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The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Popular Imagination

Norman Golb, Ludwig Rosenberger Professor of Jewish History and Civilization, in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, is well-known in Dead Sea Scrolls research for arguing that Qumran was a fortress, with no connection to the Scrolls. Rather, the Scrolls, originating from Jerusalem independently from the settlement, were hidden in the caves outside of Qumran during the war between the Jews and Romans (66-74CE) that led to the destruction of the Second Temple. Questioning the scholarly consensus, Golb offers an example of alternative interpretations rooted in judicious consideration of the available evidence. Golb has authored several books and over 60 articles in English, Hebrew and French. His books include Methods of Investigation of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Khirbet Qumran Site (with Michael Wise) and Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?—The Search for the Secret of Qumran (New York: Scribner, 1995). In the early nineties, Dr. Golb took a leading role in the freeing of the Dead Sea Scrolls for study by the scholarly community, and in organizing an international congress on the scrolls under the auspices of the New York Academy of Sciences and the Oriental Institute.