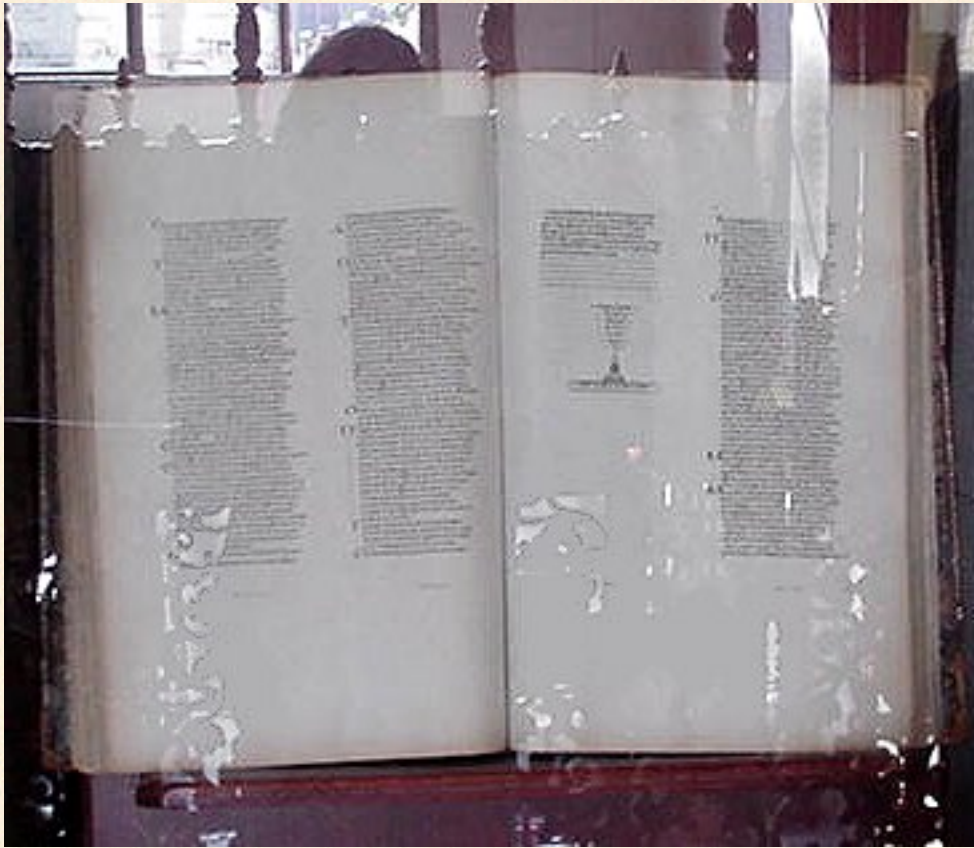


The Dr. Gene Scott Bible Collection

STATION 34: The *Codex Alexandrinus*

Early 5th Century



A view of Station 34

One of the great "Uncial" manuscripts, it contains both the Old and the New Testaments in Greek, in a "conflate" version which, while not pure, shows the mixtures of original text and later revisions exemplified by the Latin Vulgate versions. Rediscovered after the fall of Byzantium, it was presented to Charles I of England in 1628, and is presently a treasure of the British Museum.

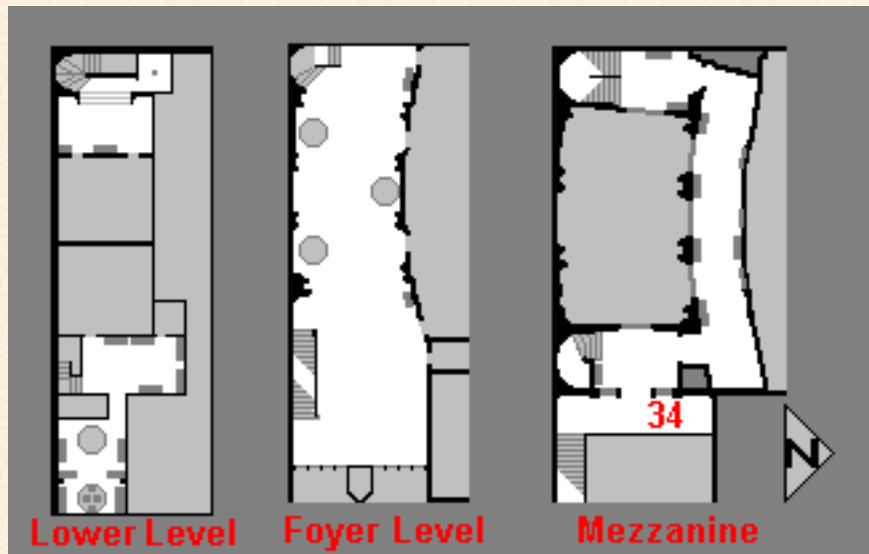
The importance of the Uncials lies in their antiquity, from the early 4th to the middle 5th centuries, and in that the versions of the Word contained in them are

closer to the originals than any except the Syriac fragments. The other great Uncials are the ***Codex Vaticanus*** shown at [Station 48](#) (early 4th century; both Testaments in Latin) and the ***Codex Sinaiticus*** (early 4th century, written in Greek). Other early manuscripts include the ***Codex Ephraemi Rescriptus*** (5th century, once containing both Testaments but "erased" and written over in the 12th, with modern techniques having recovered most of the original text), and the ***Codex Bezae*** (5th century, Gospels and Acts only). The Uncials, except for the ***Codex Bezae***, were not available when the Bible was first translated into English. It is perhaps indicative of the care Divine guidance with which the translation was done that, though over 10,000 manuscripts of all kinds have been discovered since 1611, the King James Version deviates in only some 5,000 places from what are accepted currently as the oldest, most accurate texts, and these variations are generally trivial. The text of the ***Codex Alexandrinus*** shown here is the 1799 Oxford edition, a book of immense rarity among bibliophiles.

A complete reproduction of this Codex, prepared by the British Museum in the 19th Century, can be seen at [Station 48](#).

STATION LOCATION MAP

Below is a floor plan map of the Cathedral in 3 sections, one for each level. The first section is the Lower Level, the second is the Foyer Level, and the third is the Mezzanine Level. This station is in an Alcove on the Mezzanine level, at the red #34.



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