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BIB450: Dead Sea Scrolls and the NT

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Week 4 Lecture Summary

Dr. Garcia opens with speaking about our response papers. He explains how we should pick one or two text that were spoken about. He goes over the syllabus where we can find the explanation of what is required for this assignment. This week Hang Wong also stops by briefly to speak about missions, chapels, and military life. We are given encouragement on what is available for our move forward after our degree is attained.

The Dead Sea “SECT” Qumran Community. Some sound like a Psalm. They turn over to their community room which is like anthropology. The community rule was first published as the manual of discipline and eventually becomes the community room. The community of truth is what they call themselves. This however does not help us identify where they originate from. Shifman makes an argument that the origin of these peoples comes from Sadducees. This idea is not often spoken about as much as it should be.

The conversation is started in a text called 4QMMT in the vermes pg. 221. This is an abbreviation for ‘Miqtsat Ma’aseh Hatoras’, which is works of the law. We do not know when this terminology begins getting used. Before 1947 when Paul mentions this in Galatians and Romans, we have no outside context for this terminology. In the text and the community in it there seems to be no evidence of theology. This must do simply with the interpretation of the commandants. They speak about remembering David and him being a man of piety as well saved

from many troubles and pardons. There is some observance of the law, which some of the sacrifices and ritual purity are not appropriate and these are the ways you need to correct them. The fine points of the law are being interpreted.