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Now Dead Sea Scrolls go online by Ritika Sharma

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Scrolls from the Dead Sea, widely acknowledged to be among the greatest archaeological treasures ever discovered are now available online.

Google and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem collaborated to upload incredibly detailed digital scans of five Dead Sea Scrolls on the internet Monday.

These include the Great Isaiah Scroll, the Community Rule Scroll, the Commentary on a Habakkuk Scroll, the Temple Scroll and the War Scroll. It really allows for your own interactive research with the material.

James Charlesworth, director and editor of the Princeton Dead Sea Scrolls Project, stated, "Some of these images are appearing for the first time in Google, what no one has seen for 2,000 years and no scholar since the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Now images and letters that were never found are appearing in Google."

Google technology to examine scrolls:- People interested in the oldest known biblical manuscript can zoom into specific passages of the text and read its translation in English.

The new site provides browsers with explanatory videos and comments on the historical significance and the foundation of the verses.

Google technology also offers very sharp images of the Scrolls at a high resolution of 1,200 megapixels.

James Snyder, director of the Israel Museum, said,"You have the capability with high-resolution definition to look at the scrolls in a comfortable setting - to enlarge them, to magnify them, to translate them into English and to search for words, phrases or verses that you want to find on your own. It really allows for your own interactive research with the material."

The Dead Sea Scrolls:- In 1947, a young Bedouin shepherd in search for his lost goat stumbled over a large collection of ancient scrolls rolled up in leather and cloth in a cave near Khirbat Qumran, located at the north-western end of the Dead Sea.

Following the discovery, archaeologists carried out an exploration of the neighboring caves and found thousands of additional fragments and buried temple treasures.

The ancient manuscripts are believed to have been written by an ascetic Jewish sect that fled Jerusalem for the desert 2,000 years ago. Google and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem collaborated to upload incredibly detailed digital scans of five Dead Sea Scrolls on the internet Monday. People interested in the oldest known biblical manuscript can zoom into specific passages of the text and read its translation in English. Google technology also offers very sharp images of the Scrolls at a high resolution of 1,200 megapixels.

The original relics, made of leather, papyrus and copper are placed in a secure vault in a Jerusalem building which requires three different keys, a magnetic card and a secret code to gain access.

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