



Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church

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1. People often refer to the book of Enoch as a historical book. It is obviously not in the Bible. How much weight can we put into believing/trusting some or all of it? This goes for all other books like it.

- There are several other books/writings **mentioned in the Bible** that are not included in the Bible:
 - ✓ *The book of the wars of the Lord* – Num. 21:14
 - ✓ *The book of Jasher* – Josh. 10:13
 - ✓ *Solomon's _____ songs* (only ____ are preserved in the Bible...Ps. 72, 127) – 1 Kings 4:30-32
 - ✓ *Solomon's _____ proverbs* (only 800 are preserved in the Bible) – 1 Kings 4:30-32
 - ✓ *The book of the acts of Solomon* – 1 Kings 11:41
 - ✓ *The books of Nathan and Gad* – 1 Chron. 29:29
 - ✓ *The book of Nathan, the writings of Ahijah and Iddo* – 2 Chron. 9:29
 - ✓ *The books of Shemiah and Iddo* – 2 Chron. 12:15
 - ✓ *The book of Jehu* – 2 Chron. 20:34
- There were several **additional books floating around** during the time of Bible preservation rightly titled "apocrypha" (_____ things) which were officially recognized by the RCC in 1546.
 - ✓ *1/2 Esdras**, *Tobit*, *Judith*, *Esther (ch. 10-16)*, *Wisdom of Solomon*, *Ecclesiasticus*, *1/2 Maccabees*, *Baruch*, *The Song of the Three Children*, *The Story of Susanna*, *Bel and the Dragon*, and *The Prayer of Mannasses**. (* = not recognized by the Roman Catholic Church)
 - ✓ Jesus quoted from every OT book except Esther, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. He quoted nothing from any of the apocryphal books. There are no NT book quotes from the apocrypha.
 - ✓ The apocryphal books were written by Jews, yet never included in the Jewish Bible – Rom. 3:1-2.
- There are still more **additional books floating around today** called pseudepigrapha:
 - ✓ **Pseudepigrapha** are falsely attributed works, texts whose claimed author is not the true author, or a work whose real author is _____ to a figure of the past.
 - ✓ Some examples are: *The Books of Enoch (3)*, *The Treatise of Shem*, *The Ladder of Jacob*, *Jannes and Jambres*, *More Psalms of David*, *The Gospel of Judas*, *The Prayer of Joseph...*
- God's word is preserved _____ to all generations – Ps. 12:6-7; Prov. 30:5; Jer. 23:29; Pr. 25:19.
 - ✓ **God chose not to preserve** the 11 unique books **mentioned above** – 1 Cor. 14:32-33.
 - ✓ There are, and have always been, counterfeit writings out there – 2 Thess. 2:2; Gen. 3:1-5.

2. Why do you think God doesn't include any part of Jesus' life from ages 13-29?

- The description of Jesus' life from age 13-30, about 18 years of it, is _____ found in Luke 2:49-52.
- Jesus told his mother and father at age 13 that they should have known He was about His Father's business **while He was missing**. We certainly can conclude as well that He was about His Father's business during those _____ years (to us) of His humanity.
- We can also speculate... – Heb. 4:15.

3. How much of a gap do you think there is between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation Period?

- Though there could be a gap of time between the Rapture and start of the Tribulation (*God has used gaps in the past*), there is no _____ evidence suggesting there will be one – Dan. 9:24-27, 12:11-13.

4. If we sense we are in the presence of someone possessed or has an evil spirit around them, what can we as believers do?

- Christians who have God's Holy Spirit inside of them can _____ supernatural things and will interact with evil presences in this world – 1 John 2:20, 4:1-4; 2 Cor. 2:10-11; Eph. 6:12.
- There are several examples of _____ encounters like this in the New Testament – Matt. 16:23; Acts 13:4-12, 16:16-34.
- Conclusion: Only engage with an evil presence when it is necessary and _____ with God's work. Know that the power of God's Spirit in you is greater than the evil presence you are encountering and _____ it through the authority and power of the name of Jesus Christ – Ja. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Jude 1:9; Acts 19:13-18.