

## **Explorations into a Narrative Approach to Variants in Manuscripts**

Several scholars have explored what amounts to a narrative approach to the analysis of variants in specific New Testament manuscripts. This paper continues that development by using a narrative approach to analyze two manuscripts, Codex Bezae (05) and Codex Petropolitanus Purpureus (022), in selected sections of text. These two test cases provide initial examples of how this approach can help explain the pattern of readings among the variants in ways that might be helpful both for evaluating a manuscript as a textual witness and for understanding the choice of variant readings as a group rather than just within individual variation units.