

pages are turned in a codex. However the Hebrew word actually is column and describes the type of book which was used for all manuscripts ~~in~~ that were written on papyrus, the ancient form of paper.

Printing was not invented until the ~~mid~~ latter part of the fifteenth century A.D. Before that time all manuscripts had to be laboriously copied by hand. Copying of manuscripts is a very difficult thing. I would challenge anyone to copy by hand three pages of the Bible without making a single mistake. ~~It is~~ ~~sure~~ ~~that~~ - In almost any case you would find if you read the pages over that at least one mistake had occurred. Any one who has given material to the printer ~~him~~ and has received back a proof to look over notes from sad experience how many mistakes he finds that the linotyper has made. The author goes over the proof and corrects these mistakes. The linotyper does the lines over again that have mistakes on them. A new proof is made, and usually it is found that some new mistakes have been made in the course of copying. It is a long and arduous matter to get all the mistakes out of something that is being prepared for printing.

Of course in copying something so important as the Bible great care was taken to avoid mistakes and yet mistakes were bound to creep in and thus in the course of many copyings quite a few variations come into the various manuscripts.

What material was available for the preparation of the King James Bible? We will look first at the New Testament and leave consideration of the Old Testament for the second ~~third~~ thirds of this volume.

During the fifteenth century there was a great renewed interest in the literature of the ~~old~~ ~~ancient~~ ancient world. Greek came to be studied by groups of scholars all over Europe. Old manuscripts were much sought after. Naturally the great bulk of the manuscripts of the Bible in the monestaries and ^{in the} libraries of Europe were in Latin, since this was the official language of scholarship in all of western Europe. Yet during this century many manuscripts were being brought from the East where Greek was still the spoken language and especially after the beginning of the Reformation, great interest was taken in finding Greek manuscripts.

The first book printed - After printing was invented the very first book printed was the Gutenberg Bible, a copy of the Bible in Latin. The Greek Bible was not copied