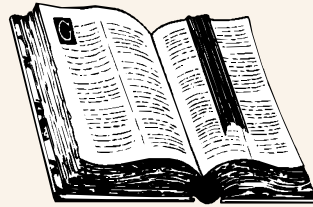


Original Manuscripts



ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS OF THE BIBLE HAVE ALL PERISHED

- Parchment was known to Paul. 2 Timothy 4:13 - “Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come, and the books, especially the PARCHMENTS.
- Papyrus . 2 John 12 - “Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with PAPER and INK; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.
- Both materials were fragile. Constant use made replacements necessary.
- Copies, called MANUSCRIPTS, were made by hand.
- Most manuscripts still available today date back no earlier than the 4th century A.D.
- There are four major manuscripts (plus thousands of less important ones.)

1. The Vatican Manuscript
2. The Sinatic manuscript
3. The Alexandrian manuscript
4. The Ephraem manuscript

