

## **The Textual Character of GA 0278: A Complete Assessment of the Greek Text**

Discovered at St. Catherine's Monastery in 1975 (among many others), Gregory-Aland manuscript (MS) 0278 has earned a spot in the apparatus of NA28 but not UBS5. The textual character of 0278 is largely unknown, though. Based on preliminary research, the readings in MS 0278 tend to group most closely with MSS 04, 025, and 81. The question is, then, how exactly should the readings of 0278 be evaluated in a critical apparatus? Also, should 0278 be represented in the apparatus of the UBS Greek New Testament? In this paper, I argue that 0278 belongs in the Alands' Category II and should thus be included in the apparatus of UBS. The overall textual character of 0278 will be evaluated through a full collation and comparison to other major witnesses of Paul's letters in order to determine how much weight the witness should be given in determining the initial text. Textual groupings will be identified through percentages of agreement. Also, scribal habits will be outlined, and unique readings will be discussed.