

FOUR USEFUL DISTINCTIONS

Close relatives can still differ.

Byzantine tradition

The broad text found in most surviving medieval Greek New Testament manuscripts.

Majority Text

An edited Greek text seeking Byzantine majority readings. It does not simply reproduce the TR.

Textus Receptus

A family of related, non-identical printed Greek editions from Erasmus through later editors.

King James Version

An English translation made with multiple Greek, Hebrew, translation, and scholarly resources.

Two quick checks:

The Johannine Comma is not a Greek-majority reading.

Revelation 22:19 “book of life” has older Latin support but not the Greek majority.

Grant this: Byzantine numerical predominance is real and deserves serious consideration. “Oldest automatically wins” is not responsible criticism either.

BOTTOM LINE

A case for the Byzantine or Majority Text does not automatically establish every TR reading—still less every English word of the KJV.

NEXT QUESTION 6 of 12 • Which KJV?



Honor the relationship. Do not erase the differences.

Sources 2-3, 5, 18, and 29 in the full dossier



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