



Hebrews
Word,
Sword,
Lord

Hebrews
4:12-13

Iliad vs New Testament

Homer's Iliad, the history of the Trojan War.

- 1757 manuscripts,**
- dated 400 years from the events.**
- Originally written 800 B.C., with the earliest copy dated 400 B.C.**

Iliad vs New Testament

New Testament

- **Total count for early Manuscripts available today is over 25,000!**
- **And Josh McDowell has claims that we have closer to 66,000 with the advent of many discoveries in artifacts, like mummy wrappings, that contain Biblical manuscript fragments.**

Iliad vs New Testament

New Testament

- **5795 Greek Manuscripts dated 30 to 150 years from the events, written A.D. 49-95 with the earliest copy dated A.D. 117 (and a few that are possibly dated first century still under review).**

Iliad vs New Testament

New Testament

- Over 7974 manuscripts in other languages (Armenian, Coptic, Gothic, Ethiopian, Syriac, Georgian and Slavic) dated early second century (100-150 years)
- Over 10,000 manuscripts in the Latin Vulgate dated from the third century and on (300-350 years)

Skeptics?

Errors in the copying?

- **All of the known manuscripts are 98% in agreement. Only 2% of the texts have errors.**
- **When literary scholars looked at these so-called errors (2%) they found only the following:**

Skeptics?

Errors in the copying?

- **Variations in the texts stem from differences in spelling, word order or the relationship between noun and definite articles—slight variants that are easily recognizable.**
- **After factoring out minor spelling errors and light variations in word order, there is more than 99.5% agreement between all of the known manuscripts of the Bible.**

Skeptics?

Errors in the copying?

- **Of the remaining variants (0.5%) none affects any crucial element or teaching of the Christian faith.**
- **Even with mistakes 100% of the message comes through.**
- **The more errors to compare in a multitude of manuscripts the surer you are of the message—AND WE HAVE OVER 25,000 AND GROWING!**

Skeptics?

Errors in the copying?

- The New Testament has: More manuscripts, earlier manuscripts and more accurately copied manuscripts than any other book from the ancient world!

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THE KING

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

“Word”

The term “word” is the characteristic means whereby God makes His will known to man. It may be spoken through the prophets, written in the law and other Scripture, or in the living person of Jesus Christ. It is also the means by which God accomplishes His providential purposes in the world.

Hebrews 1:1

“In the past God spoke ...through the prophets, at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by His Son...”

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Isaiah 55:10-11

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes...

Isaiah 55:10-11

out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

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Hebrews 4:11-12a

**“Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.
12 For the word of God is alive and active...”**

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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Hebrews 4:12b

“... Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

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Hebrews 12:13

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

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