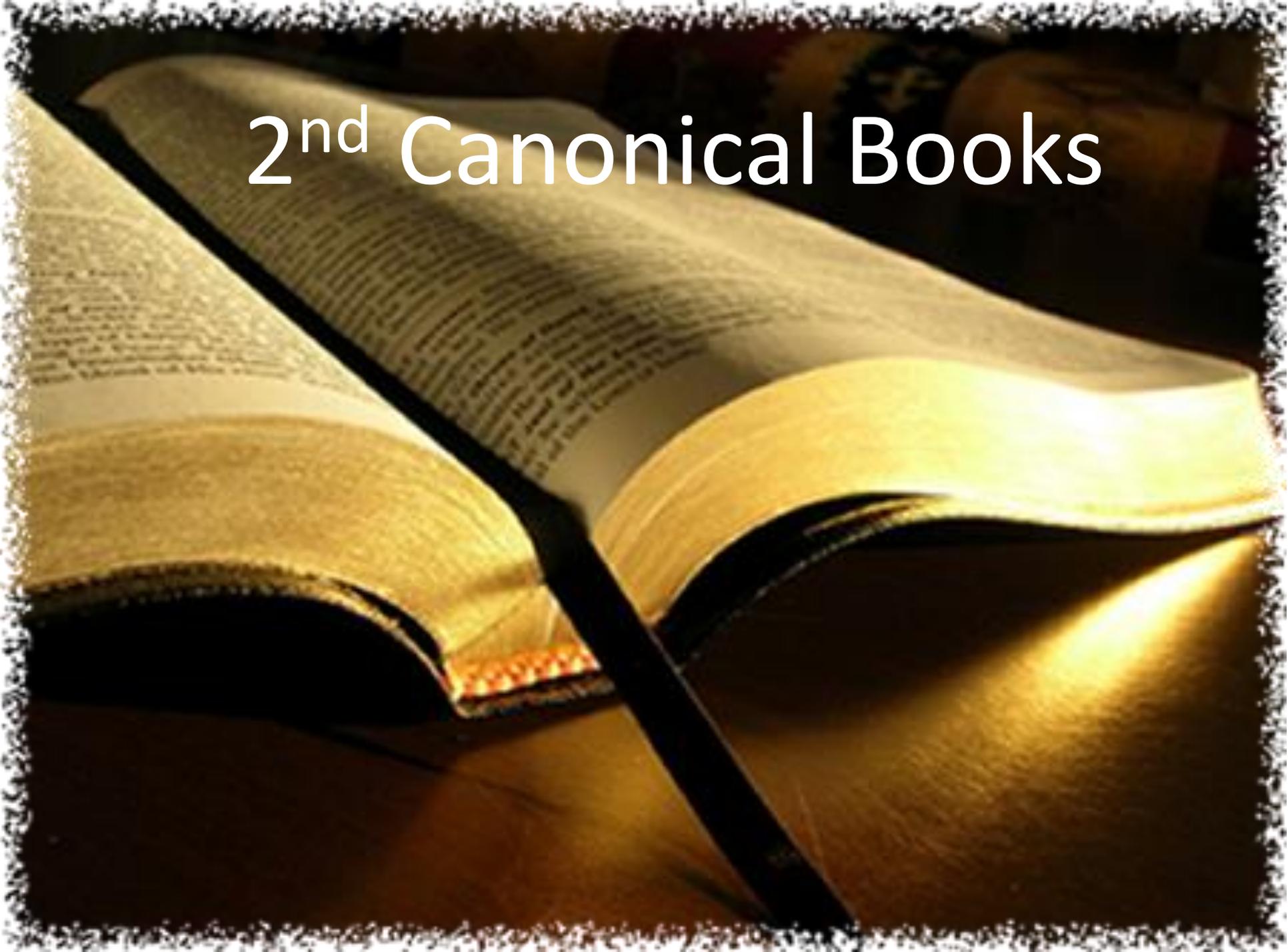
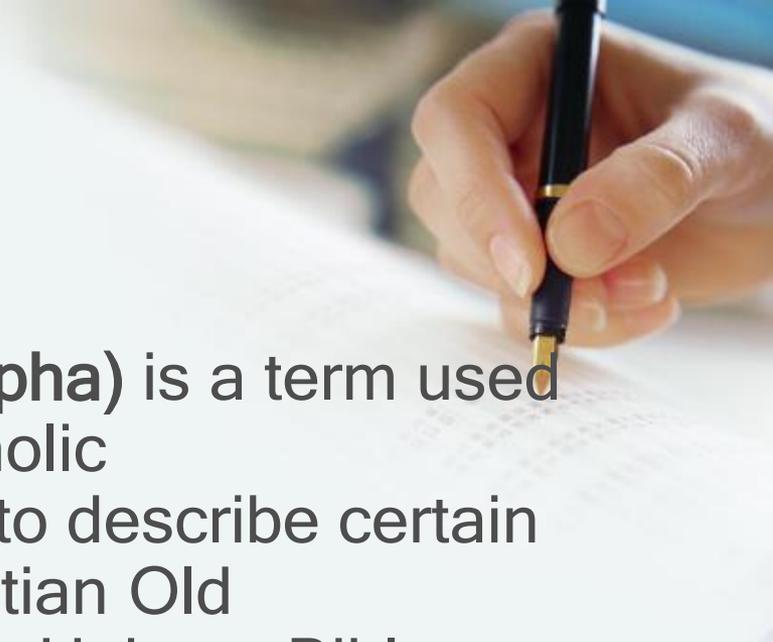


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Canonical Books

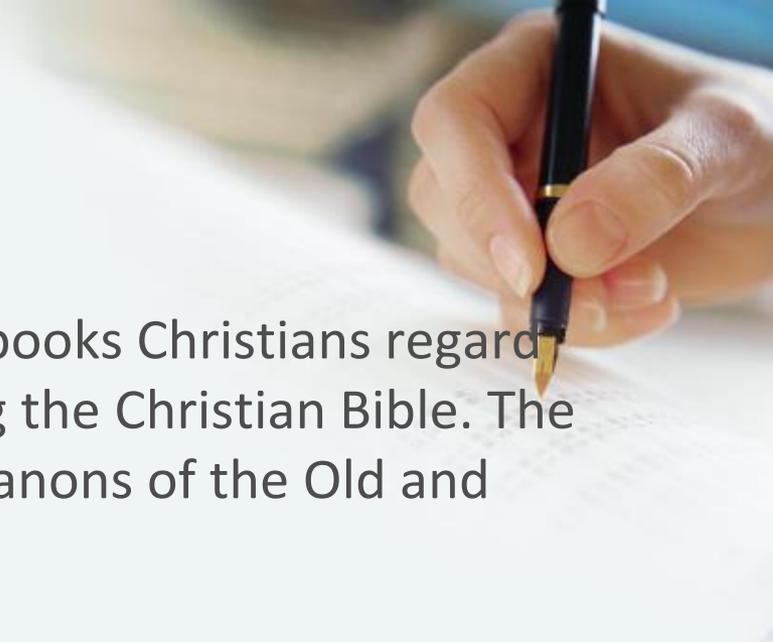


# History!!!

- **Deuterocanonical books (apocrypha)** is a term used since the 16<sup>th</sup> century in the Catholic Church and Eastern Christianity to describe certain books and passages of the Christian Old Testament that are not part of the Hebrew Bible
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, not because they are of lesser value but because they came 2<sup>nd</sup>
- The Deuterocanonical books are considered canonical by Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, but are considered non-canonical by most Protestants. The word *Deuterocanonical* comes from the Greek meaning 'belonging to the second canon'.



# Definitions

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- **Canon** – The Biblical canon is the set of books Christians regard as divinely inspired and thus constituting the Christian Bible. The Christian Biblical Canon consists of the canons of the Old and New Testaments
- **Apocrypha** - Biblical or related writings not forming part of the accepted canon of Scripture. Writings or reports not considered genuine.
- **Deuterocanonical** - Deuterocanonical books is a term used to describe certain books of the Christian Old Testament that are not part of the Bible. Books whose divine inspiration was disputed at one time but which did make the Catholic canon. Protestant Churches, which do not recognize them as inspired, call them Apocryphal

# Definitions

- **Septuagint** – The greek version of the Old testament which consisted of the books of what we now call the Old Testament and the "Apocrypha" or Deuterocanonical Books.  
The coptic orthodox church has always adhered to this.





# What Happened???

- In 1611, when the King James Version of the Holy Bible was published it contained the Old Testament, Apocrypha and New Testament
- Over time, re-printing of the King James version of the Holy Bible began to exclude the Apocrypha (a commonly used non-orthodox term denoting the omitted canonical books)



- Note: The Coptic Orthodox Church has not been found lacking or omitting these canonical books and so terms these books “Protestant omitted canonical Holy Books”



*“ History allows us to establish the fact that Christians have always believed in the inspiration of the Holy Books of the Bible. These Holy Books are held sacred and canonical, not because having been put together merely by human labor and afterwards approved by the church authority, BUT because having been written by the inspiration of the Holy spirit, they had God as their author and as such, they have been handed down to the church itself in such a way guide to her”.*

*Fr. Shenouda Maher Ishak*



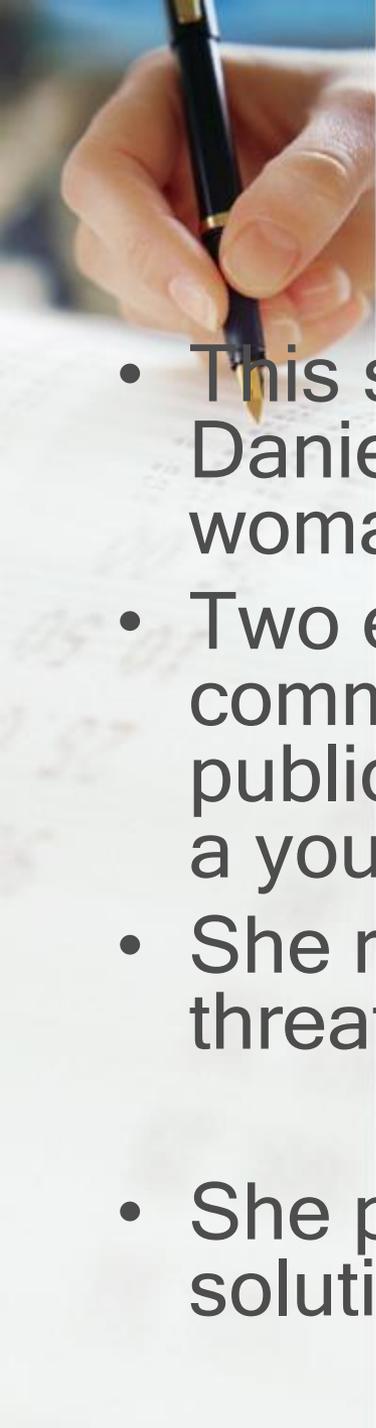


# The Omitted Canonical Books

- Tobit
- Judith
- Additions to Esther
- Wisdom
- Baruch
- 1 Esdras
- 2 Esdras
- Letter of Jeremiah
- Prayer of Azariah & song of the Three Jews
- Susanna
- Bel and the Dragon
- 1 Maccabees
- 2 Maccabees
- 3 Maccabees
- 4 Maccabees

- Remember: The Coptic Orthodox terminology denoting these Holy Books is: **“Protestant omitted canonical Holy Books”** rather than Apocryphal or Deuterocanonical Books”



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# 1) Susanna

- This story is included in the Holy book of Daniel and centers on a beautiful married woman.
- Two elders told Susanna that unless she commits adultery with them they would publicly tell others that she had done so with a young man.
- She refused and they did what they threatened to do!!!
- She prayed to God for help.....Daniel's solution???

## 2) Bel and the Dragon

- Concluding the book of Daniel, the prophet Daniel proves that Bel, the god of the babylonians was not a 'living' god who could eat and drink by scattering ashes on the temple floor and the next day showing kind cyprus the footprints of the priests who had entered through a hidden passage and eaten the food left for Bel.



# Bel and the Dragon

- Daniel also destroyed the ‘great dragon’ worshipped by the babylonians by feeding it cakes of fat, tar and hair. When finishing this meal the dragon *burst!!!*

