

HOW DID WE GET THE BIBLE?

HOLY
BIBLE

How did the Bible come together?
Is the Bible trustworthy?



"WRITE THOU THESE WORDS"



Whose "words"?
**How important are those
words?**

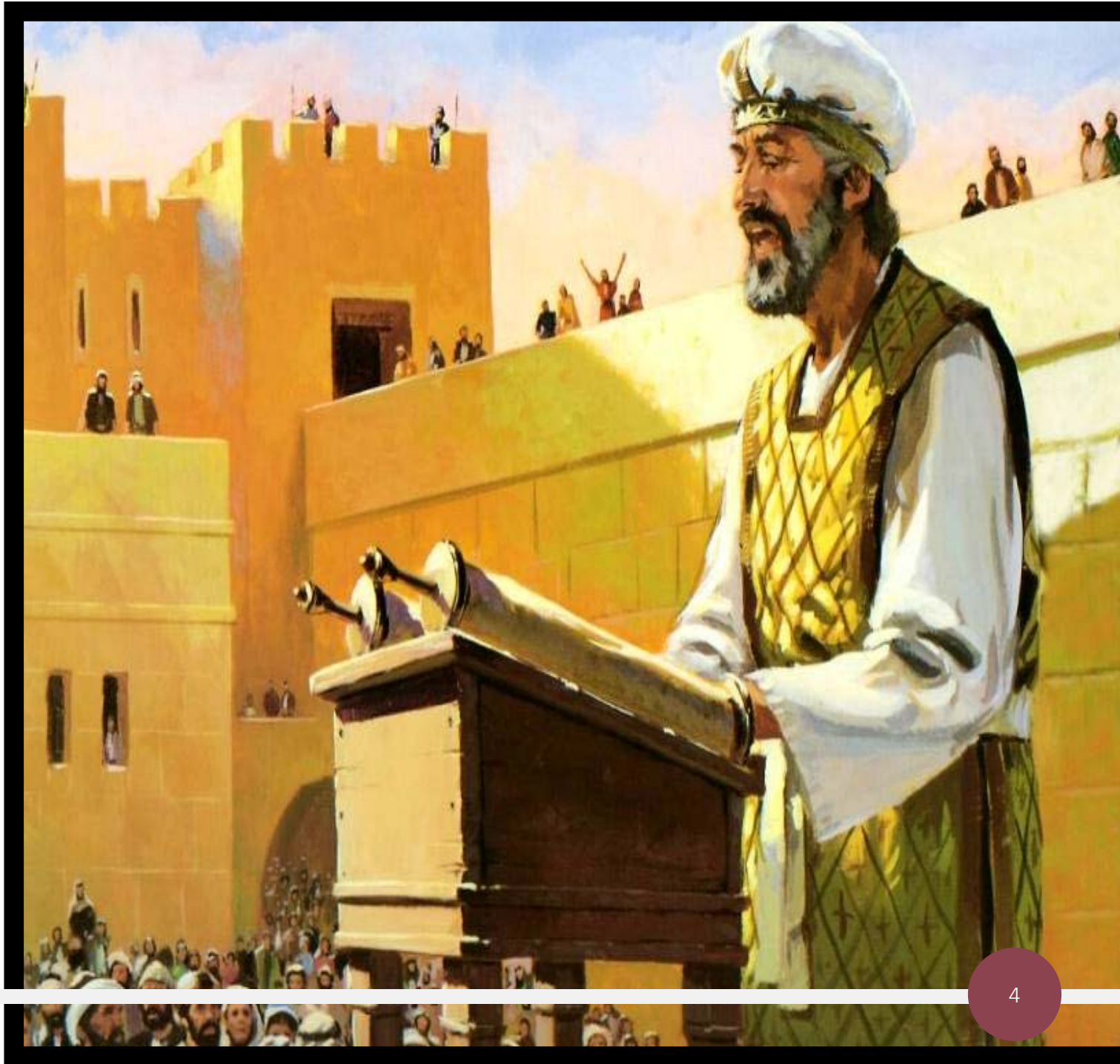



GOD- INSPIRED WRITINGS

History, Poetry, Prophecy

ORGANIZING THE O.T. SCRIPTURES

- 450 B.C.
- Ezra (priest & scribe)
- After Malachi, no other material was added to the O.T. (historian Josephus)



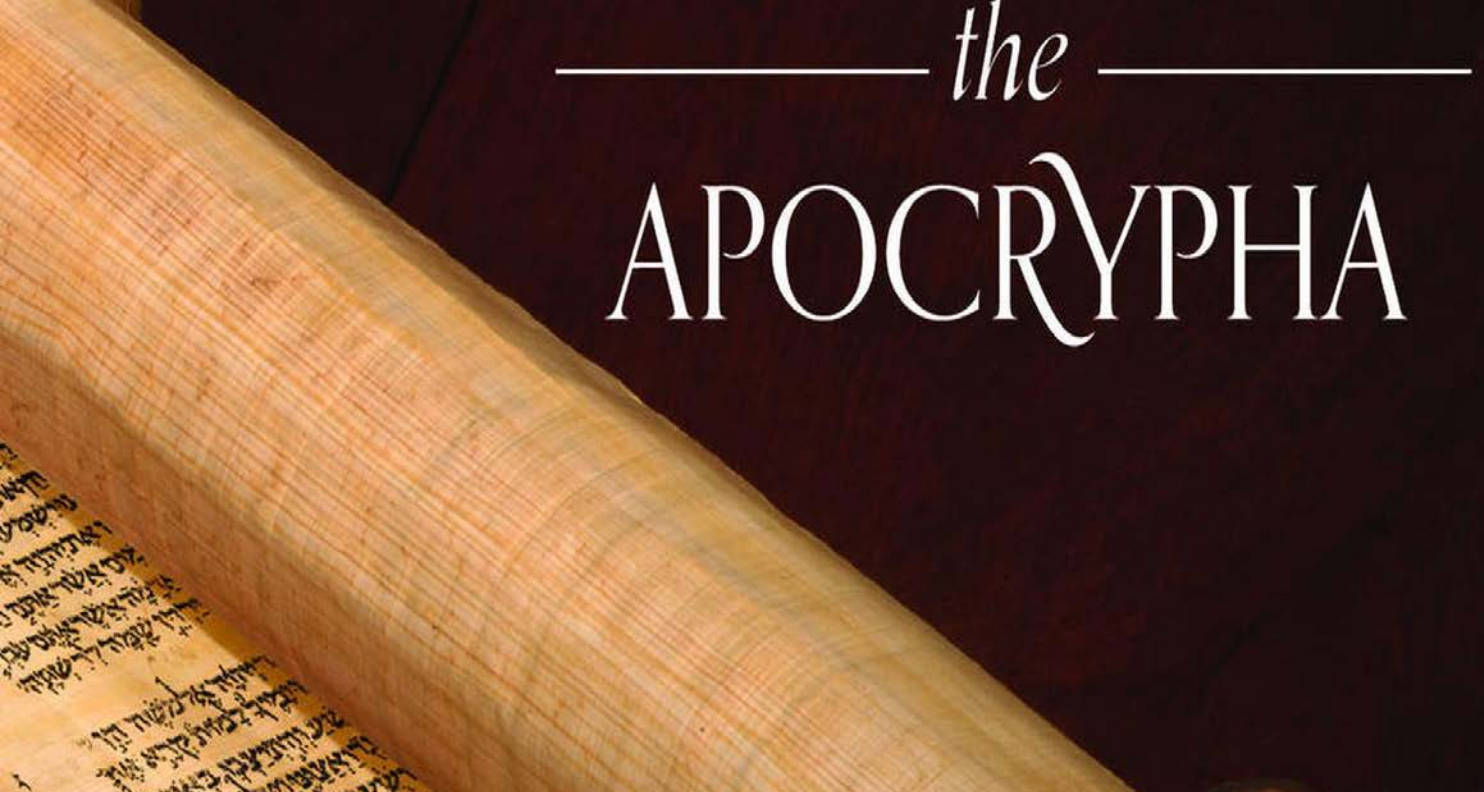


400 YEARS OF SILENCE

THE CANON

**Definition:
"measuring
stick or
rule"**





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OTHER BOOKS

Additions to the Book of Esther

Letter of Jeremiah

Wisdom of Solomon

Psalms 151

Judith

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PROBLEMS

- Jesus never quoted from these books
- Books contain false teachings
 - Prayers for the dead
 - Condone magic
 - False prophecies
 - Salvation by works
 - Denies Jesus' Resurrection



THE MEASURING STICK



- **Knew the authors**
- **Included Jesus' teachings**
- **Necessary for the faith**
- **Used spiritual discernment**

