

## How We Got the Bible?

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### Canonization

#### **Part 3: The Formation of the Bible**

##### **A. Canonicity Defined**

- a. Literally
- b. Metaphorically
- c. Theologically

##### **B. Canonicity Described**

- a. Sacred Writings
- b. Authoritative Writings
- c. Book that defiles the hands

##### **C. Canonicity determined**

- a. Some inadequate views
  - 1. Age determines Canonicity
  - 2. Hebrew Language
  - 3. Agreement with the Torah
  - 4. Religious value
- b. The inadequate views fail to distinguish between the determination and Recognition of Canonicity
  - 1. Canonicity is determined by God
  - 2. Authority is Recognized by men of God
- c. A more sufficient view of canonicity
  - 1. A book is valued because it is canonical
  - 2. A book is canonical because it is inspired

##### **D. Canonicity Defended**

- a. The testimony of Jesus
- b. The integrity of the scriptures

## **E. Discovery of Canonicity**

- a. Distinction between God's determination and man's discovery

**Incorrect View      Vs      Correct View**

- b.** How Canonicity was discovered

1. Is the book authoritative?
2. Is the book prophetic?
3. Is the book authentic?
4. Is the book Dynamic?
5. Was the book received, collected, read and used?

## **History of books accepted and rejected from the Old Testament**

### **I. Homologoumena books**

### **II. Antilegomena books**

- Reasons for dispute

### **III. Pseudepigrapha books and Genres**

- A. Legendary
- B. Apocalyptic
- C. Didactic
- D. Poetical
- E. Historical

### **IV. Apocrypha books and Genres**

- A. Didactic
- B. Religious
- C. Romance
- D. Historic
- E. Prophetic
- F. Legendary
- G. Value of the Apocrypha
- H. Problems with the Apocrypha