

I just discovered someone saying that there is belief that there are texts missing from the book of Esther. Is this true?

The scriptures are inspired by God (2 Ti 3:16). Some try to discredit God's word (2 Co 4:2);¹ but, the Holy Spirit has ensured (2 Pe 1:21) that the scriptures remain (Is 40:8): pure (Ps 19:8), sure (Ps 111:7, 8), harmonious (Ac 15:15) and perfect (Ps 19:7).

They are spiritual food (1 Pe 2:2) for men to come to Christ (Lk 24:27; 2 Co 13:3) in faith (Ro 10:17).

Matt Slick wrote:

..."[L]ost books" were never lost. These so-called lost books were already known by the Jews and the Christians and were not considered inspired. They weren't lost, nor were they removed from the Bible because they were never in the Bible, to begin with.

These so-called lost books were not included in the Bible for several reasons. They lacked apostolic or prophetic authorship; they did not claim to be the Word of God; they contain unbiblical concepts such as prayer for the dead in 2 Macc. 12:45-46 or have some serious historical inaccuracies. These books were never authoritative, inspired, or authentically written by either the Jewish Prophets or the Christian Apostles...[E.g.] The Addition to Esther (140-130 BC)...

...[S]ince the books are not lost and were never part of the Bible, to begin with, they have no bearing on the validity of the Bible.²

God's revelation is complete. The canon is closed.

Men are warned not to add to (Re 22:18) or take from the scriptures (v. 19).

¹ "The Dead Sea Scrolls Don't Include the Book of Esther—or Do They?" *ArmstrongInstitute.org*, armstronginstitute.org/674-the-dead-sea-scrolls-dont-include-the-book-of-esther-or-do-they

² Slick, Matt. "Do the lost books of the Bible prove that the Bible has been altered?" *Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry*, 22 Nov. 2008, carm.org/evidence-and-answers/do-the-lost-books-of-the-bible-prove-that-the-bible-has-been-altered. Accessed 1 June 2024.