



THE SECRET BOOKS





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PROLOGUE

What are the Secrets Books?

In Dan. 12:9-10 we hear of words that are shut up until the end of time and, words that the wise shall understand and the wicked shall not. In addition, 4 Ezra 14:44ff. mentions 94 books, of which 24 (the OT) were to be published and 70 were to be delivered only to the wise among the people. Gradually, the term “apocrypha” took on a pejorative connotation, for the orthodoxy of these hidden books was often questionable. Origen (Comm. in Matt. 10.18; p. 13.881) distinguished between books that were to be read in public worship and apocryphal books. Because these secret books were often preserved for use within the esoteric circles of the divinely – knit believers, many of the critically – spirited or “unenlightened” Church Fathers found themselves outside the realm of understanding, and therefore came to apply the term “apocryphal” to, what they claimed to be, heretical works which were forbidden to be read.



THE BOOK OF ENOCH

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THE PROTEVANGELION

Or, an Historical Account of the BIRTH of CHRIST, and the perpetual VIRGIN MARY, his Mother, by JAMES THE LESSER, Cousin and Brother of the Lord Jesus, chief Apostle and first Bishop of the Christians in Jerusalem.



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BARUCH

4 And in the hearing of the nobles, and of the king's sons, and in the hearing of the elders, and of all the people, from the lowest unto the highest, even of all them that dwelt at Babylon by the river Sud.

5 Whereupon they wept, fasted, and prayed before the Lord.

6 They made also a collection of money according to every man's power.



THE PRAYER OF MANASSES

11 Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. 12 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: 13 wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me to the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent;



NATHAN THE PROPHET

3) YHWH will punish David's sons when they do wrong, but will never withdraw support from David's house as YHWH did with Saul. The narrative concludes in v. 17 with an account of Nathan's compliance in speaking YHWH's words to David



THE WISDOM OF SALOMON

6 For wisdom is a loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue.
7 For the Spirit of the Lord filleted the world: and that which contained all things hath knowledge of the voice



ECCLESIASTICUS

5 The word of God on high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments.

6 To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed, and who hath known her wise counsels?

7 To whom hath the discipline of wisdom been revealed and made manifest? and who hath understood the multiplicity of her steps?



SHEPHERD OF HERMAS

“But God is not angry with you on account of this, but that you may convert your house, which have committed iniquity against the Lord, and against you, their parents. And although you love your sons, yet did you not warn your house, but permitted them to be terribly corrupted. On this account is the Lord angry with you, but He will heal all the evils which have been done in your house.



THE TESTAMENT OF SALOMON

And behold, when the Temple of the city of Jerusalem was being builded, and the artificers were working thereat, Ornias the demon came among them toward sunset; and he took away half of the pay of the chief-deviser's (?) little boy, as well as half his food. He also continued to suck the thumb of his right hand every day. And the child grew thin, although he was very much loved by the king.



THE BOOK OF THE COVENANT

Most of these instructions revolve around social justice, and demand protection for the disenfranchised (23:20-23); fairness in loans (22:24-26); false witness and fairness in judicial proceedings (23:1-3, 6-8); and the injunction to extend aid, even to one's enemy (23:4-5). By contrast, the instructions in 22:27-30 take up divine prerogatives and those owed to divinely sanctioned leaders.



1ST BOOK OF THE MACCABEES

4 And he gathered a mighty strong host and ruled over countries, and nations, and kings,
who became tributaries unto him.

5 And after these things he fell sick, and perceived that he should die.



2ND BOOK OF THE MACCABEES

8 And burned the porch, and shed innocent blood: then we prayed unto the Lord, and were heard; we offered also sacrifices and fine flour, and lighted the lamps, and set forth the loaves.

9 And now see that ye keep the feast of tabernacles in the month Casleu



3RD BOOK OF THE MACCABEES

8 The Jews sent some of their council and of their elders to him. The greetings, welcoming gifts, and congratulations of the past, given by them, filled him with the greater eagerness to visit their city.

9 Having arrived at Jerusalem, sacrificed, and offered thank-offerings to the Greatest God, and done whatever else was suitable to the sanctity of the place, and entered the inner court,



4TH BOOK OF THE MACCABEES

16 Wisdom is a knowledge of divine and human things, and of their causes.

17 This is contained in the education of the law, by means of which we learn divine things reverently and human things profitably.



THE EPISTLE OF BARNABAS

Barnabas 2:1

Seeing then that the days are evil, and that the Active One himself has the authority, we ought to give heed to ourselves and to seek out the ordinances of the Lord.

Barnabas 2:2

The aids of our faith then are fear and patience, and our allies are long-suffering and self-restraint.



THE GOSPEL OF MARY MAGDALENE

Be vigilant, and don't let anyone lead you astray by saying 'Here it is' or 'There it is', for the Son of Man, the Child of True Humanity, lives within each one of you. This is what you should follow! I tell you, those who look for this within will surely find it. Go then and proclaim the gospel of the New Realm!"



THE ACTS OF PAUL

Paul went into (the house) at the place where the (dead) was. But Phila the wife of Panchares (Anchares, MS., see below) was very wroth and said to her husband in (great anger): Husband, thou hast gone . . . the wild beasts, thou hast not begotten . . thy son where is mine?



THE DIALOGUE OF THE SAVIOR

His disciples said, "Lord, who is it who seeks, and [...] reveals?"

The Lord said to them, "He who seeks [...] reveals [...]."

Matthew said, "Lord, when I [...] and when I speak, who is it who [...] and who listens?"

The Lord said, "It is the one who speaks who also listens, and it is the one who can see who also reveals."



APOCALYPSE OF PETER

The Second Coming of Christ and Resurrection of the Dead which Christ revealed through Peter to those who died for their sins, because they did not keep the commandment of God, their creator.

And he (Peter) pondered thereon, that he might perceive the mystery of the Son of God, the merciful and lover of mercy.

And when the Lord was seated upon the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him



THE ACTS OF JOHN

And Cleopatra going with John into her bedchamber, and seeing Lycomedes dead for her sake, had no power to speak, and ground her teeth and bit her tongue, and closed her eyes, raining down tears: and with calmness gave heed to the apostle.



GOSPEL OF THOMAS

(4) Jesus said, "The man old in days will not hesitate to ask a small child seven days old about the place of life, and he will live. For many who are first will become last, and they will become one and the same."

(5) Jesus said, "Recognize what is in your sight, and that which is hidden from you will become plain to you. For there is nothing hidden which will not become manifest."



THE GOSPEL OF PETER

[1] But of the Jews none washed his hands, neither Herod nor one of his judges. And since they did not desire to wash, Pilate stood up.

[2] And then Herod the king orders the Lord to be taken away, having said to them, 'What I ordered you to do, do.'

[3] But Joseph, the friend of Pilate and of the Lord, had been standing there; and knowing they were about to crucify him, he came before Pilate and requested the body of the Lord for burial.



BEL AND THE DRAGON

{1:4} And the king worshipped it and went daily to adore it: but Daniel worshipped his own God. And the king said unto him, Why dost not thou worship Bel?

{1:5} Who answered and said, Because I may not worship idols made with hands, but the living God, who hath created the heaven and the earth, and hath sovereignty over all flesh.



THE GOSPEL OF THE EBIONITES

“When a living entity disobeys the order of God, he is put into this material world, and that is his punishment... The real fact is that the living entity is eternal, and the material world is created to satisfy his false existence... The individual is thinking that he is independent and can act independent of God. That is the beginning of paradise lost, of Adam’s fall

THE GOSPEL OF THE NAZARENES

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.



LETTER OF JEREMIAH

{6:3} So when ye be come unto Babylon, ye shall remain there many years, and for a long season, namely, seven generations: and after that I will bring you away peaceably from thence.

{6:4} Now shall ye see in Babylon gods of silver, and of gold, and of wood, borne upon shoulders, which cause the nations to fear.



THE HISTORY OF THE RECHABITES

Background events: the call of the prophet, the Rechabites' answer to his call, their prayer and God's return from his anger (8.1-6).

The dialogue with the new king and its consequences: the Rechabites are imprisoned (9.1-10.4).

The Rechabites' escape from prison (10.5).

Their journey to the wondrous land (10.6-9).



THE PRAYER OF AZARIAH

In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.



THE MARTYRDOM OF ISAIAH

3 Satan and his angels and his powers. And he turned aside the house of his father which had been 4 before the face of Hezekiah the words of wisdom and from the service of God. And Manasseh turned aside his heart to serve Beliar; for the angel of lawlessness, who is the ruler of this world, is Beliar, whose name is Matanbuchus.



PSALMS OF SALOMON

Psalm 1

1 I cried to the Lord when I was completely distressed, to God when sinners attacked.

2 Suddenly the cry of war was heard before me: he will listen to me, for I was full of righteousness.

3 I thought in my heart that I was full of righteousness, when I prospered and had become rich in children.

4 Their wealth was spread over the whole earth, and their glory to the end of the earth



THE BOOK OF WISDOM

“For we are born from nothing and after this we will not exist and the breath in our nostrils is smoke and speech is only a spark to stir our emotions.

“Once all is exhausted our body will turn to ashes and our spirit will pour out into the surroundings like air. And our life will pass like the form of a cloud and shall scatter like mist dissolved by sunbeams and evaporated by its heat.



THE BOOK OF JUBILEES

1 And it came to pass in the first year of the exodus of the children of Israel out of Egypt, in the third month, on the sixteenth day of the month, [2450 Anno Mundi] that God spoke to Moses, saying: 'Come up to Me on the Mount, and I will give thee two tables of stone of the law and of the commandment, which
2 I have written, that thou mayst teach them.'



TOBIT

6 I alone went often to Jerusalem at the feasts, as it has been ordained to all Israel by an everlasting decree, having the first fruits and the tenths of my increase, and that which was first shorn; and I gave them at the altar to the priests the sons of Aaron.

7 I gave a tenth part of all my increase to the sons of Levi, who ministered at Jerusalem. A second tenth part I sold away, and went, and spent it each year at Jerusalem.



THE REST OF ESTHER

The Rest of Esther

5 Behold a noise of a tumult, with thunder, and earthquakes, and uproar in the land:

6 And, behold, two great dragons came forth ready to fight, and their cry was great.

7 And at their cry all nations were prepared to battle, that they might fight against the righteous people.

8 And lo a day of darkness and obscurity, tribulation and anguish, affliction and great uproar, upon earth.



THE BOOK OF JUDITH

The Book of Judith

6 And there came unto him all they that dwelt in the hill country, and all that dwelt by Euphrates, and Tigris and Hydaspes, and the plain of Arioch the king of the Elymeans, and very many nations of the sons of Chelod, assembled themselves to the battle.

7 Then Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians sent unto all that dwelt in Persia, and to all that dwelt westward, and to those that dwelt in Cilicia, and Damascus, and Libanus, and Antilibanus, and to all that dwelt upon the sea coast,



THE BOOK OF SUSANNA

18 And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden doors, and went out themselves at privy doors to fetch the things that she had commanded them: but they saw not the elders, because they were hid.

19 Now when the maids were gone forth, the two elders rose up, and ran unto her, saying,
20 Behold, the garden doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we are in love with thee; therefore consent unto us, and lie with us



THE SECOND BOOK OF ESDRAS

12 Speak thou therefore unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord,
13 I led you through the sea and in the beginning gave you a large and safe passage; I gave
you Moses for a leader, and Aaron for a priest.
14 I gave you light in a pillar of fire, and great wonders have I done among you; yet have ye
forgotten me, saith the Lord.



3RD EZRA

1 And Josiah made pask in Jerusalem to the Lord, and he offered pask the fourteenth day of the month of the first month,
2 ordaining priests by their whiles of days, clothed in stoles, or long clothes, in the temple of the Lord



EPISTLE OF JEREMIAH

1 Here beginneth a sample of the epistle of the same Baruch, which epistle Jeremy sent to the Jews, that were led away prisoners into Babylon, of the king of Babylonians, that he should tell to them, by that that was commanded of God to him.



THE ADDITIONS TO ESTHER

This event is 206 yrs. after Esther, where Mardocheus, a Greek noble, had an End-Times dream he felt was similar to the story of Esther. He told king Ptolemy & Cleopatra, and they had a Levite priest read them his copy of Purim, translated by his grandson. His version is given here, which is why it does not match Esther perfectly.



HOLY CHILDREN

- 1: And they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord.
- 2: Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,
- 3: Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:



ACTS OF ANDREW

Demetrius of Amasea had an Egyptian boy of whom he was very fond, who died of a fever. Demetrius hearing of Andrew's miracles, came, fell at his feet, and besought help. Andrew pitied him, came to the house, held a very long discourse, turned to the bier, raised the boy, and restored him to his master. All believed and were baptized.



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APOCALYPSE OF ZEPHANIAH

And a spirit took me and brought me up into the fifth heaven. And I saw angels who are called "lords."

And the diadem was set upon them in the Holy Spirit, and the throne of each of them was sevenfold more (brilliant) than the light of the rising sun. (And they were dwelling in the temples of salvation and singing hymns to the ineffable God.)



APOCALYPSE OF SEDRACH

And the sun and Adam were of one character, but the wife of Adam was brighter than the moon in beauty, and she gave life to her.
Sedrach said, What is the use of beautiful things if they wither away to dust? *How is it that you said, Lord, Do not repay evil for evil?



APOCALYPSE OF DANIEL

Verses 8-13 describe the Antichrist commanding a “flinty rock” to become bread in order to impress the Jews. Instead, the rock becomes a dragon and reviles him as iniquitous and unjust, thus shaming him before the Jews. This picture of a dragon as an enemy of the Antichrist is contrary to the portrayal of the dragon (Satan) in Revelation 13:2, 4,



APOCALYPSE OF PAUL

5 And sometimes the moon and the stars have appealed unto the Lord, saying: O Lord God Almighty, unto us hast thou given rule over the night; how long shall we look upon the ungodliness and fornications and murders which the children of men commit suffer us to do unto them according unto our powers...

