

## The Tale of Two Cities - Antioch & Alexandria

Matthew 7:17-18. Bible manuscripts only come from two places:

1. Antioch, Syria (Antiochene Family > 5,400 (99%))
2. Alexandria, Egypt (Alexandrian Family < 60 (1%))

The King James Bible comes from the Antiochene Family, and almost every modern translation comes from the Alexandrian Family. In 1 Cor. 10:32 we see that the Bible is addressed to 3 groups of people, "Jews...Gentiles...the Church of God." All 3 have a central location. SEE MAP ON BACK.

### The Law of First Mention

Egypt - Gen. 12:10. The first mention of Egypt in the Bible is in a NEGATIVE MANNER.

Egypt symbolizes the world all throughout Scripture. The world's system, human life, and society with God left out! See Exo 20:2, Deut. 4:20, Deut. 17:16, Rev. 11:8.

Alexandria - Acts 6:9. The first mention of Alexandria in the Bible is in a NEGATIVE MANNER.

Also in Acts 18:24 we find Apollos was from Alexandria. Although he was later saved and became a great disciple of Christ, he was first associated in this scripture with bad Bible teaching (False Doctrine). The only other two mentions of Alexandria were in connection with shipwreck and eventual death (Acts 27:6 and Acts 28:11). So, the Alexandrian Lifestyle can be summarized by these four mentions by arguing with preachers, having false doctrine, being shipwrecked, or ending up dead.

Antioch - Acts 6:5. The first mention of Antioch in the Bible is in a POSITIVE MANNER.

It was at Antioch that the disciples were called "Christians" for the first time (Acts 11:26). Antioch was the center of the New Testament Church! **Antioch put the GO in GOSPEL!**

Syria - Gen. 25:20. The first mention of Syria in the Bible is in a POSITIVE MANNER!

There are two things to be examined from the two cities we are discussing: Manuscripts & Mentality.

**The Alexandria Mentality is: The Bible isn't perfect and can be improved upon.**

**The Antiochene Mentality is: The Bible is perfect and cannot be improved upon.**

Four combinations of the Manuscripts and Mentality exist:

1. Alexandrian Mentality and Alexandrian Manuscripts - The Bible Correctors. This is someone who uses a modern translation and doesn't believe the bible is perfect. This is what most bible college professors use and believe.
2. Antiochene Mentality and Antiochene Manuscripts - The Bible Believers. This is someone who believes the King James Bible is God's perfect Word!
3. Antiochene Mentality and Alexandrian Manuscripts - The Ignorant Christian. This is someone who uses a modern translation and believes that the bible is perfect.
4. Alexandrian Mentality and Antiochene Manuscripts - The "Textus Receptus" (TR) Man. This is someone who uses a King James Bible and doesn't believe the Bible is perfect. Beware! This is the person that will mess you up!

