

verse had been inserted in Greek! Whether true or not, Erasmus added the verse; and in this manner men have added to the Word of God. God does not need this help. The doctrine of the trinity rests on strong frameworks and is complete without Froeben's text.

Some changes came quite by accident. In the age before presses were invented, Bibles were sometimes produced by having a reader read the Scriptures aloud while scribes wrote copies of what was being read. In this way as many Bibles as there were scribes who could hear satisfactorily, could be produced at a time. Under such circumstances a letter or word could be misunderstood so that a scribe might thus make a mistake in his copy. Some of the Hebrew letters sounded so much alike that a scholar would write one for the other (much like children who confuse "s" and "c"). There are many differences like this between the Dead Sea Scrolls and our other Hebrew texts. They are differences of ear — where one hears the wrong letter. On the whole they do not affect the meaning of the passage and are readily explained by scholars.

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On the other hand ancient (classical) Hebrew was written without vowels. Everyone knew the sounds and what they meant, but there were no written vowels for later generations to follow. Imagine yourself a scribe and the reader reads a phrase: "And he said: 'pair (meaning divide) an apple!'" For "pair" you would write the letters *pr*, but you and all else at the time would know it meant "divide the apple." Many years later other men, who did not know your language so well, would be reading the work. It might be obvious to them that you meant "pare the apple" (remove the skin). One of the scholars might say, "Do you suppose by any chance he means divide?" To this the others would answer, "If he had meant divide, he would have said divide." A change