

Syllabus: Biblical Manuscripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls

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During the course of the semester students are expected to read the following:

Cross, F.M., *The Ancient Library of Qumran*. 3d ed. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995, 121-42.

The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible: The Oldest Known Bible Translated for the First Time into English. Edited by

M. Abegg, Jr., P. Flint and E. Ulrich. HarperSanFrancisco, 1999, ALL INTRODUCTIONS TO BIBLICAL BOOKS.

Schiffman, L.H. *Reclaiming the Dead Sea Scrolls*, Philadelphia: JPS, 1994; Anchor paperback, 1995, 161-80, 211-31.

Tov, E. *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*. 3rd edition Revised and Expanded, Minneapolis: Fortress, 2021, 93-115.

Tov, E. "The Qumran Hebrew Texts and the Septuagint," *Die Septuaginta—Entstehung, Sprache, Geschichte*, ed. S. Kreuzer, M. Meiser, M. Sigismund, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012, 3-17.

Ulrich, E. *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Origins of the Bible*. *Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature*. Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans; Leiden: Brill, 1999, 17-120 (optional: 121-47).

VanderKam, J.C., Flint, P. *The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2002, 87-181.

General Resources

Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Edited by L.H. Schiffman and J.C. VanderKam. 2 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Qumran and the History of the Biblical Text. Edited by F.M. Cross and S. Talmon. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University, 1975.

Tov, E. *Scribal Practices and Approaches Reflected in the Texts Found in the Judean Desert*. STDJ 54. Leiden: Brill, 2004.

Ulrich, E. *The Biblical Qumran Scrolls: Transcriptions and Textual Variants*. Supplements to VT 134. Leiden: Brill, 2010.

Schedule of Sessions

1. Introduction: Problems and Issues
2. 4QPaleoExodus^m and Muraba`at Exodus
3. 11QPaleoLeviticus
4. 4QNumbers^b
5. 4QDeuteromy76 selections
6. Rewritten Pentateuch and the Temple Scroll
7. Tefillin and Mezuzot
8. 4QJoshua^a
9. 4QSamuel^a and 4QSamuel^b
10. 1QIsaiah A and B
11. 4QJeremiah^{a-e}
12. Muraba`at Twelve Prophets
13. Psalms Scrolls (incl. 11QPs^a)
14. Biblical Quotations in the Dead Sea Scrolls
15. Conclusion