CANNON: What Is Canon?

- A guide to what is considered Scripture
- A survey of disputed and additional ancient books

Why This Teaching?

- Questions about 1 Enoch and Jasher prompted the overview
- The speaker does not claim an exhaustive canon history

How Do We Trust Scripture?

- The speaker begins with faith in God's preservation
- He also encourages inquiry into historical evidence

What Is the Biblical Canon?

- A recognized collection of authoritative writings
- Reception developed over time within communities

Books That Sparked Debate

- Esther, Ezekiel, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
- Hebrews, James, 2 Peter, Jude, Revelation

Hebrew Bible: 24 or 39?

- The collection is grouped differently across traditions
- Samuel, Kings, Chronicles and the Twelve are examples

Proposed Hebrew Canon Tests

- Inspiration, prophetic association and historical relevance
- Consistency with the Torah is central for the speaker

The Speaker's Scripture Basis

- Exodus 24:4 and 2 Samuel 23:2
- Psalm 119:160 and Isaiah 55:10-11

New Testament Reception

- Apostolic association and consistency of teaching
- The speaker also notes community recognition

Marcion and Selective Scripture

- An early selective Christian collection
- The speaker contrasts it with the wider canon

God-Inspired Scripture

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 on teaching and correction
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 on prophecy and the Spirit

Self-Authentication

- The speaker explores internal testimony and impact
- Historical claims still need source-based checking

Discernment in Community

- Study, prayer and collective judgment are emphasized
- No single council explains every canon tradition

What Is the Apocrypha?

- The speaker addresses deuterocanonical literature
- Different churches recognize different canons

Books Beyond the Canon

- Pseudepigrapha and later attributed writings
- Authorship and date matter in historical assessment

The Septuagint Question

- Greek Jewish Scriptures and ancient book collections
- Avoid equating every later list with one universal canon

First Enoch

- An influential ancient writing with Enochic traditions
- Jude refers to material parallel to 1 Enoch

Does a Quote Make Scripture?

- Jude 1:14-15 and the tradition in 1 Enoch
- Acts 17:28 illustrates use of outside literature

Enoch and Manuscripts

- The speaker questions authorship and transmission
- Ethiopian Orthodox tradition includes 1 Enoch

The Book of Jasher

- Joshua 10:13 and 2 Samuel 1:18 cite Jasher
- Later books with the title are a separate question

Jubilees: Little Genesis

- An ancient retelling and expansion of biblical narrative
- Study its claims alongside Genesis and Exodus

Reading with Discernment

- Historical interest is not the same as canonical authority
- Ask about community, text, manuscript and context

Closing Fellowship

- Participants discuss faith, canon and historical writings
- The speaker encourages learning without treating all as Scripture

Questions for Study

- Which sources support a particular historical claim?
- How do traditions differ in their received collections?

Finding the Ancient Path

- CANNON - What is, What Isn't….and Why?
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Q7VdC_QhpM