

Jeremiah was a true prophet. And they said, These books are commands of God to us, and we must follow them. Now it is possible to suggest that somebody, at the time of Christ, some very very scientific Jew, of which we do not know, of whose existence we have no evidence, nevertheless, we may think perhaps lived/ at that time, said, I am going to study the evidence, and see whether Jeremiah was a true prophet, and if he was his book is inspired, and if he wasn't it wasn't. I am going to see if Isaiah was a true prophet. If he was his book is inspired, and if he wasn't, it wasn't. Well, he would have a terrifically hard job finding5½..... in that period of centuries before. There was a process whereby the Jews as a group came to accept Jeremiah and Isaiah, and not ~~to~~ to accept the books of the enemies of Isaiah and Jeremiah. But supposing that somebody in the time of Christ were able, which is simply impossible, that the evidence was not...6... to go back/^{and} to prove that ~~that~~ Isaiah and Jeremiah had been true prophets, and ^{wemust} therefore/accept ~~it~~ their works and not the works of their adversaries. Even if that should be the case, there was no one in the time of Christ who would be able to go back and say, Solomon was a true prophet, and therefore the book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon are written by a true ~~the~~ prophet and to be accepted. There was no one who could do such a thing. In fact it would have been extremely difficult at the time of Christ, as it is extremely difficult today. And it would be more difficult then than it is ~~is~~ today, because we have more evidence now than they had then, to go back and prove whether Solomon wrote ~~that~~ Ecclesiastes or not. But the people, the Jews at the time of Christ, believed that Solomon wrote Proverbs, ~~that~~ Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, and our Lord Jesus Christ never said, that Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes, or that he wrote the Song of Solomon, but He did say that these books which the Jews of His day accepted as authoritative were the inspired books which they should search, no jot or tittle of which would fail, but all of it was dependable and ~~the~~ true. He did take that attitude. And, as I said, it is impossible that anyone at that time could have gone back and proved whether Jeremiah and Isaiah were true prophet or not, but it is even more impossible that anybody then should have gone back and proven that Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes or Song of Solomon for sure, and that Solomon was a true prophet, but it would be still more impossible at that time that