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As you can see from the essay written by Abegg for the 4QMMT, the topics covered in this document provide us with a unique inside look at the values and customs of the Jewish group (Essenes). We can see from this how various Jewish groups would interact with one another in the neighborhoods. Additionally, it provided us with insight into the Apostle Paul's viewpoint on a variety of other fresh topics that we were unaware of before reading this paper by Abegg. "Ma'ase ha-torah" or "works of the law," is a term that only appears in 4QMMT and Paul's writings. The verses Abegg says the phrase alludes to are Psalm 160:30–31 in the Hebrew Bible (OT). Thus, the epidemic persisted. "Then Phinehas rose and intervened." From generation to generation and forever, it was credited to him as righteousness. After reading this piece by Abegg, I think that Paul's writing has helped us acquire what he was feeling and experience the ideas he was having. He gave us access to the Jewish community's activities and the things they let occur, allowing us to observe what was happening there. The Apostle Paul gave us a glimpse into the inner workings of his writing process by demonstrating them to us.