

We can't destroy it. So we read they took the \_\_\_\_\_ of it and they put them in a safe place to stay there until a prophet of God would come and tell them what to do.

There are three statements in this Book of Maccabees that show that the people recognized that there had not been a prophet of God among them recently and was not one then. God caused that there should be an interval between the OT and the NT, and that during this interval there would be established a unanimity of his people that these books were the declaration of His truth. There is no evidence that any substantial section of the people of God to whom the OT was given (that is the Jews) that any substantial section of them had any dispute or disagreement as to what were the books. So we have a revelation from the Holy Spirit in the books of the OT on which there was this wonderful unanimity among the people of God.

We have then this revelation the Holy Spirit has revealed, and the space between it and the NT and then Jesus Christ Himself came, the greatest revelation of all.

We sometimes hear about the Apocryphal Gospels, and I simply recommend you read one of them sometime to see how utterly different they are from the true Gospels. There is no question as to what the true gospels are that tell the facts about Jesus Christ.

But we are particularly interested in the activity of the Holy Spirit as revealer of truth, and I want to deal with those verse in John that deal particularly with it. I think before we do so we will take a break of about 12 or 15 minutes, and as we begin that break Mr. Taylor has a few announcements that he wants to make to you.

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There was a church on which there was a sign which said, No creed but the NT. That is not a Christian statement. Christians believe in the entire Bible. The OT is just as much a revelation of the Holy Spirit to us as the NT is. We have looked mostly thus far at the way the Holy Spirit reveals truth in the OT. The NT affirms repeatedly that this was so. Paul told Timothy that he was fortunate that from a child he had known the Holy Scriptures, Paul said, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. That's a tremendous statement to make about the OT. Then Paul went on a few verses ~~xxxxxxx~~ later to speak about the OT and said that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable.

The author of the book of Hebrews began with the words, God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets. The trouble with that verse is I don't know how many people could tell you what kind of times are sundry times and what kind of manners are divers manners! I think the average person would think it had something to do with the seashore! Divers manners! I believe our world needs the Bible