

getting the monks to give him a few leaves of this paper but ~~in~~ from his great interest they decided that the manuscript was of ~~man~~ far more importance than they had dreamed at all. Instead of burning it they put it aside and treasured it carefully and refused to let him take more than just a small section of it.

Unable to secure anymore of the manuscript Tishendorf left the monestary with the few sheets that he had been permitted to take with him. When he got back to Europe he studied these carefully, copied them, and published them. He deposited them in the library at Leipzig, in Germany. He found that they contained a copy of the Old Testament in Greek ~~in~~ running from s ^{such & such a place} to ^{such & such a place}. He was quite sure that it was the earliest Greek manuscript yet of any part of the Bible that was yet known. He was greatly disappointed at not being able to secure more of the manuscript but at least his ~~visit~~ visit had done this good that it alerted the monks to the importance of the ancient manuscript and caused them to stop burning - to desist from burning anymore of the material.

In those days before airplanes ~~in~~ and railways it was a long and arduous task to get ~~in~~ from Germany to the Sinai ~~man~~ [?] peninsula. Tishendorf longed for an opportunity to get ~~man~~ back and to try to get more of the scroll. However he knew that he would not get anywhere without special introduction. He got the Czar of Russia to intercede and to ask the head of that section of the Greek Orthodox church to give him a special letter to the monk asking them to give him every consideration. On with this letter in ^{such & such} year Tishendorf again went to Sinai. Again he spent some weeks in the monestary studying the manuscripts but not finding anything of great importance. No trace of the very early manuscripts which he had found came to his attention. He was not able to find even a trace of this. After some weeks he was quite disappointed and prepared again to leave the monestary. The last night before he left ~~in~~ a steward of the monestary told ~~him~~ him that he had a manuscript in his room that he thought might be of interest to him. And he handed it to him and immediately Tishendorf noticed that it was the very same manuscript from which he had previously secured a few leaves. The steward permitted him to take it to his room for the night. Tishendorf spent the whole night looking over the manuscript and copying portions of it. It contained most of the rest of the Old Testament and also the entire New Testament.

Greatly thrilled he began immediately making negotiations for to secure the copy.