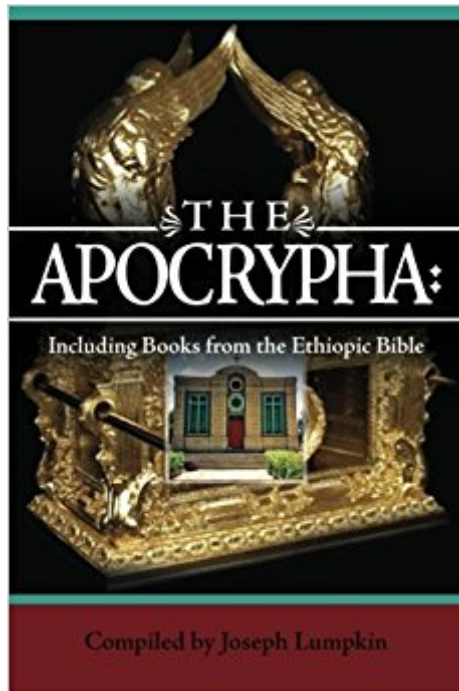




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Though raised as a Protestant Christian, it held little interest for me as I had trouble believing in some man up there in the sky directing our fate, particularly when there was so much suffering here on Earth. I became a man of science, scoffing at the blind faith of believers and demanding proof for all assertions, religious or otherwise. Mid-life I found myself between jobs with time on my hands and decided I'd best read the King James Bible so that I'd at least have some idea of what I was talking about when discussing religion. I sat down and read it cover to cover without pause, highlighting

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