

The Dead Sea Scrolls

There have been people who said that the Bible is just a nice story book and that it wasn't written by anyone special or that God did not have a hand in overseeing the writing of the Bible. Well, they are 100% wrong. Here are some facts.

The Bible was written by 40 different authors over 2,100 years. It was written in three languages; Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. It was written on three separate continents; Asia, Africa and Europe. It had all of its stories take place under 7 empires; Sumerian, Hittite, Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian and Roman.

It's ONE STORY about ONE GOD with ONE PLAN achieved by ONE HERO – JESUS CHRIST. It is the only religion where the hero doesn't write about himself. Others wrote about Jesus.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, as they are known were found in 1946 and they 200% validated the Word of the Lord as written by men with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The initial discovery by Bedouin shepherd Muhammed edh-Dhib, his cousin Jum'a Muhammed, and Khalil Musa, took place between November 1946 and February 1947. The shepherds discovered seven scrolls housed in jars in a cave near what is now known as the Qumran site. The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in a series of twelve [caves](#) around the site originally known as the "[Ein Feshkha Caves](#)" near the Dead Sea in the [West Bank](#).

Scientists performed carbon dating on the manuscripts and found that they dated back to the second century BC. That would mean they were written 2000 years before Christ was born. Before that they had the Masoretic Texts and the Aleppo Codex. These are big words, but they were only 1000 years old. The Dead Sea Scrolls were 1000 years older.

Listed are the names of the books found and how many chapters.

Psalms 39, Deuteronomy 33, 25, Genesis 24, Isaiah 22, Jubilees 21, Exodus 18, Leviticus 17, Numbers 11, Minor Prophets 10, Daniel 8, Jeremiah 6, Ezekiel 6, Job 6, Tobit 5, 1 & 2 Kings 4, 1 & 2 Samuel 4, Judges 4, Song of Songs (Canticles) 4, Ruth 4, Lamentations 4, Sirach 3, Ecclesiastes 2, Joshua 2

Scripture: Hebrews 13:8 New International Version (NIV)

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Question Time:

1. Look this up on Google. Who wrote Genesis? Exodus? Leviticus?

Numbers? And Deuteronomy? Answer:

Tradition credits Moses as the author of Genesis, as well as the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and most of Deuteronomy.

2. Who found the Dead Sea Scrolls?

3. In what century were the scrolls thought to have been written?

4. Is the Bible just a nice story book or the Holy inspired Word of God?

Next Steps: Take some time to explore the history of the Dead Sea Scrolls with your parents. Look up the history on the internet.