

GA 0150 and 2110: A Family Affair

Gregory-Aland manuscripts 0150 and 2110 appear to be directly related both visually and textually. It has been suggested that these MSS are exemplar and copy. In this paper, I will demonstrate the exact interrelatedness between these two MSS with an eye toward determining whether they are exemplar and copy, whether they share a common exemplar copied by two different copyists, or whether they are copied by the same copyist from a common exemplar. Examination of nearly identical paratextual features indicates a common copying process for both 0150 and 2110. Further scrutiny of handwriting, though, points toward two different copyists. In this paper, I will explore which MS was composed first, paying special attention to scribal habits and textual changes. Initial examination of the texts of the MSS indicates a special relationship between the two. The texts of Philemon are nearly identical. Only two major differences exist between the MSS in Philemon: (1) in verse one, 0150 reads $\alpha\sigma\tau\epsilon\sigma$ whereas 2110 reads $\sigma\tau\epsilon\sigma$ and (2) in verse six, 0150 reads $\epsilon\ \epsilon\pi\alpha\sigma\tau\epsilon\sigma$ whereas 2110 omits the preposition ϵ . The remaining differences are 3 minor spelling differences. In addition to the near identical nature of the texts of Philemon, some variants point toward a unique relationship. For example, in verse 17, 0150 and 2110 read $\mu\alpha$ instead of $\mu\epsilon$, the only two Greek MSS of Philemon to do so of the 570+ that contain the letter. Also, 0150 and 2110 read $\delta\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha$ instead of $\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha\alpha$, which is only found in 9 other MSS of the 570+ in the entire Greek tradition. Collations of other books in the MSS, though, reveal that their texts might not be as close as the texts of Philemon. So, full collations of the MSS will be presented and analyzed in this paper.