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Lesson 10 **November 28-December 4*

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Canonical and Non-canonical Prophets

Canonical: of, relating to, or forming a canon.

Canon: **: an authoritative list of books accepted as Holy Scripture. From:**
https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/canon

When people ask how was the bible canon formed, they are usually asking how certain books came to be accepted as inspired and binding, while others were left out.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:29 and 2 Chronicles 9:29. What do you notice about some of the prophets mentioned in these two passages?

1 Chronicles 29:29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the **book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,**
30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

2 Chronicles 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in **the book of Nathan the prophet**, in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

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There were many prophets such as Nathan, Gad, Ahijah, and Iddo who were recognized prophets but whose books did not become part of the Bible.

Read 1 Kings 11:29-39 and Luke 7:28. What do these texts teach about the authority of non-canonical prophets?

1 Kings 11:29-39 29 Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that **the prophet Ahijah** the Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two *were* alone in the field.
30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new garment that *was* on him, and tore it *into* twelve pieces.
31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you
32 **(but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David,** and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),
33 **because they have forsaken Me,** and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of

Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do *what is* right in My eyes and *keep* My statutes and My judgments, as *did* his father David.
34 However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of **My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.**
35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and give it to you—ten tribes.
36 And to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there.
37 So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel.
38 Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do *what is* right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.
39 And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever.' "

among those born of women
Luke 7:28 For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

]]> John the Baptist this did not write any books

filled with the Holy Spirit, **even from his mother's womb.**
Luke 1:15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. **He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit**, **even from his mother's womb.**

Luke 1:16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.
17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Although we do not know why God permitted some prophets' messages to be included in the Bible while others were left out, we do know that the non-canonical prophets who were not included in Scripture were equally inspired by God. The Bible teaches that spiritual gifts, including the gift of prophecy, will

continue until the end of time. The Bible predicts that there will be post-biblical, non-canonical prophets "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith" *(Eph. 4:12, 13, NKJV)*, and they will exist " 'before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord' " *(Joel 2:31, NKJV)*.

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After David committed adultery and murder, God sent the prophet Nathan to confront him *(2 Sam. 12:7-14)*. **Although Nathan had not written a biblical book, David did not question Nathan's authority,** and that's because the authority of the prophets' writings is based on their inspiration, and not on whether or not they were included in the biblical canon. Nevertheless, all true non-canonical prophets, particularly prophets after the time of the Bible—and especially a modern prophet such as Ellen G. White—saw themselves as subject to biblical authority. Their messages had to be tested by the Bible and do not replace the Bible as a source for faith and doctrine.

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Ellen G. White wrote, "The Lord desires you to study your Bibles. He has not given any additional light to take the place of His Word. This light is to bring confused minds to His Word, which, if eaten and digested, is as the lifeblood of the soul."—*Selected Messages*, book 3, p. 29. **How well do we as a church heed these words of hers?**

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Huldah
Noadiah

Anna

Exo 15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Jdg 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

2Ki 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

Neh 6:14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

Luk 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

Exo 7:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.