

at anybody could have told us who wrote Esther, because nobody on earth knows who wrote Esther. A book in which the name of God is not even mentioned, and there is nobody who could give any proof that the unknown author of the book of Esther was a true prophet. And the same is true of the book of Job, and of various other books. Nobody on earth knows who wrote them. Nobody has any way of knowing who wrote them. Certainly nobody had any such way of doing that at the time of Christ. And nobody, if you could get the name of the man who wrote them, would have any way in the world of proving that he was a true prophet, but in the providence of God, the Jews ~~at~~ at the time of the Lord Jesus Christ had come to believe all ... 8...., that not only the books of Moses, but also the book of Isaiah, and the book of Jeremiah, and not only the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah, but also these books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, and not only these, but ~~the~~ even the books of Esther, and of Job, and of Malachi, which nobody knows whether Malachi was a man's name, or whether the word simply means, my message. But that these books were books that were written by men, whoever these men were, who were men inspired of God for the purpose, and intended to be authoritative. ~~That~~ These books have no statements on them that the man who wrote them was a prophet, and has proven that in some particular way, or that somebody else knew the ~~man~~ man who wrote them was a prophet, and had proven in some particular way, ~~or~~ or that a prophet had said, these are the books which are written under my general supervision, and which I would say are correct books and should be accepted. There is no such evidence regarding any of these books, but there was a process by which the individuals who received these books from the hands of the ~~writers~~ writers as books inspired of God, and intended to be authoritative and kept free from error by the Spirit of God, passed on this information to others, and they passed the books on to ~~others~~ others, and the others came to accept ^{did} this that it was true and to believe it, and the books of the false prophets ~~never~~ not come to be accepted. And this process went on within the course of two or three centuries, ~~or~~ four at the very most, after the time when the books were written, we find that all the Jews, in every group, we are not talking about every individual, of course, we ~~have~~ have no proof of every individual, but every group of Jews of any importance believed