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**In what languages were the Dead Sea Scrolls written and what is wrong with changing the Bible to match all of these scrolls?**

## A

The Dead Sea Scrolls were written in Hebrew. The books of Leviticus, and Job were written in Aramaic. They have found a few manuscripts that were written in Greek. All of the books of the Old Testament, except Esther, Nehemiah, and some of the minor prophets, have been discovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Dead Sea Scrolls include non-biblical writings also.

The group who created the Dead Sea Scrolls were Essenes. This was a community of esoterics who were in rebellion against both the Old Testament sacrifice system and the New Testament Messiah. So they are not a good source for correcting the historic Rabbinic Bible. However, all new versions, including the New King James Version, consult the Dead Sea Scrolls. I think this is a grievous mistake. Jesus said, “the words that I speak unto you, they are...life” (John 6:63), not death, like the Dead Sea. Although most of the Bible scrolls match the KJV precisely, a few corrupt scroll fragments do not. These few corrupt readings were used in the *Dead Sea Scroll Bible* (Martin Abegg, Peter Flint, Eugene Ulrich, Harper San Francisco, 1999, p. xviii, item 5). This bible’s cover has the coiled serpent logo, modeled after a ‘board game’ discovered with the scrolls.



Variations of this coiled logo are very popular in advertising and packaging produced by ‘one world’ international corporations. It now seems to be integrated into the package design lettering and artwork of a large number of products at the grocery store.



Is something sinister happening? The Rockefeller Foundation — infamous for its involvement in one-world political organizations, such as the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission — is funding the research on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Also, the U.S. government’s top-secret research lab at Los Alamos, New Mexico, is digitizing these Dead Sea Scrolls so that they can be more clearly read. Anyone might ask, “Why would these parties be interested in this material?” This is happening because the Dead Sea Scrolls prescribe *all* of the elements needed to coerce people to adapt to the one-world political and religious system advocated by these parties. The Dead Sea Scrolls advocate:

1. The confiscation of personal property to the group.
2. The coming of two Messiahs: one a religious prophet, the other a civil leader.

Students of Bible prophecy know that this corresponds exactly to the beast and the false prophet of Revelation. The Dead Sea Scrolls say that the Essenes are “sons of the light,” ruled by the “angel of light.” Bible students know that the “angel of light” is Satan.

The Dead Sea Scrolls also call for an initiation and for receiving a “Name,” capital N-a-m-e. Revelation 13 warns against taking the name of the beast. The Dead Sea Scrolls say instead that people who will *not* take the “Name” during a seven-year period should be killed. John 16:2 says, “*the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.*” The older printings of the NIV, in Leviticus 24:11, said, “*the name of the Lord*” (small “n” and “*of the Lord*”). The most recent printing of the NIV has dropped “*of the Lord,*” and capitalized the “N” in “Name,” just like Gastner’s Dead Sea Scrolls translation. We see this happening in Acts 5:41, where the KJV says, “*his name,*” with a small “n”; the NIV says, “*the Name,*” with a capital “N.” The NIV now capitalizes “*the Name*” seventy-seven times. They are, as new printings come out, dropping “*of the Lord*” (e.g., Lev. 24:11 and 24:16). Acts 22:16 says, “*calling on the name of the Lord*”; they are dropping “*of the Lord,*” and putting “*calling on his name.*”

They are also changing the way “name” is used in the Bible. In the King James Version, John 17:11 says, “*those whom thou hast given me,*” but new versions say, “*the name which thou hast given me.*” Daniel 9:19, in the KJV says, “*thy people are called by thy name.*” It does not say “called” in some new versions now; it says, “*they bear your Name,*” capital N-a-m-e.

We are warned against receiving “*his name*” (the name of the beast), but in Revelation 14:1 the NIV adds “*his name*” to “*his Father’s name,*” thereby scrambling the timing and recipients of the name given in Revelation 3:12, 7:3, and 22:4. In Galatians 6:17, the NASB says people receive “*brand-marks of Jesus.*” The apostle Paul’s marks (“*I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus,*”) are beating marks he received from the people, just like the Lord Jesus Christ received. They did not

***“brand” Paul, they beat him. In the Living Bible, we see something very dangerous happening in Isaiah 44:5. It says people should receive a tattoo. (“I am the Lord’s,’ they’ll proudly say, or ‘I am a Jew,’ and tattoo upon their hands the name of God or the honored name of Israel” — LB.) The rendering of that verse in the KJV shows that this is something we should not do. It is not “the name of God or the honored name of Israel,” but “another” name. This is a warning about the antichrist. The Living Bible tells the reader it is a good thing to do; the KJV tells its readers that it is a bad thing to do. For a more detailed analysis of the Dead Sea Scrolls see *The Language of The King James Bible*, chapter 10.***