

Selected Biblically-Related Works from Qumran (DJD)

Chart sources and ordering

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Order of chart contents is based on the *Hebrew Tanakh* (*Torah*, *Nevi'im*, and *Ketuvim*); and www.deadseascrolls.org (*The Leon Levy Dead Sea Scrolls Digital Library*, 3-29-2015).

Dates of composition of DSS

"A few scrolls would date from the second century BCE, the vast majority from the first century BCE, and a smaller number from the first century CE" (*The Dead Sea Scrolls*, p 14).

The Hasmonean dynasty (a Seleucid vassal) ruled from c. 140 BCE to c. 116 BCE, as an independent Kingdom from 116/110 to 63 BCE, and as a client state of Rome from 63 to 37 BCE. For this chart, dates prior to this period as a whole (140 to 37 BCE) will be labeled as "Pre-Hasmonean", dates that correspond to this period as "Hasmonean", and dates that occur after this period as "Post-Hasmonean".

Languages of DSS

^{AR} Indicates likely **Aramaic** original. "Apart from copies of biblical books, about one out of six of the Dead Sea Scrolls is inscribed in Aramaic. . . . Yet the vast majority of the scrolls were Hebrew texts. Hebrew was manifestly the principal literary language for the Jews of this period" (*The Dead Sea Scrolls*, p 9). Thus, unless found to be specifically Aramaic, this chart assumes the text's original language is **Hebrew**.

Title	Relation to Bible	Tag	Date of Composition	Size	Genre	Theme
<i>A Paraphrase of Genesis and Exodus</i>	Genesis 1-9; Exodus 6-11	4Q422	Pre-Hasmonean	9 fragments	Narrative	Creation, the Flood, Exodus plagues
<i>The Prayer of Enoch and Enoch</i> (<i>Prayer of Enoch</i>)	Genesis 4	4Q369	Pre-Hasmonean	10 fragments	Prayer	Record of prayers
<i>The Book of Noah</i> ^{AR} (<i>Birth of Noah</i>)	Genesis 5 (cf. Jubilees 10)	1Q19, 19 ^{bis} ; 4Q534-6;	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	Various small fragments	Narrative / Midrash	Birth of Noah and the miraculous light phenomena which marked it
(<i>The</i>) <i>Book of Giants</i> ^{AR} (<i>Enoch</i>)	Genesis 6	1Q23, (1QapGen), 24, 26 (IQ Instruction); 2Q26; 4Q203, 206, 530-533; (cf. 6Q8 (papGiants ^{AR}), 19 (Text Related to Genesis ^{AR}))	Pre-Hasmonean	Various fragments	Rewritten Bible / Narrative	Elaboration on the Nephilim prior to the Flood
(<i>An</i>) <i>Admonition</i> (<i>Associated with</i>)/ <i>Based on the Flood</i>	Genesis 6-9	4Q370, 4Q185 (4QSapiential Admonitions B)	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	2 fragment columns	Rewritten Bible / Narrative	Recounting of the Flood, sin, and redemption
<i>Ages of Creation</i> (<i>Interpretation of the Ages</i> —or, <i>Pesher on the Periods A</i>)	Genesis 6 (cf. 1 Enoch)	4Q180 (Commentary on 4Q181?)	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	1 fragment	Rewritten Bible / Pesher	Unfolding of a pre-determined divine plan; Giants / Nephilim
<i>Genesis Commentaries</i> (<i>(4Q) Commentary on Genesis A</i> —or, <i>4QComm Gen A</i> —or, <i>Genesis Commentary A</i> —or, <i>Pesher on Genesis</i>) —originally <i>4QPatriarchal Blessings</i> [4Q252 only]	Genesis 6-49	4Q252 (A)—4a	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	22 lines	Pesher / Midrash	Noah and the Flood through the covenant with Abraham; Amalek; Blessings of Jacob; Davidic line

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<i>Genesis Commentary D</i>	Genesis 8	4Q254a	Pre-Hasmonean	1 fragment?	Midrash	Noah departing ark
<i>Genesis Commentary C</i>	Genesis 9-49	4Q254	Pre-Hasmonean	1 fragment?	Midrash	Noah awaking from wine— cursing Canaan and cursing of Dan
<i>(The) Genesis Apocryphon</i> ^{AR} —originally <i>Apocalypse of Lamech</i>	Genesis 1-11 (cf. Jubilees)	1QapGen, 1Q20 Single mss found in cave 1	Hasmonean	22 columns	Apocryphon / Rewritten Bible	Elaboration of Noah and the early life of Abraham (cf. miraculous birth of Noah)
<i>The Heavenly Prince Melchizedek</i> (<i>Melchizedek</i> —or, <i>The Melchizedek Midrash/Document</i>)	Genesis 14; Lev 25-28; Deu 15; Psa 110; Hebrews 5-7	11Q13 (11QMelch)	Hasmonean	13 fragments	Midrash / Thematic Pesharim	Apocalyptic commentary on Jubilee year of Lev 25. Melchizedek leads God's angels in war in heaven against angels of darkness
<i>The Reworked Pentateuch</i> (<i>Pentateuch Anthology</i>) (Includes <i>Song of Miriam</i> 4Q365)	Genesis 28-32; Exodus 4, 15-22; Leviticus 22-24	4Q158, 364-7	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	14 fragments (orig. longest scroll)	Rewritten Bible / Narrative	Copies of Torah partially entailing rearrangements of biblical passages incorporating interpretive supplements
<i>Narrative and Poetic Composition</i> ^{a-c} (<i>Joseph Apocryphon?</i>)	Genesis; Exodus	4Q371-3	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	1 mss?	Narrative / Poetry	Very fragmentary narrative relating to the period of the Patriarchs and Moses
<i>A Historico-Theological Narrative</i> <i>Based on Genesis and Exodus</i> (<i>Narrative C, D, E</i>)	Genesis; Exodus; Leviticus	4Q462-4	Hasmonean	19 lines 8 fragments	Narrative	After repeated opposition and humility God remembers Jerusalem
<i>Exhortation to Seek Wisdom</i> (<i>Sapiential Admonitions B</i>)	Genesis; Exodus; Proverbs	4Q185	Pre-Hasmonean	Several fragments	Didactic Wisdom	Events of Patriarchal and Mosaic Past
<i>A Moses Apocryphon</i> ^{a-c} (<i>apocrMoses</i>)	Exodus 28	4Q375 (A); 1Q29, 4Q376 (B); 4Q408 (C)	Pre-Hasmonean	Various fragments	Apocryphon	Instructions on how to treat a person claiming to be a prophet
<i>Vision(s) of Amram</i> ^{AR} (<i>Testament of Amram</i>) [Part of a trilogy]	Exodus	4Q543-547 (poss. 548, 549) (4QAmram ^{a-e})	Pre-Hasmonean	5-7 copies	Testament / Midrash	Amram, father of Moses and Aaron; validating vision, admonition to children
<i>Apocryphal Pentateuch B</i> (originally <i>Moses Apocalypse</i>)	Exodus	4Q377	Pre-Hasmonean	1 fragments?	Narrative	Israel at Sinai and their wanderings through the wilderness
<i>(The) Words of Moses</i>	Exodus; Deuteronomy	1Q22 (1QDM) (2Q21?)	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	1 mss	Vision / Anthology	Anthological account; divine revelation to Moses; his message to the Israelites
<i>Sermon on the Exodus</i> <i>and the Conquest of Canaan</i> (<i>Exodus / Conquest Tradition</i>)	Exodus; Joshua	4Q374	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	16 fragments	Narrative / Sermon	Exodus to the conquest of Canaan
<i>A Moses (or David) Apocryphon</i>	Exodus; First Samuel	2Q22, 4Q373 (related to <i>Narrative and Poetic Comp.?</i>)	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	3 small fragments	Apocryphon	Defeat of Og by Moses (cf. David and Goliath)

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<i>Aramaic Levi Document</i> ^{AR} (<i>ALD, Testament of Levi (i)</i>)	Leviticus (?); Postbiblical (?)	1Q21; 4Q213-14, 540-41, 548	Pre-Hasmonean	2 excerpts	Prayer / Testament	Illumination of early postbiblical, priesthood and wisdom
<i>The Testament of Qahat</i> ^{AR} —sometimes <i>Kohath</i>	Leviticus (?)	4Q542 (4QTQahat)	Pre-Hasmonean	3 fragments	Testament / Blessing	Role of priests to model purity and teach wisdom
<i>The Temple Scroll</i>	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q365a, 524; 11Q19-21 (11QT)	Pre-Hasmonean	28 feet, 67 columns	Sectarian Rules	Temple building, furniture, and cultic worship (esp. on the Sabbath)
(4Q) <i>MMT, Miqsat Ma'ase Ha-Torah</i> “Some Observances of the Law” (<i>Halakhic Letter</i> –or, <i>Sectarian Manifesto</i>)	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q394 (Calendar D), 5-9 (MMT)	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	6 mss 120 lines	Halakhah / Sectarian Rules	- A Sectarian Calendar (A); - Special Rules concerning purity of liquid streams [focus of the doc.] (B); - The Exhortation (C)
<i>4Q Halakhah A</i>	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q251 (cf. 4Q421)	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	26 fragments	Halakhah / Sectarian Rules	Sabbath, compensation for injuries, first fruits, the priest's wife, forbidden unions
<i>4Q Halakah B</i>	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q264a	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	3 fragments	Halakah / Sectarian Rules	Sabbath regulations
<i>4Q Tohorot (Purities) A</i>	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q274	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	1 mss	Tohorot / Sectarian Rules	Purity matters— uncleanness caused by bodily fluxes, blood, and fruit
<i>4Q Tohorot B^a-B^b</i>	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q276-7	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	2 fragments	Tohorot / Sectarian Rules	Laws pertaining to the Red Heifer
<i>4Q Harvesting</i>	Leviticus –Deuteronomy	4Q284a (cf. 1QS620, 720)	Hasmonean	4 fragments	Sectarian Rules	Uncleanliness affecting fruits
<i>A Sapiential Work (ii) (Instruction)</i> [Previously with <i>Testament of Naphtali 4Q215</i>] (<i>The Secret [raz, divine rev.] of the Way Things Are</i>)	Leviticus –Deuteronomy; Proverbs	1Q26; 4Q415-18, 423	Pre-Hasmonean	6 fragments mss	Didactic Wisdom	An expert to a beginner: the elect; God as provider; business; modesty; deposits; hope; leadership; marriage; children; etc.
(<i>The Testimonia (Messianic Anthology)</i>)	Deu 5, 18, 33; Numbers 24; Joshua 6	4Q175 (4QTest)	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	1 fragments	Eschatological Prophecy	Prophetic Messiah, Star arising from Jacob, Priestly Messiah v. Anti-Messiah
<i>Ordinances (Commentaries on Biblical Law)</i>	Deu 22, 23; Exo 30; Lev 23, 25; Neh 10; Mat 15	4Q159, 513, 514	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	3 mss	Midrash	Laws concerning clothing, eating, taxes, and slave trade
<i>Prophecy of Joshua</i>	Joshua	4Q522; 5Q9	Pre-Hasmonean	Several frag.	Narrative / Prophecy	Conquest of the Holy Land

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<i>A Joshua Apocryphon (i)</i> (<i>Apocryphon of Joshua or Psalms of Joshua</i>)	Joshua	4Q123 (paleo paraJoshua), 378, 379, 522; 5Q9; MasParaJosh (cf. Testimonia 4Q175)	Pre-Hasmonean	At least 68 fragments	Rewritten Bible / Apocryphon	Retelling of the book of <i>Joshua</i>
<i>A Joshua Apocryphon (ii)</i>	Joshua	Masada 1039-211	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	1 mss?	Apocryphon	Retelling of the book of <i>Joshua</i>
<i>The Samuel Apocryphon</i> (<i>Vision of Samuel</i>)	Samuel	4Q160	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	8 fragments	Apocryphon / Testament	Samuel's vision, prayer, and reflections
<i>Florilegium</i> [Med. Lat. "gathering of flowers"] (<i>Midrash on the Last Days</i> —or, <i>Eschatological Commentary A</i>)	Sam 7; Exo 15; Ams 9; Psa 1; Isa 8; Ezk 44; Psa 2; Dan 12; Deu 33	4Q174 (4QFlor)	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	26 fragments	Midrash / Thematic Pesharim	Identification of the Community with the Temple, coming of two Messiahs, the "Branch of David" and the "Interpreter of the Law"
<i>A Paraphrase on Kings</i> (<i>papParaphrase of Kings</i>)	Kings	4Q382	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	154 papyri	Rewritten Bible / Narrative	Paraphrase of the book of <i>Kings</i>
<i>A Zedekiah Apocryphon</i> (<i>Text Mentioning Zedekiah</i>)	Kings; Chronicles; Jeremiah	4Q470	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	3 fragments	Apocryphon	Favorable account of King Zedekiah
<i>An Elisha Apocryphon</i> (<i>Apocryphon of Elisha</i>)	Kings	4Q481 ^a	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	3 small frag.	Apocryphon	Paraphrase of the book of <i>Kings</i>
<i>Apocryphon of Jeremiah</i> (originally considered part of an <i>Pseudo-Ezekiel</i> —aka <i>Ezekiel Apocryphon</i>)	Jeremiah	4Q383, 387, 387a, 388a, 389, 390	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	7 mss?	Apocryphon	Apocryphal account of life of Jeremiah in Babylon and Egypt
<i>The Triumph of Righteousness</i> (<i>The Book of Mysteries</i> —or, <i>Book of Secrets</i> [raz, divine revelation])	Proph. (?)	1Q27, 4Q299-301	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	4 fragments	Eschatological Prophecy / Wisdom	Rev. of older to younger regarding eschatological overcoming of darkness by gradual increase of light (cf. <i>A Sapiential Work</i>)
<i>Time of Righteousness</i>	Proph.; Revelation	4Q215a	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	4 fragments	Eschatological Prophecy	End of wickedness and portrayal of final blessedness
(<i>The</i>) <i>Renewed Earth</i>	Proph.; Rev	4Q475	Hasmonean	1 fragment	Eschatological Prophecy	Eschatological bliss of Holy Land
<i>List of False Prophets</i> ^{AR}	Proph. (?)	4Q339	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	1 fragment?	Legal Tractate	List of known false prophets
<i>Beatitudes</i>	Psalm 1; Matthew 5	4Q525	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	50 small frag.	Wisdom / Beatitudes	List of virtues resulting in blessing
<i>A Messianic Apocalypse</i> (<i>Resurrection Fragment</i>)	Psa 146; Isa 61 (cf. Luke 4, 7)	4Q521	Hasmonean	16 fragments	Eschatological Prophecy	Healing and resurrection are linked to the idea of the Kingdom of God

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<i>The Thanksgiving Hymns</i> (<i>The Thanksgiving Scroll / Psalms</i> —or, <i>Hodayot</i> [Heb.; <i>thanks</i>] —or, <i>Hymns Scroll</i> —or, <i>Scroll of Hymns</i>)	Psalms	1QH ^a , 35, 36; 4Q427-32 (papHodayot)	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	Several fragments	Thanksgiving Poetry	Thanksgiving hymns, individual prayers, esp. for salvation and knowledge
<i>Non-canonical Psalms</i>	Psalms	4Q380, 81	Pre-Hasmonean to Hasmonean	2 mss	Thanksgiving Poetry	God's lovingkindness and favor towards his people
<i>Bless (Oh) My Soul</i> (4Q Barkhi nafshi)	Psalms	4Q434-8 (cf. 4Q213a)	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	5 mss	Thanksgiving Poetry	God's graciousness towards Man in delivering him (often from evil thought) and benefiting him
<i>The Seductress (Sapiental Admonitions B)</i>	Proverbs 2, 5, 7, 9	4Q184	Hasmonean	1 fragments	Wisdom/ Proverbs	Dangers and attraction of false doctrine
<i>The Targum of Job</i>	Job	4Q157, 11Q10	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	Several frag.	Targum / Dialectic	Aramaic translation of <i>Job</i>
<i>Lamentations (Apocryphal Lamentations)</i>	Lamentations	4Q179, 501	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	Several frag.	Lament Poetry	<i>Lamentations</i> inspired by biblical book
<i>Jews at the Persian Court</i> ^{AR} (<i>Proto-Esther?</i>)	Esther	4Q550	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	1 fragment?	Historical Narrative	Background for book of <i>Esther</i>
<i>The Four Kingdoms</i>	Daniel 7-8	4Q552, 553	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	2 mss	Eschatological Prophecy	Four empires as four kingdoms
<i>The Prayer (Testimony) of Nabonidus</i> ^{AR}	Daniel	4Q242 (4QprNab)	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	4 fragments	Narrative / Prayer	Nabonidus' 7-10 year absence from Babylon living in Teima in Arabia (cf. Nebuchadnezzar in <i>Daniel</i> and the <i>Nabonidus Chronicle</i> clay tablet)
<i>Para-Danielic Writings</i> ^{AR} (<i>Pseudo-Daniel</i> ; cf. Danielic cycle)	Daniel	4Q243, 244, 245, (4QpsDan ar ^{a-c})	Hasmonean	54 fragments	Historical Narrative	Overview of biblical history by Daniel
(<i>An/The</i>) <i>Aramaic Apocalypse</i> ^{AR} (<i>Son of God fragment</i> —or, (<i>Aramaic</i>) <i>Apocryphon of Daniel</i>)	Daniel 7; Luke 1	4Q246	Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	Single page short text	Eschatological Prophecy	Fragmentary writings on the end times
<i>The New Jerusalem</i> ^{AR}	Ezekiel 40-48; Revelation 20, 21	1Q32; 2Q24; 4Q232 (?), 554-5; 5Q15; 11Q18	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	Various fragments	(Sectarian?) Eschatological Prophecy	Reworking of eschatological description of Jerusalem with focus on twelve gates and dimensions
<i>Pseudo-Ezekiel</i> ^{a-d} (<i>Ezekiel Apocryphon</i>) —orig. linked with <i>Apocryphon of Jeremiah C</i>	Ezekiel	4Q385 ^{a-c} , 386, 388, 391 (391 Ⓞ end of 2 nd c. BCE)	Pre-Hasmonean to Post-Hasmonean	6 copies	Narrative / Dialectic	Dialogues between God and Ezekiel concerning the latter's visions

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