

Muslim Peace Advocate Says Dead Sea Scrolls Prove Israel's Ancient History

A Muslim peace advocate is pointing to the Dead Sea Scrolls as overwhelming evidence against efforts to erase the Jewish people's ancient connection to the land of Israel.

Writing for Fox News, Loay Alshareef argued that the manuscripts offer Israel a defense "far more powerful than the Iron Dome or F-35."

"The Scrolls demolish one argument that has become increasingly common in parts of the Arab and Western worlds: the claim that Jewish attachment to the land is a recent political invention," Alshareef wrote.

Discovered near Qumran beginning in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls include thousands of fragments from hundreds of manuscripts dating to the centuries surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. They were written by Jewish communities living in the land more than 2,000 years ago.



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The collection includes biblical manuscripts such as the Great Isaiah Scroll, along with Hebrew and Aramaic prayers, hymns, legal writings, community rules and teachings about the Messiah and the end times. Together, they reveal a thriving Jewish religious world centuries before Islam appeared or modern European nationalism developed.

"They tell us that Jewish communities lived in this land, copied Hebrew Scripture in this land, developed religious institutions in this land and debated the meaning of their

faith in this land,” Alshareef wrote.

We recognize that archaeology does not establish the authority of Scripture or give Israel its identity. God’s Word already records His covenant relationship with Israel and the Jewish people’s connection to the land. The scrolls provide remarkable physical confirmation of that biblical history.

Alshareef, despite approaching the subject from a Muslim perspective, offered a clear challenge to those attempting to separate Israel from its past.

“Peace will never be built by creating historical amnesia,” he wrote.

The Dead Sea Scrolls do not grant Israel its history. They preserve the ancient evidence of what Scripture declared long ago.

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