

Banned from the Bible?
John 10:1-6, 24-30, Psalm 23:1-6
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1. Some books were _____ from the Old Testament.
Numbers 21:14-15 we read, ***“¹⁴Therefore it is said in The Book of the Wars of the Lord, ‘Waheb in Suphah and the valleys of Arnon, and the slope of the valleys that extends to the seat of Ar, and leans to the border of Moab.’”***
I Kings 22:39, ***“Now the rest of the acts of Ahab and all that he did, and the ivory house that he built and all the cities that he built, are they not written in The Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?”***
II Kings 20:20, ***“The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah and all his might and how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?”***
Jeremiah 23:16 says, ***“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.’”***

2. God’s people recognized _____.
Daniel 9:2 ***“... I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the Lord as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years.”*** (NLT)
Ezra 1:1 ***“In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:”***
Luke 24:44, the risen Jesus says to His disciples, ***“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.***

3. Some books were _____ from the New Testament.
I Corinthians 5:9, ***“I wrote you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people.”***
II Corinthians 7:8 ***“For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it – though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while.”***
Colossians 4:16. ***“And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.”***

4. God’s people recognized _____.
II Peter 3:15-16 says, ***“¹⁵And count the patience of the Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according the wisdom given to him, ¹⁶as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.”***

5. Maybe some _____ were lost, too.

Luke 1:1-4. ***“¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ²just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered to us, ³it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.”***

John 21:25 ***“Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.”***

6. We have what we need for _____ and _____.

John 20:30-31 says, ***“³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³²but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”***

7. In the Bible, God’s people hear the _____.

John 10:3-5 ***T o him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”***

John 10:27 ***“My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.”***