

.....inspired and kept free from error.... God inspired certain people and they gave these books, these were the inspired books, the books kept free from error, the authoritative books, the books which are part of God's word, for all future ages, and these books were received from the hand of the man to whom they were given, the man who gave them. They were received and kept and treasured and passed on. The Pentateuch originally kept ~~xxxxx~~beside the altar in the holy of holies, other books added to it from time to time. Now the time came when you had Jeremiah, and Jeremiah said, I am God's prophet, and I ~~am~~ giving you an inspired book, which God intends to be part of His holy Word which is free from error, and he gave it to his people, and the ~~xxx~~ people took the book from the hands of Jeremiah, and they said, this is God's word, and we will treasure it, and Jeremiah tells us in his book that there were other prophets, and these prophets were saying, Jeremiah is a false prophet. Jeremiah is not speaking the truth. We are speaking the truth of God. Here is God's word, and they were giving God's word, as they considered it, and Jeremiah said they were false, and it is not at ~~all~~ unlikely that they wrote ~~xxxx~~ some books, and it is not at all unlikely that there were people who received their writing, and said, this is part of the inspired word of God. That book of Jeremiah is a ...1 $\frac{1}{2}$... that is not part of the prophets. He is not an inspired writer. These are. And so there were some people who said, Jeremiah is part of God's word, and there were some people who said these others were. But in the providence of God, the book of Jeremiah was passed on through larger and larger circles of God's people, and accepted, and the other books of his enemies fell by the wayside. And by a time at least a few centuries before the time of Christ, no, should we say it this way? The last book was written of the Old Testament. Was it Malachi? Was it Chronicles? We don't know. But the last book was written, and a few centuries past, and not over two or three or four centuries at the most, after that time, we find the Jews, a people of God, to whom the O. T. was given, unanimous in their agreement that these are the books and there are no others. There was this unanimity among the Jews. Now, humanly speaking, the Jews might have been mistaken. There is no way we can possibly get behind their....2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Their decision was not made in a Council, there is no