

VATICANUS. SINAITICUS. WESTCOTT AND HORT.

Did two old Bibles write your modern Bible?

B

Vaticanus

S

Sinaiticus

+ a much wider record

Greek manuscripts
early versions
ancient quotations
relationships among readings

NO.

They matter. They are not the whole method.

GRANT WHAT IS TRUE

They are important—and fallible.

✓ Westcott and Hort were highly influential.

✓ Vaticanus and Sinaiticus receive substantial weight.

✓ Both contain errors and corrections.

1881

Westcott-Hort text and theory

→ **developed, criticized, revised** →

Today

broader evidence and newer methods

Current critical editions compare far more than two codices. They use Greek witnesses, early versions, patristic citations, and the relationships among readings. Editors still make judgments, and those judgments can be wrong.

Too simple: “the oldest manuscript always wins.”

Also too simple: “a reading is corrupt because a disliked scholar or codex supports it.”

BOTTOM LINE

No manuscript, editor, or modern edition is infallible. Test the evidence variant by variant instead of deciding by guilt through association.

NEXT QUESTION

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Respect history. Refuse shortcuts.

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