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Synopsis

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I’m a new student of Latin, and not an expert on the Vulgate, so take my review for what it’s worth. As far as I can tell, there are three versions of the Vulgate in print today, and I have copies of all three of them. So I thought that perhaps those who don’t want to buy three versions might appreciate a neophyte’s impression of their relative strengths and weaknesses. The full names on the title pages are rather long, so I’ll refer to these three versions briefly as the Stuttgart Vulgate (Biblia Sacra iuxta vulgatam versionem), the New Vulgate (Bibliorum Sacrorum nova vulgata editio or Novum Testamentum Latine), and the Madrid Clementine (Biblia Sacra iuxta Vulgam Clementinam). The Stuttgart Vulgate is a compact one-volume digest of the big multi-volume critical editions, especially the Benedictine Old Testament and Wordsworth and White’s New Testament. It comes with a critical apparatus showing the more important variant readings from the Latin manuscripts and editions. This version comes with the prologues of St Jerome, the old medieval critical apparatus of the Gospels (canones evangelorum), the apocryphal books of III and IV Ezra, Psalm 151, Prayer of Manasses, and the Epistle to the Laodiceans, as well as the protocanonical and deuterocanonical books. It also contains two complete Psalters, both by St. Jerome: The Psalterium Gallicanum and the Psalterium juxta Hebraicum. The two psalters are laid out
side-by-side on facing pages to facilitate comparison. This version attempts to reconstruct the experience of reading a medieval manuscript, so the spelling is medieval, which can be a problem for anyone used to the Clementine, and to anyone looking up words in a dictionary.

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