

The Question of the Apocrypha

The Apocrypha was not included in the Bible until the Council of Trent in the 1540's. It was included by the Catholic Church as a reaction against the Protestant Reformation.

The Apocrypha is used to substantiate errant doctrines, such as prayers for the dead, the worship of angels, the veneration of saints, purgatory, and the sale of indulgences.

List of Apocryphal Books

Book	Genre	Description
Additions to Esther	Additions	Various additions to Esther
Baruch	Pseudipigrapha	Supposed writings of Baruch
Bel and the Dragon	Legend	Story regarding Daniel and Idolatry
Esdras 1	Additions	Additions to Nehemiah and Ezra
Esdras 2	Apocalyptic	Visions given by an angel Uriel
Judith	Legend	Story of Holophernes demise
Letter of Jeremiah	Pseudipigrapha	Supposed letter of Jeremiah
Maccabees 1	History	Intertestamental history
Maccabees 2	History	Intertestamental history
Maccabees 3	History	History of Jews in Egypt
Maccabees 4	Morality	Greek philosophy of religion
Prayer of Manasseh	Additions	Supposed prayer of Manasseh
Ecclesiasticus	Wisdom	Wisdom of Jesus Ben Sirach
Song of 3 Young Men	Additions	Additions to Daniel
Susanna	Additions	Story of Daniel's Wisdom
Tobit	Legend	Story of love and intrigue
Wisdom of Solomon	Additions	Additions to Proverbs

Why the Apocrypha is Rejected

1. The Jews Rejected the Apocrypha
2. Christ and the Apostles never quoted from it
3. It is obviously not inspired due to historical blunders and contradictions regarding doctrinal teachings taught elsewhere in the Bible
4. Its inspiration is denied by ancient and modern authorities
5. It was not accepted by the early church
6. It was only included in recent times and even then very reluctantly
7. It was not written by any recognized prophet.
8. It was written in the intertestamental times after the Old Testament canon was closed.