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What Are the Dead Sea Scrolls?

From a Plaque at Qumran:



"In the summer of 1947, as Bedouin shepherds tending their flocks on the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea were searching the cliffs for a stray goat, they came upon a cave that aroused their curiosity.

They threw a stone into the opening and were astonished to hear the sound of breaking pottery.

Crawling into the cave, the shepherds saw in the darkness a number of clay jars standing on the floor. They opened the jars to discover their contents: rolled parchment scrolls, some of them in cloth wrappers – thus began the discovery of the Qumran scrolls."