

DSS – Dead Sea Scrolls part 2

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The calendar of the feasts in the community of Qumran. The basis was the solar ancient calendar of priestly origin which did not use Babylonian or Canaanite names of the months but only simply numerated them. One can find the information about this calendar in i.e. Ez.45,18-20; Jub.6,29-33; and 1 Enoch 74,11-12;82,6.11.15.18; The calendar had 364 days arranged into 4 seasons of which each one had 3 months of 30,30 and 31 days or 13 weeks what in the result gives a yearly cycle of 52 weeks. In this calendar each one of the feasts fell on the same day of the week each year. The most important feasts: New Year's Day, Passover Festival of Unleavened Bread, Waving of the Sheaf or Festival of the first Barley, Festival of Weeks or Feast of the Firstfruits of Wheat, the Feast of New Wine, the Feast of Oil, the Feast of Wood, Seventh month, Day of Atonement, Festival of Booths and Tamid every day, Sabbath offering, offering during the ordination of the priests. **Was the community of Qumran waiting for the Messiah?** The so-called sectarian writings speak about the expected coming of the Prophet and the Messiahs. What is significant is the fact that there were two Messiahs expected in Qumran, however we will find in the Qumran texts no information about an exceptional Messiah who was to have such a role in the realization of salvation as the New Testament ascribes to the Messiah Jesus. The future of the dynasty of David one can find in 1 Sam 2,10.35; Ps132,7; **Who was the "Teacher of Righteousness"?** In the Qumran manuscripts he is identified as a priest or the "Teacher of the Community". He was regarded as the one who was endowed by God with a special gift to understand Writing [Scriptures], and the "words of His servants and Prophets" in particular. {1QHab7,5}; He was never called by his name in the texts, but the details as regards his figure can be found in 1QpHab 1,13; 2,2; 5,10; 7,4; 8,3; 9,9-10; 11,5; The texts mention that the "Teacher of Righteousness" was persecuted by a "Wicked Priest". In 4QP Bless-4Q252 1v 3 the phrase "shoot of David" was used in relation to the figure called masziach hassedeq the "Messiah of Righteousness". According to a paraphrase Sam7,11-14; this title is given to a successor of the throne of David "el will be a father to him and he will be a son to me" refers to the shoot of David that will come together with the "Explainer of the Law" who will stand on Sion in the final times {4QFlor-4Q174, 1-3 and 11-12}; **The texts that mention the coming of the "Explainer of the Law at the End of times"** Â

"Doresz hattorac" the texts of the "Explainer of the Law", in one of them he is expected as the companion, of the shoot of David {4QFlor -4Q 174-1-2 i 11-12} whereas in some other text "as the "Star" from the oracle of Ballaam {Lb24,17; reference CD7,18}; According to these manuscripts one of the tasks of the "Teacher of Righteousness" as someone who was inspired by God was a specific interpretation of the Law and the Prophets {1QpHab 7,5}; **Some of the chosen fragments of the scrolls from Qumran. THE SCROLLS FROM QUMRAN** Palestine, the Dead Sea 1947 a Bedouin shepherd finds in Qumran near Jerusalem the scrolls written in Aramaic and Hebrew and among them there were the manuscripts older than the Old Testament and also the later ones that referred to the Essenes and the beginnings of Christianity. They hide the information that may shake the foundations of the church. **Fragments: The Lost Scroll** "Where does this disarray among the nations come from, Why the earthy kings are in revolt? And the princes are allying themselves with them; Against the Lord, Against His Anointed? Just before the end of the world The Godless will ally themselves against the Teacher of Righteousness to destroy him, But their intentions will not be successful Kittim---dominate over many nations. Princes, eldership, And the priests from Jerusalem who govern Israel Their High Council --- everybody helped them. He knew what kind of fate awaited him He also knew that he would come back in glory, To govern the nations, And to judge them... Some expected that there would be a miracle,

that he will rise from the dead in the light of glory ... Â Others were saying they saw a light lightning in the sky, Â Some others were saying that they saw him while they were asleep Â But here on earth, in this world, nothing happened. Â He will come one day, Â He will be from the house of David ... Â He will be great on this earth, Â Everybody will admire him and serve him. Â He will be called the Son of Man. Â And they will call him the son of the Highest. Â As a falling star, Â As a beautiful vision, such will be his kingdom. Â They will rule many years on earth. Â And they will destroy everything. Â One nation will destroy the other nation Â One province will destroy the other province. Â Until the people of God will throw away the swords. Â By a RighteousÂ man sacrificed, Â He will be anointed, Â at the right time Â He will stand against the Sons of Darkness, Â Against the Godless Priest Â And he will defeat them.â€•
Â Kittim--the sons of darkness Â Â **The scroll of the Messiah - fragments** Â Â ... And nothing will happen until the war breaks out Â of the Sons of Light with the Sons of Darkness, Â of the Sons of Levi, the Sons of Judah, the Sons of Benjamin, Â Against the hosts of Belial, Â The inhabitants of Philistia, Â Kittim from Assur; and those traitors who are helping them. Â And the Sons of Light will take hold of Jerusalem anew; and of the Temple, Â And the war against the seven countries will last forty years. Â And this will happen; After the age of destruction, Disasters, Hatred, Diseases, Tribal war, Ethnic war, Genocidal war. Â Â And this will happen Â When the Son of Man comes Â From the house of David Â From the house of the sons of the desert Â He will be the anointed one...And he will be tempted by the devil in the forest, three times Â He will be the winner... Â And all who eat his bread , Â will raise their hand at him Â They will speak about him in a wrong way Â by means of their malicious tongues Â Those who joined his assembly Â They will slander him in front of the sons of evil. Â And allÂ so that His word could be praised. Â Because of their guilt Â He hid the source of reason Â The mystery of Truth Â And the others will increase His misery even more Â They will close Him in darkness Â And his bread will be anguish Â His drink will be continuously flowing tears Â As His eyes will be covered by grief Â His SOUL will be lost in everyday bitterness Â He will be seized by fear and sadness. Â Then a war in the whole world will begin Â He will fight tirelessly Â With the sons of Darkness, he will chase them away, Â He will fight with the godless priest Â And he will defeat him Â And he will kill the wicked priest Â In accordance with the law... Â The Son of Man will stand at the head of the army Â That will come out of the valley full of bones... Â Thus he will say a prophecy Â Just as it will be commanded to him, and as soon as he says it Â A great tumult will break out Â the bones will connect with each other Â The muscles will begin to form on them Â the body will grow on them Â The skin will start to cover them Â The spirit will enter them Â They will come back to life, They will create a big army Â And he will stand at the head of this army Â And he will go to Jerusalem Â He will enter through the gold gate, Â He will rebuild the Temple Â Just as he saw it in his visions, Â And the Heavenly kingdom, Â That was being awaited for such a long time, Â Will come together with Him, Â The saviour Â Who will get the name Â LEW [LION] Â Â **The War Scroll** Â Stand up Powerful Man, capture your captives,Â Man of Glory, Â And take Your capturedÂ loot, O Valourous! Â Put Your hand on the nape of Your enemies, Â and Your leg on the pile of the beaten Â And let Your sword swallow up the sinful body. Â Fill with glory Your earth, Â And your inheritanceÂ with blessing. Â Let there be many animals on Your fields, Â And silver and gold and precious stones in Your palaces. Â be very joyful Sion, Â show itself Jerusalem among the cheerful shouts Â And rejoice all cities of Judah! Â Open for ever your gates, Â so that the riches of the nations can be brought to you. Â {The Scrolls from Qumran-The war rule} Â Â **The Temple Scroll** Â And at the day of the fall of Kittim Â there will be a fight and a big slaughter against the God of Israel, Â as it is the dayÂ a long time ago Â by him set for a war, Â which is to destroy the Sons of Darkness. Â Then they will stand to a savage slaughter: Â A gathering of gods and a gathering of people. Â The Sons of Lightness and the camp of darkness Â will fight together, Â so that the power of God could be shown Â amidst the noise of a big crowd Â And the tumult of gods and the people at this day of destruction. Â it will be the time of oppression for all people, Â redeemedÂ Â by God. Â And amidst all the suffering Â there was nothing similar to it from the beginning Â Until the end of eternal deliverance. Â At the day of their fight with Kittim Â They will fight a battle to the death Â In this war the Sons of Lightness three times Â will strengthen themselves in order to defeat the godlessness. Â The scrolls from Qumran {The War Rule}. Â Â **The Scroll of the Treasure** Â Â But thanks to those who persevered in the Commandments of God Â and they rescued themselves because of them, God set up Â his Covenant for Israel for ever, Â showing them the hidden things, because of which the whole Israel erred Â his holy sabbaths and his glorious feasts, Â his righteous testimonies and his true ways Â and the wish of his will which a man should do, Â in order to live thanks to them. {He} showed them the things Â and they dug a well where water is plentiful, Â But the one who

despises it will not live. {The Damascus Document} **The Sion Scroll** Sion when I call you to mind, I bless you. With the whole heart, with the whole soul, with all strength, For I love you when I call you to mind. Sion! You are hope. You are peace and Salvation. From your womb the generations will be born, they will feed themselves on your womb, in your brightness they will protect themselves, They will look back upon your prophets. There is no more evil in you. The godless and the wicked will go away And your sons will praise you. Your fianc@s will pine for you awaiting Salvation, crying in your walls. Sion, they expect hope, They are waiting for Salvation. Pseudo-Davidic Psalms {The Scrolls from Qumran}. **The Scroll of Crime** Be brave and strong! Be valorous! Do not be afraid and do not fear, and let not your heart grow weak! Do not be frightened and do not stand in awe of them! Do not go back and do not run away from them, as they are the gathering of wickedness and all their deeds are darkness, And to darkness aims all their desire. They put their trust in the lie. And their mightiness will disappear like smoke. God of Israel, raise Your hand in Your wonderful power over all the wicked spirits... {The War Rule} **The Scroll of the Return** And my heart became acquainted with the blows I was as a left man there was no shelter for me, as my suffering developed in bitterness as continuous and incurable pain against me, as those who come down to Sheol, my spirit will free itself from the dead although it reached as far as to their abyss. **The Scroll of the Templars** For they insulted me and they paid no attention to me When you showed your power through me. For they expelled me from my earth as a bird is expelled from its nest, and all my friends and intimates they dismissed from me and they regarded me as a useless tool. But these were they, the interpreters of the lie and the prophets of falsehood, devised a plot against me with Belial, they wanted your Law which You inscribed in my heart, Change into flattery delusive for your people. They did not give the potion of Cognition to the thirsty, but they were giving vinegar to the thirsty. to look at their daze when they are behaving as if they were crazy during their feasts and they will be falling into their mesh. {The scrolls from Qumran - Hymns}. **The scroll of the Caves** And here is the mystery; the godless change the works of truth, which they transform into the lie. They do not write my words but they proclaim wickedness in my name, according to their wish and their will. And here is the second mystery: the faithful, the saints, the righteous read the works according to their truth. {The scrolls of Qumran- The Book of Job}. **The Scroll of Love - The Scroll of the Saints** She revealed herself to me in all her greatness and I got to know her The flower of the vine gives the grape And from the grape there comes into being the vine which cheers the hearts up. I was walking along her flat ways, Because I got to know her when I was young. I heard her, and I understood her to the core And it was she who gave me to drink. And that is why I pay tribute to her. I admired her I desired her. And I did not turn away my face. I craved her With all her sublimity. I opened the door, Which allows to reveal the mystery. I cleaned myself, to get to know her in purity. I had wisdom in my heart and I did not leave her...{...} O, you Many, listen to my words, And you will receive gold and silver. {Pseudo-Davidic Psalms - The Scrolls from Qumran}. **Annotations:** DSS - Dead Sea Scrolls Hev - texts from Nachal Chewer H - hymns CD - The Damascus Document from the geniza of the synagogue in Cairo. C - the texts from the geniza of the synagogue in Cairo. D - The Damascus Document Mas - the texts from Masada Q- Qumran 1Q- cave 1, 2Q - cave 2; the successive symbols of the texts from the caves. 1QpHab - the Peshier to the Book of Habakkuk - cave 1. 1QS- The Rule of the Association [The Community Rule] 1QSa- The Rule of the Whole Assembly [The Rule of the Congregation] 3Q15- The Copper Scroll from cave 3. 1QSB- The Collection of Blessings 4QD a-h - copies of the Damascus Document 4QFlor- Midrash on the Last Days 4QP Bless - The Blessing of the Patriarchs cave 4 11QTemple - The scroll of the Temple cave 2. 11Qtgjob - Targum of Job cave 11 4Q lev- copy of Leviticus cave 4 11QPs 2 - Psalms cave 2 1QapGen - Genesis Apocryphon cave 1 4QEzra - The Book of Ezra **The text was collected and compiled** on the basis of the sources {bibliography below} own material and Internet sources [photo.] Jessica. © **Magdalena Struska de Merowing**. The text above is the text of the author. 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