



# THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

## The Greatest Archaeological Find Ever

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m.  
Scripture Reading: I Peter 1:24-25

Sunday March 19, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### INTRO.

A. “The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever” (Isaiah 40:7-8).

B. This is God’s promise! Is it true and verifiable? Yes! The Dead Sea discovery proves it!

I. **THE DISCOVERY.** 1947 discovered accidentally by two Bedouin shepherd boys looking for a lost goat.

A. Discovered in 1947 by two Bedouin shepherd boys by accident.

B. Hailed “the greatest manuscript find in all history” by *William Albright*.

#### II. THE SITE.

A. Northwest corner of the Dead Sea, 15 miles east of Jerusalem.

B. The **Q** community consisted of religious zealots who studied and copied the scripture and wrote commentaries.

#### III. THE CONTENTS

A. Altogether 800 manuscripts with copies of all the OT books except Esther and many fragments of NT books.

B. These predated up until 1947 the oldest manuscripts by 900 years!

#### IV. THE SIGNIFICANCE

A. Disproves the “Documentary Hypothesis” which claims that the torah was written after the exile, and that the later part of Isaiah is fraudulent.

B. Demonstrates the accuracy of textual **t** over the years and that the copy of a copy nature of the scriptures did not change the message.

C. Destroys the idea that the beliefs of the NT were developed over hundreds of years.

D. Like Jesus and the apostles, the **E** believed they were living in the last days, and that the Scriptures predicted the coming of a Messiah who would be pierced and then resurrected.

E. Validates that the accuracy of both the Old and New Testaments and the prophecies contained therein.

#### CONCLUSION:

A. The texts of both the Old Testament and the New Testament are reliable.

B. We can see the promise of God is **t** that “the grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of God shall stand forever” (Isaiah 40:7-8)!

C. This makes all the more important Jesus telling us, that “the word that I spoke is what will judge” in the last day (John 12:48).

D. So let’s trust and obey and stand firmly on the **p** of God!

### Notes

### ANSWERS:

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forever promises

true

transmission