

extra books, some have other extra books, there is no agreement among them as to the particular extra books which they have. And we saw many reason for evidence why it seemed almost certain, in fact I think you could say 100% certain, the Alexandrian Jews had exactly the same canon as that which the rest of the Jews had. In other words exactly the 22 books which are referred to as the O.T. canon. Now we were taking up B which is the Canon of Christ and the Apostles and under that #1 was the Importance of it. It is the all important question. We noticed that for us it is not merely a question of what books but of the whole principle of the thing. They accepted those books which the Jews accepted as authoritative. There is not the least whisper of adifference between them. This being the situation we are justified I think, in inferring from it, the matter we have noticed in our study of our development of the canon, that God gave the books to the Jews. They were the men to whom God gave these books. They received them from the writer as the inspired Word of God. And gradually, as more of these books came into existence, they were collected together and there came ~~max~~ to be more and more of them together in separate individual collections and eventually you have a unanimity of all Jews as to what these books were. We have no evidence of any selection at any time. There is no evidence of any selection at any time, of any meeting, of any individual, of any group, of any council which ever met and said - Now what books shall we select as being authoritative or which met and said - Now here are a lot of books, some say these are authoritative, some say these, let's decide which ones are. The evidence is that the people received these books from the hands of the writers of the inspired Word of God, they passed them on to others and gradually they all came together and there is a unanimity about it. And some individuals may have had erroneous ideas and there may have been discussion among individuals. But the jews as a whole within a few centuries, after the writing of the last book of the O.T. were unanimously agreed that these are the books which are the inspired Word of God. And then the Lord Jesus Christ set the seal of His approval upon the books which the Jews considered to be the O.T. To my notion He set His seal, not only upon the result, the particular books they agreed upon, but upon the prophets, upon the fact that God in His providence, that the people of God to whom these books were ~~given~~were unanimously agreed as to what these books were. Which were the inspired books and which were not. Now Christ and the apostles treated the canon of the Jews in their day as a unit and referred to it as authoritative. There is no suggestion of any difference between Christ and the Jews in the extent of the Canon.