

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over an open Bible. The Bible is lying on a wooden surface. The text on the pages is partially visible, and a yellow highlight is on the right page. The background is softly blurred, showing another person's hands and a glass.

How To Study The Bible

The Dead Sea Scrolls And The
Apocryphal Books

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What About Dead Sea Scrolls?

- Found 1948 by a shepherd boy in a cave - property of Jewish nation
- Septuagint translation - 250 B.C.
- Main value:
 - ▣ Previously - earliest manuscript of O.T. in Hebrew was from 916 A. D.
 - ▣ Here one dated at least 1,000 years earlier yet read just like our text.

The book of Isaiah

Dated between 356-103 BC



Written in Hebrew with only small parts
missing due to damage

List Of Biblical Manuscripts Found So Far:

Genesis – 24

Exodus – 18

Leviticus – 17

Numbers – 11

Deuteronomy – 33

Joshua – 2

Judges – 4

Ruth – 4

1-2 Samuel – 4

1-2 Kings – 4



Job – 6

Psalms – 39

Ecclesiastes – 2

Song of Sol. – 4

Isaiah – 22

Jeremiah – 6

Lamentations – 4

Ezekiel – 6

Daniel – 8

Minor Prophets - 10

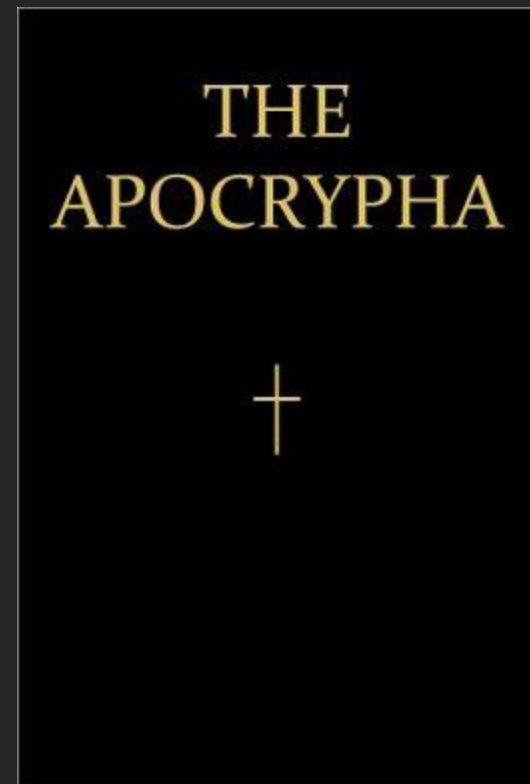


What About Apocryphal Books?

- Covers period between Testaments
- Why rejected: (As being inspired by God)
 - ▣ Never accepted in any Jewish Canon.
 - ▣ Never quoted by Jesus or apostles.
 - ▣ Not accepted by prominent historians & scholars of 1st & 2nd Century: Josephus, Philo, Origen

List Of The Apocrypha Or Deutero-canonical Books:

1. Tobit
2. Judith
3. **Wisdom** (also called the Wisdom of Solomon)
4. **Sirach** (also called Ecclesiasticus)
5. **Baruch**, including the Letter of Jeremiah
6. 1 Maccabees
7. 2 Maccabees



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Additions to Esther (Esther 10:4–16:24)

Additions to Daniel:

**Prayer of Azariah and Song of the
Three Holy Children (Daniel 3:24–90)**

The story of Susanna (Daniel 13)

Bel and the Dragon (Daniel 14)

THE
APOCRYPHA



In the 1611 KJV these apocryphal books were positioned between the Old and New Testament. It was a part of the KJV for over 200 years until being removed in 1830's

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Judith 1:1

It was the twelfth year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, who ruled over the Assyrians in the great city of Nineveh. At that time Arphaxad was ruling over the Medes in Ecbatana.

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 - ▣ Doctrines that contradict accepted scripture (Tobit 12:9; Ecclesiasticus 3:3; Baruch 3:1-4)

Tobit 12:8b-9

It is better to give alms than to store up gold,
9 for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all
sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life,

Ecclesiasticus 3:3

Whoso horoureth his father maketh an
atonement for his sins:

Baruch 3:1-4

1 “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, the anguished soul, the dismayed spirit cries out to you.

2 Hear, Lord, and have mercy, for you are a merciful God; have mercy on us, who have sinned against you:

3 for you are enthroned forever, while we are perishing forever.

4 Lord Almighty, God of Israel, hear the prayer of the dead of Israel, children who sinned against you; they did not listen to the voice of the Lord, their God, and their evils cling to us.

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

