

= Minuscle 543 =

Minuscle 543 in the Gregory @-@ Aland numbering (? 257 in Soden 's numbering and labelled 556 by Scrivener) is a Greek minuscle manuscript of the New Testament , on parchment . Palaeographically it has been assigned to the 12th century .

The manuscript contains text of the four Gospels with unusual grammar forms and numerous errors . Textually it does not belong to any of the main text @-@ types , and is a member of the textual family Family 13 , known also as Ferrar Group . The lacunose manuscript is housed at the University of Michigan .

= = Description = =

= = = Contents = = =

The codex contains the text of the four Gospels , on 184 thick parchment leaves (size 28 cm by 23 cm) , with several lacunae (Matthew 12 : 11 @-@ 13 : 10 ; Mark 8 : 4 @-@ 28 ; Luke 15 : 20 @-@ 16 : 9 ; John 2 : 22 @-@ 4 : 6 ; 4 : 52 @-@ 5 : 43 ; 11 : 21 @-@ 47) . One leaf was misplaced in binding . The parchment is coarse and yellowed by age .

The text of the codex was written two columns per page , 27 @-@ 30 lines per page , 17 letters per line , in minute hand , in brown ink . The same scribe wrote all four Gospels . There are breathings and accents used in regular form , but in some sort of system . There is not found iota subscript , iota adscriptum occurs very often (especially in Mark) .

The titles to the Gospels of Matthew and Mark run : ?????????? ?? ??? ????? ????????? (???????) . The titles to the Luke and John are usual : ?????????? ????? ??????? (?????????) .

The lists of the ????????? (chapters) are placed before every Gospel , numbers of the ????????? are given at the left margin , with their ??????? (titles) in red at the top of pages . There is a division according to the Ammonian Sections , with a references to the Eusebian Canons . It contains lectionary markings , Synaxarion , Menologion , subscriptions , ??????? , and ??????? . The list of ????????? to Matthew is missing and Gospel of Matthew begins on the first of the codex . It has an additional non @-@ biblical material : The Limits of the Five Patriarchates (as in codices 69 and 211) ? one page of it lost .

= = = Nomina sacra and OT quotations = = =

The nomina sacra are contracted in the usual way , but there are a number of words which the scribe failed to abbreviate . In some of the cases where nomina sacra are uncontracted , they have the heavy bar signifying contraction. ???? is contracted only once (John 4 : 47) . On the other hand , it gives unusual abbreviations : for ????????? (crucify) the manuscript has ??????? , for ????????? ? ??????? , ????????? (virgin) is contracted to ??????? .

Quotations from the Old Testament are indicated in the left margin by a rubricated letter or sign .

= = = Errors = = =

Almost all the necessary corrections of misspellings have been made . Sometimes a stroke of the pen indicates an error , perhaps to be corrected later . Some corrections seem to be written by prima manu (e.g. Matthew 4 : 10 ; 5 : 19) others plainly secondary manu (Matthew 6 ; Luke 3 ; 10 : 35) . The apostrophe is used even when not required , especially in ?? ' , and ??? ' .

According t? Scrivener movable nu occurs 416 times especially with words ?????? , ?????? . In Matthew 12 : 7 ; Luke 8 : 10 ; John 5 : 46 ; 7 : 7 ; 8 : 27 there is a hiatus for lack of it . The error of iotacism occurs 358 times : ?? for ? (16 occurrences) , ? for ?? (35) , ? for ? (40) , ? for ? (33) , ?? for ? (13) , ? for ?? (31) , ?? for ? (23) , ? for ?? (19) , ? for ? (11) , ? for ? (7) , ? for ? (11) , ? for ? (2) , ?? for ? (3) , ? for ?? (20) , ? for ? (3) , ? for ? (5) , ? for ?? (1) , ? for ?? (1) ,

There are many errors by homoioteleuton (Mark 2 : 18 ; 4 : 24 ; 12 : 26 ; 14 : 70 ; 15 : 14 ; Luke 12 : 22 @.@ 47 ; 13 : 28 @.@ 29 ; John 4 : 14) .

== Text ==

The Pericope Adulterae follows Luke 21 : 38 , like in other manuscripts of the Ferrar Family .

The words after the bracket are the readings of the codex (before the bracket are readings of Textus Receptus).

Matthew 5 : 48 ? ?? ???? ???????? (in heavens)] ?????? (heavens)

Matthew 7 : 2 ? ??? (from)] ?? (from)

Matthew 8 : 8 ? ?????? (terrible)] ?????? (terrible)

Matthew 8 : 26 ? ???? ??????? (winds) | ?? ????? (wind)

Matthew 9 : 17 ? ?????????] ????????? (both)

Matthew 26 : 39 ?] ????? ?? ????? ????????? ???? ???? ?????? ?????????? ?????? ??? ?????????? ??
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Mark 1 : 10 ? ???] ??

Mark 1 : 10 ? ?? (from)] ??? (to)

== History ==

Of the history of the codex 543 nothing is known until the year 1864 , when it was in the possession of a dealer at Janina in Epeiros . It was then purchased from him by a representative of Baroness Burdett @-@ Coutts (1814 ? 1906) , a philanthropist , together with other Greek manuscripts (among them codices 532 @-@ 546) . They were transported to England in 1870 @-@ 1871 .

Scrivener observed a close textual affinity to the Ferrar group and announced in 1883 in the third

edition of " Plain Introduction " (p . 236) as pertaining to the same class . Scrivener collated its text and it was edited posthumously in 1893 . This collation was not wholly accurate and Jacob Geerlings , from the University of Utah , gave a new and more accurate collation in 1932 . The collation was made against the Textus Receptus in Stephanus edition (Editio Regia) .

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