CHAPTER 1
Introduction to the Revised List of the Texts
from the Judaean Desert

This extensively revised version of the inventory list of the texts from the Judaean Desert updates the earlier version that was published in *DJD* XXXIX in 2002, which itself was an update of four earlier versions. The updating contained in this revision pertains to the following areas:

1. Corrected data in all columns, based on information gathered by us with the aid of several colleagues.


3. Addition of inscribed archaeological evidence such as stones, pottery, ostraca, and weights culled from the inventory list of A. Lemaire. Coins are not listed.

4. Overlaps in content between fragments as provided by E. J. C. Tsigchelaar that update his published ‘Annotated Lists of Overlaps and Parallels in the Non-biblical Texts from Qumran and Masada’ (*DJD* XXXIX, 285–322).

5. New names and identifications for previously published fragments. In all cases, the earlier identification is mentioned in parenthesis.

6. New arrangements of the sequence of fragments.

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1 I gratefully acknowledge the collaboration of S. J. Pfann on this list from 1991 to 1995. In the compilation and editing of this list, I was ably assisted by Claire Pfann during the same period and by Janice Karnis from 1995 onwards.


3 I gratefully acknowledge the help of several colleagues who suggested corrections to our earlier list and provided new data. My thanks go first of all to E. J. C. Tsigchelaar who has collected much information on large and small fragments in recent years and while doing so has allowed us to include this information in our list. Further thanks go to W. Clarysse, D. Dimant, T. Elgvin, P. W. Flint, I. Kottsieper, R. Kratz, A. Lange, A. Steudel, and E. Ulrich. We also wish to thank Tamar Rabbi of the Israel Antiquities Authority who corrected a number of items in the list of museum plates. We added some items relating to the non-Qumran sites from the valuable list of J. Fitzmyer, *A Guide to the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature* (Grand Rapids, Mich./Cambridge, U.K.: Eerdmans, 2005).

7. References to the editions published by Beyer, Yardeni, Charlesworth, and text editions that are exclusive to DSSR.\(^5\)

8. Significant text editions published in monographs and other studies after the publication of these texts in the DJD series.\(^6\)


10. Fragments included in the Schøyen Collection\(^7\) made available by T. Elgvin. These fragments will be published in Elgvin, Schøyen Collection.

11. Unpublished fragments.\(^8\) For many of these fragments, the information available is vague and may even prove to be incorrect, but nevertheless we considered it helpful to include this type of information.

With the exception of fragments in the Schøyen Collection, all items remaining unpublished at the time of this publication have been marked with two asterisks next to the number, for example, XHev/Se Nab. 3**.

It is realized that the present list will be in need of further correction in the wake of subsequent identifications, fine-tuning of the museum plate and photograph numbers, new photographs, and new information that becomes available on unpublished fragments.

The reader is advised to consult the following sources alongside this list:

1. A. Lange, *Einleitung in die Schriften von Qumran, Band 1*, Die biblischen Handschriften (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming). Only a few references have been listed to this valuable handbook.


4. *Accordance* computer program, modules of all the Qumran biblical and non-biblical texts (ed. M. Abegg).


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\(^7\) www.schoyencollection.com.

\(^8\) We are following a cautious approach in the nomenclature of these new fragments since their provenance is often unclear, naming most of them ‘X’. Although it may be claimed that many of the earlier identifications of fragments as ‘4Q’ are equally uncertain, the provenance of the fragments that have surfaced since 2000 is even more nebulous.