

criticized him for it he immediately backwatered on anything he had said. But Erasmus was there in Basel, and the printer in Basel said they are making a Greek NT along with all these other things in Spain; I would like to get a Greek NT out ~~first~~ first; I'll sell more copies. He said, Erasmus, please make me a Greek NT. So Erasmus said, Give me some MSS. So they went into a monastery nearby and they found 4 MSS, no one of which was written less than 900 years after the original writing, and you can think of all the changes and errors that could come in in copying, and recopying, and recoping, and recopying during nine long centuries.

Erasmus got these MSS and he put the material together and he made a conflate text representing what he thought was the best text from the different MSS. There were places where it was broken and they had no MS, and he said, Get me more MSS. And they got him two more, and there ~~still~~ still were places (missing), and so Erasmus filled in those places himself from the Latin Bible. He came to the end of Revelation, and they could not find anything that had the last ~~half of the last ch. and the last~~ few vv. of Rev. He said I can't give you something to print till you give me that. Well, they said the man in Spain will get ahead of us. He said, Hurry up and give us something. Well, he said give me a MS. When he said, We don't know where we can find one, because with books it is easy for the front or back to get torn off; and that's true with so many MSS. So eventually under the publishers' insistence Erasmus translated the last half of that chapter from the Latin, and to this day there are Greek copies that contain words that do not occur anywhere in any Greek MSS