

(b.) Most of the books of the O.T. are quoted as Scripture by Josephus and Philo. Both of these quote from the books which we have--very few are left.

(c.) There is no evidence of any questioning on this point in ancient times. If the Jews, if they thought that Chronicles was not inspired would have certainly been rebuked by Christ; He criticized them for adding their traditions to the Word of God. He never says anything about adding or taking away a book which should be in.

(d.) This relates to all groups of Jews including the Sadducees because they were rationalists, the high-priests of the day who had most of the high positions of the day and weren't much ~~intereffere~~ interested in religion and Christ gave them an answer from the Law. There is unfortunately a statement in one of the ancient-writers writings which said that the Sadducees accept no other sacred books but those of Moses, but it would seem that this was confusing the Sadd. with the Samaritans which are not connected with them at all. These were such a large portion of the Jews that it would have been impossible for the witness of Josephus to go unchallenged.

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3. The Jews have never believed that additional books were part of the Canon--that is that books which differ from our O.T. were part of the Canon.

(a.) This agreed by all to be true for the Palestinian Jews. There is no prove that anything else was the case. Josephus is evidence among others.

(b.) This was also true of the Alexandrian Jews, but you will find people today that say that they believed in 46 books which you find in the R.C. Bible.

(1) A difference between the Palestinian and Alexandrian Jews would be extremely unlikely in the light our knowledge of this time. It was a matter of close relationship between them. Philo was sommissioned to go up and offere sacrifice in their behalf. Jerusalem was the standard and it would be very strange indeed if there would be a vital point like this on which to differ. It certainly doesn't seem likely.

(2) The Prologue of Eccles. into Greek--made a reference to the books of the O.T. They are spoken of as the Law, the Prophets and the books that follow after--his grandfather was in Jerusalem, and then he would apologize for his translation not being entirely accurate because it is difficult to make a translation--he speaks there of the books which the Alex. had. He refers to them as meaning the books which we know as belonging to our Old Testament books.