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Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures
Opens January 22, 2010 at the Milwaukee Public Museum

MILWAUKEE—September 30, 2009—On January 22, 2010, the Milwaukee Public Museum will open *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures*. The exhibition—created and produced by the Museum—includes authentic Dead Sea Scrolls, illustrated manuscripts, artifacts, landscape and aerial photography, and interactive displays about science, discovery and exploration.

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

About the Exhibition

The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the Scrolls were written, from the third century BCE through the first century CE. The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first Scrolls in the 1940s, the realization of their extraordinary significance and subsequent excavation. Actual Dead Sea Scrolls, including a fragment of the unique Copper Scroll, will be exhibited alongside the only known scroll-type manuscript on stone, the recently discovered Jeselsohn Stone - “Gabriel’s Revelation,” and a full-size reproduction of the 23-foot long Great Isaiah Scroll, one of the earliest and most complete scrolls found.

In addition to examples of Dead Sea Scrolls, several of which contain the oldest known texts of the Hebrew Bible (Christian Old Testament), the exhibit features papyri, found in Egypt, containing early Greek translations of the New Testament. Also featured are pages from rare handcopied medieval Bibles, including the oldest existing version of the Hebrew Masoretic Text,

as well as early printed and modern Bibles.

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible also includes photographs, videos and children's interactive stations, as well as architectural reconstructions evoking the Holy Land, and ends with a local connection to the area through one-time Milwaukee resident and former Israeli prime minister Golda Meir. The exhibition will feature more than 160 artifacts in total, and span more than 16,000 square feet of exhibition space.

Materials in *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* are on loan from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Department of Antiquities of Jordan, the Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church for the Eastern USA, Dr. David and Jemima Jeselsohn of Zurich, the École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem, the British Library, the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, MN and the University of Michigan Library at Ann Arbor, as well as local institutions. Dr. Weston Fields, director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, assisted in development of *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible*, along with the San Diego Museum of Natural History and other partner institutions.

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Exhibition Hours and Ticket Prices

Hours:

Sunday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Purchase Tickets:

By Phone: Call (414) 223-4676.

At the Museum: Tickets may be purchased at the Museum box office located in the concourse.

Website: www.mpm.edu/dss

Ticket Prices:

Museum + Exhibit Admission	Weekday	Weekend
Adults	\$ 22	\$ 26
Seniors(60+), Teens(13-17), Students w/ID	\$ 20	\$ 24
Children / Youth(3-12)	\$ 18	\$ 18
Member Adults	\$ 10	\$ 14
Member Senior/Student	\$ 10	\$ 12
Member Child	\$ 10	\$ 10

All tickets are for timed entry, include Museum general admission and are only valid for the date and time purchased.

About the Milwaukee Public Museum

The Milwaukee Public Museum is a natural and human history museum located in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The museum was chartered in 1882 and opened to the public in 1884. MPM has three floors of exhibits that encompass life-size dioramas, walk-through villages, world cultures, dinosaurs, a rain forest and a live butterfly garden, as well as the Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater and the Daniel M. Soref Planetarium. The museum houses more than 4.5 million objects and hosts nearly half a million visitors each year.

The MPM is operated by Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc., a private, non-profit company, and its facilities and collections are held in trust and supported by Milwaukee County for the benefit of the public. The MPM is located at 800 W. Wells St. Admission, hours and event details on the web at www.mpm.edu.

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