

badk. It would seem likely that Melito , a learned Jew who was thoroughly familiar with the Hebrew Bible and asked ~~about his~~ him about his ^{Greek} scrolls He would read the beginning of Genesis and say, Do you have this in your Bible, and the man would say yes, that is part of our Bible. The same would be true of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deut. and so forth. In the case of everyone of the books of our ~~Bible~~ Old Testament, the learned Jew would immediately recognize when a few words were read from the Greek--he would immediately recognize that they were identical with the words in the beginning of that ~~scroll~~ scroll in his Hebrew Old Test~~ma~~ Testamen. However, ~~h~~ when Melito , who had come ~~to~~ to read a few words from the beginning of Esther, if he ~~h~~ read from the Apochryphal additions which were placed at the beginning of it, the Jew would say No, that's not part of our Bible, ~~just as~~ just as he probably said when Melito read from the beginning of Jude and Tobit , the wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus First and Second Maccabees, and Bar~~kuk~~uk. If Melito had copies ~~h~~ of these , perhaps also of other books with him, and asked the Jew whether they were part of the Old Testament. Thus, it came ~~h~~ about that the list that Melito gave did not include the books of Esther. Melito is strong evidence ~~of the~~ against the Christians of ~~h~~ h day having accepted the ~~Ap~~ Apochrypha. It is conclusive proof that the Jews didn't accept the Apochrypha and it may add a suggestion that the copy in the Greek of Esther ~~h~~ that he had , had Apochryphal additions at the beginning , and thus resulted in the Jews not considering that he had there a part of the Old Testament .

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It is also vital that we ~~stress~~ mention ~~at the beginning~~ at the beginning of the consideration of this section, that the Canon of the Christian Church, while a very interesting subject, is not ~~determined~~ ~~determinative~~ determinative for us, what determines for us is what ~~Edid~~ Christ, and the Apostles say. ~~What~~ What Christ set the seal of His