

## 8. Books Debated for Inclusion in the New Testament Canon

| QUESTIONED BOOK        | REASONS GIVEN FOR ACCEPTANCE                                       | REASONS GIVEN FOR EXCLUSION  | RESULT   |
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| HEBREWS                | Thought Pauline in East  | Thought non-Pauline forgery in West                                  | Accepted |
| JAMES                  | Thought genuine in East  | Authorship questioned in West  | Accepted |
| 2 PETER                | Petrine authorship   | Authorship questioned<br>Similarity of chapter 2 to Jude             | Accepted |
| 2-3 JOHN               | Johannine authorship   | Lack of citations in early writings                                  | Accepted |
| JUDE                   | Early citations<br>Apostolic authorship                            | Authorship questioned  | Accepted |
| REVELATION             | Widely recognized as Johannine                                     | Questioned by Eusebius largely because of his opposition to chiliasm | Accepted |
| THE SHEPHERD OF HERMAS | Edifying contents<br>Visions from God                              | Nonapostolic origin<br>Late date                                     | Excluded |
| DIDACHE                | Record of genuine apostolic traditions                             | Uncertain origin<br>Late date  | Excluded |
| REVELATION OF PETER    | Suspected Petrine authorship<br>Similarity to Johannine Apocalypse | Authenticity doubted   | Excluded |