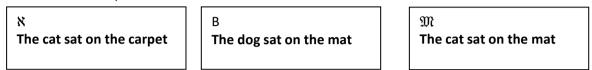# A Very Simplified Illustration in Fictional English of Leslie McFall's Research into Readings when Sinaiticus and Vaticanus Differ and when the Caesarean Subfamilies Differ.

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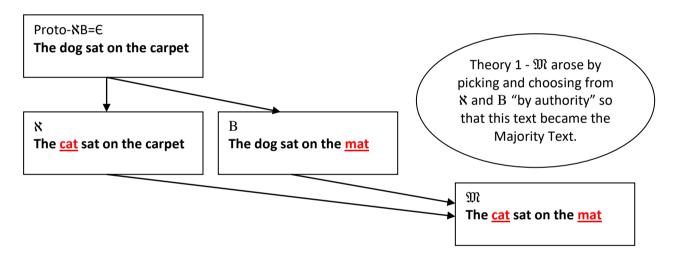29 October 2012. Revised slightly 17 January 2023.

The key point observed by Leslie McFall is that when ℵ and B differ, one of the readings is, in almost all cases, 𝔐. An analogous situation obtains for the Caesarean subfamilies.
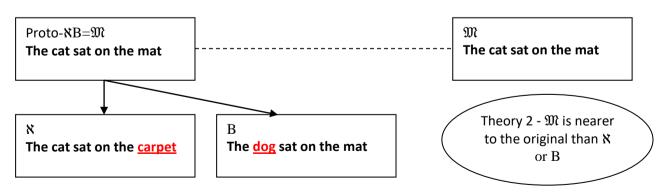
How would we explain this?

ℵ	B	𝔐
The cat sat on the carpet	**The dog sat on the mat**	**The cat sat on the mat**

Corruptions (as hypothetically required by the theory) are shown in **red underlined** in the theories below.

Theory 1

Proto-ℵB=Є
The dog sat on the carpet

ℵ
The <u>cat</u> sat on the carpet

B
The dog sat on the <u>mat</u>

𝔐
The <u>cat</u> sat on the <u>mat</u>

Theory 1 - 𝔐 arose by picking and choosing from ℵ and B "by authority" so that this text became the Majority Text.

Theory 2

Proto-ℵB=𝔐
The cat sat on the mat

𝔐
The cat sat on the mat

ℵ
The cat sat on the <u>carpet</u>

B
The <u>dog</u> sat on the mat

Theory 2 - 𝔐 is nearer to the original than ℵ or B
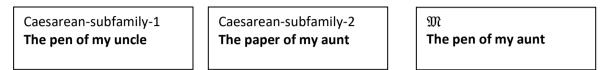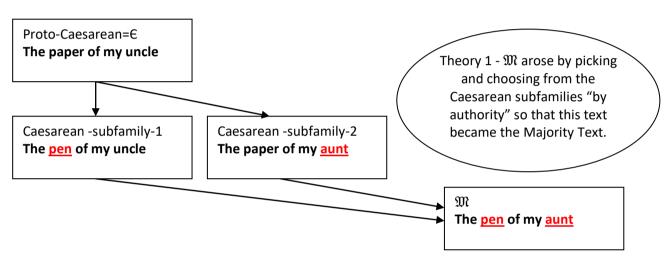
Discussion and development

A priori either theory is plausible, as are some others - that Proto-אB=א, or that Proto-אB=B. We do note, however, that theory 2 involves fewer corruptions, and corruptions in one camp only (Є and not 𝔐).
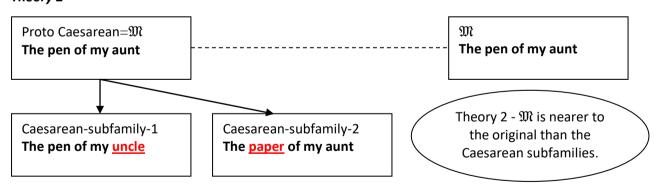
But the plausibility of theory 1 changes when we see that a similar diagram can be drawn for two subfamilies of the Caesarean family.

| Caesarean-subfamily-1 **The pen of my uncle** | Caesarean-subfamily-2 **The paper of my aunt** | 𝔐 **The pen of my aunt** |

Theory 1

Proto-Caesarean=Є
The paper of my uncle

Caesarean -subfamily-1
The pen of my uncle

Caesarean -subfamily-2
The paper of my aunt

𝔐
The pen of my aunt

> Theory 1 - 𝔐 arose by picking and choosing from the Caesarean subfamilies "by authority" so that this text became the Majority Text.

Theory 2

Proto Caesarean=𝔐
The pen of my aunt

𝔐
The pen of my aunt

Caesarean-subfamily-1
The pen of my uncle

Caesarean-subfamily-2
The paper of my aunt

> Theory 2 - 𝔐 is nearer to the original than the Caesarean subfamilies.

The case for a duplicate theory 1 now becomes absurd - that 𝔐 *also* arose by picking and choosing from the Caesarean manuscripts.

The only reasonable scenario we can conceive which satisfies the אB scenario and the Caesarean subfamily scenario is *theory 2*, that **both proto-אB and proto-Caesarean are 𝔐**.