Chronological List of Ancient & Biblical Writings (Expanded ~156)

This document lists approximately 156 ancient, biblical, apocryphal, pseudepigraphal, Dead Sea Scroll, and Ethiopian-canonical texts in rough chronological order. Dates are approximate; summaries are concise. Canonical status indicates how major traditions treat each work (Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Ethiopian, etc.).

## 1. Proto-cuneiform economic texts (Uruk period)

Date (approx.): c. 3400–3000 BCE

Summary: Earliest administrative and accounting records from Mesopotamia.

Status/Canon: Ancient Near Eastern / Pre-Biblical

## 2. Sumerian King List

Date (approx.): c. 3000–2000 BCE

Summary: Royal chronicle mixing mythical and historical rulers.

Status/Canon: Ancient Near Eastern / Pre-Biblical

## 3. Instructions of Shuruppak (Sumerian wisdom)

Date (approx.): c. 2600–2000 BCE

Summary: Early wisdom literature containing proverbs and ethical sayings.

Status/Canon: Ancient Near Eastern / Pre-Biblical

## 4. Egyptian Pyramid Texts

Date (approx.): c. 2400–2300 BCE

Summary: Funerary spells and rituals inscribed in pyramids; early religious corpus.

Status/Canon: Ancient Egyptian

## 5. Epic of Gilgamesh (early Sumerian poems)

Date (approx.): c. 2100–1800 BCE

Summary: Heroic epic with a flood narrative paralleling Genesis.

Status/Canon: Ancient Mesopotamian

## 6. Atrahasis (flood tradition)

Date (approx.): c. 1800–1600 BCE

Summary: Babylonian creation/flood story sharing motifs with Noah account.

Status/Canon: Ancient Mesopotamian

## 7. Enuma Elish (Babylonian creation epic)

Date (approx.): c. 1800–1200 BCE

Summary: Creation epic describing cosmic battles and origin of gods/world.

Status/Canon: Ancient Mesopotamian

## 8. Mari & Ebla archives (diplomatic, legal texts)

Date (approx.): c. 1800–1600 BCE

Summary: City-state archives shedding light on ANE law and culture.

Status/Canon: Ancient Near Eastern

## 9. Ugaritic texts (Baal cycle)

Date (approx.): c. 1400–1200 BCE

Summary: Canaanite religious poems informing Israelite background imagery.

Status/Canon: Ancient Near Eastern

## 10. Early Israelite songs & traditions (e.g., Song of Deborah)

Date (approx.): c. 1200–1000 BCE

Summary: Oldest Israelite poetic fragments reflecting early history.

Status/Canon: Proto-Israelite / Biblical strata

## 11. Genesis

Date (approx.): compiled c. 1000–500 BCE

Summary: Accounts of creation, patriarchs, and origins of Israel.

Status/Canon: Canonical: Protestant/Catholic/Orthodox/Ethiopian

## 12. Book of Jasher (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (original lost)

Summary: Lost chronicle cited in Joshua and Samuel, now lost.

Status/Canon: Referenced in OT; Lost

## 13. Book of the Wars of the Lord (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (original lost)

Summary: Lost collection of battle poems referenced in Numbers.

Status/Canon: Referenced in OT; Lost

## 14. Book of Enoch (1 Enoch)

Date (approx.): c. 300–100 BCE (composite)

Summary: Apocalyptic visions about angels, judgment; quoted in Jude.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian; Apocryphal elsewhere

## 15. Book of Noah (fragments, Enoch tradition)

Date (approx.): c. 300–100 BCE (fragments)

Summary: Materials linked to Enoch tradition about Noah and giants.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal / Apocryphal

## 16. Jubilees

Date (approx.): c. 200–100 BCE

Summary: Retelling of Genesis/Exodus with calendar emphasis; canonical in Ethiopian tradition.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian; Pseudepigraphal elsewhere

## 17. Book of the Generations of Adam (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: A lost genealogical record referred to in Genesis.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 18. Exodus

Date (approx.): compiled c. 1000–500 BCE

Summary: Israel's deliverance from Egypt and law-giving at Sinai.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 19. Leviticus

Date (approx.): compiled c. 700–500 BCE (material older)

Summary: Priestly laws and cultic regulations.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 20. Numbers

Date (approx.): compiled c. 700–500 BCE

Summary: Wilderness census, narratives, and travels of Israel.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 21. Deuteronomy

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE (Deuteronomic reforms)

Summary: Moses' speeches and restatement of law.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 22. Book of the Covenant (early legal collections referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient/compiled in Pentateuch era

Summary: Early source traditions incorporated into Exodus/Deuteronomy.

Status/Canon: Source material within Torah

## 23. Joshua

Date (approx.): c. 7th–5th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Conquest and settlement narratives in Canaan.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 24. Judges

Date (approx.): c. 7th–5th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Cycles of leaders (judges) and Israelite history pre-monarchy.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 25. Ruth

Date (approx.): c. 6th–4th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Short narrative about loyalty and Davidic lineage.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 26. 1 Samuel

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Samuel, Saul, and the rise of David.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 27. 2 Samuel

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: David's reign and related narratives.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 28. Book of Gad the Seer (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Lost prophetic or court writings mentioned in Chronicles.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 29. Book of Nathan the Prophet (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Lost prophetic material cited in royal annals.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 30. 1 Kings

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Accounts of Solomon and divided monarchy.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 31. 2 Kings

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: History of Israel and Judah leading to exile.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 32. Book of the Acts of Solomon (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Lost royal annal referred to in Kings.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 33. 1 Chronicles

Date (approx.): c. 5th–4th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Priestly chronicle focusing on Davidic and Levitical lines.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 34. 2 Chronicles

Date (approx.): c. 5th–4th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Continuing history emphasizing temple and reforms.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 35. Sayings of the Seers (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Lost collection of prophetic sayings mentioned in Chronicles.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 36. Psalms (including Psalm 151)

Date (approx.): composed across 1000–200 BCE

Summary: Collection of hymns, laments, and praise used in worship.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions (Psalm 151 in Orthodox)

## 37. Proverbs

Date (approx.): compiled c. 700–300 BCE

Summary: Collection of wisdom sayings attributed to Solomon and others.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 38. Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)

Date (approx.): c. 4th–3rd century BCE (some date earlier)

Summary: Wisdom reflection on meaning and vanity of life.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 39. Song of Songs

Date (approx.): c. 7th–4th century BCE (tradition Solomon)

Summary: Love poetry often allegorized in religious tradition.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 40. Wisdom of Solomon

Date (approx.): c. 1st century BCE

Summary: Hellenistic Jewish wisdom on justice, immortality (canonical in Catholic/Orthodox).

Status/Canon: Canonical: Catholic/Orthodox; Apocryphal in Protestant

## 41. Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)

Date (approx.): c. 200–180 BCE

Summary: Practical wisdom literature; highly used in Jewish diaspora.

Status/Canon: Canonical: Catholic/Orthodox; Apocryphal in Protestant

## 42. Tobit

Date (approx.): c. 3rd–2nd century BCE

Summary: Pious family story emphasizing divine providence; canonical in some traditions.

Status/Canon: Canonical: Catholic/Orthodox; Apocryphal in Protestant

## 43. Judith

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Heroic tale of a woman saving Israel; canonical in some traditions.

Status/Canon: Canonical: Catholic/Orthodox; Apocryphal in Protestant

## 44. Esther (with additions)

Date (approx.): Hebrew core c. 5th–4th century BCE; Greek additions later

Summary: Story of Jewish deliverance in Persia; additions include prayers and edits.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions (additions in Catholic/Orthodox)

## 45. Job

Date (approx.): composed c. 7th–4th century BCE (oral layers)

Summary: Poetic dialogues about suffering and divine justice.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 46. Isaiah

Date (approx.): c. 8th–6th century BCE (multiple authorship)

Summary: Major prophetic book addressing judgement and restoration.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 47. Jeremiah

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE

Summary: Prophecies of Jerusalem's fall and exile.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 48. Lamentations

Date (approx.): c. 6th century BCE (post-exilic)

Summary: Poetic laments for Jerusalem's destruction.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 49. Baruch

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE (attributed to Jeremiah)

Summary: Jeremianic-associated book; confession and consolation themes.

Status/Canon: Canonical: Catholic/Orthodox; Apocryphal in Protestant

## 50. Ezekiel

Date (approx.): c. 6th century BCE

Summary: Prophetic visions during Babylonian exile.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 51. Daniel (with Susanna, Bel & the Dragon)

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century BCE (stories older)

Summary: Court tales and apocalyptic visions; additions present in Septuagint.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions (additions in Catholic/Orthodox)

## 52. Hosea

Date (approx.): c. 8th century BCE

Summary: Prophetic marriage metaphor and critique of Israel.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 53. Joel

Date (approx.): date debated c. 9th–5th century BCE

Summary: Prophecy using locust imagery and Day of the Lord themes.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 54. Amos

Date (approx.): c. 8th century BCE

Summary: Social justice prophecies against Israel's inequity.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 55. Obadiah

Date (approx.): c. 6th–5th century BCE

Summary: Oracle against Edom.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 56. Jonah

Date (approx.): c. 5th–4th century BCE (narrative)

Summary: Story of prophet called to Nineveh highlighting mercy.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 57. Micah

Date (approx.): c. 8th century BCE

Summary: Prophecy denouncing social injustice; Messianic prophecies.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 58. Nahum

Date (approx.): c. 7th century BCE

Summary: Prophecy against Nineveh.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 59. Habakkuk

Date (approx.): c. 7th–6th century BCE

Summary: Dialogues with God about injustice and faith.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 60. Zephaniah

Date (approx.): c. 7th century BCE

Summary: Oracles of judgment and restoration.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 61. Haggai

Date (approx.): c. 6th century BCE (post-exilic)

Summary: Calls to rebuild the Jerusalem temple.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 62. Zechariah

Date (approx.): c. 6th–5th century BCE (multiple authors)

Summary: Visions and messianic hopes post-exile.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 63. Malachi

Date (approx.): c. 5th–4th century BCE

Summary: Final prophetic calls to covenant faithfulness.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 64. Ezra

Date (approx.): c. 5th–4th century BCE (compiled)

Summary: Return from exile and restoration of Torah observance.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 65. Nehemiah

Date (approx.): c. 5th century BCE

Summary: Rebuilding Jerusalem's walls and reforms.

Status/Canon: Canonical: all major traditions

## 66. 1 Meqabyan (Ethiopian)

Date (approx.): date uncertain; preserved Medieval/Ethiopic traditions

Summary: Ethiopian historical/moral work called Meqabyan, distinct from Maccabees.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian tradition

## 67. 2 Meqabyan (Ethiopian)

Date (approx.): date uncertain; Medieval/Ethiopic

Summary: Second Meqabyan book; Ethiopian canonical history.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian tradition

## 68. 3 Meqabyan (Ethiopian)

Date (approx.): date uncertain; Medieval/Ethiopic

Summary: Third Meqabyan book; distinct Ethiopian material.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian tradition

## 69. Book of Susanna (Daniel addition)

Date (approx.): intertestamental/Greek additions c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Courtroom story of Susanna inserted into Daniel in LXX.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox Old Testament

## 70. Prayer of Azariah & Song of the Three (Daniel addition)

Date (approx.): intertestamental

Summary: Liturgical elements within Daniel's furnace story in the LXX.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox OT

## 71. Additions to Esther

Date (approx.): Greek additions c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Expansions adding prayers and theological perspective.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox OT

## 72. Letter of Jeremiah (Baruch)

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Jeremianic letter warning against idolatry; often appended to Baruch.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox OT

## 73. 1 Esdras

Date (approx.): c. 3rd–2nd century BCE (Greek/Septuagint)

Summary: Alternative recension of Ezra-Nehemiah narratives preserved in LXX traditions.

Status/Canon: Included in some Orthodox traditions; apocryphal elsewhere

## 74. 2 Esdras (4 Ezra)

Date (approx.): c. late 1st century CE

Summary: Jewish apocalyptic reflecting post-Temple theology.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal; included in some traditions' appendices

## 75. Community Rule (Serekh ha-Yahad) - Dead Sea Scrolls

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century BCE

Summary: Constitutional rulebook for Qumran sectarian community.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 76. War Scroll (Dead Sea Scrolls)

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Apocalyptic battle plan between forces of light and darkness.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 77. Thanksgiving Hymns (Hodayot) - Dead Sea Scrolls

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Poetic hymns of praise and confession from Qumran.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 78. Temple Scroll - Dead Sea Scrolls

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: A large scroll describing an idealized temple and laws.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 79. Genesis Apocryphon - Dead Sea Scrolls

Date (approx.): c. 1st century BCE

Summary: Retelling of Genesis stories with expansion and details.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 80. Damascus Document - Dead Sea Scrolls

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Sectarian legal and admonitory text instructing the community.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 81. Book of Giants - Dead Sea Scrolls tradition

Date (approx.): c. 3rd–1st century BCE fragments

Summary: Enoch-related material about giants and celestial beings.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal / Dead Sea Scrolls fragments

## 82. Pesharim (Commentaries) - Habakkuk, Isaiah, Psalms

Date (approx.): c. 1st century BCE – 1st century CE

Summary: Interpretive commentaries linking scripture to Qumran community events.

Status/Canon: Dead Sea Scrolls corpus

## 83. Apocalypse of Abraham

Date (approx.): c. 1st century CE (Jewish apocalyptic)

Summary: Visionary work recounting Abraham's revelation and cosmic struggle.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal / Apocalyptic

## 84. Apocalypse of Moses (Life of Adam & Eve traditions)

Date (approx.): various recensions c. 1st century BCE–1st century CE

Summary: Jewish narratives expanding Adam and Eve's story and afterlife.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal

## 85. Assumption/Ascension of Isaiah

Date (approx.): c. 1st–2nd century CE (Christian expansion)

Summary: Visionary text about Isaiah’s martyrdom and heavenly journey.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal; some parts used in Christian tradition

## 86. 2 Enoch (Slavonic Enoch)

Date (approx.): c. 1st–2nd century CE (Slavonic tradition)

Summary: Enochic material with cosmology and ethics; different from 1 Enoch.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal; Slavonic tradition

## 87. 3 Enoch (Hebrew Merkabah mysticism)

Date (approx.): c. 5th–6th century CE (compiled)

Summary: Merkabah mystical literature attributed to Rabbi Ishmael traditions.

Status/Canon: Rabbinic mystical pseudepigraphal

## 88. Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century BCE – 1st century CE (composite)

Summary: Sermon-testaments attributed to Jacob's sons with moral exhortations.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal; Christian interpolations present

## 89. Testament of Abraham

Date (approx.): c. 1st century BCE – 1st century CE

Summary: Narrative of Abraham's death and ascension legends.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal

## 90. Testament of Isaac

Date (approx.): c. 1st century BCE – 1st century CE

Summary: Testamentary material associated with Isaac.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal

## 91. Testament of Jacob (Israel)

Date (approx.): c. 1st century BCE – 1st century CE

Summary: Collective testament attributed to Jacob.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal

## 92. Matthew (Gospel)

Date (approx.): c. 70–90 CE

Summary: Gospel emphasizing Jesus as fulfillment of Hebrew prophecy.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 93. Mark (Gospel)

Date (approx.): c. 65–75 CE

Summary: Earliest Gospel narrative focusing on Jesus' actions and passion.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 94. Luke (Gospel) & Acts

Date (approx.): c. 70–90 CE

Summary: Historical-chronological Gospel and sequel (Acts) about early church.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 95. John (Gospel)

Date (approx.): c. 90–110 CE

Summary: Theological Gospel presenting Jesus as the incarnate Word.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 96. Acts of the Apostles

Date (approx.): c. 80–100 CE

Summary: Luke's account of the early church and missionary activity.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 97. Pauline Epistles (earliest: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1–2 Corinthians)

Date (approx.): c. 50–60 CE

Summary: Letters addressing theology, ethics, and church order.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 98. Romans, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon

Date (approx.): c. 57–62 CE

Summary: Pauline letters covering doctrine, salvation, and pastoral matters.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 99. Pastoral Epistles (1–2 Timothy, Titus) - debated authorship

Date (approx.): c. 80–130 CE (debated)

Summary: Pastoral guidance letters attributed to Paul; authorship debated.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT (authorship debated)

## 100. Hebrews

Date (approx.): c. 60–95 CE (authorship debated)

Summary: Sermonic treatise on Christ's priesthood and covenantal fulfillment.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 101. James

Date (approx.): c. 45–90 CE (date debated)

Summary: Practical teaching for Christian living attributed to James the brother of Jesus.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 102. 1–3 John

Date (approx.): c. 90–110 CE

Summary: Johannine epistles addressing love, truth, and community.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 103. Jude

Date (approx.): c. 60–90 CE

Summary: Short epistle referencing Enoch and warning against false teachers.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 104. Revelation (Apocalypse of John)

Date (approx.): c. 90–110 CE

Summary: Apocalyptic visions concerning end-times and Christ's victory.

Status/Canon: Canonical NT

## 105. Protoevangelium of James (Infancy Gospel)

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Infancy narrative focusing on Mary's birth and early life.

Status/Canon: Infancy Gospel; Apocryphal

## 106. Infancy Gospel of Thomas

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Stories about Jesus' childhood miracles and youth.

Status/Canon: Infancy Gospel; Apocryphal

## 107. Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew

Date (approx.): c. 7th century CE (based on earlier material)

Summary: Expanded infancy narratives derived from Protoevangelium traditions.

Status/Canon: Late Infancy Gospel; Apocryphal

## 108. Arabic Infancy Gospel

Date (approx.): c. 6th–7th century CE (compiled)

Summary: Collection of infancy legends circulating in Eastern Christian communities.

Status/Canon: Infancy Gospel; Apocryphal

## 109. History of Joseph the Carpenter

Date (approx.): medieval derivative; draws on infancy traditions

Summary: Later account focusing on Joseph and his house.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal / Christian tradition

## 110. Gospel of Thomas (sayings)

Date (approx.): c. 1st–2nd century CE (collection)

Summary: Sayings gospel emphasizing wisdom/secret sayings of Jesus.

Status/Canon: Gnostic/Apocryphal

## 111. Gospel of Philip

Date (approx.): c. 3rd century CE

Summary: Gnostic text on sacramental and mystical theology.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 112. Gospel of Mary (Magdalene)

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Fragmentary text highlighting Mary as visionary and authority.

Status/Canon: Gnostic/Apocryphal

## 113. Gospel of Judas

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Gnostic account portraying Judas in a different theological role.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 114. Gospel of Truth

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Valentinian homily-like gospel on knowledge and salvation.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 115. Gospel of the Hebrews / Nazarenes (fragments)

Date (approx.): 1st–2nd century CE references

Summary: Early Jewish-Christian gospel traditions preserved in patristic citations.

Status/Canon: Early Christian / Apocryphal

## 116. Gospel of the Egyptians

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Gnostic text preserved in fragments citing esoteric teachings.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 117. Gospel of Peter

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Passion narrative with unique resurrection elements.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal; partially heretical elements debated

## 118. Sophia of Jesus Christ

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–3rd century CE

Summary: Gnostic dialogue exploring wisdom and revelation.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 119. Dialogue of the Savior

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–3rd century CE

Summary: Gnostic sayings and dialogues on salvation themes.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 120. Second Treatise of the Great Seth

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–3rd century CE

Summary: Gnostic text presenting alternative Christology and cosmology.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 121. Apocryphon of John

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Foundational Gnostic revelation text about divine emanations.

Status/Canon: Gnostic; Apocryphal

## 122. Acts of Peter

Date (approx.): c. late 2nd century CE

Summary: Accounts of Peter's acts and miracles in non-canonical tradition.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal Acts

## 123. Acts of Paul

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Collections of Paul's deeds and teachings including Thecla story.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal Acts

## 124. Acts of Paul and Thecla

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Story of Thecla's conversion and ministry linked to Paul.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal Acts

## 125. Acts of Andrew

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Narratives of Andrew's missionary exploits and martyrdom.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal Acts

## 126. Acts of John

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Gnostic-influenced acts depicting John's mystical visions.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal Acts

## 127. Acts of Thomas

Date (approx.): c. 3rd century CE

Summary: Missionary journeys and hymns attributed to Thomas.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal Acts; Syriac tradition

## 128. Epistle of the Apostles

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Pseudepigraphal letter attributed to the apostles with doctrinal content.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal

## 129. Letter of Peter to Philip (fragments)

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–3rd century CE (fragments)

Summary: Short epistolary apocryphon preserved in patristic citations.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal

## 130. Apocalypse of Peter

Date (approx.): c. late 1st–2nd century CE

Summary: Early Christian apocalypse describing heaven and hell visions.

Status/Canon: Early Apocryphal Apocalypse

## 131. Apocalypse of Paul (Visio Pauli)

Date (approx.): c. 4th century CE (later)

Summary: Visionary journey to heavens and hells attributed to Paul.

Status/Canon: Later Apocryphal Apocalypse

## 132. First Apocalypse of James

Date (approx.): c. 2nd century CE

Summary: Gnostic/Christian apocalyptic material linked to James.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal

## 133. Second Apocalypse of James

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–3rd century CE

Summary: Additional James-related apocalyptic sayings.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal

## 134. Letter of Pontius Pilate to Tiberius (Acts of Pilate)

Date (approx.): c. 4th–5th century CE (tradition)

Summary: Pseudepigraphal report about Jesus' trial and Pilate's correspondence.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal; Acts of Pilate tradition

## 135. Sinodos (Ethiopic Church order)

Date (approx.): c. 4th–7th century CE (compiled in Ge'ez)

Summary: Collection of ecclesiastical rules and liturgical material preserved in Ethiopia.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian Church (church order)

## 136. Tegesat (Ethiopic Didache/Church manual)

Date (approx.): c. 4th–7th century CE (Ethiopic tradition)

Summary: Canonical/early church manual preserved in Ge'ez collections.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian tradition (church order)

## 137. Epistle of Abtilis (Ethiopic)

Date (approx.): date uncertain; medieval Ge'ez

Summary: Ethiopic epistolary text included in Ethiopian canon collections.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian tradition

## 138. Didascalia (Church order)

Date (approx.): c. 3rd century CE (Syriac/Greek recensions)

Summary: Church order and pastoral instructions influential in early Christianity.

Status/Canon: Early church order; canonical in some Ethiopian collections

## 139. Ethiopic Clement (Second Clement) & 1 Clement

Date (approx.): c. late 1st – early 2nd century CE

Summary: Early pastoral letters attributed to Clement of Rome; preserved in Ethiopian corpus.

Status/Canon: Early church writings; included in Ethiopian collections

## 140. Book of Josippon

Date (approx.): medieval (10th–13th century CE compilations from earlier traditions)

Summary: Hebrew chronicle drawing on Josephus and other sources; preserved in medieval Jewish historiography.

Status/Canon: Medieval historical compilation; preserved in some canons

## 141. Book of the Generations (referenced in Genesis 5:1)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Referenced genealogical record linked to Genesis genealogies.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 142. Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Royal annals referenced throughout Samuel/Kings.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 143. Chronicles of the Kings of Israel (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Royal records used by biblical authors.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 144. Chronicles of the Kings of Judah (referenced)

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Lost royal annals cited in biblical texts.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 145. Book of Adam and Eve (Life of Adam and Eve)

Date (approx.): c. 1st–5th century CE (various recensions)

Summary: Later Jewish-Christian retellings of Adam and Eve's life and exile.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal / Apocryphal

## 146. Book of Noah (fragments)

Date (approx.): various; linked to Enoch traditions (c. 3rd–1st century BCE)

Summary: Fragmentary materials about Noah preserved in Enoch-related texts and traditions.

Status/Canon: Pseudepigraphal

## 147. Book of the Generations of Adam

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: A genealogical record referenced in Genesis 5, now lost.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 148. Book of Gad the Seer

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Court prophet's writings mentioned in Chronicles; lost.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 149. Book of Nathan the Prophet

Date (approx.): ancient (referenced)

Summary: Prophetic material cited in Kings/Chronicles; presumed lost.

Status/Canon: Referenced; Lost

## 150. Prayer of Azariah (Daniel addition)

Date (approx.): intertestamental (Hellenistic period)

Summary: Liturgy inserted into Daniel's furnace story in Septuagint tradition.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox additions to Daniel

## 151. Psalm 151

Date (approx.): post-exilic composition (c. 5th–2nd century BCE)

Summary: An extra psalm preserved in some Septuagint manuscripts and Orthodox canon.

Status/Canon: Included in Orthodox canon (Psalm 151)

## 152. 1 Meqabyan

Date (approx.): Medieval/Ethiopic tradition (dating uncertain)

Summary: Ethiopian historical-religious books distinct from Maccabees.

Status/Canon: Canonical in Ethiopian tradition

## 153. 2 Meqabyan

Date (approx.): various/uncertain

Summary: Additional text: 2 Meqabyan. Short summary unavailable in this pass.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal / Pseudepigraphal / Referenced

## 154. 3 Meqabyan

Date (approx.): various/uncertain

Summary: Additional text: 3 Meqabyan. Short summary unavailable in this pass.

Status/Canon: Apocryphal / Pseudepigraphal / Referenced

## 155. Additions to Daniel (Susanna, Bel and the Dragon) - noted separately above

Date (approx.): intertestamental (c. 2nd–1st century BCE)

Summary: Stories added to Daniel in Greek tradition expanding narrative and moral teaching.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox additions to Daniel

## 156. Letter of Jeremiah

Date (approx.): c. 2nd–1st century BCE

Summary: Jeremianic letter warning against idolatry, often appended to Baruch.

Status/Canon: Included in Catholic/Orthodox canon