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### Which Scripture is the real thing? The Greek Septuagint, the Samaritain, or the Masoretic Hebrew?

There are three versions of the Bible with different chronologies, the Hebrew Bible, the Greek Septuagint, and the Samaritan Pentateuch. Which one is God's road map to keep us from getting lost? I use the Hebrew Bible almost exclusively compared to other versions. So, what are the reasons? Is it just because I am a follower of Messiah Yeshua, who believes we should obey God's Torah and therefore I am a lover of Hebrew?

It is really amazing that Christians cannot come to an agreement on which text represents the original. Associates for Biblical Research (ABR), formerly headed by Bryant Wood, is out there promoting the LXX as the key to biblical archaeology. And on my side are generally the popular creationists.

But ABR has fallen into a trap, along with those smaller ministries that think the LXX is their salvation. Our hope has to be founded on something better than a translation defended by myths. The story was that 70 Egyptian Jews, probably Alex-andrian ones, all set out to individually translate the Hebrew into Greek, and when the results were compared, they had all produced the same text.

I have a better version of that story. These Egyptianized Jews decided they needed a version of Torah that fattened up the timeline so they could have comfortable discussions with their Egyptian priest friends at the Library of Alexandria.

Here's the problem: The SP and the LXX add about 650 years between the flood and Abraham. The MT figures are systematically increased by 100 years. This systematic increase is proof that the difference between the texts is due to intentional change, and not scribal error. A scribal error is when a copiest simply makes an unintentional mistake. But an intentional change is detected by the extent and nature of the alteration. And believe me, a systematic adding of 100 years at each generation is proof of an intentional difference in the texts. The texts did not just drift apart by some accidental or random mutation.

It is analogous to the difference between a few random mutations that don't make sense, and the claim that a whole eye suddenly evolved.

We *hope* that the Most High has preserved Scripture from such radical and intentional change such as evidenced by the LXX and the SP. I believe that despite the fact that some people's bibles have been changed *this way*, the real thing still exists. In fact, I am assured this is the case.

The Hebrew Text stands apart of the the LXX and the SP. Those versions are what we can call textually linked; the MT is independent of these two. The SP and LXX have unique textual features that show their interdependence, both where they agree with each other moreso than the MT, and even where they disagree with each other in ways that link them. Detecting these features is the domain of textual research. It is like looking for bomb taggents to determine who manufactured the explosive. It requires careful textual work and attention to detail. It is something the ordinary person would consider druggery.

Don't misunderstand me. The LXX is not completely useless. In spite of the wandering and paraphrase like style of the LXX, which is very much less word for word than our English versions like the KJV or ESV, sometimes the MT doesn't make sense in a place, and the LXX suggests a sense where just one letter change in the Hebrew could accommodate it.

But understand, that I don't actually go looking at the LXX unless the Hebrew text actually does not make sense in the first place. And for chronological matters, I have never found the MT not to make sense, or the LXX to make any better sense. But since all the numbers in the MT make sense, there is no reason to consult a secondary source that has gone through translation from one language to another. As they say, "the meaning was lost in the translation process."

Together the LXX and SP cannot witness against the MT, because the SP agrees with the prelood numbers of the MT much more often than the prelood numbers of the LXX. So that is two against one. Further, the LXX and SP disagree on the total span of the prelood period on the order of ~1000 years.

If all three texts represent Hebrew sources, analyzing the text, much like analyzing DNA for mutation rates, show that the MT came first, and then a fork occurred. Let's call this K and the MT. Then later K forked into the SP and LXX. This argues loudly that K is where intentional changes began to be made.

Except for the Samaritans, the SP's shorter prelood chronology isn't embraced by anyone, so the argument comes down to the MT vs. the LXX for both prelood and postlood chronology. The decision between the MT and the LXX comes down to the presuppositions of archaeology. If it were not for this one factor, the MT would win this debate hands down. But because most archaeologists want to accommodate longer Mesopotamian and Egyptian chronologies they will favor the LXX. And in fact, the later was probably one reason why the LXX version of chronology was desired. *It was the desire for more time.*

It should be noted that the LXX was produced in Alexandria Egypt, and that the reason for the longer LXX chronology is probably to provide a counter apologetic to the Egyptian claims for antiquity exceeding the deluge date of the MT. Blame it on Manetho. Though the Egyptian chronology is now regarded as greatly inflated, archaeologists still rely on an inflated chronology of Mesopotamia and Egypt as their main argument to favor the LXX. And this is still the case even when Egyptologists will tell us that Manetho's chronology of Egypt via dynasties was inflated.

But if we use Manetho more carefully, and discard archaeological conclusions where they are speculative, or based on inflated radiocarbon dates, and replace them with other reasonable assumptions, then the need for the extra time disappears. An extra 650 years between Noah and Abraham isn't actually needed, except by paleolithic, mesolithic, and catholithic archaeologists, who want to expand Sumerian chronology back to 6500 BC! And 650 years isn't going to get anyone that far. It will not make the evolutionary archaeologists happy. Seriously, Sumerian culture only needs to begin in Uruk (Erech) shortly after the confusion of the tonuges (2383 BC).

Also, we need to consider key results of following the MT. The first is that while it is a challenge to keep in the MT bounds, that this challenge disappears completely with 100 to 200 extra years to work with. Second, the LXX's longer timeline is longer by too much, on the order of ~460 to 560 years. These two facts argue eloquently that since the MT is already closer to the truth, we should have faith that it is the truth. There isn't enough archaeology or history to fill up 400 years unless one assumes evolutionary rates of societal development. It is easier to compact the secular end of the chronology by a few hundred years than to expand it by 400 after we discard assumptions based on philosophies like the present is the key to the past. The non-archaeologist really has no idea how fragile and tenuous many of the dogmatically announced chronological linkages of the archaeologists are. This is because they are in the business narrative building. Its just more story telling.