

practically every other book. A great deal was eaten by mice so there are many little fragments that can be fit together with great effort . . . The amazing thing is how very close it is to the books written (?) It is a marvel of the accuracy with which the Jewish scribes copied. Even take that verse -- His grave was assigned with the wicked but he was with a rich man in his death. The KJV made a mistake when they said "with the rich" because the word is very definitely singular (a rich man) and the word before it is definitely plural (the wicked), and that exactly fits! . . . He was with a rich man (sing.) Christians were quoting this as proof Jesus was Messiah and the Jews copied that all those centuries and they always copied it as singular! The DSS of Isaiah the scribe very evidently copied "with the wicked men" and then he corrected it and made it "rich men" and then he saw he'd made a mistake and erased it and made it plural. So this evidence of an erasure is very clearly there. They copied matters they believed were a Christian heresy and did not believe, yet they copied it very carefully. The DSS are of tremendous importance in showing the accuracy with ~~with those~~ which those were preserved.

Hardly had they begun to be distributed and discussed when a friend of Prof. Dupont Summer advanced a theory that this sect by the Dead Sea that Jesus had gone and studied with them and got his ideas from them. Prof. Allegro in England made an a broadcast (it was quoted in Time Magazine) how he said that from the DSS they had evidence of a Messiah that they believed had been crucified and raised from the dead, and Time said the other scholars in England were thrilled to read of this wonderful discovery and rushed to Prof. Allegro to see the MSS he had that they did not have, and they found he did not have any MSS but it was all out of his imagination. That's what Time stated. There is absolutely no evidence the Teacher of Righteousness was crucified, or even of his death. Merely that he was persecuted. No evidence whatever he was raised from the dead tho some tho he might come back and be the Messiah. That was used, and this man Wilson wrote for the ~~X~~ New Yorker an article based on Summer's work and then he wrote a book on it that was translated into some 20 languages and was I know released in Norwegian, Danish and Spanish and Swedish in which he said Christianity was derived from this sect. John the Baptist and Jesus studied with! But there ~~x~~ is not the slightest evidence for this in the DSS. It's an example how the devil can jump into a discovery and tho it fits with the Bible he tries to twist it, . . .

Question: In regard to Isaiah you said the oldest MSS were about 900 A.D. prior to finding the DSS. I don't remember you saying what date ? ?

The DSS all were before 70 A.D. because the sect either ran away or were killed. We don't know what happened to them. They buried their stuff in caves when the Roman armies came in, and they disappeared. So we know they wrote before 70 A.D. It's not easy to date them -- we can say they are between 200 B.C. and 70 A.D. Are of tremendous importance in showing the accuracy with ~~th~~ which the OT was preserved.