

MORE OLD TESTAMENT PSEUDEPIGRAPHA

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The More Old Testament Pseudepigrapha Project

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Ancient books that claim to be written by a character in the Hebrew Bible or to be set in the same time period as the Hebrew Bible

Criteria for Inclusion

1. Reasonable case that work was composed before the rise of Islam (early 7th century C.E.)
2. Texts of any origin (Jewish, Christian, indigenous polytheistic, etc.)
3. No texts covered by Charlesworth unless we have new textual evidence or consider the earlier coverage to be inadequate for other reasons
4. Normally no texts that fit best (and survive only) in other coherent collections (Dead Sea Scrolls, Nag Hammadi Library, Hekhalot Literature, etc.)
5. Some post-600 C.E. texts that clearly either preserve earlier material or have a close relationship with such material

Methodological Issues

Begin with the social context of the earliest manuscripts and work backwards from there only as required by positive evidence.

J. R. Davila, *The Provenance of the Pseudepigrapha: Jewish, Christian, or Other?* (JSJSup 105; Leiden: Brill, 2005); idem, "The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha as Background to the New Testament," *Expository Times* 117 (2005): 53-57

Jewish Pseudepigrapha

Texts composed by the early 7th century C.E.

Rewritten scripture (and scripture-related literature): *Aramaic Levi**; *Hebrew Naphtali*; *Book of Giants* (Aramaic etc.); *Words of Gad the Seer* (Hebrew)

Apocalypses: *Vision of Gabriel* (Hebrew); *Apocalypse of Elijah* (Hebrew); *Visions of Ezekiel* (Hebrew); *Apocalypse of Zerubbabel* (Hebrew)

Poetic: *Aramaic Song of the Lamb*; more Hebrew *Psalms of David**; Hebrew hymns attributed to David*

Magical and mantic: *Seven (Adjurations) of Elijah* (Hebrew and Aramaic); *Sword of Moses** (Hebrew and Aramaic); *Book of the Mysteries* (Hebrew etc.)

Later texts: Hebrew and Aramaic Visions of Heaven and Hell* (*Greatness of Moses*, *Legend of "Hear, O Israel," History of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi*, *Order of Gan Eden*, the *Tractate on Gehinnom*, *In What Manner is the Punishment of the Grave*, *Legend of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi*, *Treatise on the Work of Creation*, and *David Apocalypse*); *Midrash of Shemihazai and Aza'el* (Hebrew); *The Book of the Wars of the Sons of Jacob** (Hebrew); quotation of *The Book of Noah** (Hebrew); *Treatise of the Vessels** (Hebrew)

Texts already in the Charlesworth corpus: Hebrew prayer from *The Ladder of Jacob* (rewritten scripture); *Treatise of Shem* (Aramaic, etc.; magical/mantic)

Quotations and references to lost works in the canonical HB and NT*

Texts transmitted solely in Christian contexts: Ps-Philo, *Sermons on Jonah, on Samson* (Armenian); Coptic *Apocryphon of Jeremiah* (rewritten scripture)

Christian Apocrypha

Apocalypses: Four *Daniel Apocalypses* (Armenian, Syriac, 2 Greek); *4 Ezra* (Armenian); *5-6 Ezra** (Latin); *Vision of Ezra** (Latin, longer version); *Apocalypse of the Seven Heavens* (Latin and Irish); *2 Enoch* (Coptic fragments)

Rewritten Scripture: *Adam Octipartite** (Slavonic, Irish, Latin); *Enoch Apocryphon** (Coptic); *Apocryphon of Jacob and Joseph** (Greek); *Syriac History of Joseph**; *6-7 Maccabees** (Syriac); *8 Maccabees?* (Greek); *Narrative of Lamech** (Slavonic); *Story of Melchizedek* (Greek); *Melchizedek Legend in Chronicon Paschale* (Greek); *Questions of the Queen of Sheba** (Syriac and Armenian)

Oracles: *Jeremiah's Prophecy to Passhur** (Coptic, Ethiopic); *Prophecy of the Sibyl* (Latin); *Tiburtine Sibyl** (Greek and Latin); *Danielic Oracles*

Magical and Mantic: *Daniel Prognostica* (Greek); *Selenodromion of David and Solomon** (Greek); *Hygromancy of Solomon** (*Epistle of Rehoboam*) (Greek); *Testament of Solomon* (Greek Vienna manuscript); *Signs of the Judgment* (Armenian, Hebrew, Latin)

Sapiential: *Horarium of Adam* (Arabic, Georgian, Syriac)

Later Texts: *Cave of Treasures** (Syriac); *Palaea Historica** (Greek)

Texts also in Charlesworth: *Life of Adam and Eve** (Coptic fragments); *Horarium of Adam* (from the *Testament of Adam*; Arabic, Georgian, Syriac); *Apocryphon of Ezekiel** (additional Greek fragments); *4 Ezra* (Armenian); *5-6 Ezra* (Latin); *Latin Vision of Ezra* (longer version); *Assumption and Testament of Moses* (additional fragments, Greek, Slavonic); *Testament of Solomon* (Greek Vienna manuscript); *2 Enoch* (Coptic fragments)

Other Fragments: *Elijah apocryphon or apocrypha*; Justin the Gnostic's *Book of Baruch*; *The Paraphrase of Seth*; another *Book of Baruch*; *Zechariah and King Joash**; *Book of the Covenant**; *Heber Apocryphon**; *Seth Apocryphon**; narrative about Manasseh; two *Abraham apocrypha** (one of which may be a Greek quotation from the *Apocalypse of Abraham*, otherwise known only in Slavonic); a quotation of a *Daniel Apocalypse** attributed to Papias (Armenian); and *The Story of the Rich Man and the Precious Stone**

Indigenous Polytheistic Pseudepigrapha

Prophetic oracles: *Balaam Text from Deir Alla** (Northwest Semitic); *Oracle of Hystaspes* (Latin)

Magical Texts: *Eighth Book of Moses** (Greek, PGM XIII); *Phylactery of Moses* (Aramaic, Greek)

Rewritten Scripture (?): Vettius Valens on an astrological work by Abraham (Latin), *Surid Legend* (Arabic)

Funerary curse: *The Mighty Og* (Phoenician, Byblos 13)

*These items are tentatively scheduled for volume one, to go to press with Eerdmans early in 2010.