



Southern Perspectives on the Dead Sea Scrolls

When: Friday, 17 October 2025

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	Presenter/paper	New Zealand (NZDT, UTC+13)	Australia (AEDT, UTC+11)
Session 1	Mede Jeevan Sagar —Reproof, Resistance, and Sectarian Identity: A Dalit Perspective on the Damascus Document and Leviticus 19:17–18	11:00–12:30	9:00–10:30
	Mofreh Abdelmasih —Ethnic Reasoning and the Understanding of the Construction of the Identity of Qumran Community and the Gospel of John		
	Joan Taylor —Mental Mapping the Copper Scroll		
Break (30 minutes)		12:30–13:00	10:30–11:00
Session 2	Philip Church —The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Epistle to the Hebrews	13:00–14:30	11:00–12:30
	Anne Bevan —Messianism in the Scrolls and Luke, and the rise of the Jesus movement.		
	James Harding —Joban Intertextuality in the Thanksgiving Hymns from Qumran		
Break (15 minutes)		14:30–14:45	12:30–12:45
General discussion	Dead Sea Scrolls and Second Temple Jewish studies in the Southern Hemisphere	14:45–15:30	12:45–13:30