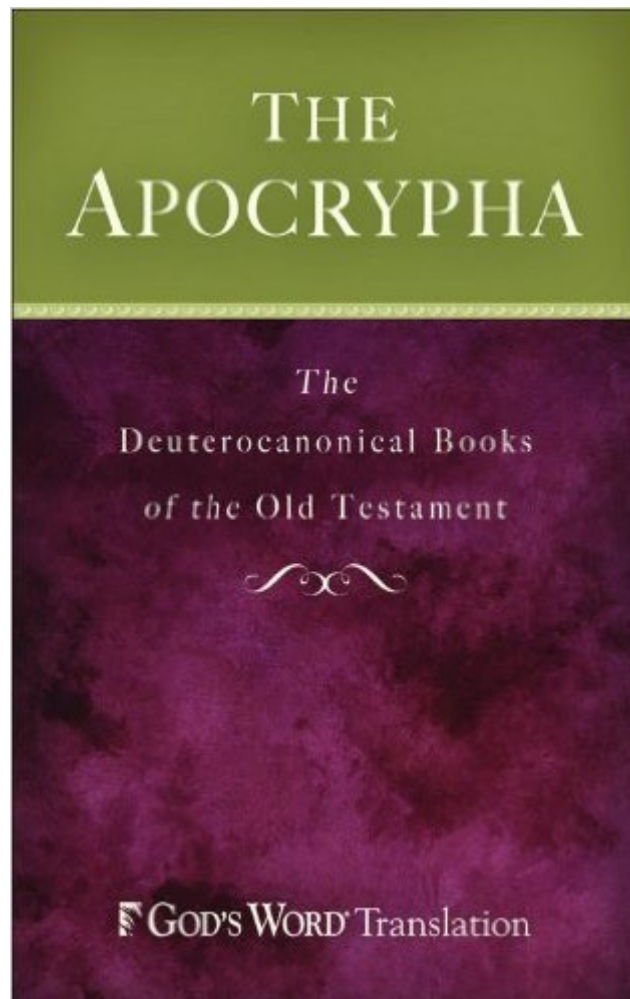


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Despite the different opinions on the degree of authority that should be given to the books of the Apocrypha, most Christians agree that these books are valuable. Because these books were written in the intertestamental period, they provide helpful insight into Jewish history, beliefs, and religious practices immediately prior to the birth of Jesus. People who read them will be better able to understand the political, cultural, ethical, and religious context of the contemporaries of Jesus. Translated directly from the original languages by the closest natural equivalent translation philosophy, God's Word Translation (GW) is an exceptional literary work that consciously combines scholarly fidelity with natural English.

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Where Can I start.....Well I became a little upset when I found out that Pastors have been made aware of these books through seminary school, but tend to steer their members away from it.. The last time I checked I have to answer for myself before God not them!! So how I found out about this book was through a YouTube video Called "The forgotten books of the bible" I never knew that this used to be part of the original 1611 KJV Bible but later on it was removed, this blew my mind. As I began to read through the scriptures I realized more & more that it agree's with the Bible "The Wisdom of Jesus The son of Sirach" or Ecclesiasticus reads just like Proverbs. They sound so much alike that if one removed the titles of both books you wouldn't even know which book you were reading. I can go on & on about this book "Bel & the Dragon" sounded a little scary to me at

first but it's about The Prophet Daniel steering the King away from False Idol worship. He also takes it a step further and proves to the King that they are false! We also learn in the book of 1 Maccabees about Hanukkah & how it came about, also we find the Lord attending Hanukkah in the Gospel of John 10:22 which is also called the "feast of dedication". I don't want to ruin it for the reader & tell everything. All I can say is read it for yourself & you decide whether or not you should be reading it. Hosea 4:6 Says My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge because thou hast rejected knowledge, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. We should stop rejecting God's knowledge.

I've passed up this little red book on a number of occasions in favor of the NRSV Cambridge Annotated Study Apocrypha but I'm glad that I finally purchased a copy of this KJV translation. A straight forward, bare-bones text, that gets right to the scriptures of the Apocrypha without a whole bunch of hoopla and boring translator notes that take up space and deplete my wallet. This version contains the seven books of the Catholic Canon: Tobit, Judith (what a woman), 1 and 2 Maccabees, Baruch, Wisdom and Sirach, as well as the additions to Esther and Daniel. It also contains 1 and 2 Esdras and The Prayer of Manasseh from the Orthodox Canon as well. I recommend this version highly as it is untainted with liberal word games like the NRSV version. Enjoy and be "manful" (read chapter 14 of 2 Maccabees if that went over your head).

Without the Apocrypha, whomever seeks to study the Bible is unable to gain the full truth. The book of the Maccabees is where all can gain the truth of the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) which Christ himself kept. The perpetuation of this event has been inaccurately celebrated by traditional Jewish followers that state the Menorah myth of having little oil and not running out (neither is there any scriptural reference of a nine candlestick Menorah). HOWEVER, the truth of the story shows how when the Maccabees defeated the Greeks they had great spoils, therefore not lacking. This book is still outlawed in some Caribbean Islands. It was originally part of the 1611 edition of the King James Version Bible and later removed, though several scholars were commissioned by and approved this book. Now the Bible says we are not to add to nor diminish this book, to state it is not in line with the Canonical studies is a lie. There is a great abundance to learn from this as it covers between the old and new testament events. The books of Esdras as written by the prophet Ezra; Baruch was Jeremiah's scribe; The rest of Esther fills in the blanks on the book of what happened concerning the book and so on. All who truly desire to learn the truth of the Bible must read this. This book is that which was clearly REMOVED from the 1611 edition of the King James Version of the

Bible in 1828. I own an original facsimile and one published by Cambridge. These are the books that were originally published in the Authorized 1611 King James Version Bible which was commissioned and approved of by King James authorization and 47 scholars as found in these editions. If others had their way, more would have been removed. These writings line up with the Septuagint (meaning LXX or seventy) which is also accurate. These books are the most accurate. Note that in 2 Esdras Chapter 14 how we learn that the books were destroyed and that the Most High had to give them again to Esdras (which is the same as Ezra in the Old Testament). Two Hundred and Four books were written in forty days. So though today's Bible does not contain all two hundred and four books, that which was commissioned and authorized for release by the 47 Scholars and King James is indeed accurate books. These books (the Apocrypha) never should have been removed. Here is an example: Sirach (also called Ecclesiasticus) Chapter 25 verse 11 In three things I was beautified, and stood up beautiful both before God and men: the unity of brethren, the love of neighbours, a man and a wife that agree together. Only fools and those that hate the Most High will find fault with such scripture. Many wish to deceive the world and purpose their lives to invalidate what is truly written within the scriptures and remove the authority of the Most High's laws, statutes and commandments for the sake of their so-called human rights. However as the scriptures say "let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). There is much to LEARN from the Apocrypha and APPLY to our lives. As for annotations and notes, I appreciate the fact that there are none and would encourage readers to utilize a dictionary and learn the etymology of some words that may seem difficult. It will be a great asset to those that truly desire to learn what Thus Saith The Lord.

I love having an Apocrypha but this little book is just too small to be read easily. The paper is nice, not too thin, but the type is really small. I would look for one with larger type.

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