

Questions:

**Why was the Apocrypha included in the KJV, and why was it not taken out until 1800?**

**Explain the meaning and significance of Biblical canon?**

**Who wrote the Apocrypha?**

**How can we prove to Catholics that it isn't part of the inspired Word of God?**

**Did Constantine find the sixteen books and put them into the Bible?**

The first aspect I want to talk about is the aspect of the canon of scripture. What does that mean? The word "canon" is a word that comes from the Saxon Language which is part of the English language - it basically means rule of law. When they talk about in the Bible, the "canon of scripture," they reference the Bible as the rule of law. For whatever. So when you see that, you want to remember that. That the word "canon of scripture" simply means that the Bible scriptures are a rule of law that we follow.

And she wants to know about who came up with the books in the Bible, and who was responsible for the canon of scripture. Obviously, we have today a couple of different things that get thrown in with the Bible that people get really confused about. And one of the questions that she had here was the canon of scripture chosen. She asked the question about what did Constantine have to do with it. Constantine is a very prominent figure in history and for most people, they have no idea of the impact that he played. And so I want to talk first of all about how your Bible got put together.

Come back to Proverbs 22:28.... It says "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Then go to Proverbs 23:10... that says "Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless."

Now, when you want to study everything about your Bible - where you got it, how all of these different things play in, how do you know what should be in your Bible, and what should not be in your Bible... these are two fundamental, baseline verses. The first thing I want you to see here is the word landmark. It's singular... You have to see this. History is filled with events. If you wanted to define America, you could go back over the 240 years we've been in existence, and there would be lots of landmarks (plural) that you could say "well this is really what America is." But when it comes to the Book of Proverbs, and God talking about his landmark, it's singular. And that because there's only two aspects of history that matter to God. You will never find out where you're at, or who you are without these two. And in Proverbs 22:28, the ancient landmark there will be the Nation of Israel. The Nation of Israel is the landmark by which you judge all history before the time of Christ. Bar NONE! I don't care what anybody says. I know there's a lot of people out there that think history defines itself in other ways; when it comes to defining history, I'm only interested in the way that God defines it. I'm not interested in the way you define it. God defines all history around the landmark. If you want to find out what God is doing in the Old Testament, find the landmark.

If you build a fence in your yard and you want to get your property marked so you don't build on someone else's property, you get a guy to come out and survey, because years and years ago, all land was divided up, and there are plot markers. He finds a plot marker, and then once he finds that, he can find wherever your boundary lines are. And when you realize that in the Old Testament that the nation of Israel is the boundary lines for everything that God does in the Old Testament, that is your land mark.

Now, over in Proverbs 23:10, it says "Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless." Now that will be the New Testament church. In the Old Testament, the landmark by which you judge all history by will be the Nation of Israel. In the New Testament, it will be the Body of Christ - the church.

Now, her questions are relevant to where all of these things came from. Where did we get the canon of scriptures? You're going to hear in time, questions asked about the Apocrypha. The 15 books that are in a Roman Catholic bible that you and I don't have in our Bibles, and don't accept as scripture. You're also going to find something when you get into it a little deeper, you'll find many Bible scholar, and many preachers will talk about the Septuagint. The Septuagint was a Greek Old Testament that every Bible scholar and just about every pastor today believe that it existed, and believed that Christ used one at the 1st Coming of Christ. And then the second thing you're going to be up against is all the other gospels.... I think there's 80 or 90 other gospels found. You only have four in your Bible - Matthew Mark Luke and John. But there is at least 80 or 90 more. There's a Gospel of Thomas, a Gospel of Mary... When The Passion of Christ came out, there was a big flap about the Gospel of Judas, and how he was not a bad guy... There's all these different gospels out there!

And then you're gonna find also, where from time to time, you'll get a list and find out the "lost books" of the Bible.... The books that "didn't make it." The Book of Jasher, the Book of Enoch. And you are told, and you are faced with the fact that these books are not in your Bible and yet, people want to tell you that they're absolutely as important as the books that are in your Bible. How do you come up against that? How do you understand how to deal with that? And the answer is the landmarks. You're going to find when somebody would ask me to question, "How did the church canon, how did the New Testament books of the Bible, or the Old Testament for that matter... HOW DID IT COME TO BE what we have today???" How come all this other stuff is left out? How come it's not in the Bible? How come your Bible has only 66 books when you have all these other books floating around out there???" You have all these people who claim that they are just as valuable, and just as important as your books you have in your Bible.

Now first of all I want to tell you this. When you study the landmark of the New Testament, you're going to find that what you have to be able to do in some point in time is to trace the true church. The true Church of Jesus Christ. And I know as I'm standing here, every church on a planet claims to be the "true church of Jesus Christ." But there's a way to find out where that true church is!

Up here, we have this masterful chart we've had up for many many years... behind this speaker here, you have the crucifixion of Christ. And then if you notice, our chart then splits - part of the chart goes high, and part of it goes low. And you're going to find when you come up through

here that in church history right after the crucifixion of Christ when church history starts, very quickly you see these two lines of churches begin to develop. One line will be the true church; one line will be the false church. One line will hold to the Word of God; never deviate from it, the other one will deviate from it all over the place, and every false church in the history of the world will get its beginning from the false line. And this is the importance of understanding the landmarks! When you realize where to look for the true church... When you don't know and understand what the true church believes, and what it is, you get yourself into a mess! It leaves you to wonder "what happened in Christianity???" I mean, Christianity is in a mess today! What happened from when the book of Acts shut down in acts 28, and Sears and Kmart open up?? What transpires to put Christianity in such a mess that it's in today?? And of course the answer to that is that we've lost the landmark! The last part of verse 10 says that if you lose the landmark you "Enter into the fields of the fatherless..." You know what the fields of the fatherless are? It means you don't know where your roots are. You don't know why you believe what you believe. You're an orphan! You don't have any father. You don't understand where you come. That is the standard state of Christianity today.

So when it starts, very quickly you begin to find the two lines begin to develop. Those two lines begin to develop - the true line will stay with the early church and the Apostles who knew exactly what should be in your Bible. You've got to remember, the Bible canon as we know it was closed in 90 AD. When John wrote the book of Revelation, that ended the revelation from God. There were no more books to be written. So the Apostles, the early church, the people that were still alive - they knew exactly what books were to be put in. In your New Testament, Paul writes to seven churches - he writes to seven churches, and three individuals. If you think in for a moment that that's all the Paul ever wrote, you're pretty naive! I guarantee you he wrote lots more to a lot of other churches and a lot of other people! Why did only those get in? Why was only those the ones that were put it? In other words, when the early church was formed, and these books were coming in, and the Apostles who were of God, with Paul who was the apostle to the Gentile church - they knew exactly what books were to be in, and what books were not to be put in. So by 90 AD, the canon is set. Paul dies about 66 AD. You still have many of the Apostles, and what is called the Apostolic church fathers who carried on right after the apostles... By 90 AD, the true church had the complete, perfect revelation of God, that they knew was exactly what God wanted them to have. They had 66 books. Books in the Old Testament that had come out of the landmark and been preserved through the Nation of Israel, and they had now the New Testament books which were going to carry them through the New Testament. In the Old Testament, the custodianship of the Word of God was given to the priesthood - the true Levitical priesthood of the Old Testament were given to keep and be the custodians of the Word of God. And you have in the Old Testament, the Bible exactly the way God wanted you to have it, because down through the history of time - even through the captivity - God had the custodianship, the Levitical priesthood take care of it. And that Old Testament canon was SET. It was the Levites, the priestly tribe that carried that through.

Now, when you get into the New Testament... how do you know what books should be in your Bible? It's the same way. Just as the Nation of Israel was the landmark in the Old Testament that brought the Bible in the Old Testament form through, and preserved it through the priesthood, then in the New Testament, it's the spiritual priesthood. The true church that brings the New Testament canon of books in our Bible right through the church age into today

What the Devil did, is he begins to counterfeit it all, and the lines begin to split. And what he does is he begins to "flood the market" with counterfeit books. The 400 years between when Israel goes into captivity and the first coming of Christ, the world is flooded with phony books. After the canon is set after 90 AD when the church history begins to move its way, and these two lines begin to develop, the devil floods the market with all the phony books. The Devil's job is one of counterfeit. The Devil's job is one of confusion. And what he tried to do in the Old Testament, and what he tried to do in the New Testament is to make the books of the Bible as confusing as they could be. And he got a lot of help from educated scholars and minds who want to put the emphasis on education. And the minds of the scholars are to put what they want to believe in place of the simple truth of the Word of God. And he got a lot of help from that.

So the first thing I want you to realize is the canon of scripture. God has always established what his truth is through the body of Christ. It always has been. If you find the true church, the landmark, then that's what you stay with. Because that will be in the New Testament the landmark, just as the Nation of Israel was the landmark in the Old Testament. And when you realize that and you understand that, then you never get far off track. In a little bit, I'm going to talk to you about the Apocrypha. I'm going to talk to you about Septuagint. I want to just give you a basic understanding of all these other gospels and the "lost books" of the Bible that form all these lies that will absolutely trap you, and make Christianity as confusing as can be.

Now, the next question which goes along with this is "what part did Constantine play in establishing the Word of God???" Well nothing for God, but everything for the Devil. Let me explain. Constantine is given credit in history, the designation in history as being the last pagan Roman emperor. He comes to power around 300 AD, and he is given the credit for ending the pagan Roman Empire, and turning paganism in Rome into the religious Rome that we know today. And of course, he did do. Here's what happened. Once we get into the book of Acts, and we move into the 7 church in the Book of Revelation - the first one is Ephesus, and it goes right up to the time period that you and I live in. 7 distinct periods in church history. But in the early church you'll find that while the true line was holding the Word of God, and believing everything that we do - you find men who begin to deviate from the Word of God. At that particular time, Alexandria Egypt was the seed of knowledge of the known world. The great library of Alexandria was unparalleled in everything of learning and teaching. They were steeped in the great teachings of the Greeks - Plato, Aristotle, and Socrates, and all of those guys. And yet we were in the New Testament time. So Christianity now had broken loose, and all of the ideas of Christ were floating around. You've got to see this picture! All the ideas of Christ were now floating around and it was making its way around. And not everybody that got it was doing the right thing with it! Just like today! How do you think we got show many screwed up churches out there today? How do you believe that we've got people out there today who believe the stupidest stuff about God and the Bible you've ever seen!?!? The answer is simple.... When they got the truth, they didn't do what was right with it! And then they're left to their own devices. That's what happened back here. The teachings in the Gospels... the manuscripts, the books themselves make their way down into Alexandria Egypt. The "great minds" of the world were there, and they were scrutinizing this new thing called Christianity. And you'll find that many of the men associated with that claimed to be Christian!! Not the same kind of Christians as the true line, but just like you find a lot of people that claim to be Christians today that have no idea

about the Bible and the Word of God and everything that goes along with it. So these guys begin to critique the New Testament writings. One of the first guys who ran this "theological" school down there was a guy by the name of Pantaenus. Back around the time of 100 AD - right around John's time! Another one was Clement of Alexandria. And after was a guy that we all know and love by the name of Origen. And Origen lives about 185 to 200 AD... right in that early time period! They got all of these writings from Paul. When the Bible was given to the church, it was sent everywhere! And they had copies of the manuscripts that it was written in, and they make their way into all parts of the known world. And man carried it down to Alexandria. And at this great institution of learning down there - these men called Gnostics in history, they begin to evaluate these manuscripts. Now keep in mind, they were steeped in the tradition of the Greek, Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, the Babylonians, and all those cultures. They were now reading the New Testament text which came directly from the Holy Spirit of God and Jesus Christ, and they began to evaluate what they were reading based on what they had believed. So immediately they go to work on changing what those manuscripts said. And you're going to find that many of them did not believe that Jesus Christ was God. So you know what they did? They just scratched out all of the references to the deity of Christ on those manuscripts. Many of them believed that you had to work your way to heaven, or be baptized to go to heaven. So you know what they did? They took all those verses out!! When they were done, and if you'd go out and examine a King James Bible with any other Bible on the market, putting them side-by-side, you will find that there is over 80,000 changes between that one and that one! Why? They are represented by the two lines!!! The true line never changed one inch of that Bible, and realized that the books in that canon were exactly what God wanted them to have. The other line from Alexandria took the same manuscripts and decided that God wasn't God, and that the blood couldn't save you, and change that text in over 80,000 places. Later on - they also add all these other books to it.

So, time goes on... And down there in Alexandria, they have corrupted the Word of God. In over 80,000 places. The true line is still holding true, and taking the Word of God, and doing everything with it just the way they got it. But the Devil is also doing his work, and these two lines are beginning to develop, because the Devil knows that he's going to counterfeit the true Church of Jesus Christ with a false church. So, the Roman Empire up to 300 AD was pagan. They had persecuted Christians beyond belief. There were 21 official persecutions of the Roman Catholic Church that they put the early church through. They butchered them, they murdered them, they killed them by the hundreds of thousands. All because of the fact that they believed in a God that Rome did not believe in. From history's standpoint... even from "Christian" history standpoint; for example, you read Philip Shaw, or you read some of these guys that write on this time period, boy, they think Constantine was the greatest thing since sliced bread!! They praise him for bringing an end to paganism! Here's what Constantine did.... here's how he impacted your Bible. Around 300 AD, Constantine is a pagan Roman Emperor. Around 313, he's up in this battle. And this battle is taking place. He is greatly outnumbered... and all of a sudden, he sees a vision in the sky and he hears a voice. There's this vision in the sky and a voice - and the vision is a cross. And the voice says "With this sign, thou shalt conquer." Well immediately, he thinks that God is on his side. So what he does is he has all of the soldiers paint crosses on their shields, and on all the horses. Everybody's got crosses all over. That's the sign! He's going to conquer with this sign!! So he puts it on everything, and guess what? He ends up winning the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 313 AD. From that point on, Constantine now claims to be a Christian. And so he puts out the greatest soul-winning campaign you've ever seen in your life! To convert people

to Christianity. He'd give everybody thirty pieces of silver if they become a Christian. The conversion records were unbelievable!!! And the other mode was, if you don't get converted, then they'll kill you. That really helped a lot too! So what happens is, as he begins overnight to turn from paganism to what he now is portrayed in all of the writings about history as "Christianity." Keep in mind he's 100 million light years from the truth. He's pagan... He believed that you got to heaven by being baptized - he was never baptized himself all of his life until about 3 weeks before he died. He did do some good things - he passed what is called the Edict of Milan which gives some tolerance to real Christians. But what he did in 325 AD was classic. He now designs himself as the head of the church - the Roman church. And in 325, he calls what is called the Council of Nicea. And it's all of the bishops, the "pastors" of Christianity. 300 of them! Not one Bible believer off the true line. These were the men steeped out of Alexandria... These are the men who were following the lines of Origen, Pantaenus, out of all that crowd. These were the guys that were in line with everything that Constantine was trying to do. They all showed up, and at that first Council of Nicea, they laid out what Christianity should be... I got news for you buster!! It had been laid out long before, and had been finished by 90 AD!!! 250 years before you had the syrup taken out of your formula! It was finished. But now they're going to meet together, and they're going to decide what Christianity should be, and what shouldn't be. 300 bishops decided with king, with the church leader what everybody else was to believe. That was the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. When he is finished, he goes back to Constantinople... It was Byzantium before that. Soon after it was called Constantinople - that means Constantine's City. He renamed it after himself - very humble fellow! Today on a map you would find it as Istanbul in Turkey. He goes back there, takes over that part of the kingdom, and leaves a Bishop in charge in Rome, and that Bishop is the founding, the beginning of the Roman Catholic Church. He had turned pagan Romanism into papal Romanism. And where pagan Romanism for the last 300 years had butchered millions of Christians because they wouldn't accept the Roman gods... Now for the next 500 years up to the Dark Ages, the Roman Catholic Church is going to butcher 100 million Bible believers for not becoming Roman Catholic! Nothing changed. You'll only get that from sticking to the landmark!

Now.... Constantine says "I'm a Christian, I need a Bible! Where can I get a Bible?" Well, there was another pastor who was at the "convention" I guess we'll call it, whose name was Eusebius of Cesarea. And Eusebius worshipped the ground that Constantine walked on. Eusebius had written a letter talking about how that when Constantine came down to present himself at the at the Council of Nicea, that he "walked down the stairs, and the lights were dark, and the crowd were gasped, and he had all the candles glowing around him, and he put off such an aurora, and it looked like he had a halo, and I mean to tell you, he just was floating down those steps..." I mean, you would've thought it was a 2nd coming of Christ!!! That's Eusebius. Constantine says "We need a Bible for our new church! Can you help me out?" They still have the letter in a British Museum. Constantine said to Eusebius "I need a Bible." So what Eusebius did, is he ran right back to Alexandria Egypt, and got 30 copies of the corrupted trash out of Alexandria that Origen, Pantaenus, and Clement of Alexandria had corrupted in over 80,000 places. He brings that Bible back to Constantine, and that Bible now becomes the official bible of the Roman Catholic Church. In 400 AD, it's translated by Jerome, and it becomes known as Jerome's Latin Vulgate. Vulgate meaning vulgar - "common for the people." That's their first bible, out of Alexandria. The true line is staying with the text, the way they got it, with the canon of scriptures, just as God gave it to them. You have very clearly now two lines developing. As those

two lines go on down through history, to make a long story short, and a boring story a little more interesting - they eventually develop themselves into the full blown Roman Catholic Church. You're going to find out when we talk about the apocrypha in a few moments, that they come up with the Apocrypha, and they add that into the books of the Bible. By 500 AD - just 200 years after the Council of Nicea, we enter into the Dark Ages - and the Dark Ages for the 1000 years is nothing more than the Roman Catholic Church tramping out the light of the Word of God, butchering every Bible believer out of the true line, and getting rid of every Bible that your King James Bible would come from in time, and destroying it. Even to the point they made it a capital offense punishable by death for you to have the manuscript by which your King James Bible came from. That's where it went! So Constantine did absolutely nothing!! But now we understand, and have a better appreciation of the landmark concept. If you get the true line of Bible believers - And they will be the Pauliceans, the Huegonots, the Bogomiles, the Hussites, the Waldensians, the Albigensians, a little later on - the Anabaptists... That's the true line who would keep the Bible, because they knew what they had was all that they had! It's the other guys that are adding all the stuff.

Ok, so let's talk about the Apocrypha for a moment. We're going to tie it all back to where we're at - I'm building my case here, but I'm giving you a foundation that you can see. The word "Apocrypha" means "hidden." And they are 15 books that the people who support the Apocrypha say that should be in your Bible as inspired scripture. Now I'll save you some time - Here's the name of each book, and a quick description of what it's about...

1 and 2 Esdras - a rewritten work of Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah in Greek.  
Tobit - about a Jew in captivity who gets blinded, then gets their sight restored.  
Judith - a young Jewish widow who delivers her people from the Assyrians.  
Additions to Esther - adds 6 more passages to Esther that aren't in your Bible.  
Wisdom of Solomon - talking about Solomon's wisdom.  
Wisdom of the Jews - talking about value of Hebrew life.  
Baruch - Supposedly by Jeremiah... the only problem is that it was written 400 years after Jeremiah's death  
Letter from Jeremiah - also written 400 years after his death!  
Song of the Three Children - about the 3 Hebrew children in Daniel 3.  
Susanna - Tale of a beautiful Jewish woman over two men that want her as their wife.  
Bel and the Dragon - about Daniel making fun of Baal  
Prayer of Manasseh - the songs of Manasseh, one of the kings of Judah  
1 and 2 Maccabees - Jewish revolt of Jews in 175 BC.

Now... The question is "who wrote the Apocrypha..." Now obviously, I cannot tell you who wrote it. I can tell you that it wasn't whoever they say that wrote them. The books of the Apocrypha are written well after the events take place. Most people will put them in that 400 silent years between the end of the captivity, and then the beginning of the First Coming of Christ, in which God had no revelation to anybody during that period of time.

Now the next question is "Why was the King James Bible up till the 1800's - why did it have the Apocrypha in it?" That's an excellent question - and this shows you what I call either the "ignorance of people" or the "deception of people." I've heard all my life from skeptics over how

the King James Bible, when I would talk about it being God's Word, versus the Roman Catholic Bible being NOT God's word - how that the King James Bible had the Apocrypha in it too. And when a guy says that to me, I know I'm dealing with one of two things. I'm dealing with someone so stupid that they can't get out of the rain, or I'm dealing with someone so despicably against the Word of God, that you better watch the guy, because that's simply not true in the sense that he's trying to portray it. I have here a little book here, called the "Apocrypha." Up until about 1970, we used to buy Oxford wide-margin Bibles. You still can, but we changed to Milford because they're easier to get. But if you want real pricey, top of the line Bibles, you buy from Oxford. But I bought an Oxford Bible probably around 1980. All of those Bibles when Oxford sent them to you came with an Apocrypha. And they came with it whenever you bought an Oxford King James Bible. People want to talk about how the King James Bible had the Apocrypha in it - well that's not exactly true. It's a half-truth... Some of the earlier editions had the Apocrypha in it, but it was between the Testaments. And there was a footnote in it saying that they were included with that Bible, simply for historical reference. But it was made very clear that they were not to be considered inspired scripture. And they won't tell you that. And even up to the 70's and the 80's when you bought one; they don't put it between the Testament anymore, but they send you one. Because historically, there is some value to them in the time period by which they are written in. Now I want to read for you an excerpt from the front of this little Apocrypha book - Here's what they say about Apocrypha when they give it to you with your King James Bible: "They are a product of an era subsequent to the captivity, having their origin partly in Babylonia, partly in Palestine, partly in Egypt, and perhaps other countries. Most of them belong to the last 3 centuries BC, when the prophecy, the oracles, and the direct revelation of God had ceased."... In other words, they knew it wasn't connected with the Word of God. When they sent this with my Bible, they sent it as a historical reference, and in the preface of that, they clearly told me and anybody else that was reading that it belonged to the last 3 centuries - that's right up into the 400 silent years. And they're saying that it was written into that period of time when the revelation, and all of the oracles, and all the prophecy, and all the direct revelation from God had ceased. Clearly showing you that they have nothing to do with the revelation of God. They go on to say: "Some of them form a historical link between the Old and the New Testament. Others have a linguistic value in connection with the Hellenistic phraseology of the latter. The narratives of the Apocrypha are partly historical records, and partly allegorical. And the religious poetry is to a large extent a paraphrase upon the Political and Prophetic books of the Hebrew canon. In the paraphrases upon the latter, there is often a near approach to the New Testament teaching, especially upon God's care for the heathen world." But they clearly tell you that the Apocrypha has nothing to do with your Bible. So when somebody tells you that the Apocrypha was originally in the King James Bible - 1. He doesn't even know what he's talking about... OR 2. He's just lying to you, and he does know what he's talking about!

So you begin to see how it all works out as far as the Apocrypha. And not only was it part of the King James Bible up to the 1800's - it was part of the King James Bible up to the 1980's! Because when I got my Oxford Bible, they were still giving out copies. But they were in there because of historical significance. But everybody that was connected with this Bible knew that the Apocrypha was worthless. Now what happened is this - the Catholic Church, when they start to gain ground, and they begin to come to the point where they really begin to develop themselves, these writings are floating around. These writings were written probably between the 400 silent years, and the very early days of Christianity. You don't really know for sure. But they

are written by pagan men who care nothing about the true Word of God. They're picked up through the crowd from Alexandria. Because it looks like it associates with the Bible, they're picked up by that crowd, never picked up by the true line, as they always realized what they really were. Never included them in the Bible as scripture. But you're going to find that the Alexandria crowd, the deviant line began to do that. And so they worked their way into it, and so when Constantine starts the Roman Catholic Church 300 AD, and it's moving full force around 500 AD then, we begin to see these things brought around. The Apocrypha are first brought into the Catholic Church around 390 AD at one of the councils. Even then, they're not officially accepted. It wasn't till the Council of Trent in 1546 AD that the Apocrypha officially became a part of the Roman Catholic Church. That Council there was the Council that did it.

Now, I say this to you - all of these councils down through church history - Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Lateran, Lyons, and finally Trent was all from the crowd of Alexandria. They had nothing to do with God or the Bible. That's all the unbiblical line. You'll just find in the Bible that every time you find the word "council," as far as a "group of people getting together" in the Bible, it always ends up being against the Lord Jesus Christ. Just one of those little things stuck in your Bible! Councils in history are always against the Lord Jesus Christ. This crowd was propagating their own religion, which by this time was in full swing - the Roman Catholic Church had a mandate to wipe out every Bible-believing Christian on the face of this planet. They had a mandate to destroy the King James Bible or any Bible to come from it, before it, and after it. That was their mandate. And all they wanted to do was to control the world. And of course they did for 1000 years, which we commonly know as the Dark Ages until the Reformation breaks with Martin Luther and it begins to move on a little bit.

So, this helps you get an understanding of how this all works. And you know, the Apocrypha, you don't know who wrote it, but you know basically when it was written. We now know that has nothing to do with the Bible in any way shape or form. We also know that it was included with the King James Bible as only historical reference. And the only two places that really published a King James Bible after it started to come out was either Cambridge or Oxford. Those were the two main schools where the scholars did the work of the translating of it and the publishing of it. They added it in there between the Testaments, and some of the additions, but clearly telling you that it was not to be accepted as inspired scripture. So we now know that the Apocrypha is nothing more than a series of writings that the Devil came up with during a time when God was not speaking to any man, and giving him any revelation. The canon was closed. And because of that, we know that they're not to be accepted as Scripture. We take them for what they are. Honestly, I have read through them - I have a hard time even finding a historical significance other than the fact that this was when it was written.

So now along with this, you're also going to find some other phony things. And you need to be up on these. We know now that the Apocrypha is worthless. It's phony. The next thing you're going to run into when you start to talk to anybody that is a scholar, or "fancies" themselves to be a scholar will always refer to this thing called the Septuagint. And you'll find in most bibles today that are corrupt, you'll find references to the LXX. Sometimes it's called the Septuagint, most of the time it's referred to as LXX. So that's what you have. Now, the Septuagint was supposedly an authorized Greek translation of the Old Testament. And again, from the documented history, it was made in Alexandria Egypt in 250 BC - That's 250 years before

Christ. At the request of Ptolemy II, it was put together by 72 Jews. The evidence of its existence is in a letter called the letter of Aristeas. And he says that 72 elders, 6 from each tribe worked to make a Greek Old Testament, that Jesus would use at the first coming of Christ. When you know your Bible, and you know your landmarks, and you're pretty familiar with the landmark of the Old Testament, and the landmark of the New Testament, you don't get caught up in things like this. Scholarship get caught up in it and believe it because they don't ever believe anything about the Bible. Their whole life is built around the "educational thing" of things that don't really have any practical meaning to them. The people who believe them are people who - many of them are good people but they don't think for themselves. They don't know anything about the Bible. They're the kind of people who go to a church and listens to a pastor, and think he's great because they've got a great building, and they've got this, and all this stuff going on with the bells and whistles, but they never stop and never listen what the guy says, and does it line up to what the Word of God says? That's a very dangerous position to be in. But that's where most Christianity is at. They go along with the bells and whistles, and never really stop and listen to what he's saying and what he's talking about.

When you know your Bible, and you're faced with something like the Septuagint, here's how you know it's phony. I don't have to think about it, I don't even have to pray about it! I know it's phony for 2 reasons. First of all, this letter says that 72 elders - 6 from each tribe would make the Greek Old Testament that Jesus would use of the first coming of Christ. Sounds really good! But when you're a Bible believer off the true line, you have a problem. First of all, I guarantee you in 250 BC that there wasn't a man on this planet who knew where those 12 tribes were. Those twelve tribes go into obscurity in 606 BC; 587 for the northern tribes... In 250 BC, there isn't a man on this planet who could find the 12 tribes with a laser beam and a flashlight if his life depended on it. Those 12 tribes don't come back till the tribulation period. If you've got a Jew who's a friend of yours and he claims to be from this tribe or that tribe, he's dreaming!! There is no record anywhere of any genealogy anywhere on this planet at this time that shows where the 12 tribes are and who is part of them. But those genealogies will be found when you get into the tribulation period, because we've gotta have the 12 tribes in the tribulation. But as of today or in 250 BC, absolutely not! When a man tells me that in 250 AD, that 72 elders from the 12 tribes worked to make a Greek Old Testament, I know he's high on something!! It just couldn't happen. The second thing I know is this, and we've already talked about this - but in 250 AD, the door of revelation was shut. God wasn't giving anything to anybody! But I'll tell you who was in 250 AD - the Devil was. The Septuagint is nothing more than a piece of demonic work done by Origen's crowd that was written, I guarantee you 100 years after Christ died. Jesus never used a Greek New Testament one day in his life. He spoke Hebrew. He used a Hebrew Bible. That's what he did. There was no such thing in existence as a Greek New Testament at the first coming of Christ. That thing wasn't fabricated till Origen shows up, and the Alexandria crowd did what they did. And of course, that just comes from knowing your Bible. So the Septuagint is a complete work of Origen. I've always thought God had a sense of humor. The Septuagint is based on something what they call the "Hexapla." The Hexapla is offered as proof of a Greek Old Testament bible. It's nothing more than a book that was made up by Origen, having six versions of the Old Testament. What the Hexapla was, was a six column Bible. And a six column Bible of a Greek Old Testament that had this line, this line, this line, this line, and it's a commentary on each one of the columns. And this is used as proof that there was a Greek Old Testament in play at the first coming of Christ. And of course, that all was fabricated with

Origen. I've always thought it was interesting that you have 6 columns. You know who wrote the 5th column? Origen. Origen wrote the 5th column - by name. It was a translation of the Old Testament in Classical Greek, and Origen did it. He copied right out of that thing, and that's why you find in all your Roman Catholic bibles, or all your new Bibles, you'll find reference to the LXX or the Septuagint. The 5th column - anybody knows in a military concept that the fifth column is for somebody that is a traitor. Everybody knows that the 5th column has to be connected with the 5th cherub, if you know your Bible. It's completely bogus.

Alright, the 2nd phony thing that you hear a lot about will be the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found over in the Dead Sea under some caves over there around 1947. Immediately, the "Christian" world thinks "now we have the greatest revelation of the Word of God that can answer all of our questions." The thing that always bothered me about higher education, is that they're just never satisfied with the Bible the way it is. They always think they've got to make it better. I think it's one of the most egotistical, asinine concepts that a human man, who is a sinner, who would be in hell without the grace of God could ever think that you could improve on a book that God wrote. To me, that's the height of your stupidity, or your pridefulness. The Dead Sea Scrolls added nothing to anything. Scholarship got its hands on it that doesn't care about the Bible, doesn't care about God. The people that got most excited about the Dead Sea Scrolls were unsaved people. There were guys who studied dead languages, they went into the antiquities of the past. They cared nothing about the truth of the Word of God, and it was the wrong crowd - the other line that gets all excited, and so it filters down into evangelical crowds which know nothing about the Bible. They think "Wow! Look at this! They found some great truth, the Dead Sea Scrolls that's going to add something!" What are you going to add to a Bible where the canon has been closed since 90 AD? Not a thing!! God gave his last revelation in 90 AD to John on the Isle of Patmos, and you've got nothing else other than what was already in that book. But man can't be satisfied with that... The true line is!! I stand here tonight and tell you the Bible is the Word of God with EVERYTHING in faith and practice - that book right there has everything you need! That book right there is as fresh as next month's newspaper. That book there will give you the parameters of history, to give you the perspective on history, to give you the dialogue or history. It will show you through the two landmarks, everything that God is doing, how he is doing it, why he's doing it, when he is doing it, and when he's not doing!! All in that book! That you can go to a Dollar General store and buy for a dollar! And you went to college and paid 100 thousand dollars to get educated out of your Bible?? You need to get your money back!! The Dead Sea Scrolls did nothing. The Dead Sea Scrolls was only valuable to people who don't have a Bible.

Then the next thing that comes up are all the other gospels. You get hit with this from time to time. As we move closer to the Second Coming of Christ, and the end of the age and all that's going on, we see where everything is switching from what God is doing, to soon everything with what the Devil is doing. And so now we're seeing all these gospels pop up. And people now who have been for the last 100 years in America have been denied the Bible, denied to truth - they go to church every Sunday. If I asked them for the twelve doctrines of their salvation, they wouldn't even understand what I'm talking about. The 11 Dispensations?? No chance... And yet they're "Christians." They go to church!! Carry a Bible with them, sing songs, pay attention, have a great time!! But there's no truth. Nothing that penetrates their heart, so they don't even know why they believe what they believe!! So somebody comes along and says "Well, what about the Gospel of

Mary? What about the Gospel of Thomas? Did you know that Judas wrote a Gospel?? Well I read the Gospel of Judas - I don't think he's as bad a guy as everyone says"... No, Jesus said in John 6:70 that he was the Devil! But the Devil, wrote a Gospel about Christ, knowing that you would never read John 6:70, so you'd think the anti-christ was a great guy!! See how it works???

So you have all these other gospels floating around and people say "Well how come you only have four in the Bible? Why do you only have Matthew Mark Luke and John? Why those?" I mean honestly... Paul, Peter, John - I know they wrote more than what you got in your Bible. Why did you just get what you got? Did you know, if you go back in the Book of Jeremiah, you know there's four copies of Jeremiah? And none of them match? Four copies of Jeremiah!! There was the first copy that got burned, a second copy that got thrown away, and a third copy that went into the river. And then he gave a fourth copy to Jeremiah, and told you that the fourth copy didn't match the first copy. So what is just stuff about "the originals, the originals"????!!! The original Jeremiah doesn't match the one you got in your Bible! Why is that?? Why is it that that you find quotes in there about the Bible that you can't find in the Bible? You know that there's 4 or 5 places in the Bibles where he quotes something, and you could stay up all night long trying to look for it - you wouldn't find it!! It ain't in there! It was written someplace else, said someplace else, and it was put in, but it's not in the books that you've got! Why is that? How'd that get in there? How come you don't have 6 gospels? Well Mary was the mother of Jesus... I think her Gospel would be important! Well Thomas, he's the one who stuck his hand in his side. I think his Gospel would be important! Why didn't they make it? Why do you only have four? Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Why only 4? Why not 5? Why not 7 for the number of perfection?? If the book is by the Jews, and salvation of the Jews, why not 12?? Because the true line completely understood what the canon of scripture was to be. All while the other line - the false line was doing all this other stuff and doing everything to destroy and counterfeit the scriptures through the Roman Catholic Church. And of course as we go down through history the Roman Catholic church splits. Then we have the Greek Orthodox about 800 AD, and then we have the Reformation, we have the Lutherans, we have the Presbyterians, we have the Methodists, we have the Episcopalians, who started with Henry VIII. Henry started his church because he wanted to divorce his wife because the pope wouldn't let him do it, so he started his own church, gave his own decree, and started the Church of England - Episcopalians. How'd you like to belong to a church that God started because a guy wanted to divorce his wife? It got started with Judge Judy. Mine got started with Christ on the cross, and sending out Paul to do the work and build churches!!

Now, as time went on, the true line held to the manuscripts that came from straight from the apostles. They were the true church; they knew exactly what the canon should be. They held those scriptures to the point where they were willing to die for them in the dark ages. The other line got their Bible manuscripts out of Alexandria Egypt, corrupted over 80,000 places, it becomes Jerome's Latin Vulgate in about 400 AD, it's put into play by Eusebius, it's taken down the line by Augustine, and then it's carried down to about 1100-1200 when it's translated into what's called the Douay Rheims, out of Rheims Germany. And it stays as the official bible of the Roman Catholic Church, up until the 1900's and the 1950's when it becomes now the New American Bible.

Here's the kicker. Here's what you've got to see. Back in 1700, and we're down walking the streets of England, and we just had fish and chips, and just had a nice time, and were talking about the Lord, and you say "you know what, I think I'd like to get a Bible." And I'd say "that's a good deal. You know, I know right down the street here there's this little Bible store. Let's go down and get you a Bible." And so we walk in there, and a little bell rings, and here comes the little guy out and he says "Morning gents, what can I do for ya??" And I say "Yeah, my friend here would like a Bible." And he'd say "Oh great, we've got two." And he's walk you over to the shelf, and you'd be faced with the King James 1611 Authorized Version, or with the Douay Rheims from the Roman Catholic Church. You only got two choices. In 1700, in 1800 - you only had 2 Bibles to choose from. We get the idea that all these other translations all over the place were around for years and years and years and everywhere! That's not true! In 1800... In 1850... In 1880! There were only 2 Bibles. Either a Roman Catholic Bible, the Douay Rheims, or you got a King James 1611 Authorized Version out of England. That's all you've got! It didn't require a lot of space in the bookstores. One or the other.

Let's compare to today... You go into the bookstore today, and you say "I want to buy a Bible," and this little faggy guy says "Oh good, I really like to have you here today!!" And he takes you through the "Christian junk" section where you've got all the paraphernalia. All the little pins and stuff that you put on you to make you feel religious. So he walks you past the Christian tinkler things you put on your porch and when the wind blows, it chimes and plays Amazing Grace and all that kind of stuff. So you go past that section, and brings you down here and at last!! There are 2 big rows with 10,000 Bibles!! Take your pick! NIV, ESV, RSV, ASV, RSV51, RSV1888, NIV2, New Living Bible, Old Living Bible, Good News for Modern Man, Bad News for Modern Man, this one here, that one there, Living Letters, Dead Epistles, everything down the line!!! It's just endless!! You've got the black man Bible, the white man Bible, the everybody Bible! The Bible for gays, a Bible for straights, a Bible for everyone!! You've got the reader digest Bible, the condensed version of the Bible... Anything you want!! You sit down there, and say "man... which one do I pick out??" Let me make it real simple for you. In 1800, there were only 2 to choose from. You go into the bookstore today, even though there's 10,000 Bibles there, you've only got 2 to pick from. The King James Bible is still the Bible it always was, and every other Bible out there today is a Roman Catholic Bible. Let me show you how it happened.

Around 1400, they're remodeling the Vatican, and they broke down this wall. And they found in this wall broken down a room that had been closed up for 300-400 years. And inside it was these manuscripts that were on leather vellum plates, and they recognized immediately that those manuscripts went back to about 300 AD, were the oldest manuscripts you've ever seen in your life! And the Vatican locked them up, and marked them "Vaticanus" because they were found in the Vatican. Around 1850, a German linguist by the name of Tischendorf - an unsaved man. He studied dead, old books, and that's all he lived for. Very boring guy. Didn't get out much. And so he's in the Sinai Peninsula, at a Roman Catholic monastery called St Catherine's. And it's wintertime, it's cold, and he's up there warming his hands by the fire, and he's looking around and checking out the monks, and he sees this monk over here starting a fire and he's keeping it going with these things that look like manuscripts - and he walks over and he picks one of them up... He about has a heart attack! This monk is starting a fire with the manuscript that he immediately recognizes that go back to about 300 AD, the oldest manuscripts known anywhere in the New Testament in Greek. And he about has a heart attack!! He tries to get them from

them, but they won't give it to him. And he goes through all kinds of things to try to get them from the monks, but they won't give it to him. He tries to buy them. He tries to get the Pope to intervene. He tries to get the King of Russia to intervene - he can't get anything going!! So finally, he does what all Christians do when he can't get what he wants. He steals them. He stole them!!! They've still got the letter in a British Museum where they want them back, and he won't give them back. Just took them! "Nope, I'm not giving them back!!"

So anyways, immediately, the scholarly world goes crazy. "We now have found the oldest manuscript in existence for the New Testament. Because they're older, [the theory is] they've got to be closer to the originals, therefore they'll make a better translation." So what they do in the late 1800's, to make a long story short, is they go into a revision committee, and they take the manuscripts from the Vatican which is called Vaticanus, and the manuscripts out of St. Catherine's which is called Sinaiticus, and in 1885, somewhere in here, they come out with the first new translation of the New Testament called the RSV in 1881. It's followed by the ASV of 1901, and then every other Bible out there today, the long line of succession, right up to your favorite little NIV is all off the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. The men who studied those languages have looked at those two manuscripts found 500 years apart, two different locations 1000 miles apart - they're both exactly the same vellum leather scrolls. Same dimension, same style script. Anybody who's anybody knows that those were some of the originals that came out of Alexandria when Constantine got them from Eusebius! If you've got an NIV tonight, if you've got anything other than a King James Bible, you have a Roman Catholic Bible, and the only reason they don't put an Apocrypha in it is because they know you're not that stupid! So that's how you got it. That's where it's at today! And that's why when you start to look at these things, you begin to see how this thing transpired and where it came from, and where it's going. And that's exactly what you got. And you know, what you may not like what I said tonight, but I'm telling you - you could go to the public library, spend about an hour, and you could document everything I just told you tonight.

Now, the last question is "How do you convince a Catholic that the Apocrypha is not considered to be the scriptures??" Simply... you don't in most cases!! When you're dealing with Catholics, you're dealing with people who have no basis for a conversation of what they believe. I've never met a Catholic who knew anything about the Bible. I've never met a Catholic who understood anything about anything. All his life he's been told not to ask and just do this. So they don't have the basis to be able to have a conversation about it. They do what they're told. If the priest tells them this Sunday that the Apocrypha should be in their bible, they're going to believe it. If he gets up next week and says "I changed my mind, it shouldn't be," they'll believe that too. They don't operate on any basis of truth any way, shape, or form, because they have no basis of truth. They operate solely on what they're told to do. And that can be very hard when you're trying to deal with them. But it's the same way in Christianity. I mean, you stop to think about it - you say a Catholic just believes what he's told, never investigated it; most of God's people do the same thing! I mean come on, why would you reject the King James Bible, the Book God has used for the last 400 years when he never used anything else, and is not using the ones today, and you still take them over that one?? Same thing. I mean why would you believe that God could have his son born through a virgin born woman, without any man touching or tainting him, where a human being could bring forth the Lord Jesus Christ without him being tainted any way, shape, or form, but God can't do the same thing with the Bible through man?? Same thing. It's the same

thing. And over forty years of ministry I have found that most people simply want to believe what they want to believe, and they will simply not take the time to investigate the truth of the anything. And when it comes down to you understanding the canon of scripture, when it comes down to things like the Apocrypha - how it got here, who wrote it, when it was written - all the other things... The Septuagint and everything else that goes along with it. When it comes down to all of those things, it comes down to two concepts. Your landmarks. When you understand everything that God was doing in history, it revolves around the one people group - The Nation of Israel. I've read back there in Ezra and Nehemiah where God is talking about some insignificant thing with the Jews. And I stop for a minute, and I get my head wrapped around something, and I think about it. And I say "you know what, in this same period of time, this King over here was conquering the world. At the same minute in time, this nation here was on a rampage around the world to take everything and do everything..." God didn't mention one thing about what they were doing. He mentioned this insignificant thing about what Israel is doing. You know why? Because God's program in the Old Testament is The Nation of Israel, and not that Bozo king doing whatever it is he's doing.

That's the landmark. You want to find yourself in the Old Testament? Get the landmark. You want to make sure you stay within the boundaries of what God wants you to do with the Old Testament? Find the landmark! Learn that landmark, find everything about it. Then move in the New Testament. You want to find out why you believe what you believe? Get the landmark. You want to find out where the true Church of Jesus Christ is today? Get the landmark. You want to know why we don't take Baptist off our name? Get the landmark. You want to find out why we stand and believe the King James Bible is the absolute perfect Word of God? Get the landmark. You get the landmark, then it becomes clear. What happens was when you get with the other crowd... you get with that Alexandrian crowd... you go with that crowd that hates the Word of God, has no respect for the Word of God, and lives for one thing - to destroy your faith in the Word of God by changing it. You get with that crowd minutely, then you're in trouble! You lose your perspective, you lose your purpose, you lose everything that God has called you to do, simply because of the fact that you now do not have the wherewithal to find yourself. And you know where you wind up? Fields of the fatherless. You know where churches are today? Baptist churches.... You know where they're at? Fields of the fatherless. You've got a guy getting up every Sunday morning. He doesn't know where he's at, doesn't know what he's doing. He just hopes that something he says today is going to ignite a fire in his people. He's got no purpose, no direction. He doesn't know what's going on, he has no world vision, he doesn't understand where he's at relationship to the Second Coming of Christ, and his people are worse off than him!! They struggle with their salvation, or struggle with their families, or struggle with their marriages. They struggle with every issue they've got, and they don't have any answers! Because they've lost the landmark. When you lose the landmark, you enter into the fields of the fatherless. And even though most of them I believe are truly saved - I really do! But they're an orphan. They don't know who their father really is. They don't know their roots. You've got this vague concept "Well I remember my father when I was really little, well I remember what he looked like...." Well that's their concept of God "I remember when I got saved, but he hasn't been around for a while..." That's your concept. Fields of the fatherless. Fields of the fatherless are Gentile history without God. All history revolves around a Jew in the Old Testament, the body of Christ in the New Testament. The Jew had a Masoretic text that he read in the Old Testament, that they brought through. It never got tainted, it never got messed with, it never got changed, it never got

revised. It is the same today as it was because that group brought it through. And you have in your King James Bible, a Bible that was brought through by the landmark of the New Testament. It was paid for, and bought with the blood of a billion Christians down the line just so you could have it, because they knew what it was! And just as the Jew brought it through the Old Testament, the true church brought that Book through the New Testament. And I've got it!!