

*Converts in the Dead Sea Scrolls* examines the meaning of the term *gēr* in the Dead Sea Scrolls. While often interpreted as a resident alien, this study of the term as it is employed within scriptural rewriting in the Dead Sea Scrolls concludes that the *gēr* is a Gentile convert to Judaism. Contrasting the *gēr* in the Dead Sea Scrolls against scriptural antecedents, Carmen Palmer finds that a conversion is possible by means of mutable ethnicity. Furthermore, mutable features of ethnicity in the sectarian movement affiliated with the Dead Sea Scrolls include shared kinship, connection to land, and common culture in the practice of circumcision. The sectarian movement is not as closed toward Gentiles as has been commonly considered.

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