

THE CANON

- I. Some facets of the meaning of canon.
1. Word-rule or meas. rod. =books that passed tests.
and =books that are our rule of life. Athanasius 350 la
2. Canon formed each time book written until last one.
3. Canonicity is recog. of books which are self-authentic.
Student is intell. before tests. Books canonical before cot /ncils.

II. O.T. Canon

1. Order. Law (5), prophets (8)(21), writings (11)(13). 2 chro Lk 24;44. Kg, Sam, Chr, minor prophets tog.
2. Authentication within OT itself.
 - a. Law. Deut 31:11, 24-26; 17:18-19. Josh 1:8.
 - b. Prop. Claimed to be giving message of God. Isa 8:5. Amos 3:1. Jer 3:6.
 - c. Writings. In Ecclesi (130BC) called "rest of books". Apparently collected by then. Scrolls show rec and revered by 2nd c BC incld Dan.
3. During Ezra- Neh days. Josephus refers to a gathering of books (95AD) so does 2 Macc. Apparently they gathrd a considerable part of OT but not all. Ez 7, Neh 8-10
4. Ezra-X. Sacred book repeated mentioned in Macc. 1:56; 12:9 II 2:13-15.
5. Time of X. OT considered as a whole, Mn 5:39; Lk 4:21; Jn 10:34. (Psa-law), 1 Cor 14:21 (Isa-law). Authoritative, Mt 4, Jn 10, Matt 22.
6. Jamnia, 90. Teaching house of rabbis who discussed canon. Some questioned Esther, Ecc. Song. Josephus wrote of 22 books (Jud-Ruth, Jer-Lam together).
7. Later. Origen 39 books. Tertullian 24 Jewish count.

III. Apocrypha.

1. X's testimony. Lk 11:51. Mt 23:35-Jehoida was his illustrious grandfather and actual father prob Barachias 2 Chron 24:15, 20. Two Zech has fathers named Barachias. He referred to OT but never apoc. Apoc never " in NT
2. Testimony of books themselves. Untruths in-Baruch 1:1 c; Jer 43:6. Baruch 6:3 cf Jer 25:11. Tobit 1:4-5-926BC, yet Tobit supposedly alive in 725 yet died 158 yrs old, ~~LXX had apoc yet not from LXX~~ 14:11. All OT " except Ezra, Neh, Est, Ecc, Song. No apoc.
3. Later ch. Ximenes said ~~Age~~ not canon, 1517. Yet 1546 Trent said were. (Jerome, 340-420) separated apoc fr can)

- IV. Canon of NT. 1. Apostles, 1Th 5:27; Col 4:16; 1 Tim 5; 2Pet: 2. Postapoc period. All but Heb, 2 Pet 2-3 Jn. 3. Carthage, 397 rec. 27. Luther said Jas epis of straw only in comparison with P. Kept Jas in all his trans, tho Heb, Jud, Jas Rev at end
- VI. Tests for Canonicity. 1. Authority of writer (lawgiver, prop, leader, apos) 2. Internal authority of book.