But well before Daniel, apocalyptic passages appeared in Jewish literature. With the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 came also the discovery of the oldest Jewish apocalypse, written in ancient Aramaic, and well-known in both ancient Judaism and early Christianity: a collection of books known as 1 Enoch. CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION Few books of the Bible have captured the imagination of believers and nonbelievers alike as well as the apocalyptic ones. Their visions of other worlds and eschatological judgments have inspired countless interpretations and predictions of the end of history for over two millennia. The prophet became the seer that continued to warn Israelites of divine consequences for their actions.