

At October 28th, 2008, the University of Vienna awarded Emanuel Tov an honorary doctorate in recognition of a life dedicated to the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the textual histories of the Hebrew and Greek Bibles. To better illuminate the impact of Emanuel Tov's work on the various fields of Biblical, Jewish, and Christian studies, the University of Vienna decided to accompany the traditional awards ceremony with a small symposium on "Qumran and the Bible".

The present volume publishes proceedings of this symposium and additional contributions. In his academic memoirs, Emanuel Tov tells his story with the Dead Sea Scrolls and their publication. Lika Tov accompanies Emanuel's article with a history of her Dead Sea Scrolls art work. Armin Lange identifies several causes for the pre-canonical textual plurality of the Jewish scriptures. Florentino García Martínez shows how the Dead Sea Scrolls help to illuminate the history of the Book of Joshua. Heinz-Josef Fabry describes the spectrum of interpretative techniques and hermeneutical approaches to the Jewish Scriptures in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Loren Stuckenbruck demonstrates how the Dead Sea Scrolls illuminate the New Testament and its world linguistically, theologically, and culturally.