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Chapter 6

DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE CANON

CANONICAL LISTS

In the following charts, ✓ means the book was included in the list, and “D” means the book’s inclusion was debated.

	Muratorian	Origen	Eusebius
Matthew	✓	✓	✓
Mark	✓	✓	✓
Luke	✓	✓	✓
John	✓	✓	✓
Acts	✓	✓	✓
Romans	✓	✓	✓
1 Corinthians	✓	✓	✓
2 Corinthians	✓	✓	✓
Galatians	✓	✓	✓
Ephesians	✓	✓	✓
Philippians	✓	✓	✓
Colossians	✓	✓	✓
1 Thessalonians	✓	✓	✓
2 Thessalonians	✓	✓	✓
1 Timothy	✓	✓	✓
2 Timothy	✓	✓	✓
Titus	✓	✓	✓
Philemon	✓	✓	✓

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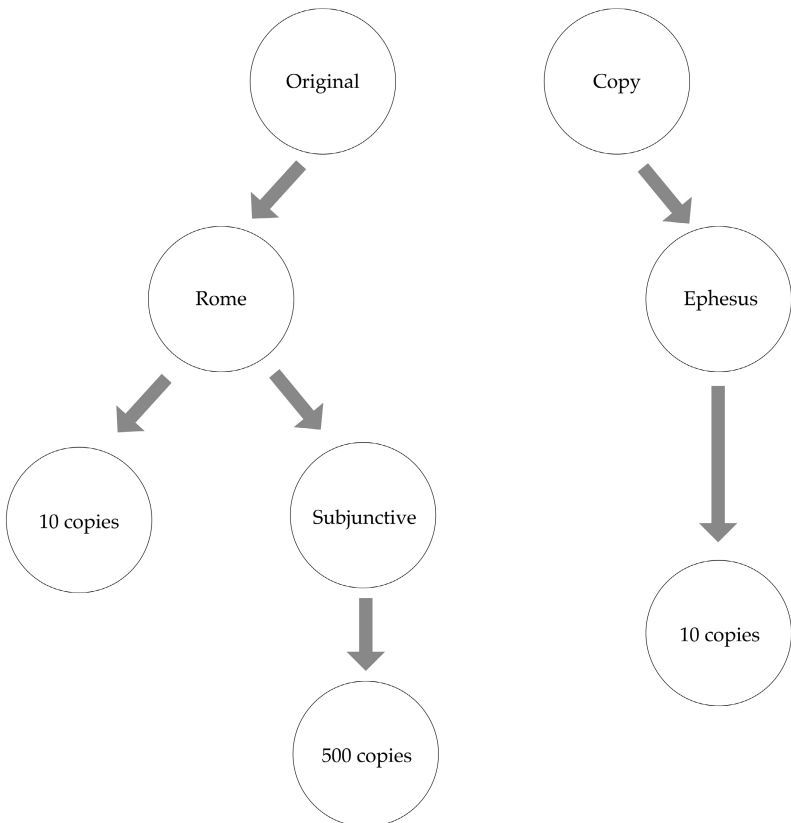
	Muratorian	Origen	Eusebius
Hebrews		✓ ¹	✓ ²
James		✓	D
1 Peter		✓	✓
2 Peter		✓	D
1 John	✓	✓	✓
2 John	✓	✓ ³	D
3 John	? ⁴	✓	D
Jude	✓	✓	D
Revelation	✓	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁶

1. Origen refers to Paul's "fourteen" letters, apparently including Hebrews, although there is some debate as to whether the number was original since Origen does not list Hebrews in his catalog of New Testament books (Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* 6.25). For Origen's text see Edmon L. Gallagher and John D. Meade, *The Biblical Canon Lists from Early Christianity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 92.
2. Hebrews is not listed in Eusebius's catalogue (*Ecclesiastical History* 3.25.23), but in 3.3.5 he speaks of Paul's "14" letters, which would include Hebrews.
3. Origen refers to the letters of John in the plural, so presumably he means both 2 and 3 John.
4. There is some debate as to whether or not the Muratorian Canon includes 3 John. See Kruger, *Canon Revisited*, 230 n. 178.
5. Origen doesn't include Revelation in his lists, but he accepts it as authoritative elsewhere in his writings.
6. Eusebius also includes Revelation in the disputed group; see Gallagher and Meade, *Biblical Canon Lists*, 101 n. 126.

Chapter 9

DIGGING MUCH DEEPER INTO TEXTUAL CRITICISM

HOW VARIANTS OF MANUSCRIPTS DEVELOP



Chapter 10

TRANSLATION THEORY

A “LITERAL” TRANSLATION OF JOHN 3:16 AS AN INTERLINEAR

In this way οὕτως	for γὰρ	he loved ἠγάπησεν	the God ὁ θεός	the world τὸν κόσμον,
with the result that ὥστε	the son τὸν υἱὸν	the only τὸν μονογενῆ	he gave ἔδωκεν,	
in order that ἵνα	each πᾶς	the believing ὁ πιστεύων	into him not εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ	
he might perish ἀπόληται	but ἀλλ'	he might have ἔχη	life eternal. ζωὴν αἰώνιον.	

Chapter 13

THE HISTORICITY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

OLD TESTAMENT APOCRYPHA

	Protestant	Roman Catholic
1.	Tobit	Tobias
2.	Judith	Judith
3.	Wisdom of Solomon	Wisdom
4.	Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)	Ecclesiasticus
5.	1 Maccabees	1 Maccabees
6.	2 Maccabees	2 Maccabees
7.	Baruch	Baruch 1–5
8.	Epistle of Jeremiah	Baruch 6
9.	Additions to Esther	Esther 10:4–16:24
10.	Prayer of Azariah, and The Song of the Three Jews	Daniel 3:24–90
11.	Susanna	Daniel 13
12.	Bel and the Dragon	Daniel 14
13.	1 Esdras	3 Esdras (or 1 Esdras)
14.	2 Esdras	4 Esdras (or 2 Esdras)
15.	Prayer of Manasseh	Prayer of Manasseh