



# Isaiah 40



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upon it;

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# Isaiah 40



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upon it; Surely the people are like grass.  
8 The grass withers, the flower fades, **But  
the word of our God stands forever.**

# Matthew 24



35 "Heaven and earth will pass away,...

# Matthew 24



35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but

...

# Matthew 24



35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but  
My words will not pass away.



# 1 Peter 1



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LORD **ENDURES** FOREVER."

And this is the word which was preached to you.



# *Welcome*

from the KIRKLAND CHURCH FAMILY

*Seeking to restore and revive the New Testament church*

**2023**

**9/18/22**

STEPPING UP SPIRITUALLY.  
STEPPING IN RELATIONALLY.  
STEPPING OUT EVANGELISTICALLY.

# Restoration & Revival

2023 THEME

"..Ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is,  
and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."  
- Jeremiah 6:16

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"  
- Psalms 85:6



Striving to **RESTORE** authentic  
NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY  
to **REVIVE** personal **JOY, ZEAL** and **SPIRITUALITY!**

Sunday March 19

10:30 a.m.

Brent Hunter



The Greatest Archaeology  
Discovery of all Time!

The  
Dead Sea  
SCROLLS

# THESIS:



- THE DISCOVERY
- THE SITE
- THE CONTENTS
- THE SIGNIFICANCE

The  
Dead Sea  
SCROLLS



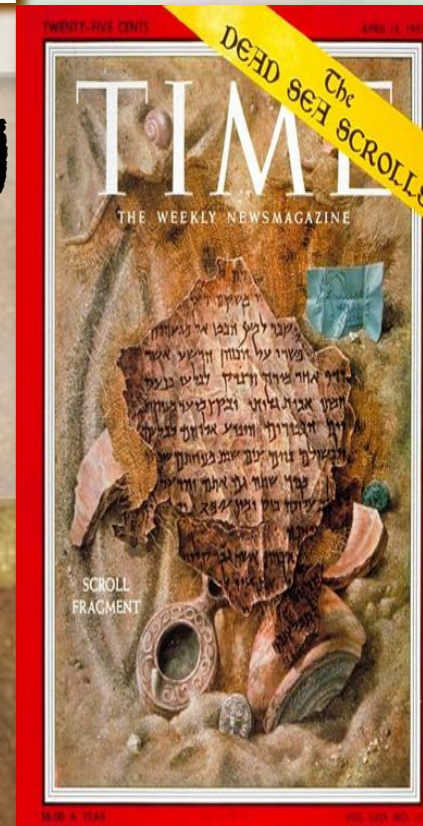
# Discovery Of



## The Dead Sea SCROLLS

“the greatest manuscript discovery  
of all time”

William Albright, Dean Of American Archeologists



# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

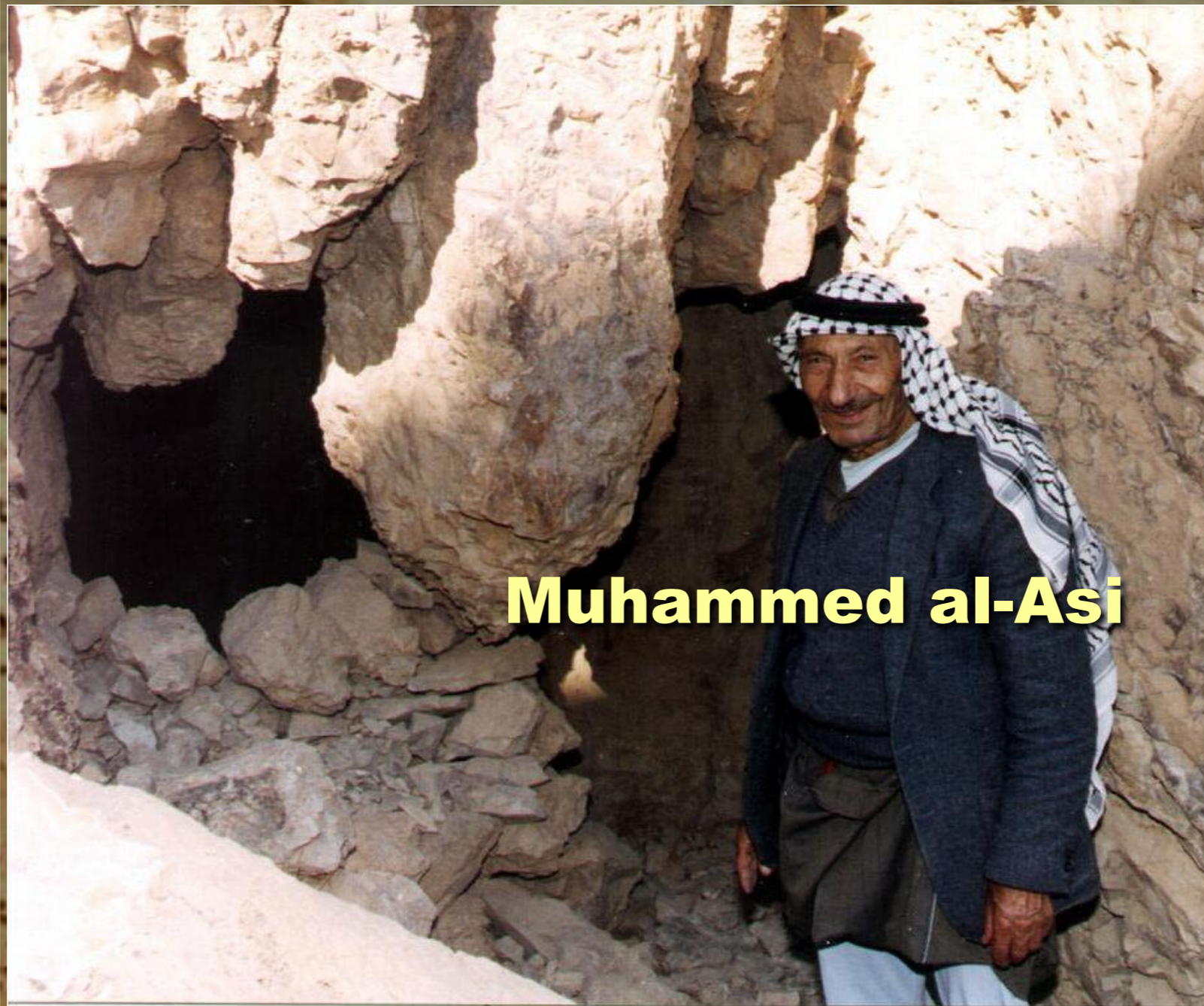
**Muhammad edh-Dhib**



**Juma'a Abu-Hashaba**

**Bedouin Shepherds - 1947**  
**Tending Goats**

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Muhammed al-Asi**

**Cave 1**

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



Threw a rock to find lost goat  
Heard the sound of breaking pottery

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Found scroll jars with scrolls**

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Saw 37 scroll jars**

**Removed 7**

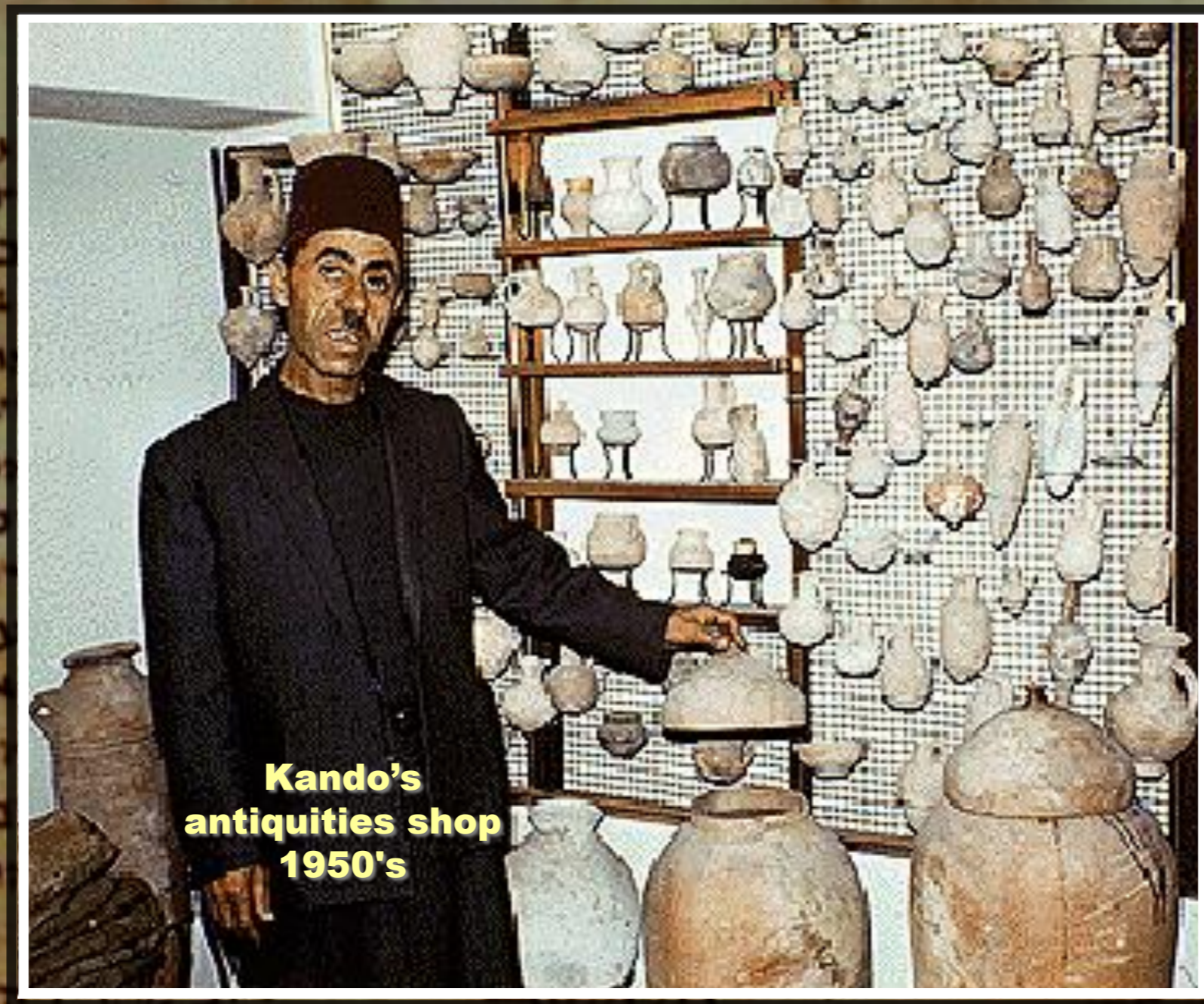
# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Kept scrolls in their tents for 2 years**

**Decided to sell**

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Kando's  
antiquities shop  
1950's**

**Sold to Khalil Eskander Kando**

**Bethlehem cobbler and antiquities dealer**

**of the Syrian Orthodox Church**



# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

**Eleazar  
Sukenik**

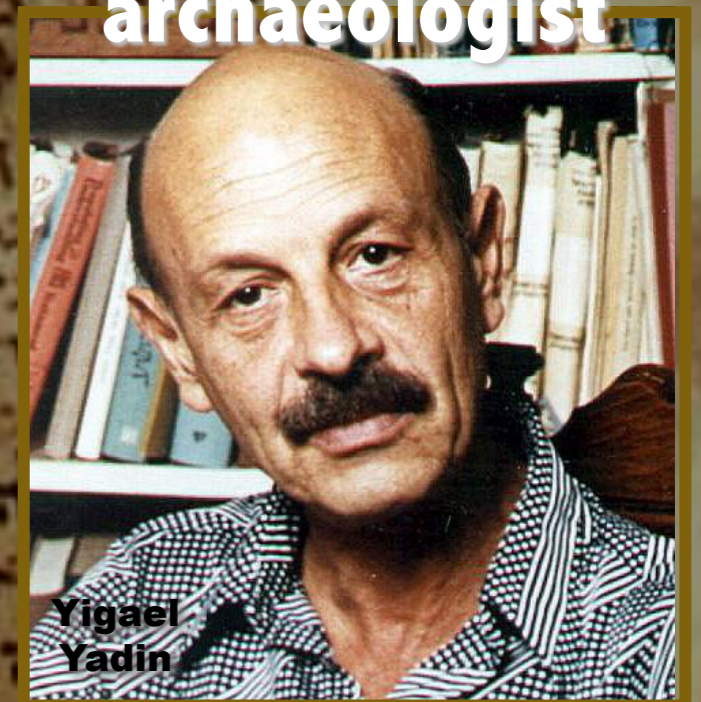
Hebrew University  
professor

**Purchased 3  
scrolls**

**(November 29, 1947)**



**Father of Israeli  
archaeologist**



**Yigael Yadin**

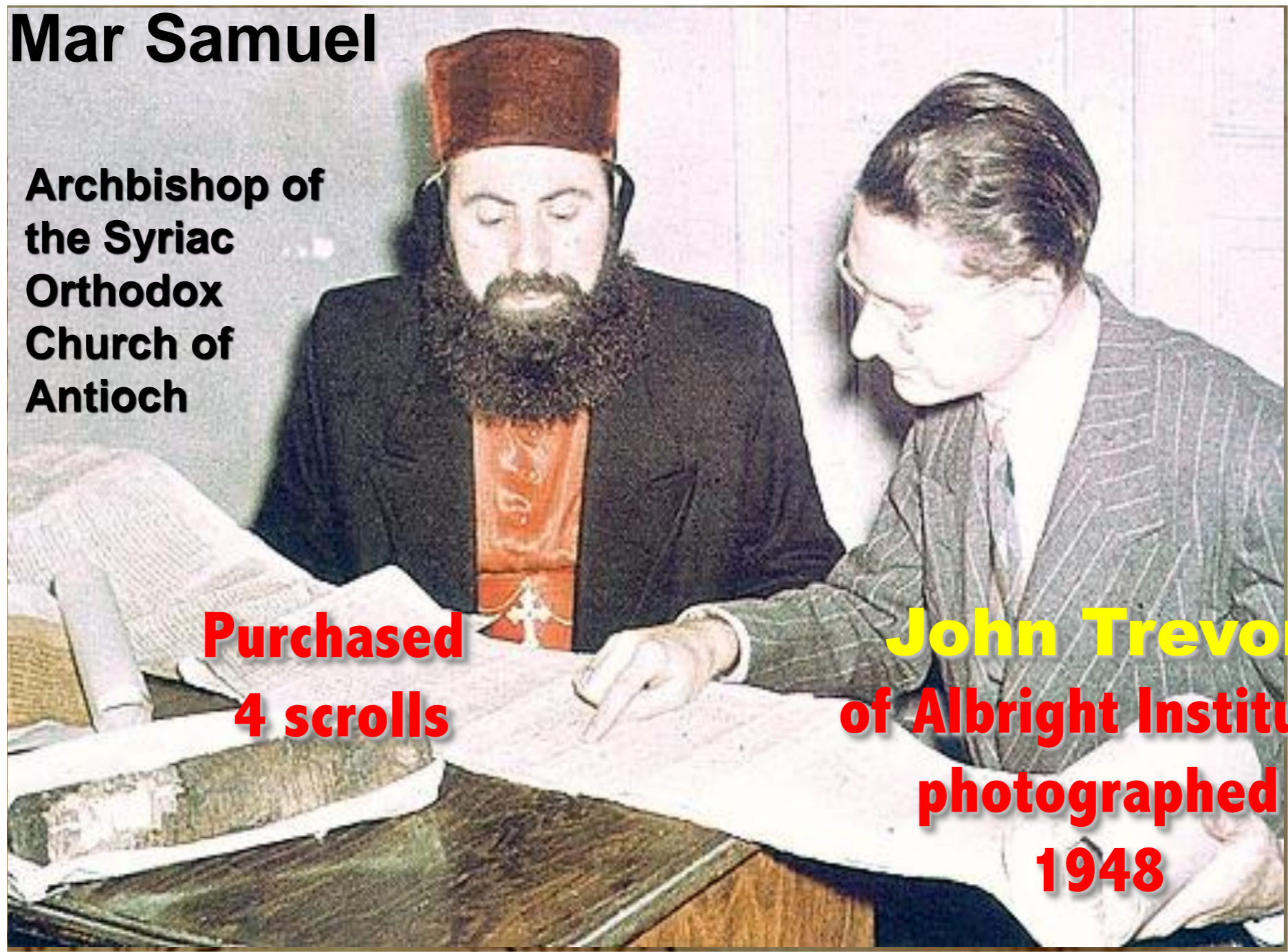
# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

**Mar Samuel**

**Archbishop of  
the Syriac  
Orthodox  
Church of  
Antioch**

**Purchased  
4 scrolls**

**John Trevor  
of Albright Institute  
photographed  
1948**



ויכלו בשנה וזו  
אלהים כיום השב  
וישבת בית השן

היום תרשא הדין דשא  
עין פרי עשה פר למ  
הארץ דשאר הארץ ויהי כן  
ועשית עשבת מוריע זרע ל

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

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<p>with Gross</p>	<p>10,000-18,000 gal. STEEL TANKS,</p>	

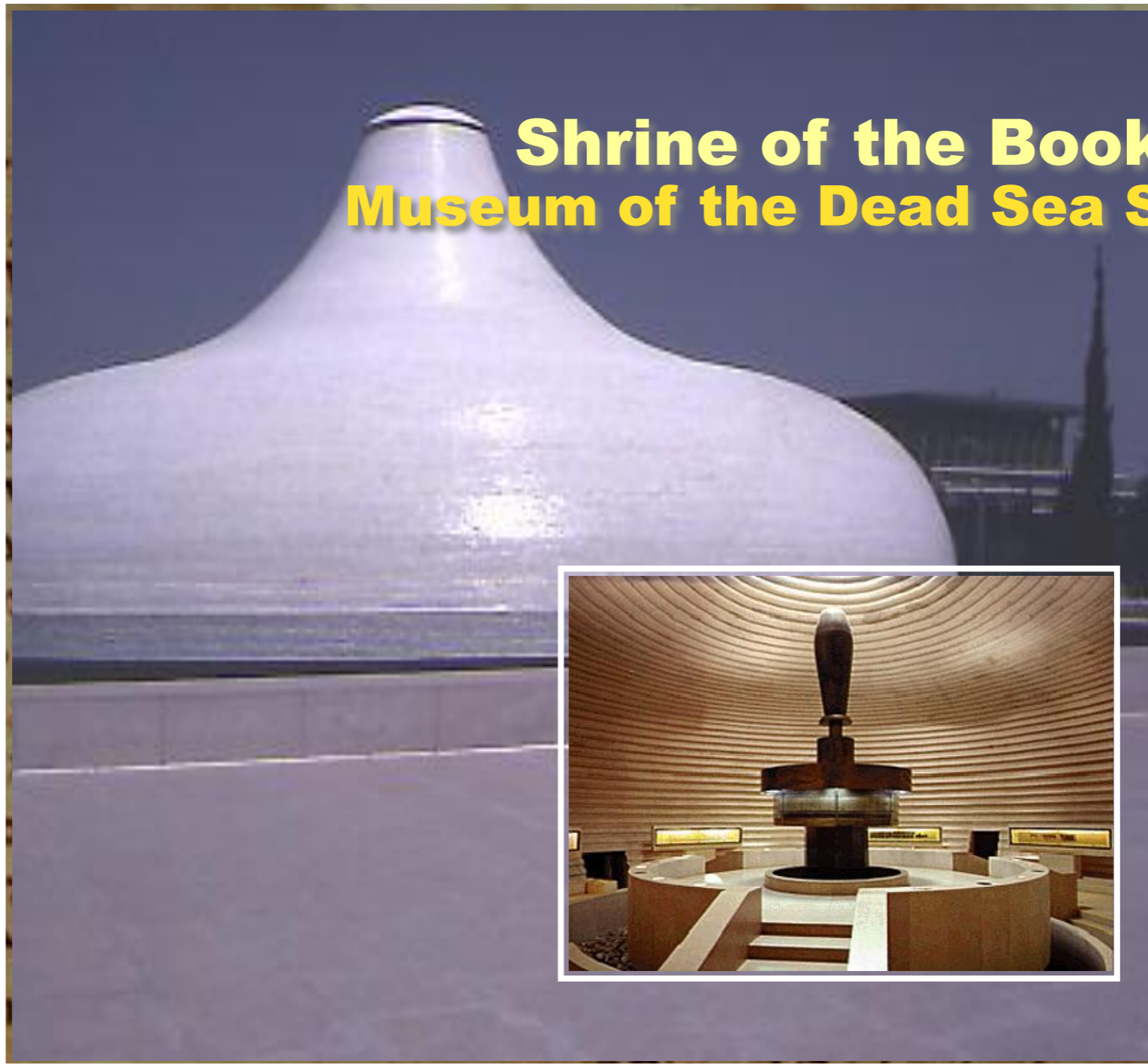
**In 1954 Metropolitan Samuel offered his scrolls for sale.**

**Yigael Yadin saw the ad**

**Purchased scrolls for Israel For \$250,000**

# Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Shrine of the Book Museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**100's more found**  
**Exhibited in Jerusalem**

*Site Of*



The  
Dead Sea  
SCROLLS

# The Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Locating the Dead Sea Caves and Community



# The Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Locating the Dead Sea Caves and Community



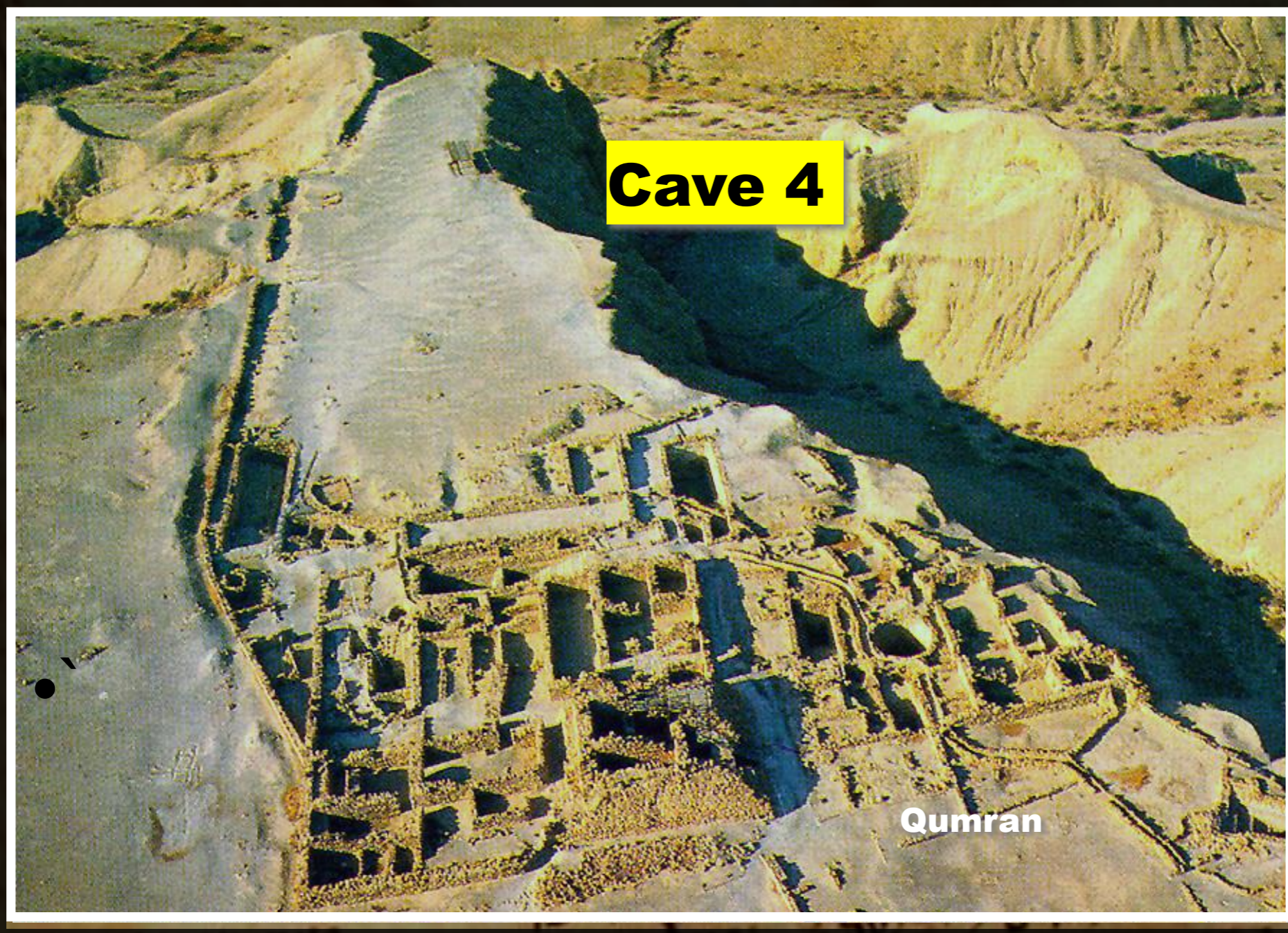
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Locating the Dead Sea Caves and Community





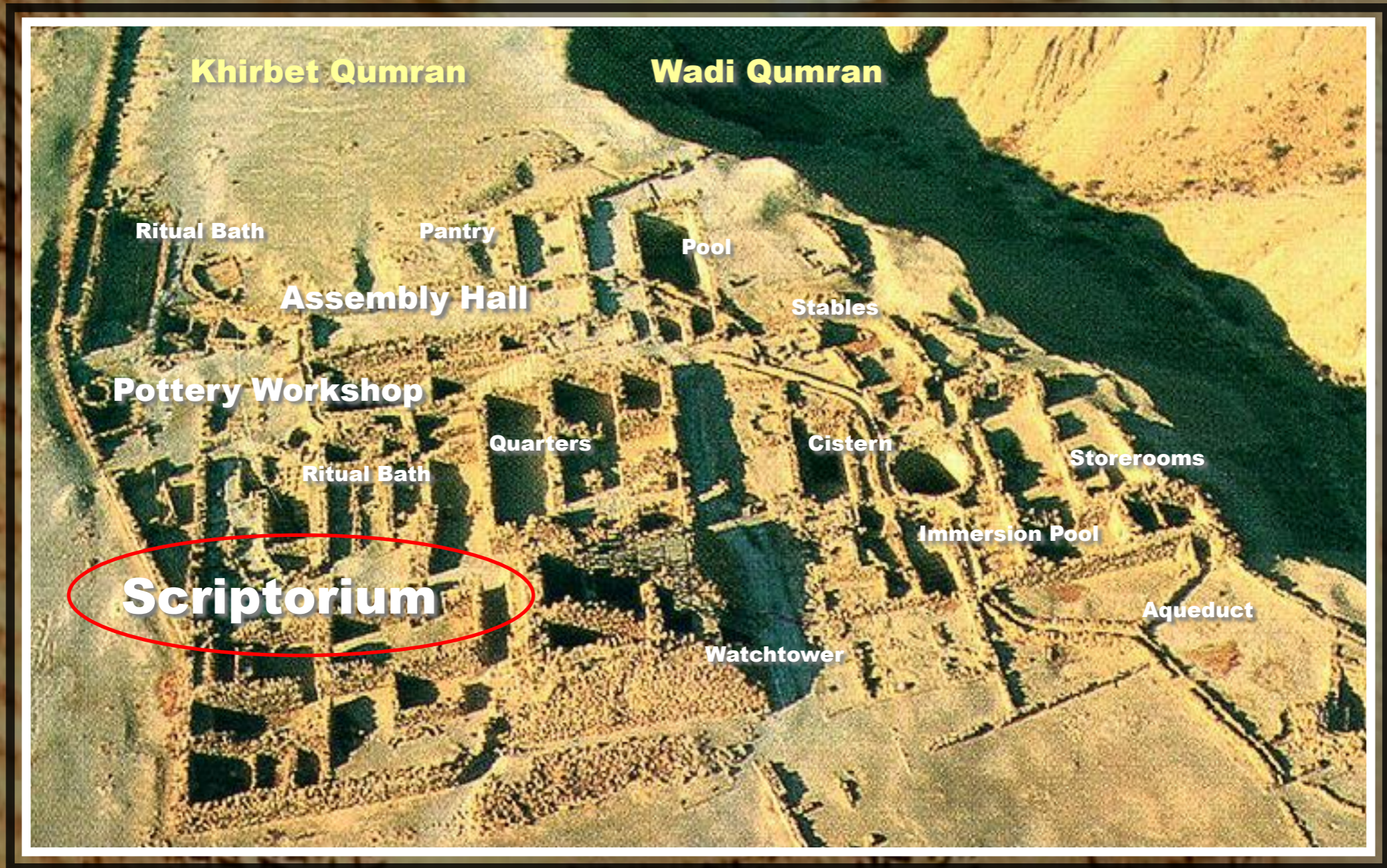
# Locating the Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Scrolls were discovered in Cave 4 in 1952.**

**Site was excavated from 1951-1956.**

# The Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls

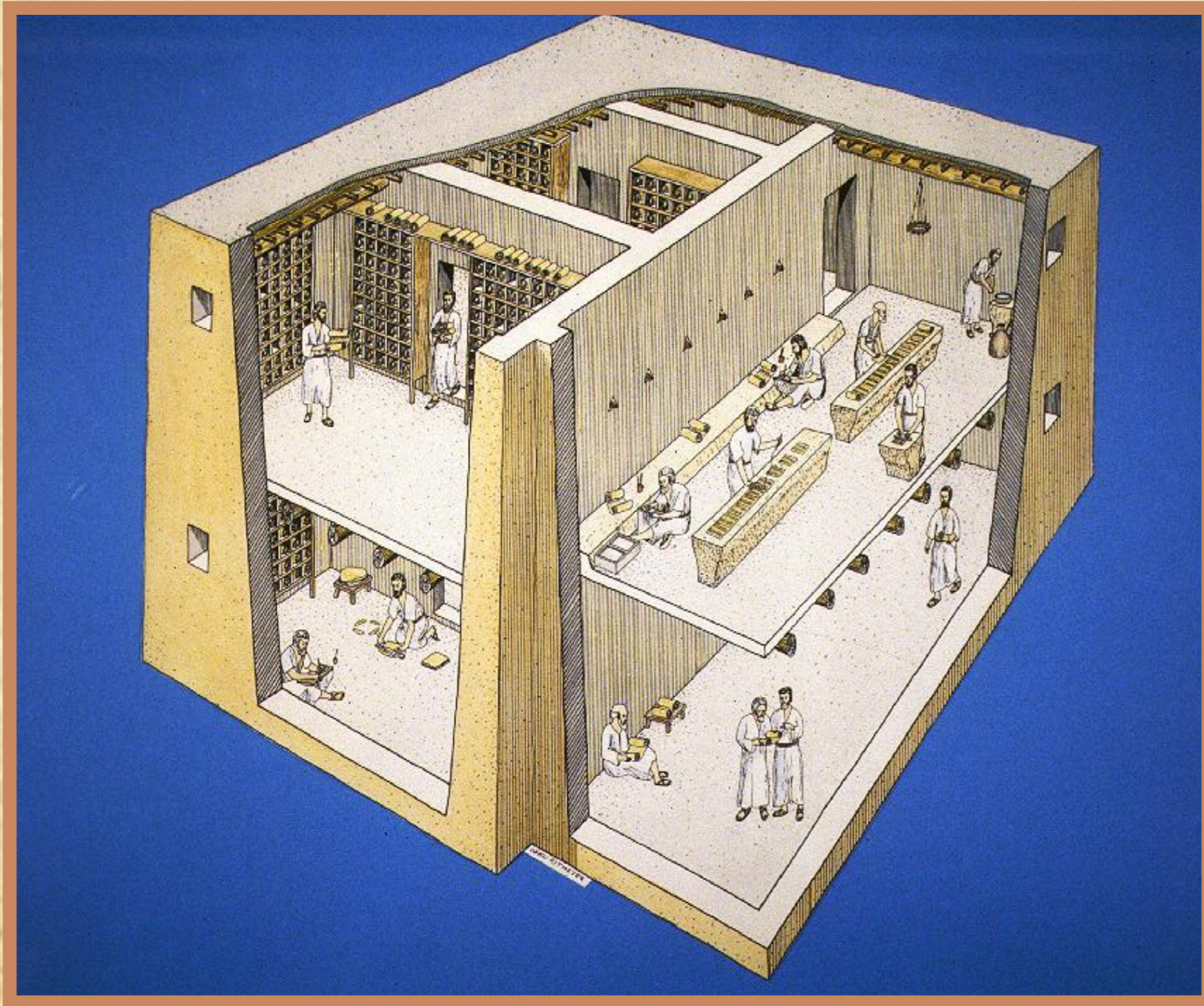


**Excavation revealed a complex of buildings**

**Reconstruction indicates community of 200**

**Jewish sect (Essenes) produced and preserved the scrolls.**

# The Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Ink Well**



**Two-storied Scriptorium where scrolls were copied and stored**

# The Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Scribes used benches for writing the scrolls, or for sewing together the leaves of parchment**

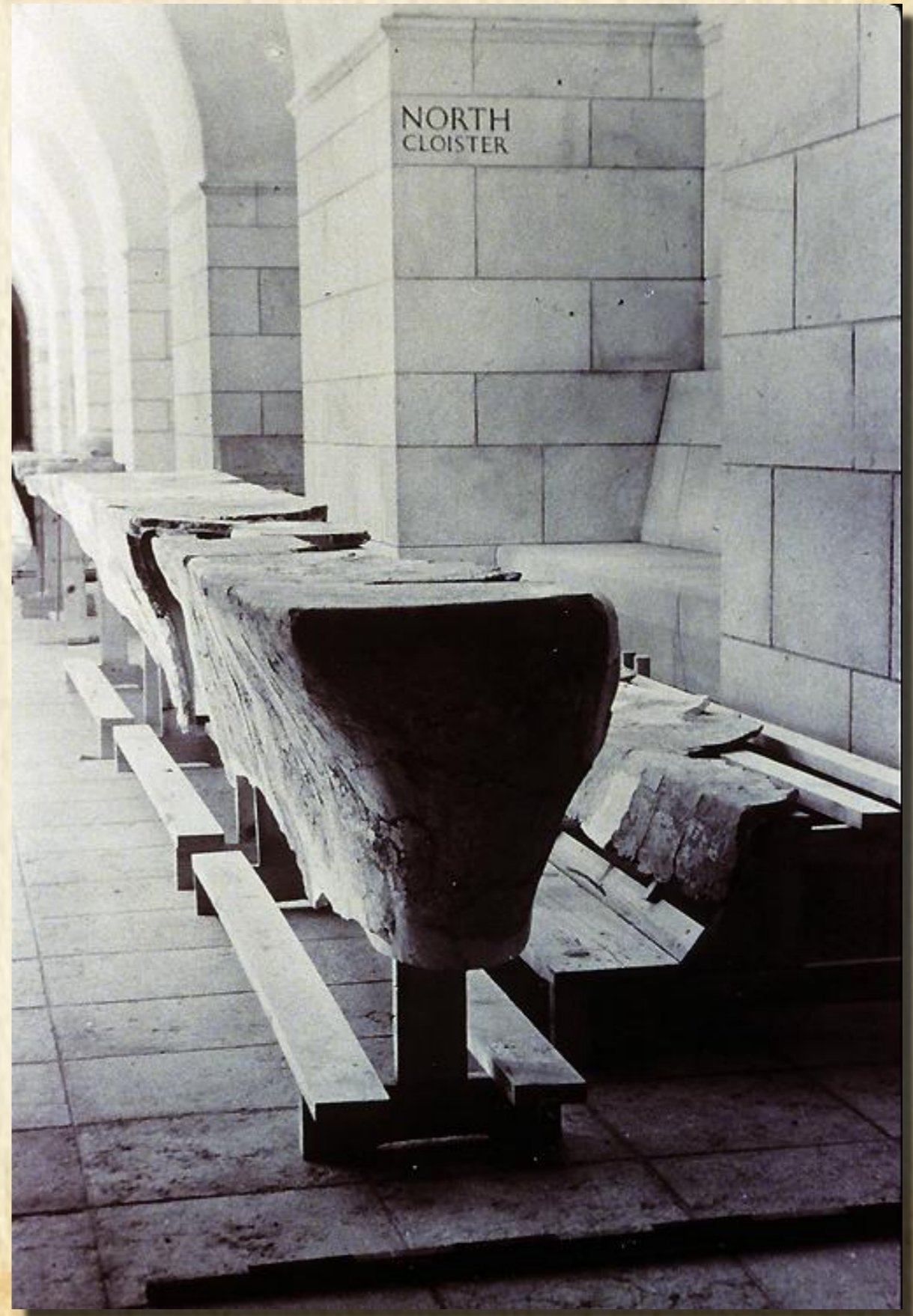
# **The Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls**



**Clay benches found in the collapsed upper story of the Scriptorium**

# The Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls

On display at the  
Rockefeller Museum



# Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls

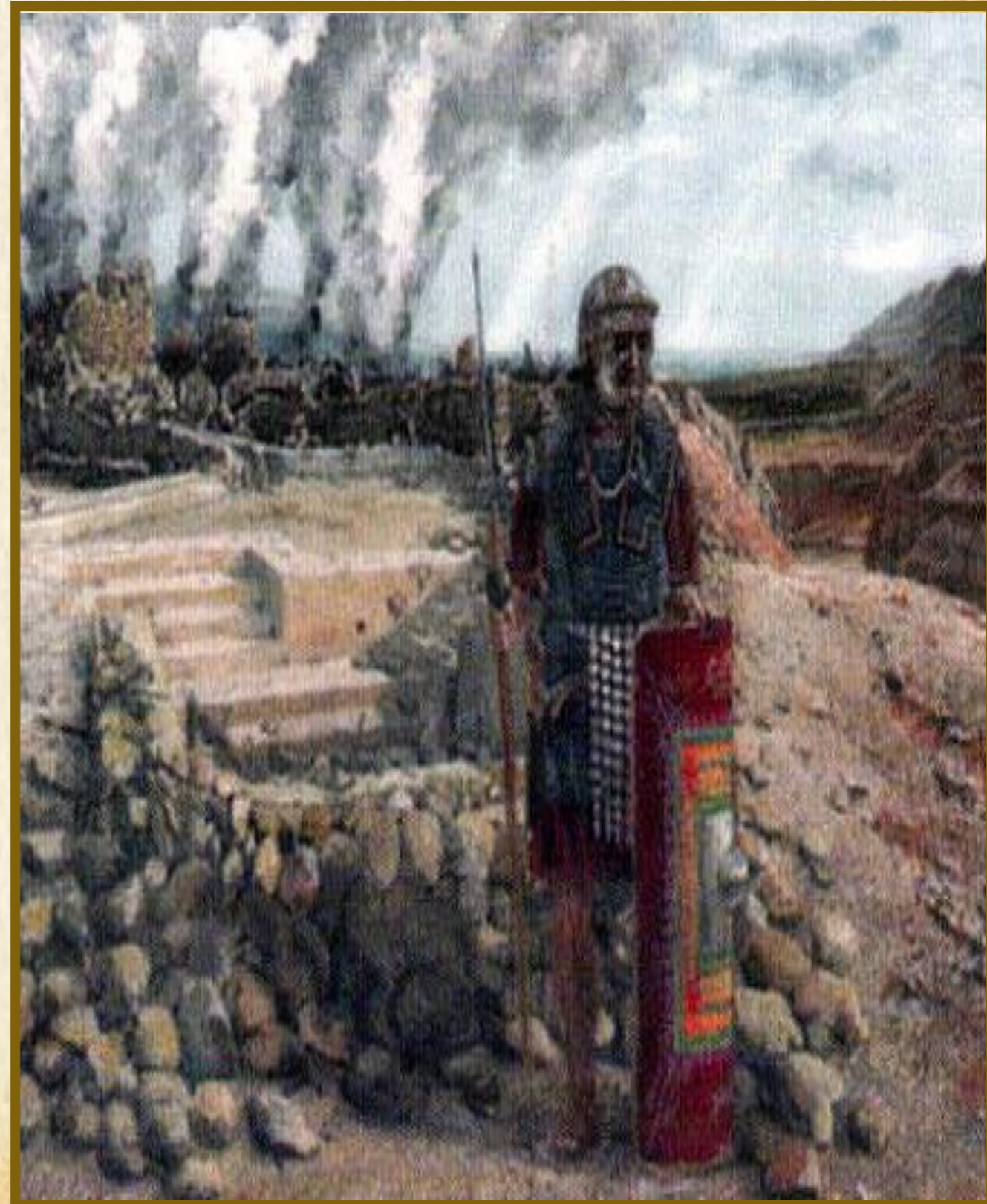
- ❖ AD 66  
Jews **revolted**  
against Rome
- ❖ Sect **hid Scrolls**  
in jars in caves



**Scroll jars**

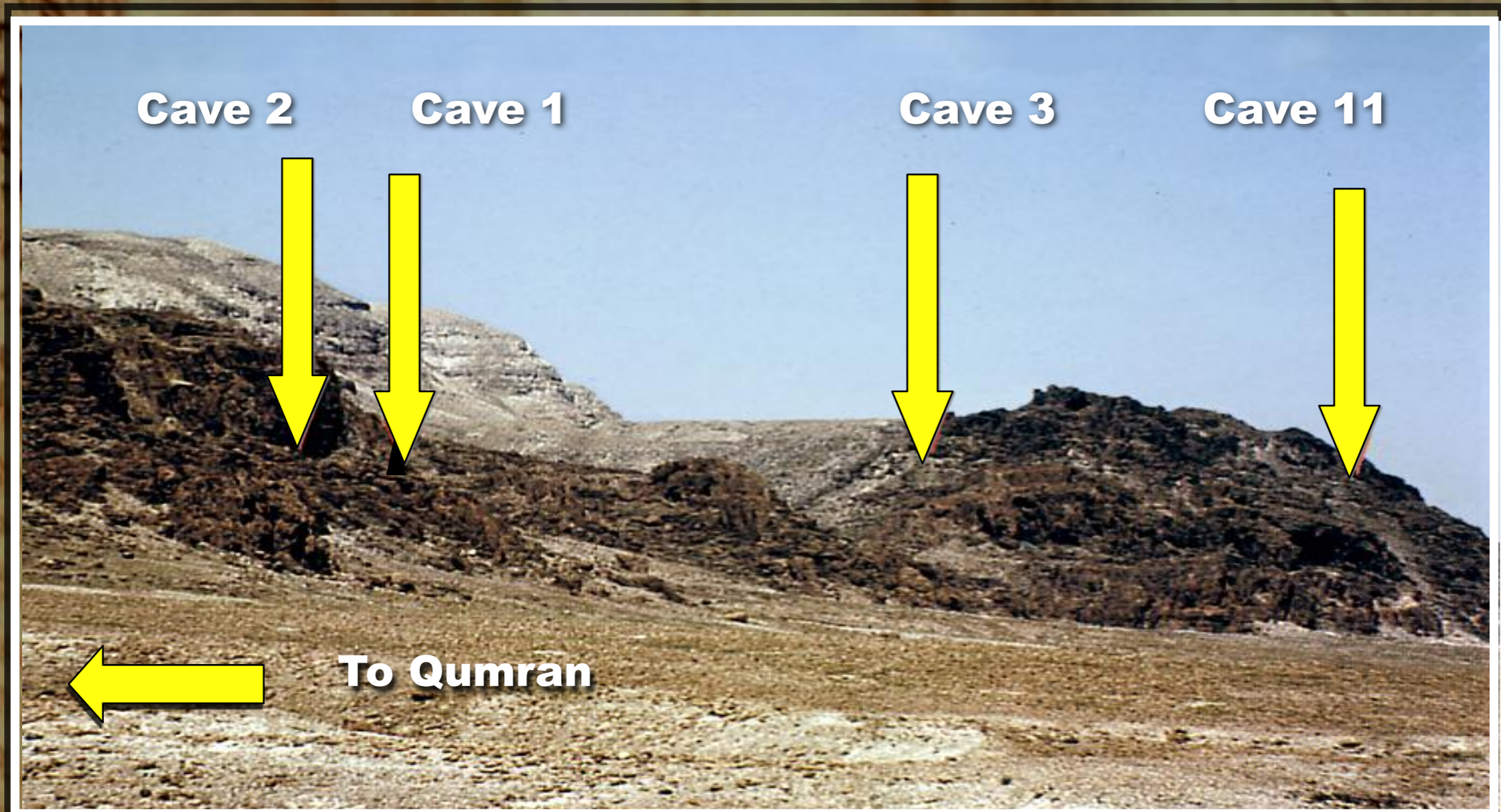
# Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls

- ❖ AD 68  
Roman Tenth  
Legion  
destroyed  
settlement





# Locating the Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls

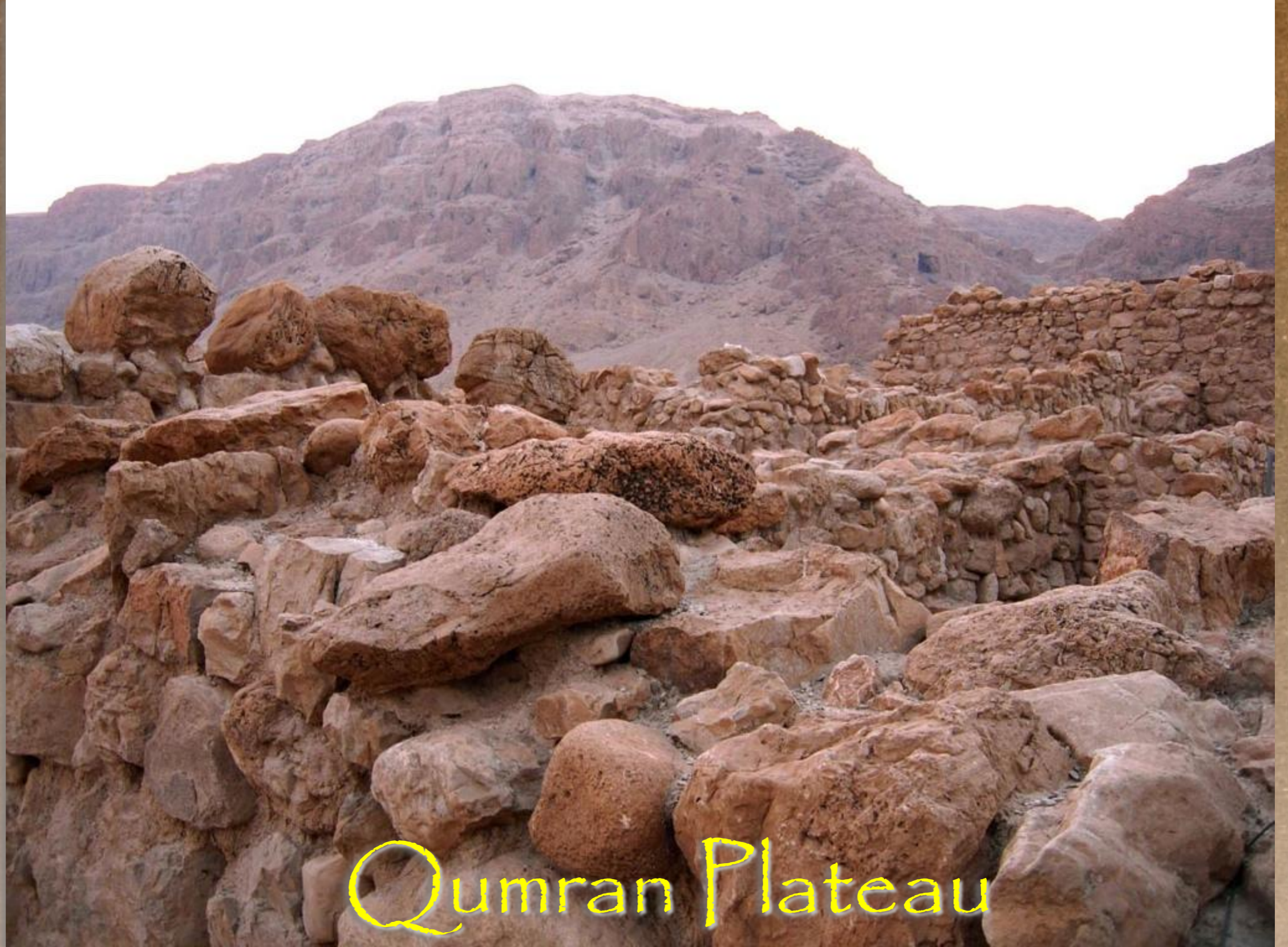


Handwritten Hebrew text from the Dead Sea Scrolls, including phrases like "ויקרא אל הים ליבשה" and "הים הירוק".



**In Cave 4, Bedouin found 15,000 scroll fragments  
Archaeologists found another 40,000 beneath cave floor.**

**Fragments were from 400 manuscripts  
(100 were biblical texts)**



Qumran Plateau



Mt. Nebo



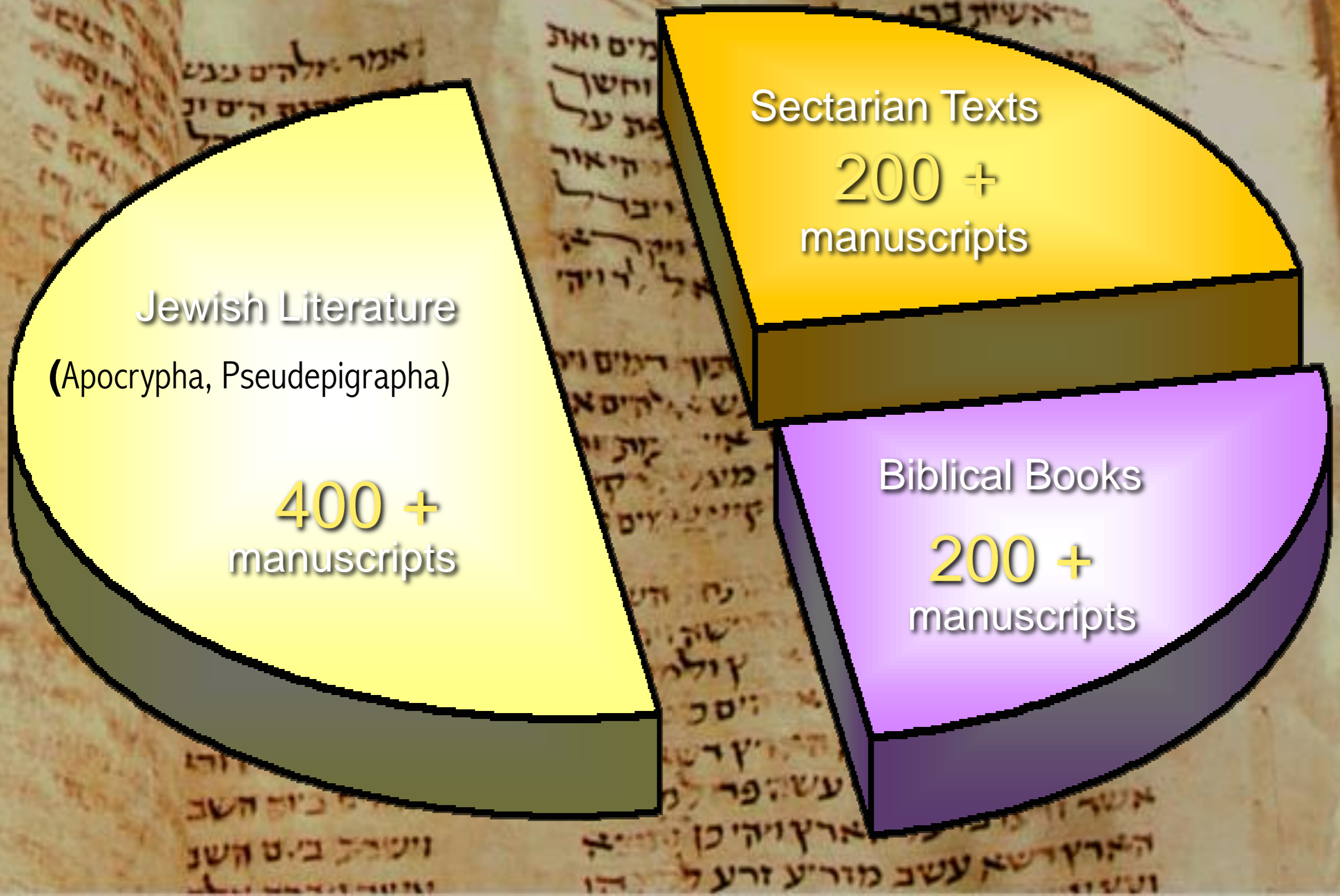
Qumran Plateau

# *Contents Of*



# The Dead Sea SCROLLS

# Classifying the Dead Sea Scrolls



# Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts

Canonical Books	Old Testament Book	Number of Fragments
<b>Torah</b>	Genesis	24
	Exodus	18
	Leviticus	18
	Numbers	11
	Deuteronomy	33

# Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts

Canonical Books	Old Testament Book	Number of Fragments
<b>Prophets</b>	Joshua	2
	Judges	3
	1-2 Samuel	4
	1-2 Kings	3
	Isaiah	22
	Jeremiah	6
	Ezekiel	6
	12 Minor Prophets	10



# Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts

Canonical Books	Old Testament Book	Number of Fragments
<b>Writings</b>	Psalms	39
	Proverbs	2
	Job	6
	Song of Songs	4
	Lamentations	4
	Ecclesiastes	2

# Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts

Canonical Books	Old Testament Book	Number of Fragments
<b>Writings</b>	Ruth	4
	Daniel	8
	Ezra-Nehemiah	1
	1-2 Chronicles	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>223</b>
No <a href="#">Book of Esther</a> fragments, but references to it exist in other scrolls		

# Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts



**Psalms Scroll (1Q10-12)**

**Samuel Scroll (1Q7)**

**Whole or fragmentary copies of every book  
of the Old Testament  
(Except Esther)**

# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts



Paleo-Exodus (4Q22) fragment 2



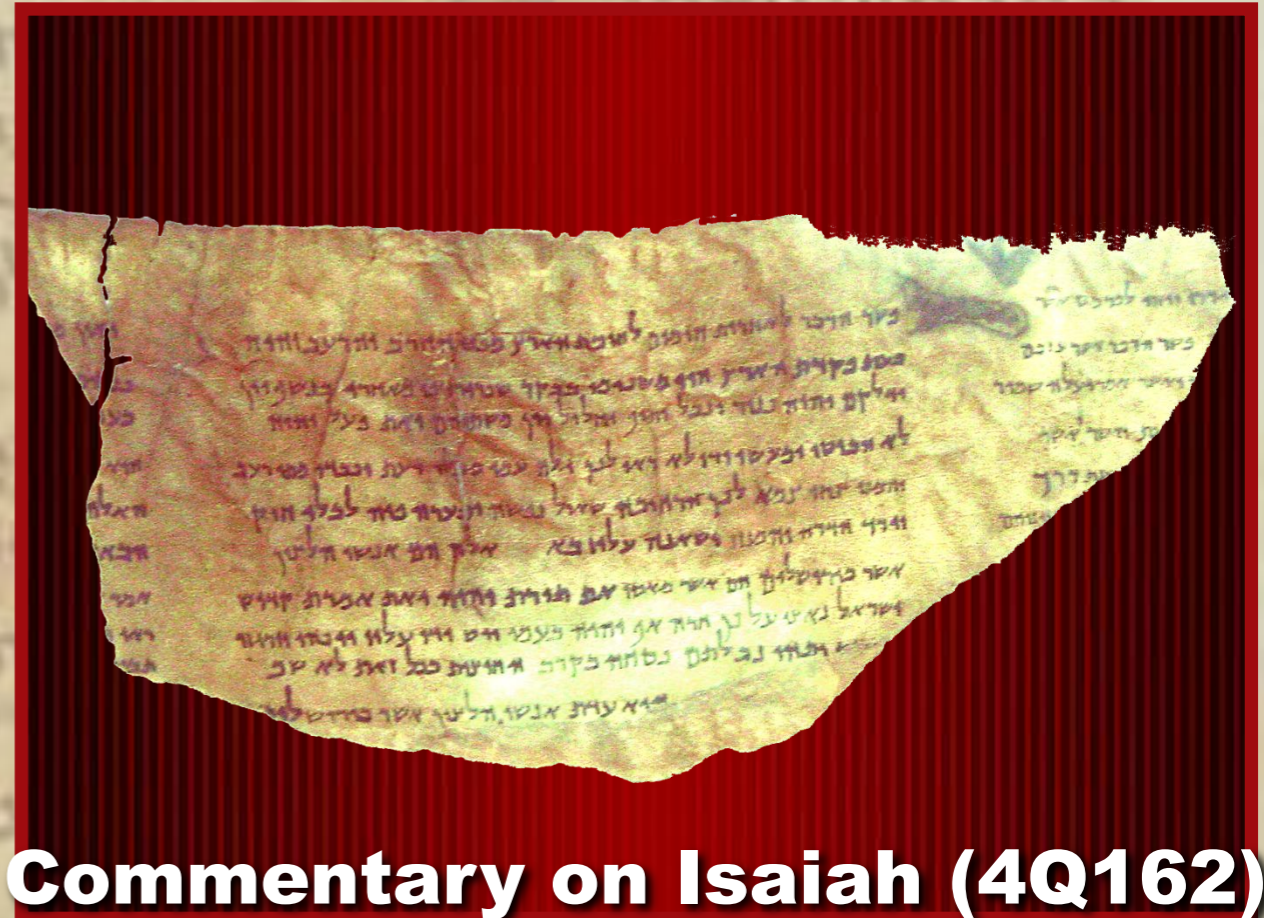
Paleo-Leviticus (11Q1-2)

## 12 Biblical Scrolls In Paleo-Hebrew (*pre-exilic script*)

Oldest - Genesis (4Q12)  
Copied 300 B.C.

# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Interpretive Commentaries

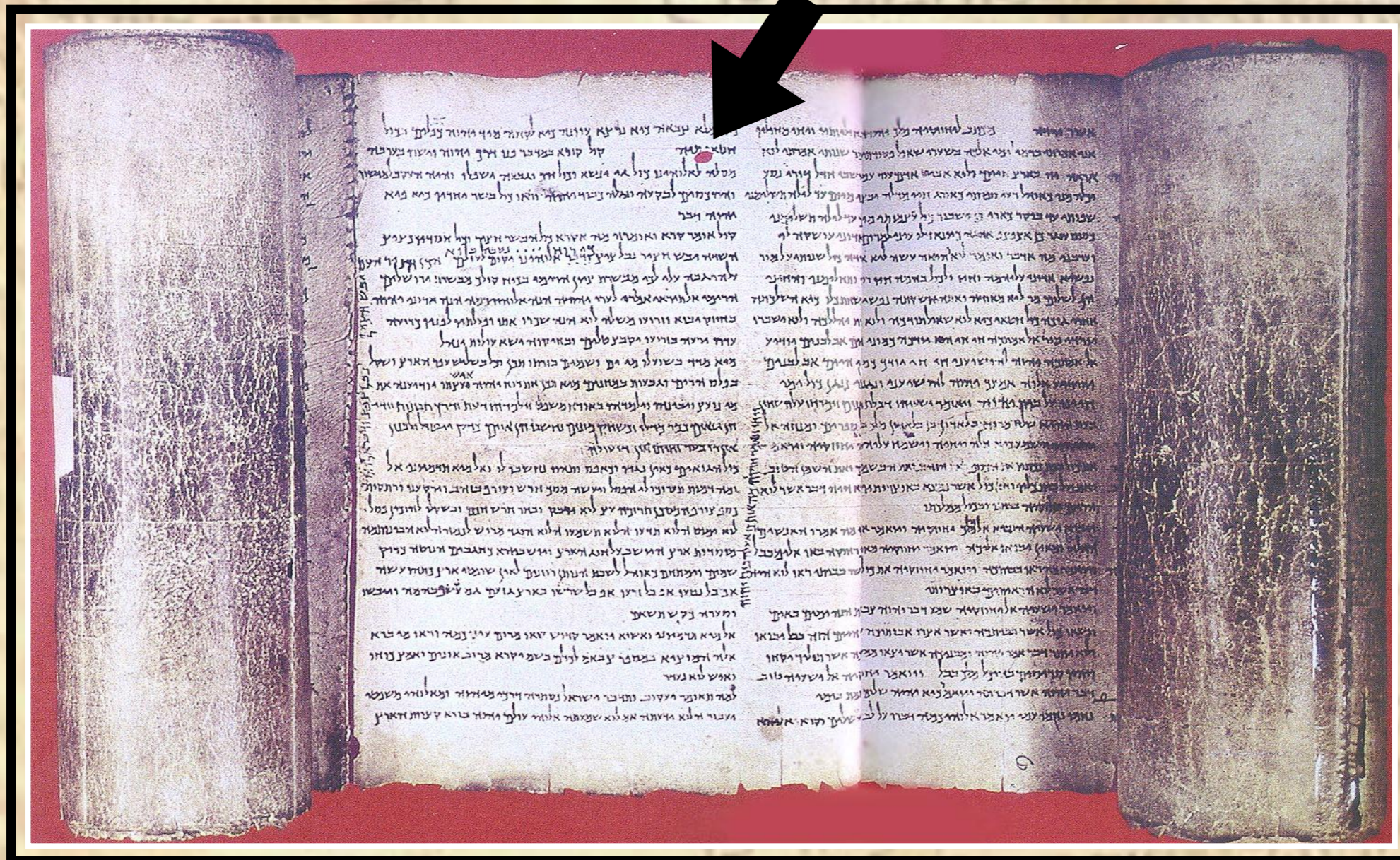


### Commentary on Habakkuk (1QpHab)

**View Prophecies Predicting Messiah  
As Did New Testament Writers  
“Pierced”  
“Resurrected”**

# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## The Biblical Manuscripts



1QIsa<sup>a</sup>

Great Isaiah Scroll in Paleo-Hebrew from Cave 1

**One Complete Intact Scroll**

(Symbols mark Messianic passages)

# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Earliest New Testament Text



Exodus

Jeremiah

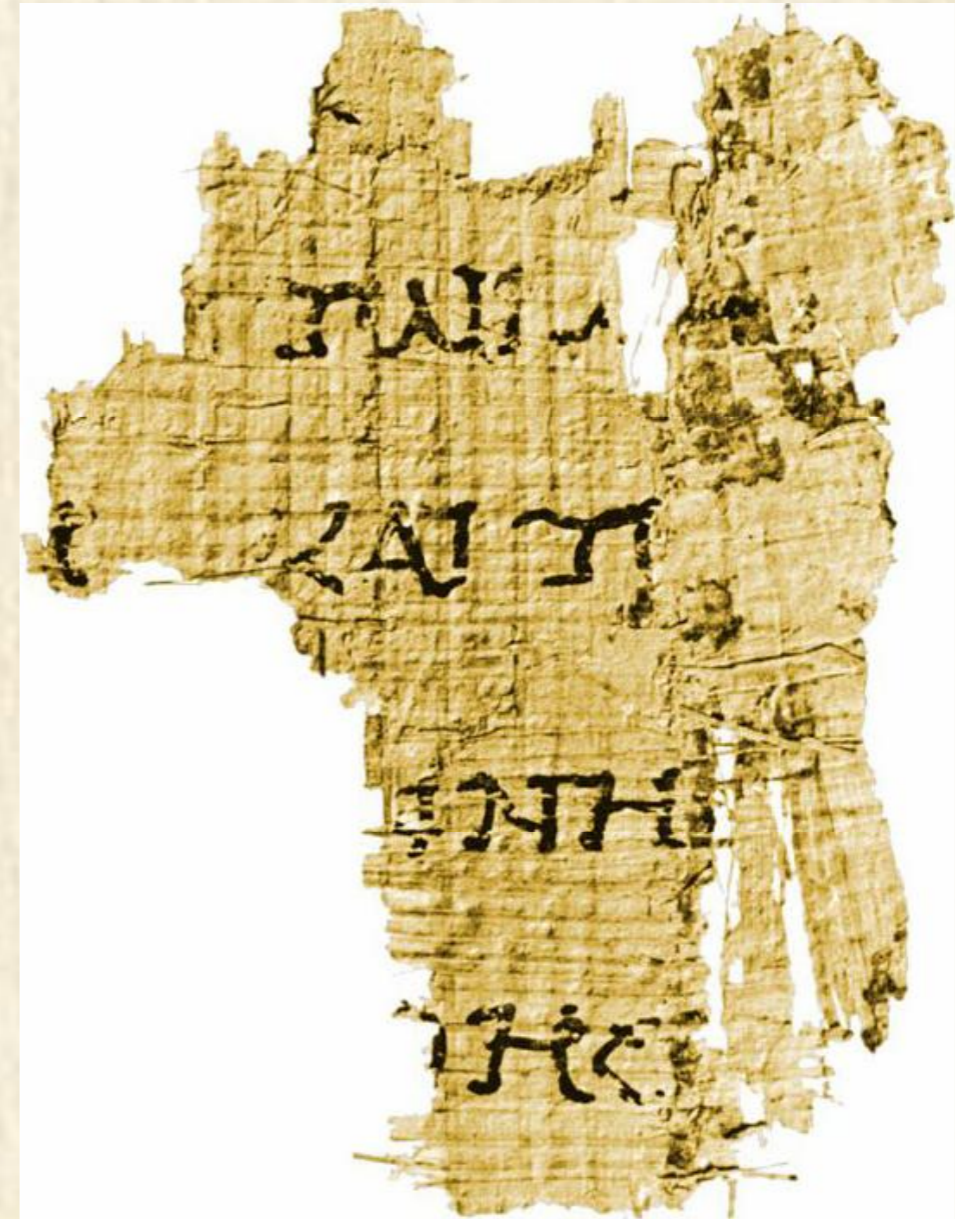


Cave 7's roof and sides have eroded away.

Greek fragments (7Q3-18)

# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Earliest New Testament Text



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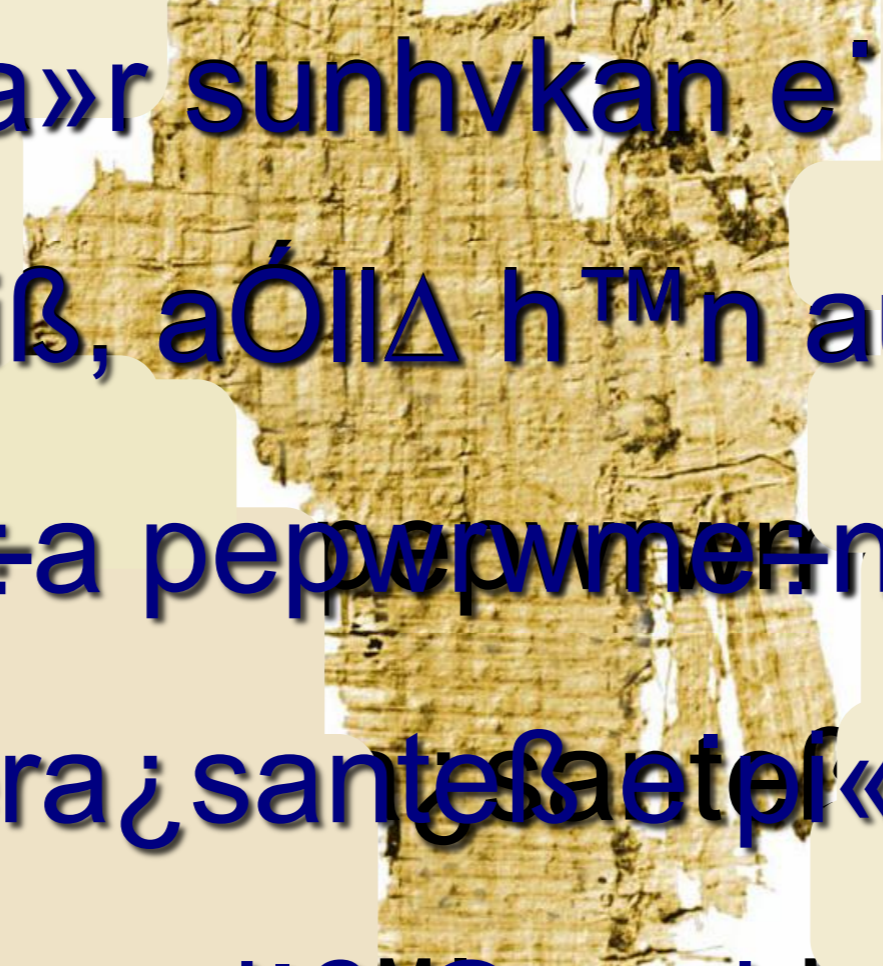
(7Q5)



# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Mark 6:52-53

### Earliest New Testament Text



ouj ga»r sunhvkan e'pi« toi√ß  
a†rtoiß, aÓllΔ h™n aujtw◇n hJ  
kardi÷a pepwmenh. Kai«  
diapera¿santeß etef« th\n ghvn  
h™lqon ei'ß Gennhsare«t kai«  
prouhsare«t saik.

# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

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# The Contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Earliest New Testament Text

Spanish papyrologist [Jose O'Callaghan](#)

7Q6A-Mk.4:28  
7Q15-Mark 6:48  
7Q5-Mk.6:52, 53  
7Q7-Mk.12:17  
7Q6B-A.27:38  
7Q9-Rom 5:11-12  
7Q4-1 Tim.3:16, 4:1-3  
7Q10-2Pet.1:15  
7Q8-Js.1:23, 24

Exodus

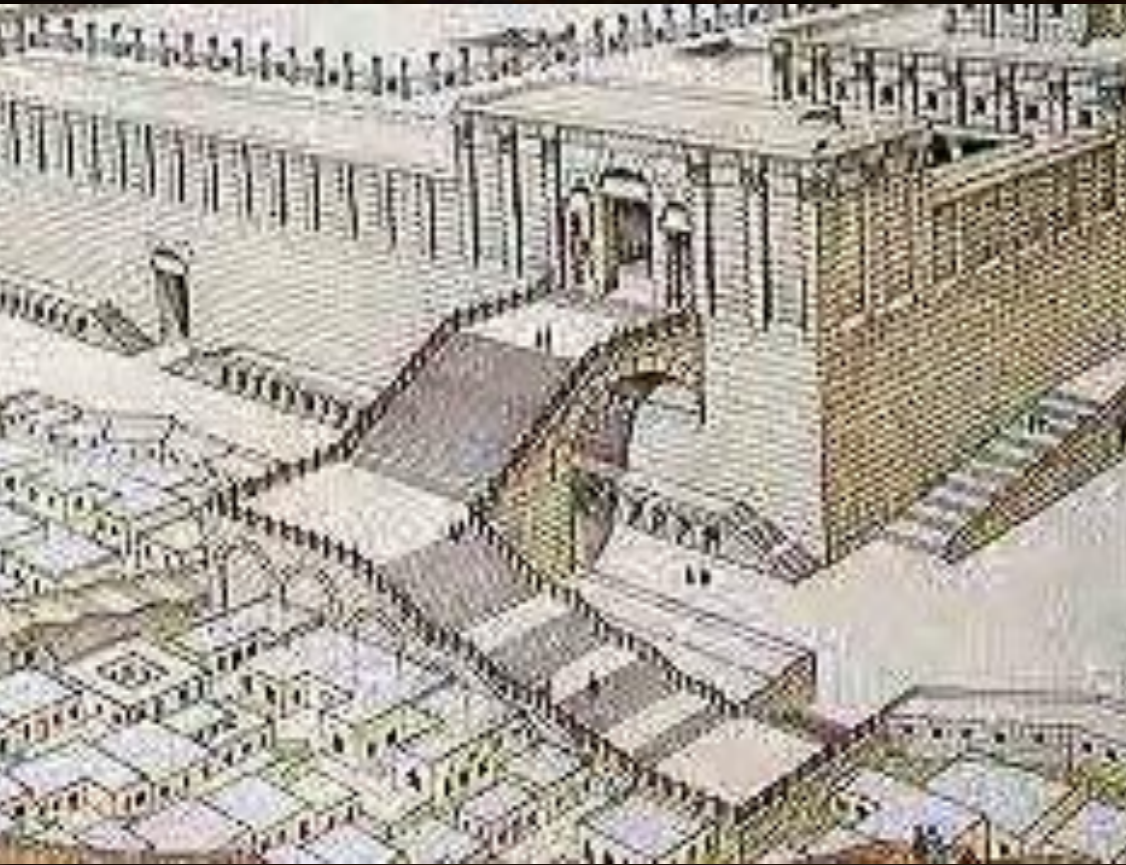
Jeremiah



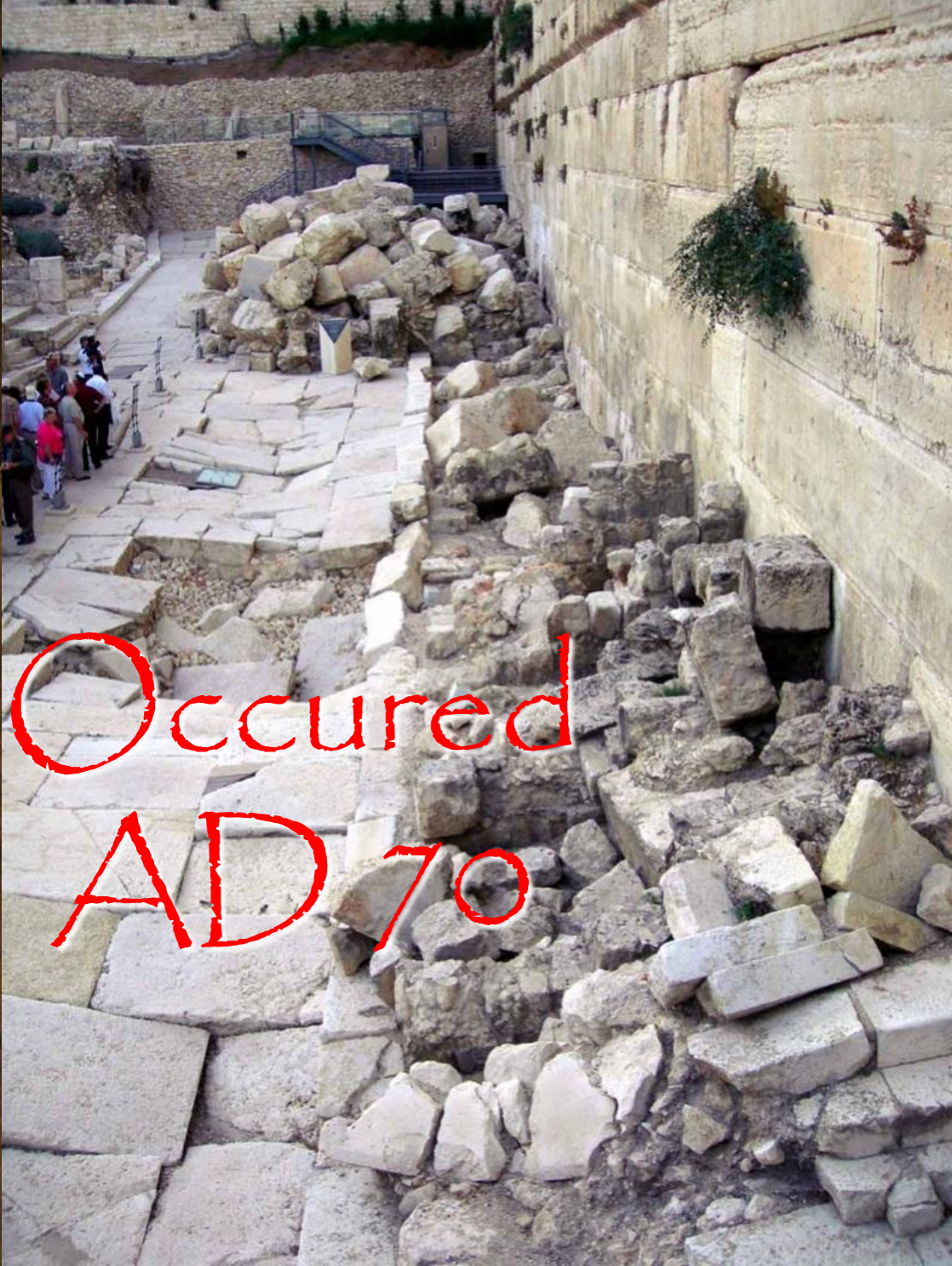
**Before 68 AD**

Style (papyrology) indicates 50 AD

# Mark 13



2 And Jesus said to him,  
“Do you **see** these  
**great buildings?**”



Occurred  
AD 70

# Mark 13

(Written AD 50)

2 And Jesus said to him,  
“Do you see these  
great buildings?

Not one stone will be left upon another which  
will not be torn down.”

# *Significance Of*



The  
Dead Sea  
SCROLLS

# Significance



- ❖ They reveal a sect whose approach to Scripture and view of prophecy were similar to the early church.
- ❖ Destroys idea that beliefs of New Testament were developed over hundreds of years.

# Significance



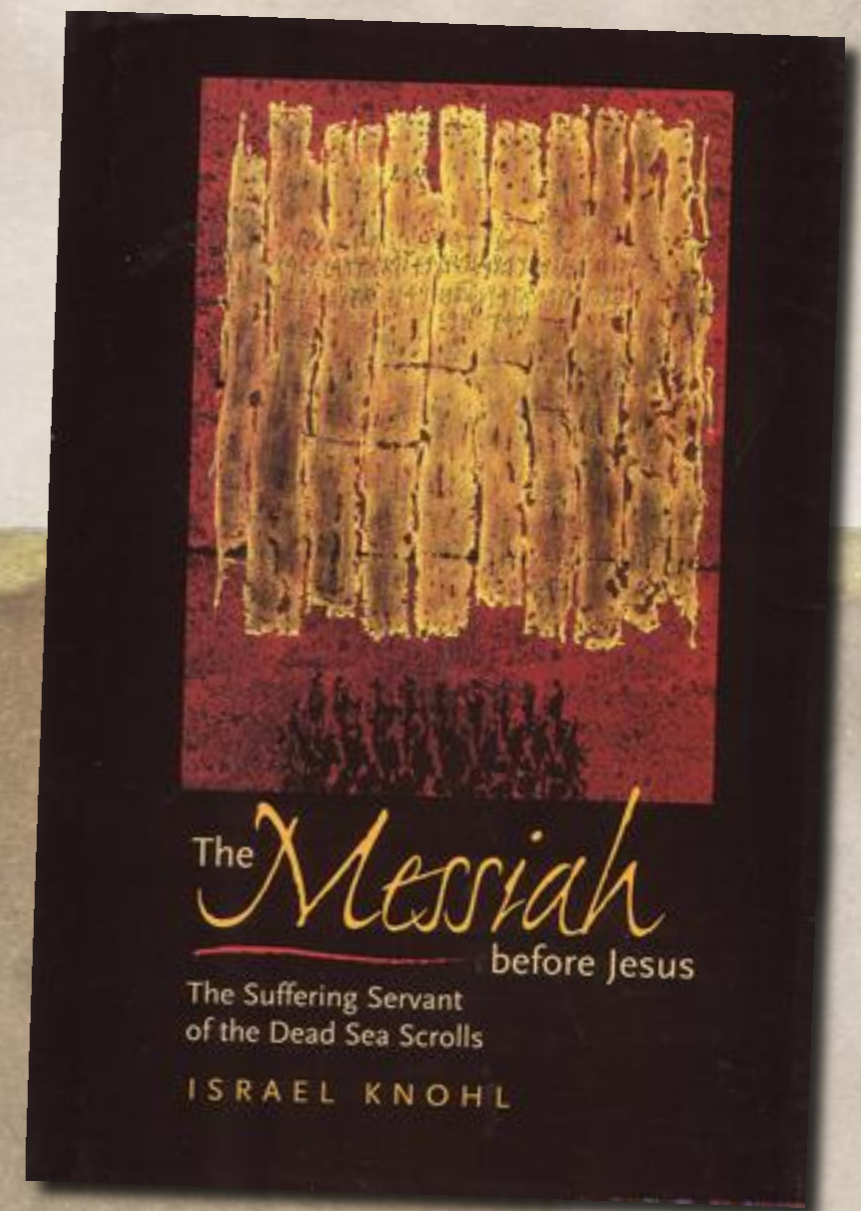
- ❖ Like John the Baptist, believed they were in desert as forerunners for the Messiah and arrival was imminent.



# Significance

❖ Like Jesus and Apostles, believed they were living in last days, that Scriptures predicted the coming Messiah:

- ❖ *Suffering, Executed, Resurrected*
- ❖ *Judge at end of time, on throne of God*



# Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



## Accuracy of Textual Transmission

*We have given practical proof of  
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—Flavius Josephus (Contra Apion, Book I, sec., 8, p. 158)

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## Accuracy of Textual Transmission

*We have given practical proof of our reverence for our own Scriptures. For although such long ages have now passed, no one has ventured either to add, or to remove, or to alter a syllable; and it is an instinct with every Jew, from the day of his birth, to regard them as the decrees of God, to abide by them, and, if need be, cheerfully to die for them.*

—Flavius Josephus (Contra Apion, Book I, sec., 8, p. 158)

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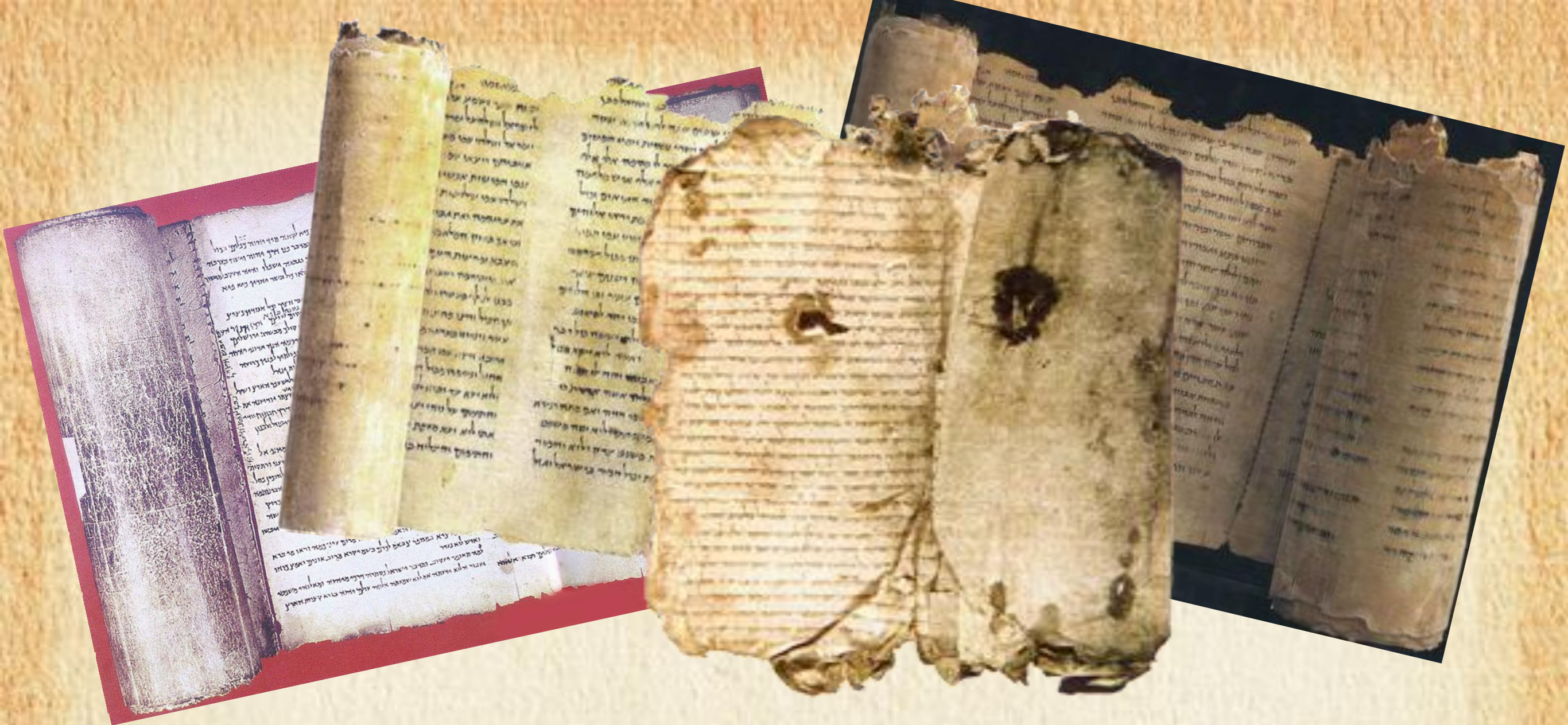


**Copying methodology  
reveals extreme care and  
great reverence.**

חָבַר אֲשֶׁהִי סֵאחַה שְׁמִי סוֹן אַחַה אֶרֶץ  
דְּעַל פְּנֵי תְהוּם וְסוֹרֵת אֲשֶׁהִי סֵבֶר אֲשִׁי  
פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם סוֹן הָאֶרֶץ קֵהִי תְהוּתְהוּבָה וְהוּן חֹשׁ  
שֶׁהִי סִי הִי אֹרֶן הִי אֹר: מִכְּחֻפְתֵּעַל  
יְבֹדֵל אֲשֶׁהִי סֵבִין הָאֹרֶן בִּין וְיֵאמְרָא  
חֲשֵׁהוּ יֵרֵא אֲשֶׁהִי סֵאחַה אֹר כִּי טוֹבוֹ  
וְסוֹן לְחֻשְׁדָּקֵר אֲלִי לְהוּי הִי עֲרֹבוֹ הִי  
סֵבֶר יוֹסֵא חֲדוֹן יֵקֵר אֲשֶׁהִי סֵל אֹרִי  
עֲבַח וְדֵהִמִּי סוֹרֵהִי מִבְּדִיל בִּין מִי סֵלְמִי  
מִתְחַלֵּקֵי עוֹיֵאמְרָא שֶׁהִי סִי הִי רֵקִי  
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אֲשֶׁה

- 1586
- 1359
- 1864
- 1714
- 1697
- 1596
- 1259
- 1850
- 1694
- 1048
- 1393
- 1244
- 1279
- 1044
- 1538
- 1510
- 1012
- 1740
- 1865
- total 28292

**Every letter was  
counted!**



**Every Book Of Old Testament Represented**

**Over 1,000 years older  
than previous manuscripts!**

# The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Aleppo Codex**

**Masoretic Text**

**AD 1**

**AD 500**

**AD 900**

# The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Isaiah Scroll**

**Over 1000 Years Earlier**



**Aleppo Codex**

**Dead Sea Scrolls**

**Masoretic Text**

**125 BC**

**AD 1**

**AD 500**

**AD 900**



# The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Isaiah Scroll**

**Over 1000 Years  
Earlier**



**Aleppo Codex**

**How Do They Compare?**

**Identical, Word-For-Word  
In More Than 95% Of The Text**

**Less Than 5% Variation  
(*tense and spelling errors*)**

# The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Isaiah Scroll**

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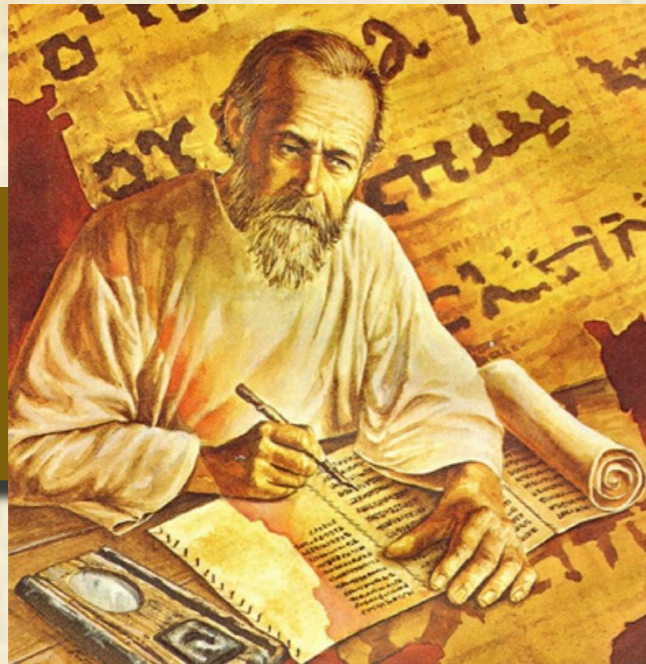


**Aleppo Codex**

**How Do They Compare?**

**No Substantive  
Difference!**

# The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls



**Latest OT Autograph  
Written About  
BC 325**

**About  
25  
Years**



**Oldest Dead Sea Scroll  
Written About  
BC 300**

**Less Than A Generation Removed  
(The Generation Closest To Original)**

# The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls

## Earliest New Testament Text

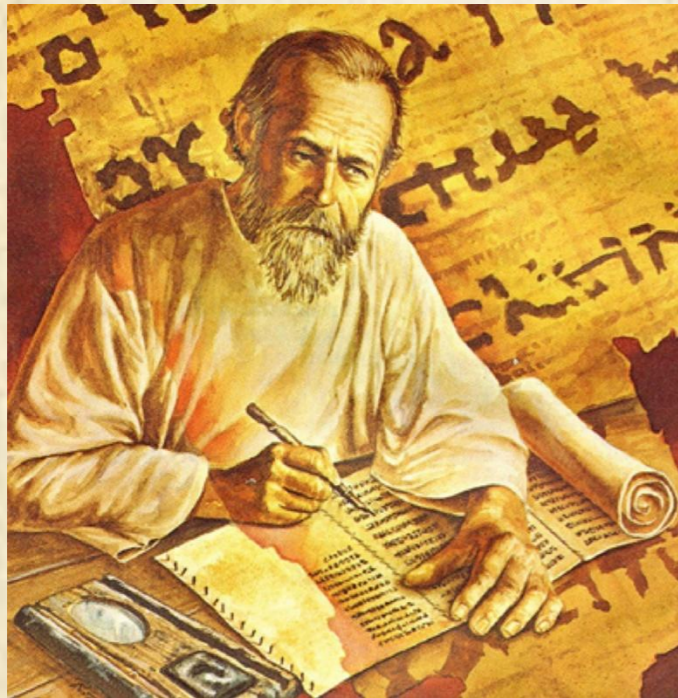


**Proof N.T. Written  
During Lifetime Of Eyewitnesses  
Before Events Foreseen In Prophecy**

# Compare Other Early Manuscripts



Title	Date Writ.	Earliest M.	Num. Of M.	Orig. to M.
Homer	700 BC	300 BC	673	400 yrs
Herodotus	424 BC	AD 900	8	1324 yrs
Plato	335 BC	AD 900	7	1235 yrs
Aristotle	384-322B	AD 1100	49	1222 yrs
Ceasar	100-44	AD 900	10	944 yrs
Josephus	AD 70	AD 400	9	330 yrs
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 900	20	800 yrs
N. T.	AD 35-100	AD 66-125	5,366	<50 yrs



# **5,600 Manuscripts**

**Averaging 405 pages each  
(2.6 million pages)**

**+10,000  
Latin MSS**

**+5,000  
Coptic, Syriac, Georgian, Eithiopic, Armenian MSS**

# Quoted Manuscripts



Early Church Fathers  
Wrote Commentaries

Over One Million  
Quotations Of NT

*“...if all other sources of our knowledge of text of the New Testament were destroyed, would be sufficient alone for the reconstruction of practically the entire New Testament.”*

*Bruce Metzger & Bart Ehrman*

# Very Early Manuscripts



**1<sup>st</sup> Century** - 2 confirmed fragments  
8 probable fragments

**2<sup>nd</sup> Century** - 12 MSS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Century** - 64 MSS

**Almost 100 Witness  
Within 200 Years Of Autographs**

**No Substantive Variants!**





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It cannot be too strongly asserted that in substance the **text of the Bible is certain**: especially is this the case with the New Testament. ...



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The **number** of manuscripts of the New Testament, of early translations from it, and of **quotations** from it in the oldest writers of the Church, is so large that it is practically certain that the true reading of **every doubtful passage is preserved** in some one or other of these ancient authorities.



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This can be said of no other ancient book in the world.

# Isaiah 40



7 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
When the breath of the LORD blows  
upon it; Surely the people are grass. 8  
The grass withers, the flower fades,

the word of our God stands forever.

But

# John 12

48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him

