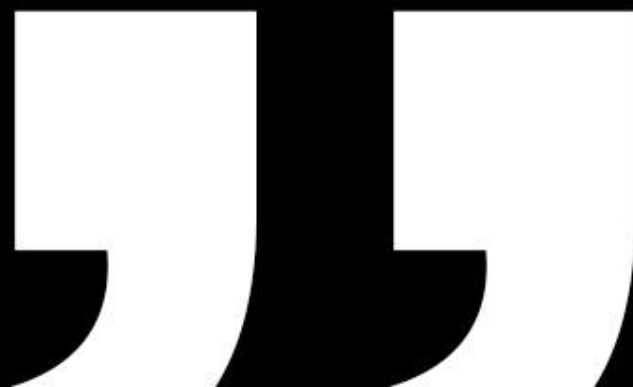




ARE THERE MISSING BOOKS?

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- **The Question:**
 - **People will often read of other books mentioned in the Bible and wonder, “where are those at?”**
 - **Others will point to “lost” gospels like Judas or Barnabas and say, “see, the Bible isn’t complete.”**
 - **Others just want to know if the Bible, as we have it, is complete.**

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- **Different Categories of Books:**
 - **Nonextant:** books cited that no copies remain. (Ex. “Wars of Yahweh” (**Num. 21:14-15**)).
 - **Deuterocanonical:** books that meet *most* of the criteria of cannon. (Ex. 1 Maccabees).
 - **Pseudepigrapha:** “writing that is produced by a person who is falsely claiming to be someone famous.” (Ex. The Pseudo Gospel of Thomas)

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- **The Apologetics Side:**

- **Five Guiding Principles for Canon:**

- 1. Was the book written by a prophet of God?**
- 2. Was the writer confirmed by acts of God?
(Ex. **Mk. 16:20**)**
- 3. Did the message tell the truth about God?**
- 4. Did it come with the power of God?**
- 5. Was it accepted by the people of God?
(Ex. **1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Pet. 3:16**)**

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- **The Faith Side:**
 - **Biblical faith is based on reason and evidence. **Heb. 11:1; Isa. 1:18****
 - **God has promised to preserve His word. **1 Pet. 1:23-25; Matt. 24:35****
 - **God has been directly involved in the transmission of His word. **2 Pet. 1:19-21; Jn. 16:12-15****
 - **We believe God has preserved accurately the books He wanted believers to have.**