

of prophets until the Lord Jesus. He set His seal of approval on the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament, as already recognized canonical books. Hear Him. This succession ceased in the time of the Maccabees. and then the greatest of all the prophets, the Lord Jesus Christ. These prophets spake but also had a function of writing. The Holy Spirit added according to His own plan to the books of Moses as time went on and . The right books were accepted by the people as a whole. The wrong ones were left out and Christ set His seal of approval on all the books as they then stood so the canon of the Old Testament is clearly established.

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Lecture on the canon, continued.

References to the law found in the prophets and history, but not labeled as such. Why did they come to be accepted? We do not know. We have no evidence, no evidence of any council or of any individual, but we do have evidence of the unity among the Jews at the time of Christ. referred to them as a unity, as the sacred writings. So much for the Old Testament. Some people say ~~it~~ there is evidence of a Jewish council, not at about 120 A. D. which books were discussed after the time of Josephus, anyway, not accepted by best scholars. Council of simply expressed its agreement with the previous opinion of the Jews. Considerable evidence and disputes about the book, so some say. What was the nature of these disputes? A few statements. Some scribe studied Ezekiel to solve difficulties with the disagreement between it and law. Did not make books canonical but simply proved that they were correct in accepting them. No change was made in attitude toward Ezekiel. Similar discussions in the Talmud concerning other books, particularly matters of alleged contradiction. Added to this when we find the attitude of Christ and the disciples agreeing with this attitude of the Jews on the Old Testament, then we can rest assured that this was the holy Word of God, action of the Holy Spirit among the people over the course of the years is the best answer.

Christ set His seal upon this prophet. This being so there is a possibility that a similar process should be used in the New Testament. Evidence that it was His