

entitled. It is a good book, a fine book to read; but it is not a book on which you can found a doctrine because it is not a part of God's authoritative work and so Protestants call these books Apochryphal books in the sense that these are harmful books in that some people think that you can found doctrines on them and you can't. The Roman Catholics naturally will not call these books what we call them, to him they are a part of the O.T. no different from the ~~the~~ rest. The Roman Catholic then uses the term Apochrypha to apply to other books from ancient times which they do not consider inspired. But when a protestant speaks of any Apochrypha he means these seven books and parts of two others which are included in the Roman Catholic O.T. 2. A brief description of the books in the Apochrypha. There are seven books. I have mentioned to you the nature of the book of Ecclesiasticus which is one of them. The Wisdom of Solomon is another of the books, definitely not written by Solomon, a book written shortly before the time of Christ. Then there is I Maccabees and II Maccabees. As I mentioned to you I Maccabees is a sober book of history, there is very little of religious nature in it. That is to say it is telling about men who are fighting for their religion but it is an account of their fighting and of their attempt to maintain their existence and of the attempt of the others to destroy it. The actual religious statements in the book are comparatively few. II Maccabees is the exact opposite, it describes events before I Maccabees. It tells of things which happened, according to it, while the Assyrians were oppressing the Jews and trying to force them to give up their religion before any group of Jews had banded together to resist the Assyrians and therefore in most of it the people are simply suffering for their sake and it is a more fanciful book than I Maccabees and doubtless contains much that is untrue but not harmful. It is things that exalt the Lord. Question by student. Actually the copies of the LXX which contain any Apochryphal books at all usually contain four books of Maccabees, I, II, III, IV. But III and IV have never been considered authoritative, either by the Catholics or by us. They are books of ^{events of} a later time. Now the book of Judah is a story book, an interesting story about a time when the Babylon General came against Judah and this Babylonian General was encamped with his army and he was attacking Judah and there was a very fine widow woman in Judah, a very fine and splendid character who decided that she would save Judah by guile. So she walked across no-man's land into the Syrian army and she was such a beautiful woman that when they saw her they immediately became enraptured and he invited her to tea and