

If someone asked you, “Hey, what’s the difference between the Catholic Bible and non-Catholic Bible?”

Would you know how to answer that person?

The New American Bible



THE HOLY BIBLE

QUATERCENTENARY EDITION



AN EXACT REPRINT IN ROMAN TYPE

PAGE FOR PAGE AND LINE FOR LINE OF THE KING JAMES VERSION

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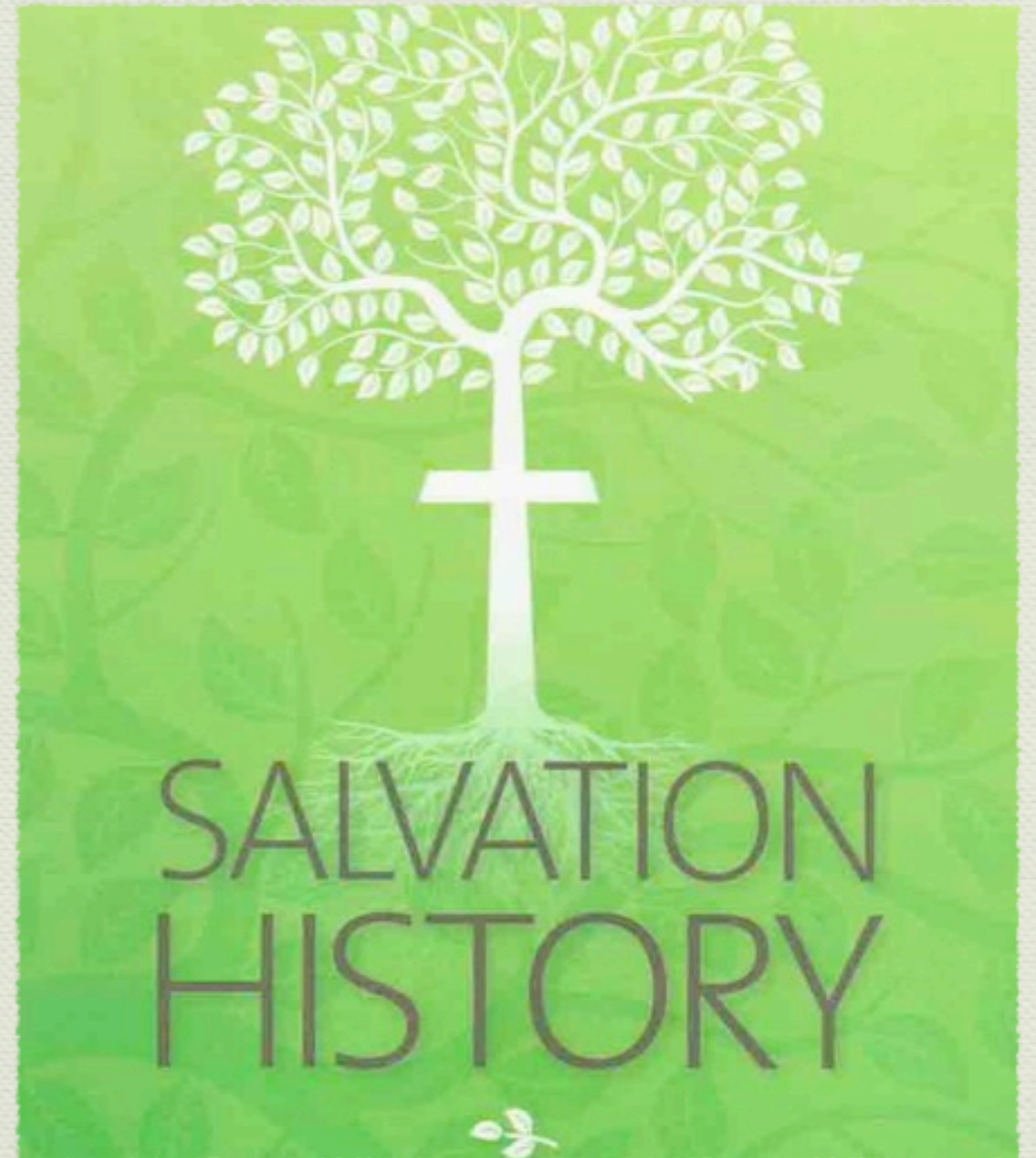
Catholic vs. Protestant Bible

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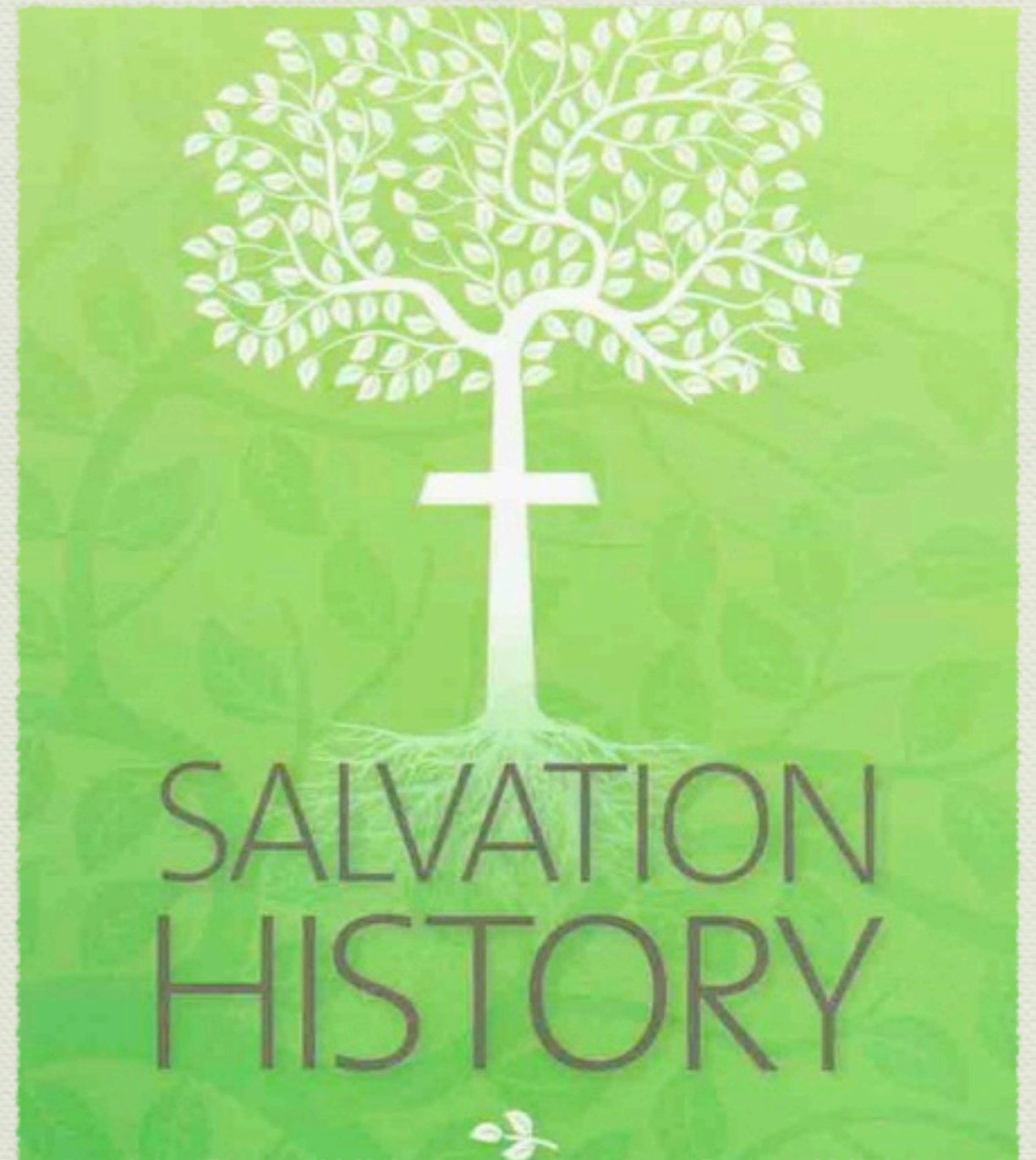
Why does the Bible matter?

- ◆ Word of God
- ◆ History of Salvation
 - ◆ Explains the history of how mankind was designed for a purpose and that we are not just things taking up space in the world
- ◆ Story about the God who creates **because of love**
- ◆ He constantly interacts with his people to bring them to the fullness of love
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- ◆ Many traditions of the Catholic Church stems from the Bible
- ◆ Readings at Mass all come from the Bible
- ◆ New Roman Missal: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed” (Mt 8:8 and Lk 7:6)



Blest Are We Textbook

- ◆ At the beginning of your textbook, turn to page viii and silently read the page.
- ◆ After you read p. viii, in your religion notebook, answer the questions of the *What is Your Bible IQ?* section on the next page, p. ix.
- ◆ When you're done filling out the *Bible IQ Quiz*, check the answers on p. xiv and mark the ones you got wrong.
- ◆ Next, p. x-xiv.

**WHAT'S
YOUR
BIBLE
I.Q.** 

Catholic Bible = 73 Books

Protestant Bible = 66 Books


How did that happen?

Vocab Words

- ◆ **Canon**: general standard or rule
- ◆ **Septuagint**: Greek Bible translated from Hebrew by about 70 translators; includes the deuterocanonical books of the Bible
- ◆ **Deuterocanonical**: “2nd canon,” includes the 7 books of the Bible: Tobit, Judith, Baruch, Wisdom, Sirach, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees
- ◆ **Apocrypha**: what the Protestants call the 7 “hidden/uncertain” books of the Bible
- ◆ **Reformation**: the religious movement in Europe started by Martin Luther, a former Catholic priest against the Catholic Church
- ◆ **Protestant**: people who PROTESTed against the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church; Christians who are not Catholic

Old Testament at the time of Christ

- ◆ No consensus on a canon (standard) of scripture
- ◆ Competing Jewish communities had different lists of books they felt were divinely inspired
 - ◆ Pharisees, Sadducees, Samaritans, Essenes all lived in Palestine
 - ◆ Hellenists, Greek-speaking Jews, scattered out all over the world.
 - ◆ Their list of Old Testament Books = Greek Septuagint



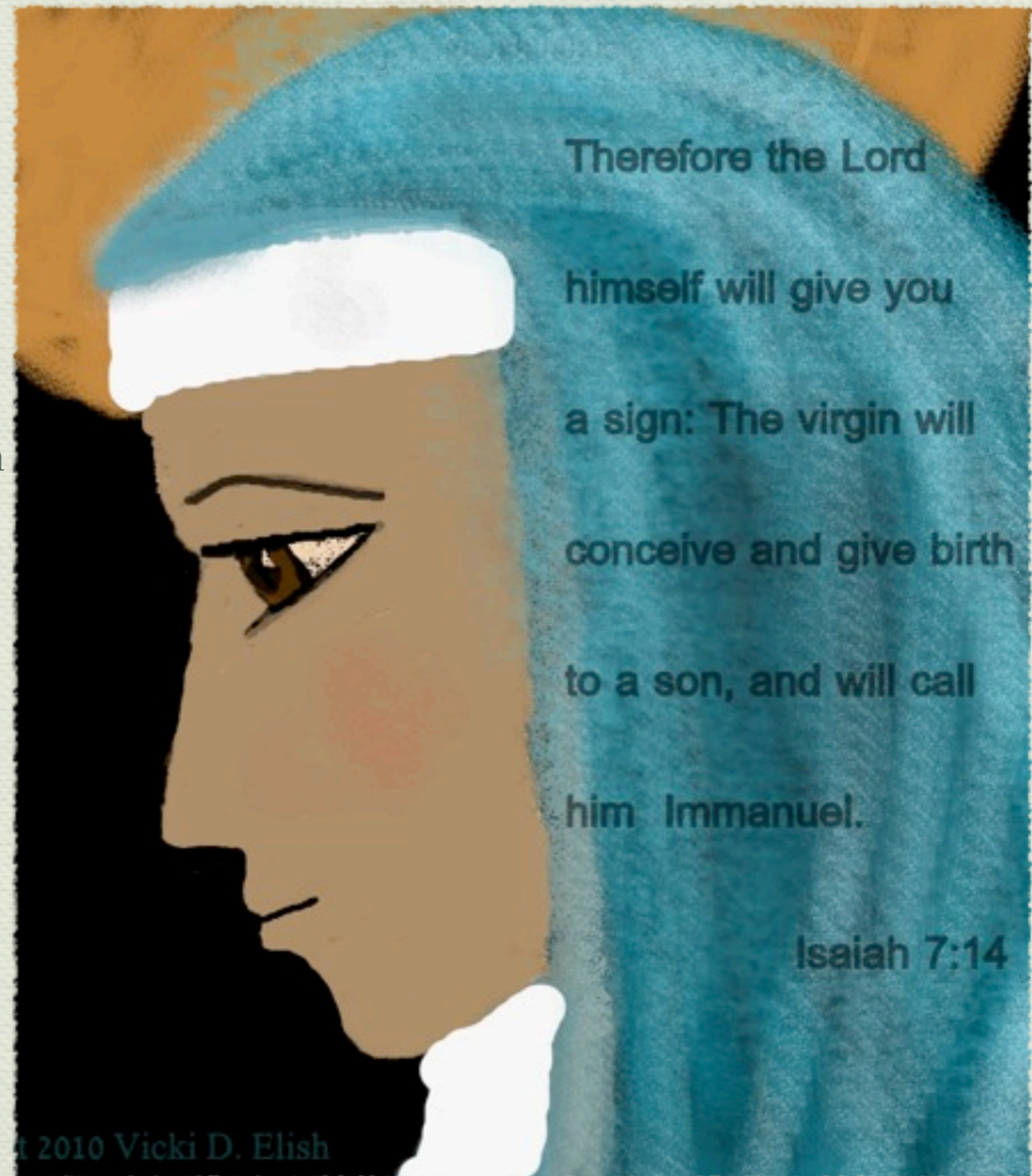
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Old Testament at the time of Christ

- ◆ Christ, the Apostles, and the early Christians used the Septuagint as their primary Old Testament
- ◆ Of the approximately 300 Old Testament quotes in the New Testament, 2/3 of them are quotes from the Septuagint as opposed to the Hebrew Scriptures
- ◆ How do we know?

Hebrew Scripture vs. Greek Septuagint

- ◆ Because the wording of the Septuagint is sometimes different from that of the Hebrew Bible.
- ◆ A classic example of this is Isaiah 7:14.
 - ◆ In the original Hebrew it states that a young *woman* (Hebrew: *almah*) will bear a child and he shall be called Emmanuel.
 - ◆ In the Greek Septuagint it states that a *virgin* (Greek: *parthenos*) will bear a child and he shall be called Emmanuel.
- ◆ Matthew the Apostle, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, chooses the Greek Septuagint version of this verse to quote in Matthew 1:23 where he declares, “a virgin shall be with Child” in the Christmas story.



The Pharisees Call a Council

- ◆ When the Roman legions burned the Temple during the Jewish Wars in 70 A.D. much of the Jewish way of life lay in embers. Gone was the central unifying symbol of Judaism.
- ◆ Furthermore, the Christian faith was threatening Judaism as it was proclaiming that Jesus of Nazareth was the Jewish Messiah. The Old Testament Bible of the Christians was the Greek Septuagint and as such, the Jews grew increasingly dissatisfied with it because the early Christians were using the Septuagint to help spread the Church of Jesus Christ.

The Pharisees Call a Council

- ◆ With the twin threats of the Roman Legions and the Christian faith looming, the Pharisees convened the council of Jamnia towards the end of the 1st century A.D (97 A.D.) to reaffirm the truths of Judaism.
- ◆ At the council the Pharisees rejected the Septuagint and declared that only the Hebrew language books traditionally embraced by the Pharisees would be regarded as divinely inspired.
- ◆ The resulting Jewish canon contains the list of books Protestants regard as canonical today.



The Church Calls a Council

- ◆ In the early centuries there were controversies in the Church over what the New Testament canon should be.
- ◆ The Church finally settled the matter in various important meetings, especially in 3 local councils, or meetings.
 - ◆ Council of Rome (382 A.D.)
 - ◆ Council of Hippo (393 A.D.)
 - ◆ Council of Carthage (397 A.D.)

The Church Calls a Council

- ◆ In these councils the Catholic Church authoritatively and infallibly declared what books are to be considered divinely inspired and authoritative.
- ◆ The 27 books that make up our New Testament were declared canonical in these councils. And as such the matter was considered closed. But the Church didn't just list the New Testament books; she also listed the Old Testament books.
- ◆ And that list contained the Deuterocanonical (2nd Canon) books found in Catholic Bibles today.
- ◆ *It is ironic that the same councils Protestants point to as authoritative in settling the New Testament canon were also used by the Church to authoritatively settle the Old Testament canon.*

The Reformation

- ◆ Catholic: 73 Books

- ◆ Protestant: 66 Books

- ◆ 7 Books were taken out during Martin Luther's Reformation

- ◆ Martin Luther was a former Catholic priest that protested against certain teachings / actions of the Roman Catholic Church; hence, that's how PROTESTants came to be

7 Books Removed

- ◆ So what happened? How come the King James Bible only has 66 books? Well, Martin Luther didn't like 7 books of the Old Testament that disagreed with his personal view of theology, so he threw them out of his bible in the 16th Century. His reasoning was that the Jewish Council of Jamnia in 90 AD didn't think they were canonical, so he didn't either.
- ◆ Protestants call these 7 books the *Apocrypha* (*Ah-Paw-Kri-Pha*), meaning hidden or obscure
 - ◆ Tobit
 - ◆ Judith
 - ◆ Baruch
 - ◆ Wisdom
 - ◆ Sirach (also called Ecclesiasticus)
 - ◆ 1 Maccabees
 - ◆ 2 Maccabees
- ◆ In addition, certain verses of Daniel (2 chapters and a prayer) and Esther (7 chapters) were removed in Protestant Bible

Protestant Argument Against Catholic Bible

- ◆ Jewish Council of Jamnia 90 AD
- ◆ Dead Sea Scrolls included Tobit and Sirach
- ◆ <http://www.thejewishmuseum.org/deadseafeature>
- ◆ Septuagint: Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament by about 70 translators
- ◆ written in Alexandria, Egypt and completed in about 150 BC
- ◆ Septuagint includes 7 Removed Books

Protestant Argument Against Catholic Bible

- ◆ New Testament never refers to Apocrypha
- ◆ Early Christians were using deuterocanonical books of the Greek Bible to help spread Christianity
- ◆ Book of Wisdom, written 100 years before the coming of Christ, includes a prophecy that can only be of Jesus Christ and His Passion
- ◆ Anybody who reads the book of Wisdom 2: 12-20 would immediately recognize that this is a direct reference to the Jews who were plotting against Jesus in Matthew 27:41-43

Wisdom 2:12-20

- ◆ **"Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.**
- ◆ He professes to have knowledge of God, and **calls himself a child of the Lord**.
- ◆ He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.
- ◆ We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and **boasts that God is his father**.
- ◆ *Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's son, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.*
- ◆ **Let us test him with insult and torture, that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance.**
- ◆ Let us **condemn him to a shameful death**, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Matthew 27: 41-43

- ◆ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself.
- ◆ He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.
- ◆ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

4 Criteria from Jewish Council of Jamnia

- ◆ 1) Books conform to Pentateuch, First 5 Books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- ◆ 2) Couldn't have been written after the time of Ezra (around 400 BC)
- ◆ 3) Written in Hebrew
- ◆ 4) Written in Palestine

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- ◆ RULE: So this method employed by first century Jews would automatically exclude all of the Gospels, and the Epistles of the New Testament, which were also written in the first century.
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 - ◆ some books written after this
- ◆ 3) Written in Hebrew
 - ◆ some written in Greek
- ◆ 4) Written in Palestine

Summary

- ◆ There is only one way we know whether a book is divinely inspired. And it is not because a book claims to be inspired. It is not because Christ or the Apostles quotes from it. It is not because we think we know who the author is. It is not because the Holy Spirit has guided history to ensure a consensus amongst Christians.
- ◆ *Rather, it is because the Church is the only entity with the authority to define what the received books are.*
- ◆ Christ did not hand us a New Testament when he ascended to heaven. But he did leave us a Church with a Magisterium to make decisions that are binding on earth and also binding in heaven.
- ◆ It is the Church that is the pillar and foundation of truth.