

# Apocrypha the rejected scripture

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**Why did the Jews reject the Apocrypha?** Spurious writings "Concerning these scriptures, which are called apocryphal, for the reason that many things are found in them corrupt and against the true faith handed down by the elders, it has pleased them that they not be given a place nor be admitted to authority."

**Why do Protestants not read the Apocrypha?** While there is nothing wrong with reading or learning from these books, we do not corporately read or teach from the Apocrypha because we do not believe these books are inspired or authoritative for several reasons. First, not one of the Apocryphal books were written by a recognized prophet.

**What is controversial about the Apocrypha?** Perhaps the most controversial and discussed texts of the apocrypha are the apocalypses. The apocalypses discuss the "end times" of the world and portray what will happen when the world is ending and how people will be judged for their lives on earth and invited to live in heaven or be sent to hell.

**Why was the Apocrypha not included in the canon of Scripture?** THE APOCRYPHA ITSELF INDICATES IT'S NOT SCRIPTURE The authors of the Apocrypha acknowledge that they aren't prophets and don't speak with divine authority like the Old Testament authors.

**Who decided to leave the Apocrypha out of the Bible?** The Puritans used the standard of Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) to determine which books would be included in the canon. The Westminster Confession of Faith, composed during the British Civil Wars (1642–1651), excluded the Apocrypha from the canon.

**Do Christians accept the Apocrypha?** And it's actually right after the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church's response to the Reformation at the Council of Trent, where for the first time the Roman Catholic Church recognizes the apocryphal books as canonical. So, a Protestant distinction is that we do not recognize the apocryphal books.

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**What religion accepts the Apocrypha?** Now the Catholic Church is not alone in accepting the Books which Protestants label as "Apocrypha." The Coptic, Greek and Russian Orthodox churches also recognize these Books as inspired by God. In 1950 an edition of the OT containing all these Books was officially approved by the Holy Synod of the Greek church.

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**What false teachings are in the Apocrypha?** Because their fictitious teachings endorse false doctrines of the church, such as prayer for the dead, false cures, virtue in burning the heart of a fish to drive devils away, alms deeds delivering from death and sin, and salvation by works. The following are reasons why the Apocrypha is rejected.

**What did Martin Luther say about the Apocrypha?** Martin Luther's German translation did include these books in between the Old Testament and the New Testament, with this important note: "Apocrypha: These books are not held equal to the Sacred Scriptures, and yet are useful and good for reading." Due to a movement in England in the nineteenth century, I these " ...

**Why did King James remove the Apocrypha?** They reasoned that by not printing the secondary material of Apocrypha within the Bible, the scriptures would prove to be less costly to produce.

**Why does the Apocrypha contradict the Bible?** No, they are not “biblically sound.” The Apocrypha teaches doctrines that are at variance with the Bible - such as prayers for the dead and sinless perfection and it teaches immoral practices, such as lying, suicide, assassination and magical incantation.

**Are the Apocrypha heresy?** We should add that Protestants do not consider the content of the apocryphal books to be “heretical” or “false.” They simply have doubts about the origins, authorship, and authenticity of these books.

**Is the Apocrypha true?** Apocrypha per se are outside the canon, not considered divinely inspired but regarded as worthy of study by the faithful. Pseudepigrapha are spurious works ostensibly written by a biblical figure. Deuterocanonical works are those that are accepted in one canon but not in all.

**What was the Apocrypha controversy?** But during the time of the Reformation the two sides clashed. Due to the fact that the Apocrypha was the basis for many controversial doctrines (e.g., purgatory), the Reformers revisited the issue of which books were properly Scripture, concluding that the OT Apocrypha should not be the basis for Christian doctrine.

**Why do Protestant reject the Apocrypha?** Many Protestants study the Apocrypha for the light it sheds on the life and thought of pre- Christian Judaism. However, they reject it as inspired Scripture for several specific reasons. First, the Apocryphal books were not a part of the Old Testament of Jesus and the early church.

**Which church fathers rejected the Apocrypha?** Even though certain church fathers spoke approvingly of the Apocrypha, then there were other early church fathers-notably Origen, Jerome, Athanasius, and Cyril of Jerusalem that denied their inspiration and canonicity.

**Is Jesus mentioned in the Apocrypha?** The New Testament apocrypha (singular apocryphon) are a number of writings by early Christians that give accounts of Jesus and his teachings, the nature of God, or the teachings of his apostles and of their

lives.

**Do the Jews recognize the Apocrypha?** None of the Apocrypha in the Christian scriptures were accepted into the Tanakh and they are not seen as being valid texts in Judaism.

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**Does God approve of the Apocrypha?** In “Apocrypha, Old, and New Testament” it explains that “The Books commonly called Apocrypha, not being of divine inspiration, are not part of the canon of the Scripture; and therefore are of no authority in the Church of God, nor to be any otherwise approved, or made use of, than other human writings.”

**Does Paul reference the Apocrypha?** Most readers of the New Testament are familiar with the idea that Paul used the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament). However, they might be more surprised to realise that he also makes frequent use of a range of Jewish religious writings that are not included in the Hebrew Bible (sometimes referred to as 'apocryphal').

**What are the 14 missing books of the Bible?**

**Why shouldn't the Apocrypha be in the Bible?** Apocryphal books teach doctrines contrary to what Moses and other prophets have written. For this reason they were not placed among other books of Old Testament when canonicity took place in days of Ezra.

**Do the Catholics believe in the Apocrypha?** Introduction: The New American Bible, the English version that most Catholics in the US use today, includes seven apocryphal or what they would call “deutero-canonical books.” These are books that were not in the Palestinian Canon, thus not accepted as inspired by either Jews or Protestants.

**Who wrote Apocrypha?** Answer and Explanation: Historians do not know who wrote the various books of the Apocrypha. They have been able to estimate the

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dates in which they were written by examining existing historical information, but even these date ranges are educated guesses.

**Why was the book of Adam and Eve removed from the Bible?** This book is considered by many scholars to be part of the "Pseudepigrapha" (soo-duh-pig-ruh-fuh). The "Pseudepigrapha" is a collection of historical biblical works that are considered to be fiction. Because of that stigma, this book was not included in the compilation of the Holy Bible.

**What made Enoch so special?** Enoch was not simply a man who walked by faith; he was, in particular, a man who "walked with God" (Gen. 5:24). Enoch was pleasing to God because he not only lived his life by faith in the God of heaven and earth, but he also lived his life in intimate communion with God.

**Why was the book of Judith removed from the Bible?** In Judaism Speculated reasons for its exclusion include the possible lateness of its composition, possible Greek origin, apparent support of the Hasmonean dynasty (to which the early rabbinate was opposed), and perhaps the brash and seductive character of Judith herself.

**Why was the Apocrypha rejected from the Bible?** Neither Christ nor His apostles quoted from books of the Apocrypha. Saint Jerome rejected them from his Latin Bible because they were not written in the Hebrew language.

**Do any Jews accept the Apocrypha?** Writings that were wholly apart from scriptural texts were designated as *Hitsonim* (literally: external) by the Sanhedrin and reading them was forbidden. In the following centuries, these apocrypha fell out of use in Judaism.

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**Why were 75 books removed from the Bible?** Their eventual exclusion was not because they were regarded as heretical, but because they either lacked apostolic authorship or were thought to be too shallow in spiritual content.

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**Who banned the Apocrypha?** The British and Foreign Bible Society had in fact dropped the Apocrypha from its bibles published in English in 1804. This decision broke with the tradition of Myles Coverdale, of consolidating the Apocrypha between the two Testaments.

**Why was Tobit removed from the Bible?** Tobit isn't included in the Protestant Bible because of a decision made by church officials. Article 6 of the 39 Articles of the Church of England states that Tobit should be used as an example of faith in action, not religious doctrine. Tobit isn't considered biblical canon in the Jewish faith for the same reason.

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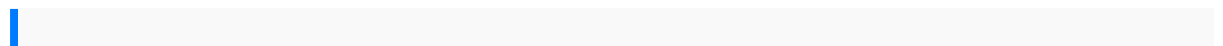
**Why did Protestants drop the Apocrypha?** In the sixteenth century, the Protestant Reformers removed a large section of the Old Testament that was not compatible with their theology. They charged that these writings were not inspired Scripture and branded them with the pejorative title "Apocrypha."

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**Why do Christians not read the Apocrypha?** This is why Protestant scholars have chosen to leave the Apocrypha out of the Old Testament canon. They were motivated by a desire to sift out human tradition and “get back to basics.” This was anything but an arbitrary decision.

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**Why were Maccabees removed from the Bible?** The book was never included in the Hebrew Bible or Tanakh and is not canonical in Judaism. Later Jewish leaders thought poorly of the rule of the Hasmonean dynasty for several reasons, and a document so openly celebratory of them was problematic.



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