

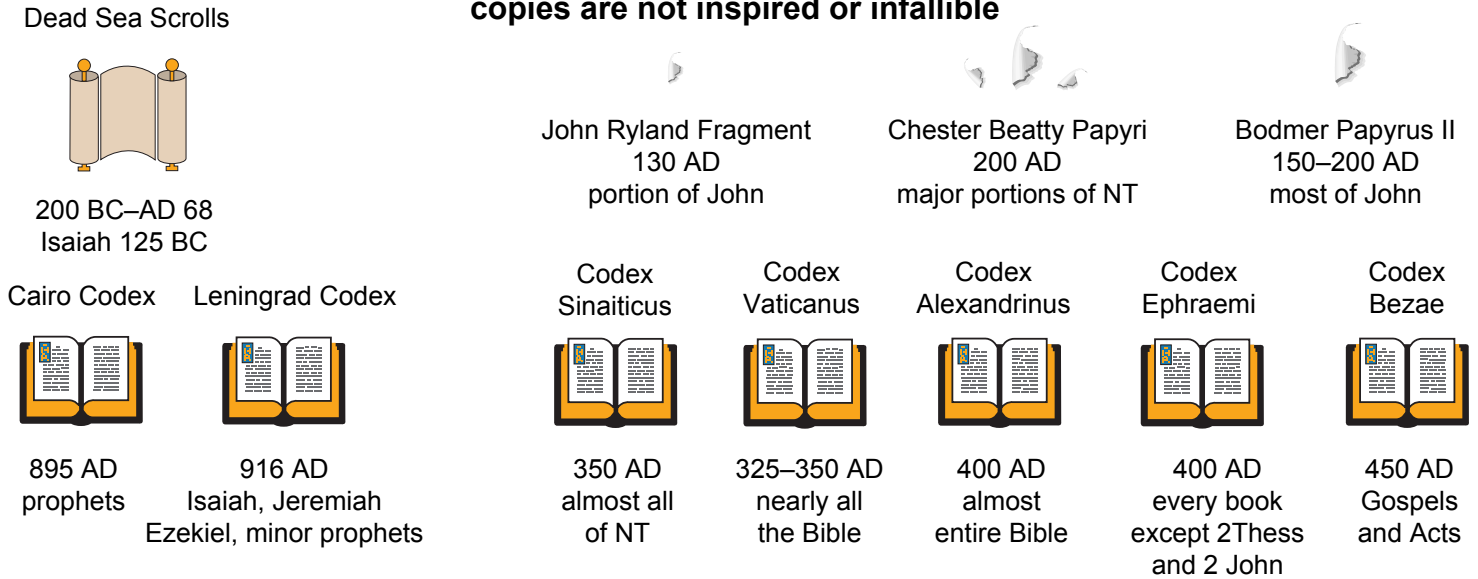
ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS

original manuscripts are inspired and infallible
inspiration guarantees infallibility—no originals have survived



EARLY COPIES

human errors introduced in making copies of the originals
copies are not inspired or infallible



LATE COPIES

more human errors introduced in making copies of the copies
copies of the copies are not inspired or infallible
all we have today are copies of copies

we have about 5000 Greek manuscripts containing all or part of the New Testament
the textual tradition is 98.33% pure—only 1.67% substantial variants in these copies
textual criticism tries to reconstruct the original text from the many copies
no fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith rests on a disputed reading



TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE

errors are made in translating from copies of copies
translations are not inspired or infallible

