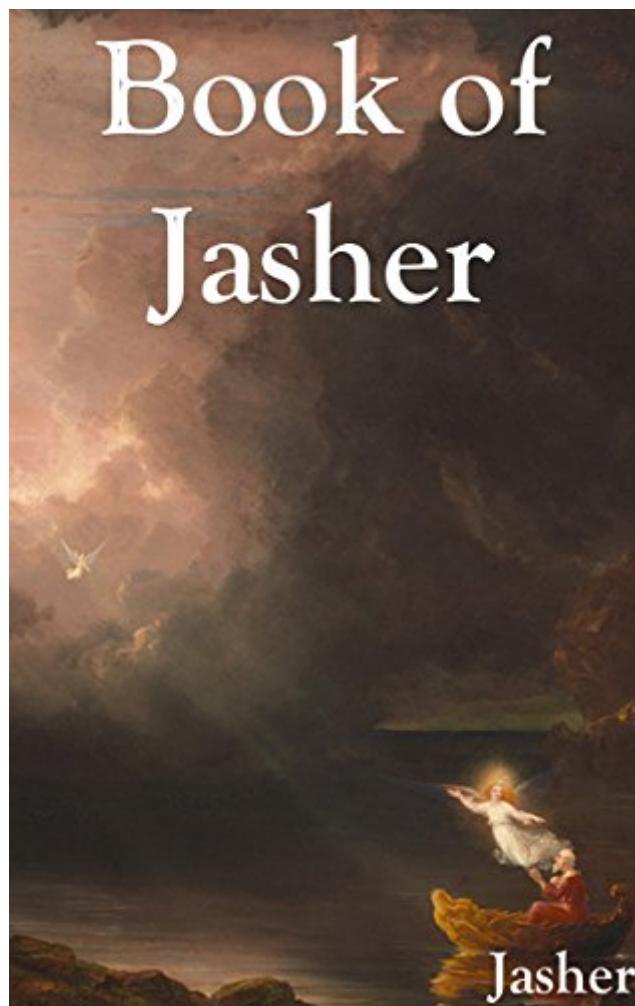


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Customer Reviews

Make sure you get the right copy of the Book of Jasher as there are several different ones out there. The one I reviewed and recommended is orange and translated in 1840. The title is "The Book of Jasher referred to in Joshua and Second Samuel" and is published by Artisan Publishers. There is another version out there that has was first published in London and is a completely different book.

Jasher covers the historical account of the Old Testament from Adam to Joshua, often with more detail than does the O.T. For example, it covers the first 55 years of Abraham's life, which Genesis skips. On the other hand, it leaves out the Mosaic Law material, which make it easier to read than the O.T. It reads more like a novel. It furnishes dates and much pertinent information about the early

Israelites, which is missing in the O.T. While Josephus claims that the Israelites were in Egypt for 215 years, the Book of Jasher claims it was 210 years. Because of the details given in Jasher, I was able to double check the author's math. I think he could have made a mistake of 5 years, making Josephus correct. However, Josephus makes his claim of 215 years without supplying his evidence. I have since come to feel that Jasher could be right. Some people don't accept this ancient manuscript (Jasher), because it contains miracles, special talents and/or abilities of the twelve sons of Israel, and what they call other unbelievable materials, especially what appear at times to be exaggerated facts and figures. Whether or not there is any exaggeration on the part of the author is difficult to determine. As for the miracles, well anyone who can accept the miracles of the Bible, ought to be able to accept the miracles recorded in Jasher. All things considered, I feel that Jasher makes a very valuable contribution to the study of Israel, Egypt, and the Middle East during the period of Israel's history.

This book, read by a searcher for truth, is convincing as only the Lord God of Heaven can inspire. It fills out many of the Biblical stories from Creation to the end of the days of Joshua, and brings comfort with its truth. It gives greater enlightenment on the relationship, and working together (or not as the case may be) of many well-known individuals both before and after the flood. (ie: Methuselah & Noah; Noah, Shem, & Abraham; Nimrod & the Tower of Babel; Nimrod & Terah, the father of Abraham, and the baby Abraham) .This book is referred to in both Joshua and 2nd Samuel, and reading it reveals its high value. The translator in the Preface warns of a another copy of Jasher, one that was printed by the London Courier in the middle 1800's. It had no proper identification of printer, editior, or publisher - probably because it was translated by a skeptic. Be careful. The author of the true book of Jasher was not Jasher. The term is a Hebrew idiom understood by those who understand the Hebrew language, and literally meaning "the upright or correct record". Read the book; you will not be disappointed. Comments or questions back are welcome at "ctronix@concentric.net"

I shopped around and looked at multiple other Books of Jasher and wasn't entirely impressed with the prices and authors. After researching for about 2 hours I finally found this one. For the price it was a steal and had the content I wanted. With all the various translations I wanted the one with the minimal amount of translating going on. Anyways the content is the exact same if not more then the other books. I've compared chapters and pages to another Book of Jasher and this one seems to have everything there. It's a very interesting read comparing to the Bible with the accounts that

aren't recorded in the Bible. I wouldn't use it as an actual scriptural reference book. But it does have interesting things that aren't heard of in it. The only complaint that I have is that I wish there was a hard cover copy. But other then that it was a great buy!

If you like the stories of the Old Testament, you will thoroughly enjoy this book. Many additional details are provided about favorite Bible stories from Adam & Eve through Joshua the prophet. Although this is not canonized scripture, it still gives food for thought. It is written in similar style as the King James Bible. Details are provided in answer to questions such as: When the floods came in Noah's day, why weren't the people who were shut out of the ark able to gain entrance into the ark? How was Noah able to gather the animals and how did he determine which animals to take on the ark? If Abraham's father worshipped idols, how was Abraham taught of God's ways to become such a righteous prophet? What was the final straw causing Abraham's father to seek his death? And many other questions are answered. I would highly recommend this book.

As has been noted in other reviews of this particular work, this is NOT the "Book of the Just (Jasher or Yasher)" that is referenced in the Bible. That book has been unfortunately lost for over 2500 years. This book is a known pseudo-graphical work from the year 1625 (a forgery). It was originally published in Venice where the local Rabbinical Council immediately labeled it as a forgery. No serious Bible scholar accepts this text as the "Lost Book." Keeping in mind that this is the product of 17th Century Kabbalists, it is an interesting book as it does present the state of their semi-gnostic views at the time. Some of these views do go back further into the Medieval era and in some cases reach as far back as Intertestimonal times (before the New Testament and AFTER the Old Testament). The discourse on the "Fallen Angels" parallels that given in the much older pseudo-graphical book of "Enoch" which was cited by St. Peter and Jude in the New Testament. I suppose that if the apostles quoted a pseudo-graphical work, they can't all be bad. The fact that the modern re-publishers of this work make so many unsubstantiated claims for it is disconcerting. The book can stand on its own as a Kabbalist work from the Renaissance era. Call it what it is and enjoy the ride!

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